

## 26 Sep 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

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#### 1. India – Denmark MoU

##### Context:

India, Denmark sign MoU on Intellectual Property cooperation.

##### Details:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Denmark for intellectual property cooperation.
- The MoU aims at increasing IP cooperation between the two countries by way of:
  - Exchange of best practices, experiences and knowledge on IP awareness among public, authorities, businesses and research and educational institution of both countries.
  - Collaboration in training programmes, exchange of experts, technical exchanges and outreach activities.
  - Exchange of information and best practices on processes for disposal of applications for patents, trademarks, industrial designs and Geographical Indications, as also the protection, enforcement and use of IP rights.
  - Cooperation in the development of automation and implementation of modernization projects, new documentation and information systems in IP and procedures for the management of IP.
  - Cooperation to understand how Traditional Knowledge is protected; including the use of traditional knowledge related databases and awareness raising of existing IP systems.

- This MoU is expected to go a long way in fostering the cooperation between India and Denmark, and provide opportunities to both countries to learn from the experience of each other, especially in terms of best practices followed in the other country.
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## 2. Family Pension for divorced daughters

### **Context:**

Rules relaxed for divorced daughters to receive Family Pension.

### **Details:**

- Rules have been relaxed for divorced daughters to receive Family Pension.
- Now, a daughter will be entitled to receive the Family Pension even if the divorce had not finally taken place but the divorce petition had been filed by her during the lifetime of her deceased parent employee/pensioner.
- The earlier Rule provided for payment of Family Pension to a divorced daughter only if the divorce had taken place during the lifetime of the deceased parent/pensioner or his spouse.
- The new circular will not only bring ease in the life of pension receiving individuals but also ensure respectable and equitable rights for the divorced daughters in the society.

### **Similar benefit for physically handicapped:**

- Orders have also been issued for the grant of Family Pension to a PH child or sibling even if the Disability Certificate is produced after the death of the pensioner parent but the disability had occurred before the death of the parents.
  - Additionally, the Attendant Allowance for the helper has been increased from Rs. 4,500 per month to Rs.6,700 per month.
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### 3. PM's address at the 75th UNGA session 2020

#### Context:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the [United Nations General Assembly](#).

#### Highlights of the speech:

- The PM questioned the role of the [United Nations](#) in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and also asked for how long will India be kept out of the decision making structures of the global body, referring to the expansion of the permanent membership of the world body.
  - He assured that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help all humanity in fighting this crisis.
  - With reference to India becoming a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) from January 2021, Mr. Modi said that India would always speak in support of peace, security and prosperity. India would also not hesitate in raising its voice against enemies of humanity such as terrorism, drugs, money laundering and smuggling of illegal weapons.
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### 4. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

#### Context:

CSIR celebrates its 79<sup>th</sup> foundation day on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Read more on CSIR in [PIB dated Sep 26, 2019](#).

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