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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
- 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
- The Commission was to act as an independent supranational authority separate from governments.

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- The commission is based in Brussels.
- 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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 \bullet The overall aim of NAFCC is to support concrete adaptation activities which mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. \n

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the National Implementing Entity (NIE).
- 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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- \bullet Digital Gender Atlas has been developed to identify the low performing geographic pockets for girls, on specific gender related education indicators. \n
- \bullet The Pockets are particularly from marginalized groups such as scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Muslim minorities. $\mbox{\sc h}$
- The Atlas is placed on the MHRD website and available and ready to use by States/Districts/Blocks education administrators.
- 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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- ullet PM Modi will address World Government Summit in his coming UAE Tour.
- The World Government Summit is an annual event held in Dubai,UAE.
- 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.
- The first World Government Summit was held in Dubai in 2013, and has been held annually since then.
- 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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