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Israel becomes a member of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

On 10th December 2018, **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.

Key Points:

- Earlier Israel became an observer to the FATF in February 2016 and In 2000 the Israel was blacklisted by the organization and was removed from the list in 2002, but now has become the group's **38th** member.
- A FATF compliance report on Israel ranked the country as one of three leading Country, alongside the US and the UK, for the effectiveness of its anti-money laundering apparatus, its battle against terror financing, the work of its Money Laundering and Terror Financing Prohibition Authority, and its policy of seizing the financial proceeds of crime.
- 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.

Russian Tu-160 Supersonic Bombers

Why in news?

Two Russian bombers capable of carrying nuclear weapons landed in Venezuela in a show of support for the government. The TU160 supersonic bombers landed at Maiquetia airport.

Tupolev Tu-160:

- The Tupolev Tu-160 is also known as “White Swans”.
- It is a supersonic, variable-sweep wing heavy strategic bomber.
- The Tu-160 is capable of **carrying conventional or nuclear-tipped cruise missiles** with a range of 5,500km.
- **Code-named Blackjack by NATO**, the massive warplane is capable of flying at **twice the speed of sound**.

Can't Reveal Rape Victims' Name Even After Death, Society Treats Them As 'Untouchable,' Says SC

- The Supreme Court prohibited the media from publishing or airing the names or any material which may even remotely reveal the identity of victims of sexual crimes.

What did the SC say?

- “No person can print or publish in print, electronic, social media, etc. the name of the victim or even in a remote manner disclose any facts which can lead to the victim being identified and which should make her identity known to the

public at large. The bar extends to anything which can even remotely be used to identify the victim,”

- The court further held that the **name and identity of a victim who was either dead or of unsound mind** should also *not be disclosed even under the authorisation of the next of kin*.
 - Any exception to this rule should be **decided by the competent authority, the session’s judge**.
- It **barred the police from putting in public domain FIRs under Sections 376 to 376E** (the range of sexual offences under IPC) and those under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.
- The **documents disclosing identity of a victim should be kept in a sealed cover**. Authorities to which a victim’s identity was disclosed by an investigating agency or the court are duty bound to keep it a secret.
- A victim need not reveal her identity while filing an appeal in a criminal court, the SC said.

Govt contribution to NPS raised to 14 pc, withdrawal made tax free: Finance Minister

On December 10, 2018, **Finance Minister Arun Jaitley** announced the rise in contribution of the government in **National Pension Scheme (NPS)** to **14** per cent from existing **10** per cent, burdening the government by **Rs 2,840 crore for 2019-20**.

- The change in contribution was recommended by **Committee of Secretaries (CoS)**, thus resulting in a total corpus of **24%** from the previous **20%**.
- Out of the 24%, 14 per cent would be contributed by the government and the remaining 10 per cent by the employees.
- Furthermore, he also made **entire withdrawal amount tax free** at the time of retirement by enhancing the tax exemption limit for lump sum withdrawal on exit to **60%**.
- At present, 40 per cent of the total accumulated corpus utilised for purchase of annuity is already tax exempted, and of 60 per cent of the accumulated corpus withdrawn by the NPS subscriber at the time of retirement, 40 per cent is tax exempt and balance 20 per cent is taxable.

**‘Operation Minimum wage’,to check violations of Minimum Wage Act 2017,
launched by Delhi government**

On December 10, 2018, the **Delhi** government launched a **10-day** special inspection drive named- **“Operation Minimum Wage”**, to check implementation of minimum wage rules set by the Union Territory government.

- The operation will continue till **December 21, 2018**.
- The violation would be checked as per the **Minimum Wages Act, 2017** and as per the act, the labourers can lodge a complaint by calling **155214**.
- As per the Act, the punishment for not paying minimum wages can be **Rs. 50,000** fine or a jail term for three years or both.

Exercise Hand-in-Hand 2018

On December 10, 2018, the **14-day 7th Sino-India joint exercise Hand-in-Hand 2018**, commenced at **Chengdu, China**. It will conclude on **December 23, 2018**.



- The Indian contingent consists of **11 SHIKKLI** led by **Col. Puneet Pratap Singh Tomar**, Commanding Officer, 11 SIKHLI.
- The Chinese contingent consists of a regiment from Tibetan Military District of People's Liberation Army (PLA) led by **Col Zhou Jun. Major General Kuang Dewang**, senior representative of joint training from PLA.
- The aim of the exercise is to build and promote close relations between armies of both the countries.

- The exercise will involve tactical level operations in an international counter insurgency/ counter terrorism environment under UN mandate.

RBI slapped Rs 1 crore fine on Indian Bank for violating cyber security norms

- On December 11, 2018, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed a fine amounting to **Rs. 1 crore** on **Indian Bank** for violating cyber security norms.
- The Indian Bank had contravened the **Circular on Cyber Security Framework** in banks due to which it had to face the penalty.
- It is with regard to RBI's directions on **Frauds- Classification and Reporting by Commercial Banks**.
- The penalty was imposed under the provision of Banking Regulations Act 1949.

India's first underwater museum to open off Puducherry coast in INS Cuddalore

- On December 8, 2018, **Indian Navy** agreed to gift **INS Cuddalore**, a decommissioned Pondicherry-class vessel, to the **Union territory of Puducherry** for the creation of country's first underwater museum.

A NEW HOME TO MARINE LIFE

> **INS Cuddalore**, a decommissioned Pondicherry-class vessel, will be sent to the seabed at a depth of 26m

> The 60-metre-long and 12-metre-wide vessel will be a destination for scuba diving and snorkelling

> There will be trails and routes for divers to swim in and out of the ship as they watch a colourful marine ecosystem grow



- The 60 m long and 12 m wide vessel was decommissioned in March 2018 after sailing 13000 nautical miles.
- It would be sent to the sea bed at a depth of 26 m and 7 km off the Pondicherry coast to act as an underwater marine museum for scuba diving and snorkelling activities. This would enhance tourism in the UT.
- It would also help in enhanced marine biodiversity and boosting fishing industry.

Partners' Forum 2018

The Government of India, in association with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), is hosting a two-day international conference the fourth Partners' Forum.

About:

- This is the fourth in a series of global high-level multi-country, multi-stakeholder events aimed at sustaining global momentum for issues related to health of women, children and adolescents.
- **PMNCH's mission** is to support the global health community to work successfully towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the health-related SDGs as articulated in the Strategy for Women's Children's and Adolescents' Health in support of 'Every Woman Every Child' (EWEC) movement.

PCS 1x

Indian Ports Association (IPA), under the guidance of Ministry of Shipping launched the Port Community System 'PCS1x to Increase Ease of Doing Business.

About:

- PCS 1x' is a cloud based new generation technology, with user-friendly interface. This system seamlessly integrates 8 new stakeholders besides the 19 existing stakeholders from the maritime trade on a single platform
- The platform offers value added services such as notification engine, workflow, mobile application, track and trace, better user interface, better security features, improved inclusion by offering dashboard for those with no IT capability.
- Another major feature is the deployment of a world class state of the art payment aggregator solution which removes dependency on bank-specific payment eco system.

- This system will enable trade to have an improved communication with the customs as they have also embarked on an Application Programming Interface (API) based architecture, thereby enabling real-time interaction.