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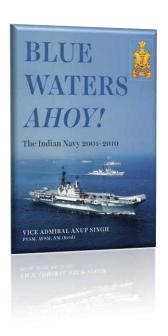
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Tamil Nadu government** has launched a **24-hour toll free helpline "181" for women**, among others, facing domestic violence and sexual harassment.
 - Women facing domestic violence and sexual harassment at home or workplaces can contact the toll-free helpline 181, to get assistance ranging from police help, legal aid or medical services including ambulance.
- A 2-day Regional Conference on 'Good Governance Focus on Aspirational
 Districts' concluded at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. This conference was
 aimed at providing a common platform for formulation and implementation of
 best practices in citizen centric governance.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the fourth Partners' Forum in New Delhi. The objective of the conference is to improve knowledge, alignment and accountability to accelerate action on women's, children's and adolescents health.
 - The programme has been framed around the objectives of the Global Strategy of Survive – Thrive – Transform.
- Arunachal Pradesh gets its 24th district Lepa Rada, a day after Shi Yomi became a new district. Lepa Rada is carved out of the Lower Siang district, comprising four administrative circles Tirbin, Dari, Sago and Basar.
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the Centre has decided to increase its contribution to the NPS for the central government employees to 14 per cent and also made the entire withdrawal amount tax free at the time of retirement.
 - The central government's contribution to the **National Pension System** (**NPS**) will be increased to 14 per cent from the current 10 per cent.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• **Israel** became a full member of the Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**), an international body set up to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and

other threats to the international financial system.

- The FATF membership will tag Israel as an attractive country for international investment and improve the status of the Israeli financial sector and its ability to operate in the global economy.
- India and China began the 7th round of their 'Hand-in-Hand' military drills in the Chinese city of Chengdu as part of the focussed efforts by the two militaries to improve ties after last year's standoff at Doklam.
 - The aim of the Hand-in-Hand exercises is to build closer relations between the militaries of India and China.

APPOINTMENT

- The government has appointed **Shaktikanta Das** as the new **RBI governor**, a day after **Urjit Patel resigned** as **RBI** Governor. He is the **25th Governor** of the Reserve Bank of India.
 - He is currently a member of the **Finance Commission of India**, and the government's representative at the **Group of 20 summits**.

AWARDS

- Sascha Bajin, coach of the world number five Naomi Osaka, became the firstever recipient of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) Coach of the Year Award.
- Manipur Government honored AIBA World Women Boxing Gold medalist MC Mary Kom with the title "Meethoileima" (par excellent queen) at a function in Imphal, Manipur.

ECONOMY

• Centre and the Asian Development Bank has signed a loan agreement of 31

million dollars in New Delhi to develop Tourism and boost Jobs in Tamil Nadu.

o Project will support the conservation and restoration of eight heritage monuments, one museum and three temples.

SPORTS

• Khelo India Youth Games-2019 will be held in Pune of Maharashtra in January. Sports Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore announced that 9000 youth will participate in this edition of the game.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Mountain Day observed on December 11**
 - o December 11 is observed as International Mountain Day. It is celebrated by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to spread awareness about the contribution of mountains in the biodiversity as it consists of approximately a quarter of the terrestrial biological diversity.
 - o Theme for the 2018 edition of the International Mountain Day is: "#MountainsMatter".