

1) **INSV Tarini** has completed a historic global Circumnavigation. ***This is the first-ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all-women crew.***

The expedition titled '**Navika Sagar Parikrama**' is in consonance with the National policy to empower women to attain their full potential. It has showcased '**Nari Shakti**' on the world platform and helped change societal attitudes and mindset towards women in India by raising visibility of their participation in challenging environs.

2) **Kerala** health department is on high alert in the wake of deaths due to the '**Nipah**' virus (NiV). The government has set up a task force to monitor the cases and contain the spread of this fast spreading virus which has a reported mortality rate of 70%.

the Nipah virus infection is a newly emerging zoonosis, that is, a disease transmitted from animals to humans. The virus belongs to a new genus termed **Henipavirus** (subfamily Paramyxovirinae), It was first identified in 1998 at **Kampung Sungai Nipah village, Malaysia**. The virus is named after this village.

3) The network of **Common Service Centres (CSCs)**, which act as access points for delivery of various electronic services to villages in India, are set to be expanded to 2.50 lakh gram panchayats by the year end.

4) The 330 MW **Kishanganga Hydropower Project** was recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister in northern Kashmir's Gurez. The PM also laid down the foundation stone for Pakal Dul hydro power project. **Pakistan** has raised several objections to the Kishanganga Project in the past. Pakistan has complained that the Kishanganga Project affects its own Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Plant. However, India maintains that the project would not have any impact on rivers flowing

into the neighbouring country.

5)The **Mission Innovation Ministerial** is being held at Malmo-Sweden. India is also taking part in the ministerial.Mission Innovation is a global platform of 23 countries and European Union aimed at accelerating clean energy innovations through enhanced Government funding, greater public-private sector partnership and enhanced global cooperation.

**India is Founding Member of the Steering Committee** and also a Member of the two sub-groups: Joint research and Capacity Building and Private Sector Engagement.

6)Plenary Meeting of world assembly of the 71st World Health Assembly is being held at **Geneva**.

The members of the World Health Assembly generally meet every year in May in Geneva, the location of WHO Headquarters.

7)National Mission for **Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has asked DDA to expedite "**Asita**", its Yamuna River Front Development Project. Asita, also known as **Yamuna River Front Development (RFD)** project, aims to restore, revive and rejuvenate the river's floodplains and make them accessible to the people of Delhi. "Asita" is another name of river Yamuna.

Government of India has sanctioned Yamuna **Action Plant (YAP)-I and YAP-II schemes** for river Yamuna in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and YAP-III in Delhi under financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for taking up works for sewerage/interception and diversion of drains, Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), low cost sanitation/community toilet complexes, electric/improved wood crematoria, etc.

8) **Arunachal Pradesh** has been put on the aviation map of the country with the state's first commercial flight landing at Pasighat in the north-east state's East Siang district, 305 kilometres from state capital **Itanagar**.

