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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **27th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change** was held in New Delhi, India. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India. The meeting has urged the advanced countries to enhance their support to the developing nations in effectively implementing the Paris Agreement to combat climate change.
 - **Brazil to host the 28th BASIC Ministerial Meeting** in the first half of 2019. The BASIC countries (also Basic countries or BASIC) are a bloc of four large newly industrialized countries – **Brazil, South Africa, India and China** – formed by an agreement on 28 November 2009.
- **Tripura** will host three-day **7th International Tourism Mart** from November 22 at **Agartala** with tour operator delegates from 18 countries participating in an effort to popularise tourist destinations in the northeastern states.
 - Union Minister of State for Tourism **K J Alphans** will inaugurate the 7th International Tourism Mart on October 22 at Prajna Bhavan in Tripura. The event will include cultural festivals and discussions on the **theme** for this year is **‘Adventure Tourism’**.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** and Punjab Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** will lay the foundation stone for the **Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur** on November 26. The decision to build the corridor from Dera Baba Nanak to the International Border was taken by the **Union Cabinet**.
 - Pakistan’s Foreign Minister, **Shah Mahmood Qureshi**, had announced that Pakistan’s Prime Minister **Imran Khan** would be breaking ground for the **Kartarpur corridor** on November 28.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has **topped** the list of states with the **highest employability** followed by Rajasthan and Haryana, as per the **India Skills Report 2019** conducted jointly by **Wheebox, PeopleStrong, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**. Further, the report stated that **Andhra Pradesh is one of the preferred hiring destinations in India**, which offers equal space to both male and female workers.
 - **The India Skills Report 2019** further held that around **70** per cent of the youth face problem due to lack of professional guidance in finding desirable jobs that worth their skills.
- The **Gujarat** government launched **Rs 351** Crore project for the conservation of the **Asiatic lions**, after the **Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)** outbreak, in the next **five** years. The project also includes an emergency ambulance van akin to the 108 emergency service.
 - It also includes a ‘state of the art’ veterinary hospital to be built **at Rs 50 crore in Sasan Gir** region.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **Embassy of India** in Nepal and **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** organized a 3-day exhibition of construction equipment and technology-**ConMac 2018** in Bhaktapur near **Kathmandu, Nepal**. It was inaugurated by Nepal's Minister for Physical Infrastructure and Transport Raghbir Mahaseth.
 - Ambassador of India to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri will be the Guest of Honour. The exhibition aims to further enhance high level engagement between construction industries of the two countries.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Researchers at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, USA have created the first ever 'Ion Drive' plane with no moving part by adapting a technology that is previously used in Spacecraft. Due to absence of moving parts, the plane will not produce any harmful exhaust. The Maintenance cost will also reduce and the plane will not create any noise.
 - The research will pave the way for the possibility of silent drones in the near future. The research can be the first step towards the revolution of aviation industry.
- An International team of scientists has discovered a massive star system in the **Milky Way Galaxy** that challenges the existing theories related to the death of big stars.
 - The star system described in the Journal "**Nature**" is around **8000 light** years away from earth and adorned with a dust "pinwheel" strangely moving with a slower speed.

APPOINTMENT

- Popular **singer Nahid Afrin of Assam** has been appointed as the **first 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern** region by the **UNICEF** to fight for child rights. The UNICEF engages 'Youth Advocates' to harness their voice as agents of change in society.
 - Nahid made her playback debut in the 2016 Bollywood film 'Akira' starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead. She received the best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018.
- The Committee of Administrators (CoA) appointed three-member probe panel cleared Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) CEO **Rahul Johri** of allegations of sexual harassment, dismissing the charges levelled by two women as "mischievous and fabricated" and allowed him to resume duties.

AWARDS

- **Azim Premji**, chairman of Wipro, has won **Forbes India Leadership Awards 2018, Lifetime Achievement**. Wipro is India's fourth-biggest software services company by revenue and Ajim Premji is the second richest Indian. The Forbes India Leadership Awards, India's most prestigious honour for the top executives, was held in Mumbai.
 - Forbes India honoured entrepreneurs and company bosses across nine categories, with an emphasis on excellence, innovation, and transformational leadership.

SPORTS

- **Veteran first-class cricketer Wasim Jaffer** became **the first Indian batsman to touch the 11,000-run figure in the Ranji Trophy**. The Vidharbha batsman achieved the milestone during the third-round match against Baroda in Nagpur at the **Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium, Nagpur, Maharashtra**.
 - The cricketer, who had made his first-class debut in 1996-97, emerged as one of the legends of the Indian domestic cricket. The former opener had made his international **Test debut against South Africa** in April 2008.

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