

# Current affairs- Global



# Vocabulary

**Illicit:** not allowed by law, or disapproved of by society.

**Placate:** to stop someone from feeling angry.

**Jittery:** showing nervousness or fear about something.

**Ministerial:** relating to or involving a minister who represents his or her country in another country.

**Impaired:** damaged or weakened.

**In-depth:** done carefully and in great detail.

**Sworn in:** to make someone give a formal promise in a law court or at an official ceremony.

**Ice-breakers (in this context):** a ship designed for breaking a channel through ice.

# North Korea named 'worst human trafficking country' for 16th year consecutively.

The US State Department categorised North Korea as the "worst human trafficking country" for the 16th straight year in its annual '2018 Trafficking in Persons Report'.

North Korea used state-sponsored forced labour to fund government functions as well as other illicit activities.

The North Korean government continued to use forced labour in prison camps and labour training centres and even encouraged forced labours of students and exported forced labour to foreign organisations.

It did not monitor or protect potential trafficking victims when they were forcibly sent back from China or other countries.

