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NATIONAL NEWS

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) will be setting up a '**Design University for Gaming**' in **Visakhapatnam**.
 - UNESCO delegation entered into an agreement with Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) for the establishment of '**Gaming Digital Learning Hub**'.
- A **Rs 250-crore** Civil Aviation Research Organisation (CARO) will come up within **18 months** at **Begumpet in Hyderabad**.
 - Laying the foundation stone for the **CARO project** to be implemented under the **Airports Authority of India**, Union Civil Aviation **Minister Suresh Prabhu** said the focus of the centre will be **on pursuing inter-disciplinary solutions to improve the civil aviation sector**.
- In a **first**, the **Uttarakhand High Court** accorded the status of '**legal person or entity**' to the **animals** in the state. The **HC** stated that "**they have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person.**"

NOTE:

 - In **March 2017**, the Uttarakhand High Court had accorded the status of '**living human entities**' to the **Ganga** and **Yamuna**, the **two most sacred rivers of India**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (**MRIA**) would be operated as a **Sri Lanka-India** joint venture. The **\$210 million facility, 241km south-east of Colombo**, is dubbed the “**world’s emptiest airport**” due to a lack of flights.
- The **2nd meeting** of the joint working group on **tourism cooperation** between **India and Nepal** concluded in **Kathmandu**, Nepal. Both sides agreed to jointly promote **Buddhist and Ramayana circuits and Adventure tourism**. The meeting also decided to set up an industry-led India Nepal Tourism Forum.

APPOINTMENTS

- Justice **Adarsh Kumar Goel**, who retired from the **Supreme Court of India**, has been appointed as the **new Chairperson** of the National Green Tribunal (**NGT**). He has been appointed to the position for a term of **five years**, as per an order issued by the personnel ministry.

SPORTS

- **Bajrang Punia** emerged champion at the **Tbilisi Grand Prix** in the **65kg** category after outplaying **Iranian wrestler Mehran Nasiri** in the final in **Georgia**. The **2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist** recorded a comfortable **9-3 win** over the Iranian.