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## **NATIONAL WEEKLY (01 - 07 November)**

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### **INDIAN PRIVATE SECTOR'S DECLARATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

1. Some of India's biggest private sector companies pledged to work with the government to tackle climate change and build sustainable economies, thereby helping the country achieve its targets under the Paris Agreement.

### **EPHEMERAL MESSAGING**

1. 'Ephemeral messaging' has made its way to WhatsApp. The Facebook-owned messaging app has officially announced a new feature — 'disappearing messages' — to the platform, which will start rolling out to all users globally by this month.
2. Ephemeral messaging or Disappearing messages is the mobile-to-mobile transmission of multimedia messages that automatically disappear from the recipient's screen after the message has been viewed. The word "ephemeral" describes something that only lasts for a short period of time.

### **2015 PARIS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

1. The United States formally exited from the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change which is a global deal to take collective actions for saving the world from disastrous consequences of global warming.
2. It made the US the first country to withdraw from the Agreement. With contributing 14% of total carbon emission, the US is currently the second biggest emitter after China (26%). The EU nations collectively contribute to 9% of total emission followed by India at 7%.

## TELE-LAW

1. Tele-Law has touched a new milestone on 30th October 2020 with 4 Lakh beneficiaries having received legal advice under this through CSCs (Common Service Centres).
2. Tele-Law programme was launched by Department of Justice in 2017 to address cases at pre-litigation stage.
3. Under this programme, smart technology of video conferencing, telephone /instant calling facilities available at the vast network of Common Service Centres at the Panchayat level are used to connect the indigent, down-trodden, vulnerable, unreached groups and communities with the Panel Lawyers for seeking timely and valuable legal advice.
4. The Tele-Law service is proactively outreached to groups and communities through a cadre of frontline volunteers provided by NALSA and CSC- e Gov.



The poster features the CSC logo, the NALSA logo, and the Digital India logo at the top. The main text reads: "CSC Tele-Law brings free legal advice through video or audio conferencing at Common Service Centres". Below this, under the heading "Eligibility Categories", there is a list of groups: Women, Juvenile, SC/ST Community, Industrial Workers/ Labourers, Victims of Natural Disasters, Physically Challenged, Victims of Human Trafficking, People With Income Less than 1 Lakh/ p.a., and People arrested or in Custody. On the right side, there is an illustration of a hand holding a smartphone displaying a video call interface with two participants.

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## **COVID-19 SHRI SHAKTI CHALLENGE**

- 1.** Six women led startups have won COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN Women.
- 2.** MyGov in collaboration with UN Women, launched the COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge in April 2020.
- 3.** Its objective was to encourage and involve women led startups to come up with innovative solutions that can help in the fight against COVID19 or solve problems that impact a large number of women.



## **MISSION SAGAR – II**

- 1.** As part of 'Mission Sagar-II', Indian Naval Ship Airavat entered Port Sudan on 02 November 2020.
- 2.** The Government of India is providing assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries to overcome natural calamities and COVID-19 pandemic, and towards the same INS Airavat is carrying a consignment of 100 Tonnes of food aid for the people of Sudan.
- 3.** Mission Sagar-II, follows the first 'Mission Sagar' undertaken in May-June 2020, wherein India reached out to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros, and provided food aid and medicines.

## **BANDHU**

1. Union Minister of State for Education launched a self-help website – Bandhu – for students of IIT Bombay.
2. It addresses challenges ranging from adjustment to college life, academic stress, and mental health. Bandhu has curated reads, motivational alumni journeys, expert podcasts and tools for self-exploration.

## **16 PSYCHE**

1. A recent study has found that asteroid 16 Psyche, which orbits between Mars and Jupiter, could be made entirely of metal and is worth an estimated \$10,000 quadrillion — more than the entire economy of Earth.

### **PM Modi launches India's first seaplane service in Gujarat**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the country's first seaplane service between the Statue of Unity near Kevadiya in Gujarat's Narmada district and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

## **SERB-POWER SCHEMES TO SUPPORT WOMEN SCIENTISTS**

1. SERB-POWER stands for Science and Engineering Research Board – Promoting Opportunities For Women in Exploratory Research.
2. This scheme is formulated to mitigate gender disparity in science and engineering research funding in various S&T programs in Indian academic institutions and R&D Laboratories, to ensure equal access and weighted

opportunities for Indian women scientists engaged in research and development activities.

### **INDIA'S FIRST 'TYRE PARK' TO COME UP IN WEST BENGAL**

1. In West Bengal, Kolkata will soon feature India's first "Tyre Park", where artworks made from scrap and defective parts will be on display. The West Bengal Transport Corporation will launch this Tyre Park.

### **INDIAN BOXERS WINS GOLD AT THE ALEXIS VASTINE INTERNATIONAL**

1. **Indian boxers** Amit Panghal, Sanjeet **and** Ashish Kumar **have won gold medals at the recently concluded** Alexis Valentine International Boxing Tournament **held in** Nantes, France.

### **INDIAN RAILWAYS LAUNCHES 'MERI SAHELI' INITIATIVE FOR SECURITY OF WOMEN**

1. The Meri Saheli initiative has been launched by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways.
2. A team of lady officer and staff have been formed under the new initiative, which will visit all passenger coaches of the train including ladies coaches, to identify women passengers.

### **INDIA'S 1ST SOLAR-POWERED MINIATURE TRAIN LAUNCHED IN KERALA**

1. **India's first of its kind solar energy-driven** miniature train **was inaugurated at the** Veli Tourist Village, Kerala **by Chief Minister** Pinarayi Vijayan.

## **OM PURI AWARDED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD POSTHUMOUSLY AT IFFB 2020**

**1.Late Indian actor, Om Puri was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the third edition of the India International Film Festival of Boston (IFFB 2020).**

## **14TH ASIAN FILM AWARDS 2020 ANNOUNCED**

- 1.**The 14th edition of Asian Film Awards was organized by the Asian Film Awards Academy. Indian Movie Gully Boy has received the award for the Best Original Score at 14th Asian Film Awards.
- 2.**The award went to Karsh Kale and The Salvage Audio Collective. Gully Boy has been directed by Zoya Akhtar. In Gully Boy, Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt played leading roles.

### **14th Asian Film Awards Winners List:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name Winner</b>
Best Actor	Lee Byung-hun – The Man Standing Next (South Korea)
Best Actress	Zhou Dongyu – Better Days (China)
Best Film	Parasite (South Korea)

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## **MADHYA PRADESH (01 - 07 November)**

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### **UNESCO allots India's Panna Tiger Reserve 'Biosphere Reserve' status**

1. In Madhya Pradesh, the Panna Tiger Reserve has been included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves' list of the UNESCO.
2. This is the 12th biosphere reserve from India to be included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves', and third from Madhya Pradesh, after Pachmarhi and Amarkantak.
3. Currently, Panna Tiger Reserve is home to 54 tigers.

### **BANK VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK FROM OCT 27-NOV 2**

1. The title of this year is "Vigilant India, Prosperous India" by Bankers Club Bhopal to spread this theme to the people on the occasion of the birth date of the first Home Minister of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 2020, the Honorable Iron Man of India.

### **CONFERENCE ON 'ROLE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT OF STATE'**

1. A Round Table Conference was organized by Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MAPCST) . Minister of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises and Science and Technology Om Prakash Sakhlecha was the chief guest at the conference.
2. The theme of the conference is "Role of Science and Technology Institutions in the Development of State: Way Forward for Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh".

### **SEVEN FOSSILISED EGGS OF HERBIVOROUS DINOSAURS DISCOVERED IN MADHYA PRADESH**

1. Seven fossilised eggs of herbivorous dinosaurs belonging to the Cretaceous period (65 million years ago) have been found in Madhya Pradesh's Mandla district, a palaeontologist claimed on Thursday.
2. It seems these eggs belong to a possibly new species of dinosaurs hitherto not known in India, he said.

3. These fossils of eggs were discovered in Mohantola locality, 4km from Mandla district.

**MP: Members of state Livelihood Mission prepare 'Panchagavya' Deepawali gift packs**

1. In Madhya Pradesh, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for Atma Nirbhar Bharat, the members of the Livelihood Mission of the state prepared an exclusive gift pack containing 26 items useful for Deepawali Puja.
2. The uniqueness of this Deepawali gift pack is that it is purely made from Panchagavya. The gift pack made by women self help groups is available at just 399 Rs at various Malls in the state.

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