

1)The Ministry of Women and Child Development recently held a National Conference of 244 Districts under Beti **Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** in New Delhi.

- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was launched in January, 2015. The scheme is aimed at promoting gender equality and the significance of educating girls.

- It is a **tri-ministerial effort** of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development.

2)**EPFO** (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) has announced the introduction of a new service for pensioners through the **Umang App**. **Umang** is an initiative to promote Digital India program. The term — **Umang stands for Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance** and is envisaged to make e-governance. The application is developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) in order to drive Mobile Governance in India.

3)**51st** Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) is being held in **Manila, Philippines**.

- It is a regional development bank established on 22 August 1966 and is headquartered in Philippines. It aims to facilitate economic development of countries in Asia. It also aims for an Asia and Pacific free from poverty. Currently, it has **67 members** – of which 48 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.

4)The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) recently achieved another milestone of having signed its 200<sup>th</sup> Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreement (UAPA). The total number of APAs entered into by CBDT has gone up to 220, which, inter alia include 20 Bilateral APAs.

The APA scheme was introduced in the Income-tax Act in 2012 and the “rollback” provisions were introduced in 2014.

•The **Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT)** is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963. It is a part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

5)FDI confidence index for the year 2018 has been released.

**The Foreign Direct Investment Confidence** (FDI) Index prepared by A.T. Kearney is an annual survey which tracks the impact of likely political, economic, and regulatory changes on the foreign direct investment intentions and preferences of CEOs, CFOs, and other top executives of Global 1000 companies.

India is ranked **11<sup>th</sup>**, India was down three notches in the overall ranking from last year.US topped the list, followed by Canada, while Germany dropped to the third place.

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6)**Bhupathy's shieldtail**:It is a new species of **shieldtail snake** found recently from the **Western Ghats** in Tamil Nadu.

The snake, currently found only in the forests of the **Anaikatty hills in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore district**, has been named *Uropeltis bhupathyi*, after the late herpetologist S. Bhupathy, for his contributions to the field.