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NATIONAL NEWS

- The board of Beijing-headquartered **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB)** has approved a **\$400-million loan for a water sanitation project in Andhra Pradesh**, taking the overall exposure of the bank to India to \$2 billion spread over nine projects.
 - The project will also reduce health risks and health expenditures for women in Andhra Pradesh.
- **India is set to get its first underwater museum off the Puducherry coast**, giving a boost to tourism in the Union territory. **INS Cuddalore**, a minesweeper decommissioned in March after it travelled 30,000 nautical miles in 30 years, will be turned into a museum.
- In order to promote sustainable policies for water management, **India** is organising the first international conference on **'Sustainable Water Management'** on December 10-11 in Mohali in which experts from across the globe will participate.
 - The conference is being jointly organised by the **National Hydrology Project**, and **Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation** in collaboration with the **Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB)** at the Indian School of Business, Mohali.
- **Russian Federation Navy (RuFN)** ships Varyag, Admiral Panteleyev and Boris Butoma arrived in **Visakhapatnam** to participate in **INDRA NAVY-18**, the bilateral maritime exercise between the **Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy**.
 - The primary aim of the exercise is to increase interoperability amongst the two navies, develop common understanding and procedures for maritime security operations.
- A service-specific exercise between **the Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFSAF)** will commence **at Air Force Station, Jodhpur, Rajasthan**, from December 10 to 21.
 - **EX AVIAINDRA-2018** is the second in the series of bilateral joint exercise, which is planned in two phases between India and Russia.
- **the Indian Air Force (IAF)** successfully concluded combined guided weapons firing of Surface-to-Air Missiles from the Air Force Station at **Suryalanka** in **Andhra Pradesh**, as part of a first-of-its-kind two-day exercise codenamed- **CROSS BOW 18**.
 - The exercise was carried out on **December 5, 7 and 8 during** day and night in an integrated networked environment.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- A United Nations Conference in **Moroccan city of Marrakesh** adopted a global **pact "The Global compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration"** to better handle migrant flows

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despite a string of withdrawals driven by anti-immigrant populism.

- The pact is described as a “Roadmap to prevent suffering and chaos” by UN Secretary General **Antonio Guterres**.

APPOINTMENT

- **SWIFT India** Domestic Services, the local unit of **SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)** global that facilitates international payments functions for banks, has appointed **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, former chairman of State Bank of India, as its chairman.

AWARDS

- **Prathamesh Maulingkar** from Goa, dubbed as Mr. India, became the **first Asian/Indian** to win **2018 Mister Supernatural** title after contesting 37 candidates in the 3rd edition of the competition held in **Krynica-Zdroj, Poland**.
- **Eminent industrialist Ratan N. Tata** was conferred the **Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI) Lifetime Achievement Award** for his association and contribution to the industry.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- India successfully test fired the surface-to-surface ballistic missile **Agni-5 from Dr Abdul Kalam** Island in the Bay of Bengal off Odisha coast. This is the seventh trial of the indigenously-developed surface-to-surface missile, while second one in the last six months.
 - Agni-5 is a three stage missile with a length of 17 metre and width of two metre, can carry 1.5 tonnes of nuclear warheads and has a strike range of 5,000 km.

SPORTS

- **Rajyavardhan Rathore**, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, launched jersey for Khelo India Youth Games and announced that 2nd edition of the national-level competition is moving out of the Capital and will be held in **Pune, Maharashtra** from January 9 – January 20, 2019.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Human Rights Day- 10th December**
 - **Human Rights Day** is commemorated every year all over the world on 10 December.

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- It was first announced to be celebrated every year by the **United Nations General Assembly** on 10th of December in the year 1948.
- This year it will be the 70th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year the Human Rights Day would be celebrated with the **theme “Stand Up For Human Rights”**.


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