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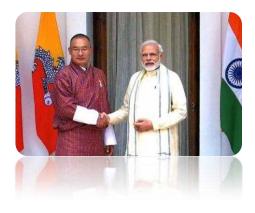
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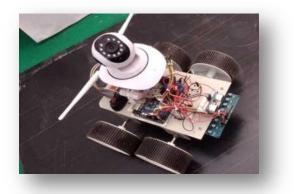
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NATIONAL NEWS

- 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.

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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 renminbidenominated 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

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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.

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