

## CIVIL SERVICE DIGEST (CSD-Daily)

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### US conducts 6 airstrikes against Somalia extremists, 62 killed



In Somalia, 62 extremists from the al-Shabab rebel group were killed after the United States military's Africa Command carried out six airstrikes in the Gandarshe coast area.

The US military said, all strikes were carried out in close coordination with

Somalia's government.

The statement said, the airstrikes were conducted to prevent al-Shabab from using remote areas as a safe haven to the plot, direct, inspire, and recruit for future attacks.

## Cyclone Phethai makes landfall in Andhra Pradesh



- Cyclone Phethai made landfall near Katrenikona in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh on Monday afternoon.
- Heavy rain and winds were experienced in many areas in the district. The cyclone caused huge damage to standing crops, especially paddy in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Visakhapatnam districts.
- Hundreds of electric poles and trees got uprooted disrupting power supply and vehicular traffic. Schools and colleges were closed as a precautionary measure.

## Lok Sabha passes transgender rights Bill



### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Bill was passed with 27 amendments
- Union Social Justice Thawar Chand Gehlot said that the government has accepted the amendments
- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that the government was ready was any kind of discussion



Amid noisy protests over the Rafale deal and Cauvery issue, the Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill seeking to empower the transgender community by providing them a separate identity.

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016, seeking to define transgenders and prohibit discrimination against them, was introduced in the Lok Sabha two years ago.

It was passed with 27 amendments.

### **India decides to extend 1.4 billion dollar aid to Maldives**



- India and Maldives underscored the need for strengthening and reforming of multilateral financial institutions and enhancing the voice and participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making.

In a joint statement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih reiterated the importance of an effective multilateral system as a key factor in tackling global challenges.

Both the leaders reviewed efforts to promote bilateral trade and investment ties between the two countries.

## **UN Climate conference finalises rules to implement Paris climate treaty**



After two weeks of intense negotiations at Katowice in Poland ministers of 200 nations finally reached consensus on rules to

implement the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

The Paris accord aims to limit rise in global atmospheric temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius from pre-industrial revolution levels. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres hailed the development.

The concerns of developing nations including India and least developed nations on funding for carbon credit were finally addressed.

The affluent nations which are the main polluters agreed to pay for greening in the underdeveloped world.

The UN Secretary-General, however, qualified his praise for the negotiating nations saying that the approval of the Paris agreement work programme is the basis for a transformative process as this will require strengthened ambition from the international community.