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## Reservations for differently abled

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- Recently union government has opened government jobs to differently abled with learning disabilities, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, autism and victims of acid attacks.
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- The department of personnel and training (DoPT) has framed rules for reserving, advertising and filling up of government vacancies across all ministries to follow them from 2018.
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- The employment rules also specify a procedure to exempt a cadre or establishment from reservation for differently abled.
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## Institutions of Eminence

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- To improve performance of Indian higher educational institutions in the world rankings union government has proposed “Institutions of Eminence”.
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- Educational institutes which wish to become a part of Institutes of Eminence need to submit a proposal providing their tangible action plan and milestones that they would work to achieve in a period of 5 years as well as 15 years.
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- The Institution of Eminence will be ranked under National Institutional Ranking Framework and International Ranking index of repute.
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## National Institutional Ranking Framework

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- The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) was approved by the MHRD and launched in 2015.
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- This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country.
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- The methodology involves various parameters for ranking universities and institutions such as
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1. Teaching, Learning and Resources.
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2. Research and Professional Practices.
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3. Graduation Outcomes.
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4. Outreach and Inclusivity.
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5. Perception.
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## Maitreyi Yatra

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- It is an exclusive student exchange programme for J&K organized by Ministry of Human Resource development.
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- It provides a good opportunity for the youth of J&K to be acquainted with culture, language and development story of different parts of the country.
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## Toll free number to report accidents

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- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is about to launch 1033 as national toll-free number to report road accidents on national highways

(NHs).
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- The aim is to provide quick help, rescue any accident victim, and take him/her to the nearest hospital.
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- This number can also be used to lodge grievances regarding highway maintenance issues.
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## Global centre for Cyber Security

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- Recently the World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced a new Global Centre for Cybersecurity.
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- It will be an autonomous organization under WEF, based in Geneva, Switzerland.
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- It will serve as a laboratory and early-warning think tank for future cybersecurity scenarios.
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## Delhi declaration

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- It was adopted at the recently concluded ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.
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- ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit was held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of sectoral dialogue between two sides.
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- The declaration urges countries to strengthen cooperation and collaboration in combating transnational crimes, including people smuggling, trafficking in persons, illicit drug trafficking, cybercrime.
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**Source: PIB, Economic times, the Hindu**

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