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NATIONAL NEWS

- The 27th IAEA Fusion Energy Conference (FEC 2018) has started in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The FEC 2018 aims to provide a forum for the discussion of key physics and technology issues as well as innovative concepts of direct relevance to the use of nuclear fusion as a source of energy.
 - **The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** fosters the exchange of scientific and technical results in nuclear fusion research and development through its series of Fusion Energy Conferences.
- President Ram Nath Kovind arrived at Nashik to inaugurate the three-day "Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan" at Mangi Tungi in Satana taluka, about 125 kilometres from Nashik.
 - After inaugurating the "Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan", organised by the Bhagwan Rishabhdev Murti Nirmaan Samiti, Kovind will present the first international "Bhagwan Rishabhdev Award" to Teerthanker Mahaveer University, based in Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh.
- India will be the global host of UNICEF's Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health stakeholders meeting, including participation from nearly hundred countries, this December.
 - The Forum will be hosted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH).
- The 36th edition of India Carpet Expo, organised by Carpet Export Promotion Council at Trade facilitation Center and Craft Museum, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) was inaugurated by Narandra Modi, Prime Minister through video conferencing at Amphitheatre near the museum.
 - With the participation of over 305 exhibitors, **India Carpet Expo is one of the largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia** with a unique platform for the buyers to source the best floor coverings under one roof.
- India and Croatia signed two agreements during the 14th Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and deputy prime minister Marija Pejcinovic Buric one day visit to India. This is the first Croatian foreign minister to visit the country after 17 years.
 - External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her Croatian counterpart Marija Pejcinovic Buric signed two agreements to facilitate cultural exchange and diplomatic cooperation.

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- The six-day **27th International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Fusion Energy Conference** (FEC 2018) started in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat.** It is organised by IAEA. It is hosted by the Department of Atomic Energy and Gandhinagar-based Institute of Plasma Research.
 - It aims to provide a platform for discussion of major physics and technology issues and innovative concepts related to the use of nuclear fusion as a source of energy.
- Uzbekistan Ambassador to India Farhod Arziev inaugurated a 4-day international dance festival titled**"Udbhav Utsav"** in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**. This dance festival is sponsored by the Greenwood group of schools. This is the 15th year for this festival.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- From 22nd October to 4th November 2018, 'Druzhba-III', the 3rd edition of joint bilateral military training exercise between Pakistan and Russia is held in Pakistan. The exercise will be held at the training range in Nowshera district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, in Pakistan. More than 70 soldiers from Russia's southern military district will participate.
 - This will be the 3rd joint military drill between Pakistan and Russia under the bilateral training cooperation agreement. This exercise is held since 2016
- The first **India-China high-level meeting** on **bilateral security cooperation** held in **New Delhi** recently. During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues of mutual interest including bilateral cooperation on counter-terrorism and welcomed increased cooperation between India and China in the area of security.
 - An Agreement on security cooperation was also signed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh and State Councilor and Minister of Public Security of China, Zhao Kezhi.

ECONOMY

• A U.N.-backed fund has approved more than **\$1 billion** for 19 new projects to help **developing countries tackle climate change**. During a four-day meeting in Bahrain that ended, officials overseeing the **Green Climate Fund** also agreed to start seeking fresh

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money next year as its initial capital of about **\$6.6 billion** will soon be used up.

 Funding approved at the meeting in Manama includes projects linked to geothermal energy in Indonesia, greener cities in Europe and the Middle East, and protection for coastal communities in India.

AWARDS

- A New York subway conductor's story of growing up in a Dalit community in India won the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2018. Fifty-five-year-old Sujatha Gidla's electrifying debut, Ants Among Elephant: An Untouchable Family And The Making Of Modern India, published by HarperCollins India, beat five other titles in the shortlist to claim the prestigious award.
- Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja has proved that disability cannot come in the way of success. She has won the 18th Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title at an international pageant held in Prague recently. She is the first Indian to have won any title at the Miss Deaf World Pageant.



- **Tzu Ying in the 2018 Denmark** Openfinal match. Saina last defeated Tai Tzu in 2013. This year, world number 10 Saina has lost all her four matches against Tai Tzu before this final, the last being the semifinal clash in the Asian Games in Jakarta in August.
- **Kimi Raikkonen** won the **United States Grand Prix**, his first Formula One victory since 2013, from Ferrari put on hold Lewis Hamilton's bid for a fifth career championship. Red Bull's Max Verstappen finished second while Hamilton finished third.
- Wrestler Bajrang Punia won the silver medal after he went down against Japan's Takuto Otoguro in the 65kg final of the Wrestling World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. It is his second medal at the Worlds. Only the fourth Indian ever to make it to the World Championship gold medal match, 24-year-old Bajrang was rattled by the 19-year old Otoguro.

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