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1)MHA has created a new Division to address issues of women safety comprehensively.

The division, headed by a joint secretary level officer, would deal with all aspects of women's safety in coordination with the relevant ministries, departments and state governments.

2)Inter-State Council Standing Committee under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh completes its deliberations on Punchhi Commission report.

Punchhi Commission notified in 2005 submitted its report in 2010. The recommendations of the Punchhi Commission, which are contained in seven Volumes pertain to History of Centre-State Relations in India; Constitutional Governance and Management of Centre-State Relations; Centre-State Financial Relations and Planning; Local Self-Governments and Decentralized Governance; Internal Security, Criminal Justice and Centre-State Cooperation; Environment, Natural Resources & Infrastructure; and Socio-Economic Development, Public Policy and Good Governance.

3)***RIMPAC naval exercises:*** The United States has decided to disinvite China from participating in the Rim of the Pacific naval exercise, held near Hawaii. The decision to withdraw the invitation extended to China was made in response to Chinese activity in the South China Sea. RIMPAC is the world's largest set of international maritime war games. The exercises occur every two years and are led by the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet, headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii

4)Food Processing Ministry to collaborate with international labs for wider acceptability of NIFTEM approved products.

NIFTEM is the brainchild of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

(MoFPI)Government of India.

5) **Biodiversity award for Arunachal reserve:**

Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh has been awarded the India Biodiversity Award for its effort to conserve the critically endangered bird – Bugun liocichla.

Bugun Liocichla (Liocichla bugunorum) was discovered in 2006 in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh. The bird has been named in honour of the efforts of the Bugun community of Singchung village in West Kameng district in conserving the wildlife and forest of the area.

6) DRDO chairman S Christopher recently said that Rustom- 2 drones will be delivered to the Indian armed forces by 2020.

- Rustom 2 drone is a medium-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle, developed on the lines of predator drones of the United States. The objective of this drone is to carry out surveillance for the armed forces with an endurance of 24 hours.
- The drone was developed for use by all three services of the Indian armed forces, primarily for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) operations.