

# World at a glance

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## Greenland

### Meltwater flowing into oceans

Billions of tonnes of meltwater flowing from the ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica into the oceans can potentially cause extreme weather and disturbance in the regional climate within decades. These ice sheets are about 3 km thick and contain enough water to raise the oceans' levels over 200 feet.



## United Kingdom

### Edinburgh introduces tourist tax

The capital of Scotland is one of the most picturesque cities of Britain and has had about 1.75 million foreign visitors between 2015 and 2017, making it the second most visited city in Britain after London. Edinburgh is the first British city to introduce tourist tax.



## Germany

### Gully Boy gets loudest cheers in 20 years



and Alia Bhatt had its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival, also known as Berlinale. According to

Cameron Bailey, artistic director at the Toronto International Film Festival, the movie received the loudest cheers in

over 20 years of the festival. Apart from Bailey, a lot of film critics, national and international, have also praised the performances of the cast.

## Egypt

### African Union elects new chairman

Egypt's president, Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi has been elected as the new chairman of African Union at



the continental body's summit in Ethiopia. El-Sisi is going to succeed the former chairman, Rwandan President Paul Kagame after his brief tenure of one year.

## USA

### NASA's MarCO goes silent in deep space

NASA has lost touch with its first mini-spacecraft MarCO that went in deep space. It was assisted by two twin CubeSats – EVE and WALL-E – to test if such low-cost technology can operate in deep space. Having travelled past Mars, the twins seem to have reached their limit and now, it has been over a month that engineers have heard from MarCO. The experimental technology cost about 18.5 million USD which is only a fraction of what most space missions do.



## India

### Over 40 CRPF jawans killed in Pulwama attack

Forty CRPF jawans were killed in a powerful IED blast on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. A CRPF convoy of 70 vehicles was targeted by an explosives-laden SUV that was being driven by a Jaish suicide bomber identified as Adil Ahmad Dar.



## Dubai

### Hindi as third official court language

Abu Dhabi has decided to include Hindi as one of the official languages used in courts alongside Arabic and English. The landmark decision was



made to help Hindi speakers recognise the litigation procedures, their rights and duties without having language as an obstruction. The Indian community in the UAE is 2.6 million and constitutes at least 30% of total population.

## Finland

### Free money to boost happiness

With a goal to promote employment, Finland on trial basis implemented the universal basic program, where 2,000 unemployed people (aged from 25 to 58) were provided with a basic wage of 560 euros for two years. However, there was no improvement in the employment status of these people rather it resulted in boosting happiness and reducing stress levels.



## Australia

### Australian parliamentary network hacked

Lawmakers and staff in Canberra were asked to change their passwords on the parliamentary network after an overnight breach. Australia's leading cybersecurity agency is investigating the matter and is speculating a foreign country behind the hack. As of now, there is no evidence of any data access, but the agency is still looking for evidence.



Due to the deplorable condition of the ozone layer, there has been a rise of over 8 inches in the global sea level in the last century.

