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NATIONAL NEWS

- The **Income Tax Department** announced that it is mandatory to link the **PAN with Aadhaar** by the end of **2019** on 15 December.
 - It announced that the deadline for the linking of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar was extended till 31 December by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** through an order issued in September 2019.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - UIDAI is recognized as a statutory authority. It was set up on 12 July 2016 by the Government under the provisions of the **Aadhaar Act 2016**.
 - UIDAI is headquartered in New Delhi. It has around 8 regional offices in India. It is responsible for the enrollment, authentication, and management of all stages in the development of the Aadhaar life cycle.
- Exercise INDRA-2019 is the second edition of Joint Tri-Services
 - Exercise between the Indian Armed Forces and the Russian Armed Forces. **It is being conducted from 10-20 December 2019 simultaneously at Pune and Gwalior for Air Force elements.**
 - **Related Keys:**
 - **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is undertaking service-specific and joint missions during the exercise.
 - The **Russian Federation Air Force (RFAF)** element is also participating in the exercise along with IAF counterparts.
 - The exercise showcased the long-standing bond between India and Russia.

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS

- The **fifth meeting of the Economic Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC)** was held in New Delhi on 16 December 2019.
 - The meeting included discussions related to GST stabilization and the ways to improve tax collection for additional resource mobilization.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Advisory Council has been informed to submit the **2020-21 report.**
 - The Commission is preparing the report for the **2021-26 period.**
 - Advisory Council Members were updated by the Commission regarding the additional terms of reference extending the term of XVFC till October 2020.
 - It also plans to make recommendations on **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**. It will be under consideration by the GST Council.

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed a loan agreement with **KfW**, the German development bank, worth **\$277 million** on 16 December 2019.
 - The arrangement of the loan and the grant facilities was facilitated by SBI's investment banking subsidiary SBI Capital Markets Ltd.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - The aim of the agreement was to establish an **energy-efficient housing programme in India.**
 - The facility was signed after an agreement on financial cooperation between the two governments in October 2019.
 - The programme will be a part of Indo-German Development Cooperation which is guided by the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

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- **Sanjiv Kapoor stepped down as the Chief Commercial Officer of Vistara**
 - Vistara's Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) **Sanjiv Kapoor** has resigned from the post on 16 December 2019. He will be working with the airline till 31 December 2019. Kapoor had resigned due to personal reasons. **Vinod Kannan**, Vistara's Chief Strategy Officer will replace as the CCO.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Vistara Founded on: 2013
 - Vistara Headquarters: Gurgaon
 - Vistara Chairman: Bhaskar Bhat
 - Vistara CEO: Leslie Thng

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Anticipation** – the act of considering something beforehand
 - Synonym – expectation, prediction, forecast
 - Antonym – ignorance, astonishment, doubt
- **Goodwill** – friendly, helpful, or cooperative feelings or attitude.
 - Synonym – benevolence, compassion, kindness
 - Antonym – malice, hostility, ill will