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European Commission

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- European commission will publish a paper setting out the prospects of giving membership to six countries by 2025
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- The countries are Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Macedonia.
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- The European Commission (EC) is an institution of the European Union, responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, upholding the EU treaties and managing the day-to-day business of the EU
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- The Commission was to act as an independent supranational authority separate from governments.
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- The commission is based in Brussels.
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- The commission consists of a President and commissioners from the 28-member nations.
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National Adaptation fund for climate change

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- The National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC) is a Central Sector Scheme.
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- The overall aim of NAFCC is to support concrete adaptation activities which mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.
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- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the National Implementing Entity (NIE).
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- The Scheme has been designed to fulfill objectives of National Action Plan on

Climate Change (NAPCC) and operationalize State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC).
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Digital Gender Atlas

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- Digital Gender Atlas has been developed to identify the low performing geographic pockets for girls, on specific gender related education indicators.
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- The Pockets are particularly from marginalized groups such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Muslim minorities.
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- The Atlas is placed on the MHRD website and available and ready to use by States/Districts/Blocks education administrators.
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- The Atlas is designed around the two broad areas of performance of girls' education and vulnerabilities visualized in the following five sections,
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1. Composite gender ranking
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2. Special Focus Districts
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3. Trend Analysis of Gender Indicators
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4. Children with Disabilities
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5. Vulnerabilities based on educational indicators
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World Government Summit

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- PM Modi will address World Government Summit in his coming UAE Tour.
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- The World Government Summit is an annual event held in Dubai,UAE.
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- It brings together leaders in government for a global dialogue about governmental process and policies with a focus on the issues of futurism, technology and innovation.
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- The first World Government Summit was held in Dubai in 2013, and has been held annually since then.
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- In 2017, the World Government Summit held the first **Global Dialogue for Happiness**, a one-day event prior to the summit
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Source: The Hindu, Indian Express, PIB.

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