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World Investment Report

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- India will remain among the top three investment destinations globally till 2019, according to a survey by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (**UNCTAD**).
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- UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2017 also said **India ranked 10th in terms of FDI inflows in 2016,** with $44 billion coming in, as in 2015.
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- Over the next two years, India will be behind only the U.S. and China in terms of investment attractiveness, the report added.
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- The World Investment Report **focuses on trends in FDI worldwide,** at the regional and country levels and emerging measures to improve its contribution to development.
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Karkata

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- **The Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot** is in the spotlight once again, as scientists have discovered a new genus and six new species of **freshwater crabs** in these mountainous forests.
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- All six species were discovered on the Kerala side. Nearly 50% of crabs in the Western Ghats (27 of 47 species) occur here.
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- Karkata, which stands for crab in Sanskrit, has been given a separate genus, indicating a higher order of distinctive features. **It is endemic to the Western Ghats.**
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DigiYatra

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- The initiative aims to bring together entire industry to develop a digital ecosystem that will deliver Indian customers a seamless, consistent and paperless service experience at every touch point of their journey.
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- All aviation stakeholders – airlines, airport operators, security and immigration agencies, cab operators, retail establishment and others are working to devise digital standards which can enable seamless exchange of data and information.
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- These standards can power unique applications which can deliver a delightful experience for air travellers.
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- The platform will be built on **4 key pillars**: Connected Passengers, Connected Airports, Connected Flying and Connected Systems.
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