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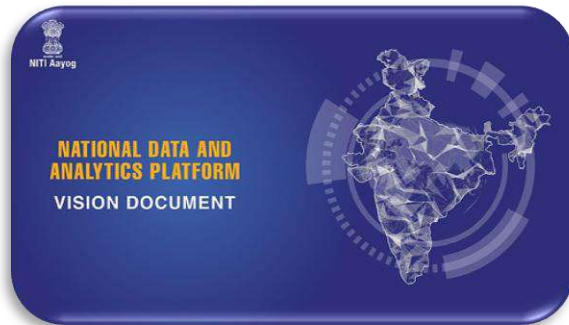
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NATIONAL NEWS

- On January 23, 2020, **NITI Aayog announced** that it will **launch National Data and Analytics Platform** (NDAP). The Platform aims to democratize access of government data. In other words, the platform aims to make the data across all sectors coherent.
 - The NDAP will act as a platform for different stakeholders to access data in an easy way. It will host latest data from all the government websites.
 - **Related Keys**
 - NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015
 - NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Changing a decades-old tradition, the **71st Republic Day ceremony** will not begin from **India Gate**, where the Prime Minister commemorates soldiers who have died in combat for India.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial, which was opened on February 25, 2019.
 - **Related Keys**
 - National War Memorial Opened: 25 February 2019
 - National War Memorial Location: India Gate Circle, New Delhi.
- The **Reserve Bank of India raised** the **investment limit for FPIs** in **government and corporate bonds**. In two separate notifications, the central bank said **foreign portfolio investors** (FPIs) can now invest **30 per cent** of their portfolios in central and state government securities, including in treasury bills, from the 20 per cent earlier.
 - Similarly, in corporate bonds, too, short-term investments can now be

30 percent of the portfolio from 20 per cent earlier.

- **Related Keys**

- Reserve Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai
- Reserve Bank of India Founder: British Raj.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India supplied 30,000** doses of **Measles and Rubella** (MR) vaccine to the **Maldives** responding swiftly to an emergency request to contain the measles outbreak in the Maldives.
 - The vaccine supply was quickly procured and delivered to **Maldives Health Ministry within 72 hours** of the request.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Maldives Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa
 - Maldives President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

APPOINTMENTS

- The **Greek parliament** has **elected Katerina Sakellaropoulou** as its **first female president** in the history. She is a senior judge with an expertise in environmental and constitutional law.
 - 261 MPs out of the 300 voted for 63-year-old Katerina to become the ceremonial head of the country.


IMPORTANT DAYS

- In order to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process, Government of India has decided to celebrate **January 25** every year as "**National Voters' Day**".
 - This year's theme of National Voters' Day is - 'Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy'

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Tactful** - having or showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues.
 - Similar Words - considerate , sensitive
 - Antonyms - imprudent , indiscreet

- **Throng** - a large, densely packed crowd of people or animals.
 - Similar Words - crowd , mass , multitude
 - Antonyms - few , disassembly


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