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Top Ranked Airports

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- Jaipur and Srinagar airports have been ranked among the best aerodromes in the world in the traffic volume of 2-5 million passengers per annum category by the Airport Council International (ACI).
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- This is for the second consecutive year that the Jaipur airport has been ranked the best airport in terms of traffic volume.
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- The Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards are the aviation industry's most prestigious accolades.
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- While Jaipur was ranked first, Srinagar was rated second in the annual ACI-ASQ survey.
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- ASQ Survey is the world's benchmark measure of airport excellence and it is the only worldwide programme to survey passengers at the airports on their day of travel.
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World’s First Floating Wind Farm

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- The world’s first floating offshore wind farm started delivering electricity to the grid in the north of Scotland.
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- The Hywind project, built by Norwegian Oil Company has five turbines floating 25 kilometres (16 miles) off the coast of Peterhead, Scotland.
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- The project has a capacity of 30 megawatts.
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- It has turbines taller than Britain’s “Big Ben”.
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All India Institute of Ayurveda

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- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was recently inaugurated at Delhi on the occasion of 2nd Ayurveda day.
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- The first-ever AIIA has been set up along the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS).
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Geographical Indications (GI)

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- The Cell for IPR Promotions & Management (CIPAM) under the aegis of the DIPP has launched a logo and tagline/slogan contest for Geographical Indications (GIs) of India on MyGov.in website.
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- CIPAM has also launched "**Gift a GI**" campaign to enhance the visibility and thus help in branding and promotion of registered GI products.
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- CIPAM has also launched a social media campaign to promote Indian Geographical Indicators (GIs) with **#LetsTalkIP**.
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- A Geographical Indication (GI) is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods) originating from a definite geographical territory.
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- Typically, such a name conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness, which is essentially attributable to the place of its origin.
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- Some of the examples of registered Indian GIs are Darjeeling Tea, Tirupathi Laddu, Kangra Paintings, Nagpur Orange, Kashmir Pashmina etc.
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Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC)

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- The Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC) was setup in 1996 in Tokyo.
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- It was established following the directive of APEC Economic Leaders in the Osaka Action Agenda.
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- The primary objective is to conduct researches to foster understanding among APEC members of regional energy outlook, market developments and policy.
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- It publishes “Energy Demand and Supply Outlook” report.
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- LNG Producer - Consumer Conference, organized by APERC is a global annual dialogue for sharing the latest trends in the global LNG market.
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- India has also participated in the conference.
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- In the LNG sector, Japan is the world's largest importer and India is the 4th largest importer.
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Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

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- APEC is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia Pacific region.
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- It is headquartered at Singapore.
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- It was established due to growing inter dependence among Asia Pacific regions, increasing regional trade blocs, to diffuse growing power of Japan.
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- The criterion for membership is that the member is a separate economy, rather than a state and the result of it is the inclusion of Taiwan.
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- APEC also includes three official observers: ASEAN, the Pacific Islands Forum and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
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- India is not in the grouping.
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- 2017 meeting is scheduled to happen in Vietnam.
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