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India Water Impact Summit 2018

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- India Water Impact Summit is being jointly organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).
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- The India Water Impact Summit is an annual event where stakeholders get together to discuss, debate and develop model solutions for some of the biggest water related problems in the country.
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- The Summit will focus on three key aspects:
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1. **Spotlight on 5 states -** Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi and Bihar. The objective is to showcase the efforts and works going on within the respective states.
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2. **Ganga Financing Forum -** The 2018 Summit also introduces the inaugural Ganga Financing Forum that will bring a number of institutions to a common knowledge, information and partnership platform.
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3. **Technology and Innovation -** This will provide an opportunity to technology and innovation companies from around the world to showcase their solutions for addressing the problems prevalent in the river basin.
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National Commission for Women (NCW)

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- The National Commission for Women is a statutory body set up under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

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- It aims to review the Constitutional and legal safeguards for women; recommend remedial legislative measures, facilitate redress of grievances and advise the Government on all policy matters affecting women.
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- The subjects of their campaigns have included dowry, politics, religion, equal representation for women in jobs, and the exploitation of women for labour.
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- The commission regularly publishes a monthly newsletter, Rashtra Mahila, in both Hindi and English.
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Hornbill Festival

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- Hornbill Festival 2018 has been inaugurated in Kohima, coinciding with the Formation Day of Nagaland.
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- Nagas celebrate this festival to revive, protect, sustain and promote the richness of the Naga heritage and traditions.
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- Hornbill festival is known as “Festival of Festivals” which occurs during 1 – 10 December on an annual basis.
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- The festival pays tribute to Hornbill, the most admired and revered bird for the Nagas for its qualities of alertness and grandeur.
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- It is organized by State Tourism and Art & Culture Departments and also supported by Union Government.
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- It is a bilateral exercise between Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) and India.
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- The theme of the exercise is joint Mobility/Humanitarian Assistance &

Disaster Relief (HADR) on Transport aircraft.
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- The JASDF C2 aircraft along with aircrew/observers are part of this first air exercise between the two Air Forces.
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Osiris-Rex

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- NASA’s has launched Osiris-Rex mission to Bennu asteroid, a rock that may predate the solar system.
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- OSIRIS-Rex stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer.
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- OSIRIS-REx will be conducting a range of scientific experiments in order to better understand the asteroid.
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- The aim of the mission is to collect a sample of regolith- the loose, soil-like material which covers the surface of the asteroid.
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