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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.
 - 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.
 - CIPAM has also launched "**Gift a GI**" campaign to enhance the visibility and thus help in branding and promotion of registered GI products.
 - CIPAM has also launched a social media campaign to promote Indian Geographical Indicators (GIs) with **#LetsTalkIP**.
 - A Geographical Indication (GI) is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product (handicrafts and industrial goods) originating from a definite geographical territory.
 - Typically, such a name conveys an assurance of quality and distinctiveness, which is essentially attributable to the place of its origin.
 - 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 (APEREC)

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- The Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC) was setup in 1996 in Tokyo.
- It was established following the directive of APEC Economic Leaders in the Osaka Action Agenda.
- The primary objective is to conduct researches to foster understanding among APEC members of regional energy outlook, market developments and policy.
- It publishes “Energy Demand and Supply Outlook” report.
- LNG Producer - Consumer Conference, organized by APERC is a global annual dialogue for sharing the latest trends in the global LNG market.
- India has also participated in the conference.
- 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.
- It is headquartered at Singapore.
- It was established due to growing inter dependence among Asia Pacific regions, increasing regional trade blocs, to diffuse growing power of Japan.
- 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.
- APEC also includes three official observers: ASEAN, the Pacific Islands Forum and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
- India is not in the grouping.

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- 2017 meeting is scheduled to happen in Vietnam.

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