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The service launched for the first time in the state, aims at providing first aid treatment to trees, uprooted tree planting, seed bank, seed ball distribution, plant distribution, aiding tree plantation, shifting trees, survey of trees and removal of dead trees. The ambulance can be availed through the helpline number - 9941006786.

Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh makes it to tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites

□ The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh which depict peculiar style of the Bundela dynasty have been included in the tentative list of the UNESCO's world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the United Nations (UN) body.

Orchha is situated on the banks of the Betwa river. It is located around 80 km away from Tikamgarh district in Madhya Pradesh and 15 km from Jhansi of Uttar Pradesh. Orchha was built by king Rudra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century.

Ind-Ra lowers FY 19 GDP estimate to 6.9 pc with Q4 forecast at 6.3 pc

□ India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said that it expects India's GDP growth rate during 2018-19 to be 6.9 per cent as against the advance estimate of 7 per cent.

Facebook planning to launch its own cryptocurrency, GlobalCoin, by 2020

Facebook plans to launch its cryptocurrency by the first quarter of next year .The currency, which is being referred to internally as "GlobalCoin,"

Guy Gunaratne wins Dylan Thomas prize

Debut novelist Guy Gunaratne has won the £30,000 Swansea University International Dylan Thomas prize for In Our Mad and Furious City. The British-Sri Lankan writer, 35, who is also a human-rights documentary film-maker, was also longlisted for the 2018 Man Booker prize and won this year's Jhalak prize for the novel.

Peter O'Neill Resigns as Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill of Papua New Guinea resigned, as a flood of high-level defections from his governing party led him to step down after almost eight years in power.

He has handed over the leadership responsibility to Sir Julius Chan, who would now serve on the post for third term.

Pema Khandu to take oath as Arunachal Pradesh CM for 2nd term

Pema Khandu will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the second term. After a landslide victory in the Assembly elections with 41 seats in the 60-seat house.

DRDO successfully test fires Akash-1S surface to air defence missile system

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired the Akash-1S surface to air defence missile system.

Akash-1S is a new version of the missile which is fitted with an indigenous seeker. In the last two days, this is the second successful test of the missile by the DRDO.

The Akash-1S is capable of striking down enemy fighter jets and drones very effectively.

Kalpana Dash, Odisha's first woman mountaineer, passes away

Kalpana (50) died after scaling the Mount Everest. She had complained breathlessness while descending from the Everest peak. She died near Balcony area.

The woman mountaineer from Odisha had first scaled Mt Everest in 2008.

India among countries where women face most violence by partner

Global estimates published by the World Health Organization (WHO) indicate that about 1 in 3 (35%) women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. • Worldwide as many as 38% of murders of women are committed by a male intimate partner.