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NATIONAL NEWS

- On January 19, 2020, the **Group of Ministers** headed by Home Minister **Amit Shah finalized** its report to change the legal framework that will **help prevent sexual harassment of women at work places.**
 - The Group of Ministers was constituted in October 2018 after the **“Me Too”** campaign. The group was reconstituted under the Home Minister in July 2019
 - **Related News**
 - Vishaka guidelines issued by Supreme Court in 1997. It is noted that the Sexual Harassment of Women and Workplace, 2013 was constituted based on Vishaka guidelines.
 - According to NCRB (**National Crime Records Bureau**), in 2017 and 2018, the number of sexual harassments of women at work premises were 479 and 401 .
- **Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal** will lead the **Indian delegation to the 50th World Economic Forum at Davos** from January 20 to 24. 53 heads of state or government from 117 countries are participating in the event.
 - The theme of this year's WEF is 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'.
 - **Related News**
 - World Economic Forum Founded: January 1971
 - World Economic Forum Headquarters: Switzerland.
- The **National Mission of Clean Ganga** (NMCG) has taken up the initiative under **Namami Gange Project** to conserve **wetlands of the Ganges basin.** The primary aim of Namami Gange project is to rejuvenate the river by increasing its flow. It also includes recharging aquifers and conservation of

wetlands.

- **Related News**

- Ramsar Convention is an intergovernmental treaty that was established in 1971 by **UNESCO**.
- There are 27 Ramsar sites in India.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On January 19, 2020, Indian **National Security Advisor** (NSA) Ajit Doval met **Sri Lankan President Gotbaya Rajapaksa**. He discussed setting up of maritime research coordination centre in the country.
 - The establishment of research centre is important to learn maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region
 - **Related News**
 - In spite of two maritime agreements that were signed in 1974 and 1976.

SPORTS

- A dominant **Vinesh Phogat won her first gold medal of the 2020 season** at the Rome Ranking Series event after teen sensation Anshu Malik settled for a silver in 57kg competition, in Rome.
 - Vinesh downed two tough Chinese rivals on her way to the 53kg gold medal bout in which she overpowered Ecuador's Luisa Elizabeth Valverde 4-0.

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- **Nadir** - the lowest point of anything.
 - Similar Words- the depths , zero.
 - Antonyms - zenith , peak .

- **Nascent** - just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential.
 - Similar Words- budding , developing , growing
 - Antonyms - mature, ripe.


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