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e-HRMS

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- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions recently launched electronic-Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS).
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- e-HRMS is an online platform for central government employees to apply for leave and access their service-related information.
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- It will also help the employees to apply for different kind of claims/reimbursements, loan/advances etc on a single platform.
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- The e-service book which is already in service for DoPT employees for accessing the service-related details of an employee will also be integrated in to the e-HRMS.
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City Logo

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- Bengaluru becomes the first Indian City to have a logo on its own.
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- With this initiative of Karnataka Government, the city joins New York, Melbourne and Singapore.
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- The logo, ‘Be U’, is a mix of typography in English and Kannada. The first part of the logo is in English and the rest in Kannada.
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Ripple and Petro

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- Ripple is a technology that acts as both a cryptocurrency and a digital payment network for financial transactions.
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- It was released in 2012 and its coin is labeled as XRP.
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- Ripple operates on an open source and peer-to-peer decentralized platform that allows for a seamless transfer of money in any form, whether USD, Yen, litecoin, or bitcoin.
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- It is the fourth-largest cryptocurrency in the world by market capital, which now stands at around $43 billion.
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- **Petro** is a cryptocurrency launched by Venezuela backed by oil reserves.
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- It is mainly to shore the collapsed oil economy.
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- Venezuela’s real currency “Bolivar” is in freefall, and the country is sorely lacking in basic needs like food and medicine.
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Design University

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- India's first and only design university “World University of Design” was recently opened at Sonipat, Haryana.
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- It is situated on NH1 in Rajiv Gandhi Education City (NCR) in Sonipat, the largest planned integrated city for education in India.
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- The university has international collaborations with foreign universities like University of West Scotland, the Vancouver Film School, and the Italian University of Design.
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The State of the World’s Children 2017

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- The report on “The State of the World’s Children 2017” was recently released by UNICEF.
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- It accesses the status of “Children in the Digital Economy”.
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- It has a tagline, “For every Child | a digital Bridge, for every Child | digital parity, for every children | digital safety and for every Child | digital care”.
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- It has highlighted that around 3 out of 5 youth in Africa are offline, compared to just 1 in 25 in Europe.
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- It says that the online gender gap is growing. Globally there are 12 per cent more men than women online, and the gap is greatest in low-income countries.
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World Migration Report 2018

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- International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN migration agency has recently published “World Migration Report 2018” during IOM council, held at Geneva.
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- This report is the ninth in IOM’s World Migration Report (WMR) series and the first since IOM became the UN Migration Agency.
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- IOM is an inter-governmental organization, established in 1951.
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- It works in the field of migration with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners.
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- The organisation has 166 member countries (including India) and 8 observer states.
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- It aims to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.
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- IOM works to ensure the humane management of migration by providing services and advice to governments and migrants, and promote international cooperation on migration issues.
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Champion State

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- Union Government has recently recognized Odisha as a 'Champion State' for recording the highest growth in exports during 2016-17.
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- Odisha’s export volume has been increased from Rs 19, 082 crores in 2015-16 to Rs 40,872 crores in 2016-17.
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- The growth of exports has a direct positive impact on the enhancement of employment and livelihood opportunity.
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Source: PIB, BusinessLine, Economic Times

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