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Vidya Balan's short film 'Natkhat' becomes eligible for Oscar nomination



The Indian film 'Natkhat', starring and co-produced by **Vidya Balan**, has won top prize at the **third edition of Best Of India Short Film Festival 2020**.

By winning the festival, the film has become eligible for **2021 Oscar qualification**.

The film also won cash prize money of \$2,500 (approximately Rs 1,85,497) and an opportunity for a television broadcast deal on ShortsTV.

The film has been directed by **Shaan Vyas** and co-produced by Ronnie Screwvala and Vidya Balan.

The Best of India Festival has been established by **ShortsTV** since 2018 to honor and recognize exceptional work of the Indian (India) filmmaker.

World Urbanism Day : 08 November



The **World Urbanism Day**, also known as "World Town Planning Day", is celebrated on **8 November** globally, to recognise and promote the role of planning in creating livable communities.

WUD is organised by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP).

The day was founded in 1949 by the **late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera** of the University of Buenos Aires, to advance public and professional interest in planning.

World Urbanism Day provides an opportunity to look at planning from a global perspective, in order to draw attention to the environmental impact resulting from the development of cities and territories.

National Legal Services Day: 09 November



In India, **09 November** is celebrated as "**National Legal Services Day**" every year by all Legal Services Authorities, to commemorate the enactment of the **Legal Services Authorities Act 1987**.

On 11 October 1987, the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 was enacted, while the act was taken effect on 9 November 1995. The Day is celebrated to make people aware of the various provisions under the Legal Services Authorities Act and the right of the litigants.



India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project launched in Arunachal Pradesh

The Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) in Arunachal Pradesh on 06 November 2020.



The solar-based lift water supply project is 'first of its kind' in the country, and has been commissioned at a cost of **Rs 28.50 crore**. However, such projects will be carried out in other parts of the country too.

The project would provide drinking water to 17,480 people in 39 villages of Lower Dibang Valley district in Arunachal Pradesh.

The solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project has been designed as an integrated project with **three components, which are drinking water, green energy and tourism.**

Atal Innovation Mission collaborates with Sirius (Russia) to launch 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative by the NITI Aayog, and Russia's Sirius (Scientific International Research in Unique Terrestrial Station) has jointly launched 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0', a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren.



It is the first Indo-Russian bilateral youth innovation initiative, which seeks to develop technological solutions, both web-based and mobile-based, for the two countries.

The two-week programme will be held from 7–21 November 2020.

During the event, around 48 students and 16 educators and mentors will create 8 virtual products and mobile applications to address global challenges across wide range of areas, in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic.

These areas include culture, distance education, applied cognitive science, health and well-being, sports, fitness, and games training, chemistry, artificial intelligence, and digital financial assets.



Kerala launches 'Parivarthanam' scheme for better livelihood of Fishing Community



The government of **Kerala** has launched a **pioneering eco-sustainable programme called 'Parivarthanam'**, to improve the **livelihood of the fishing community**. Parivarthanam, which means change, will be headed by Kerala State Coastal Area Development Corporation (KSCADC). Apart from this, the Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) of Union governments will

monitor procurement and processing of fish besides ensuring its quality. The scheme aims at improving the livelihood skills of youngsters along the coastline and also enable socio-economic uplift of the fishermen community. The scheme will promote processing and marketing of clean fish and its fresh products.

Parivarthanam will also guarantee a fixed price to fish-catchers as a fair compensation.

It would also provide jobs to college dropouts and migrant workforce returning home due to Covid-19.

Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha takes oath as new Chief Information Commissioner

Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha took oath as the new **Chief Information Commissioner (CIC)** on 07 November 2020.

He was administered the oath by the President Ram Nath Kovind.

The post was lying vacant since the retirement of Bimal Julka on August 26, 2020.

Sinha will have a tenure of **three years**.

Apart from this, **three new Information Commissioners** were also administered the oath of office, by the newly appointed CIC.

With the new appointments, the total number of Information Commissioners including the Chief Information Commissioner has risen to **8** in the Central Information Commission.



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