

1) 100 additional One Stop Centres have been approved by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for setting up One Stop Centres (OSC), to be **funded from the Nirbhaya Fund**. The scheme is being implemented through States/UTs from 1st April 2015.

2) People in **Assam** have been protesting against the granting of Indian citizenship to **Hindu foreigners** as the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the **Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016** began its hearing in Assam. Protesters say the move would threaten the existence of the indigenous people of Assam.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill 2016 seeks to allow illegal migrants from certain minority communities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan eligible for Indian citizenship. In other words, it amends the Citizenship Act of 1955.

The Bill provides that the registration of **Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)** cardholders may be cancelled if they violate any law.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill has not been sitting well with the Assamese as it contradicts the Assam Accord of 1985, which clearly states that illegal migrants heading in from Bangladesh after March 25, 1971, would be deported.

3) The Government of India signed a loan deal worth \$ 200 million with the World Bank for the National Nutrition Mission (**POSHAN Abhiyaan**).

POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on **International Women's day (March 8)** in 2018 to boost nutrition among children and women.

The target of the mission is to bring down stunting among children in

the age group 0-6 years from **38.4% to 25% by 2022**.

4) Ministry of Tribal Affairs is planning to expand **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras** in Tribal Districts across the country.

The initiative aims to promote MFPs-centric livelihood development of **tribal gatherers and artisans**. It mainstreams the tribal community by promoting primary level value addition to MFP at grassroots level.

Through this initiative, the share of tribals in the value chain of Non-Timber Forest Produce is expected to rise from the present 20% to around 60%.

The scheme will be implemented through Ministry of Tribal Affairs as Nodal Department at the Central Level and TRIFED as Nodal Agency at the National Level

5) **The 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS) 2018 is being held in India.** India is hosting the event for the first time. The theme is **"Telling Our Stories – Asia and More"**

It is being hosted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, jointly with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)

6) Aiming to foster growth for India's nascent **artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) ecosystem**, NITI Aayog and Google have signed a Statement of Intent (Sol).

Artificial Intelligence comes from computer systems that have been programmed to — or have learnt to — do tasks that would otherwise require human intelligence. Many apps and software are already making mundane work easier by doing a certain part of it for us, based on acquired intelligence.

The government has recently drawn up a **seven-point strategy** that

would form the framework for India's strategic plan to use AI. The strategy includes developing methods for human machine interactions; ensuring safety and security of AI systems; creating a competent workforce in line with AI and R&D needs, understanding and addressing the ethical, legal and societal implications of AI, measuring and evaluating AI technologies through standards and benchmarks, among others.

