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NATIONAL NEWS

- **S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR)** hosted the **12th Annual Indian Subcontinent Decision Sciences Institute (ISDSI) Conference at SPJIMR, Mumbai**. The main objective of this conference is to provide a platform for academicians, researchers and practitioners.
 - The **theme** of this international conference is **“Data-Driven Decision Making in the Digital Age”**.
- **President R.N. Kovind** inaugurated the centenary celebrations of **The Yoga Institute**, the **world’s oldest organized institute of yoga studies**, which turned 100 recently.
 - It became the **country’s first Yoga school certified by the Quality Council of India, Ministry of AYUSH**, and bagged the Prime Minister’s Award 2018 for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of the ancient Indian science.
- **The NHRC** launched a **toll-free number** and also a facility to file complaints through **Common Service Centre (CSC)**. Justice (retd) **H L Dattu**, the Chairperson of the **National Human Rights Commission**, unveiled the **toll-free number 14433** at a brief ceremony at the Manav Adhikar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Shri **Nitin Gadkari**, the current **Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport & Highways and Shipping** laid foundation stones for **eleven projects** for **Yamuna Rejuvenation** under the **Namami Gange Programme** in **New Delhi**.
- **The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)** has been awarded **Best Capital City** in the Solid Waste Management in the **Swachh Survekshan 2018 rankings**.
 - The Swachh Survekashan survey ranks cities on various sanitation parameters. The GHMC was also at the 27th place among 4,041 cities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India will contribute Rs 4,500 crore to Bhutan for the 12th five-year plan**, announced Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. The announcement comes during the official three-day visit of Bhutanese Prime Minister **Lotay Tshering**.
- **Pakistan's cabinet** has approved the issuance of **first-ever renminbi-denominated bonds** to raise loans from **China's capital markets**, as the country moved a step forward to give the **Chinese currency** a status at par with the **US dollar**.

ECONOMY

- According to a survey titled '**The Public Enterprises Survey 2017-18**' tabled in the parliament, **Indian Oil Corporation, ONGC and NTPC** emerged as the **top three most profitable PSUs in 2017-18**.
 - The survey mapped the performance of central public sector units.

APPOINTMENTS

- Honorable **President Ram Nath Kovind** appointed **Justice Chagari Praveen Kumar** as the fresh **acting Chief Justice of Andhra High Court**. He would assume the charge on **January 01, 2019**.
 - Under the **provisions of Article 223 of the Constitution of India**, President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice Chagari Praveen Kumar, in order to discharge the designated duties of the office of Chief Justice of Andhra High Court.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- To make trains more safe by eliminating **human errors**, **Central Railway** has

developed an **AI-powered robot** which would click **pictures and record videos of the under-gears of trains and send them to engineers for repairs and maintenance.**

- It is named as **USTAAD** (Undergear Surveillance through Artificial Intelligence Assisted Droid).
- China successfully tested **Russia's S-400** missile air defence system. China was the first foreign buyer to seal a government-to-government deal with Russia in 2014 to procure the S-400 missile.
 - It has a supersonic speed **of 3 kilometre per second.**

AWARDS

- Croatia's captain and Spanish club Real Madrid's midfielder **Luka Modric** was named the **Balkan Athlete of the year** beating Men's tennis world number one player **Novak Djokovic**. The poll to name Balkan Athlete of the year was organized by the **Bulgarian News Agency (BTA)**.
 - Modrik had also won the prestigious men's **Ballon d'Or award** for the first time in December 2018.