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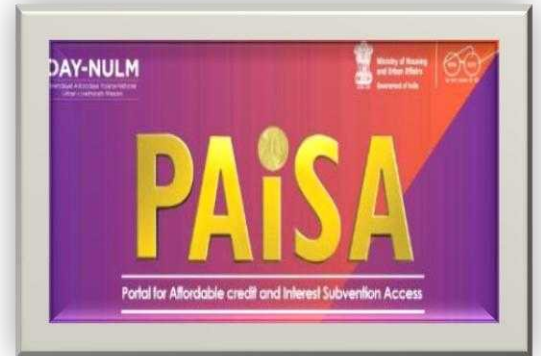
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Eight more States have achieved 100% saturation in household electrification under Saubhagya namely **Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, J&K, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal. Saubhagya – ‘Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana’** was launched in September, 2017 with the objective to **provide access to electricity** to all the remaining households in the country
  - Achievement of 100% household electrification in the country would be a major milestone in the direction to achieve **24×7** power for all. The Government is committed to ensure **24×7 access** to electricity for all by **31st March 2019**.
- **NITI Aayog** to begin a series of **Development Dialogues to engage experts**, thought leaders and government stakeholders across key avenues of long-term social and economic development.
  - **The first event shall be a conference on “Health Systems for A New India: Building Blocks” on November 30.** The conference will feature senior **government functionaries, and eminent national and international experts in the healthcare space.**
- **Dr Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15 Janpath, New Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to facilitate and **enhance research activities and policy formulation** aimed at **Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development.**
  - The two organizations resolved to cooperate within the scope of their mandates and sphere of competences to work for these issues.
- **The air force units of the US and India** are going to participate in Exercise **“COPE INDIA 2019” (CI19)**, a bilateral **flying training programme**. This Bilateral training programme will take place in **West Bengal: Air Force Station Kalaikunda and Air Force Station Arjan Singh in Burdwan.**
  - **Exercise CI19** is a long-standing bilateral **US Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)-sponsored Field Training Exercise (FTX)**, conducted with the IAF, focused on enhancing US-Indian mutual cooperation and building on existing **capabilities, aircrew tactics and force employment.**
- Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti functioning under Ministry of Culture, Government of India will be organising a 3 day **‘South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference’** in partnership with **UNESCO- MGIEP and Standing Together to Enable Peace** . Its objective was to eliminate stereotypes, prejudices across all borders to understand micro-

macro aspect of issues, identify common challenges and develop plan of action and to build network of youth leaders.

- The conference will be held at **Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, Delhi, India**. The conference is being organized to mark the beginning of celebration of **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.
- Every year Manipur Tourism Department organizes annual cultural festival known as **“Sangai Festival”** which was previously known as **“Tourism Festival”** but in 2010 it was renamed after the State Animal of Manipur **Sangai Deer**.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The European Union sets a goal to become the first major economy to be **‘Climate Neutral’** by 2050 after that the emissions of greenhouse gases needs to be offset by planting trees or burying the gases underground. As per European Union, this target can be achieved by using **Solar and Wind Energy** for electricity generation.
- From Jamaican reggae to Georgian wrestling and Japanese rituals, the **UN cultural agency**, UNESCO, added six new elements to its list of **“intangible heritage”** for the world to treasure, improving the visibility of often little-known and understood arts traditions.
  - They were added at the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage meeting held in Mauritius.
- **The militaries of China and India** would hold a joint 14-day drill from December 10 in southwest **China’s Chengdu city** to improve their **capabilities in fighting terrorism and promote mutual understanding**.
  - Each side will send 100 troops to take part in the **7th India and China joint military exercises – ‘Hand in Hand’** – which will focus on **counter-terrorism operations**.

## AWARDS

- Indian actor **Nawazuddin Siddiqui and filmmaker Nandita Das** have been awarded at the **12th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) Brisbane**. The awards ceremony was hosted by Australian actress **Sofie Formica and New Zealand actor Cliff Curtis**.
  - **Nandita Das**, director of the movie herself received the prestigious **International**

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**Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) Award** for achievement in film in the Asia Pacific region.

- An Indian Navy Commander (Pilot) **Vijay Varma** and Captain (Pilot) **P Rajkumar** were honoured at the 7th '**Asian of The Year**' awards acknowledging their selfless service and bravery in rescue operations during the devastating floods in Kerala. The winners were announced at the **Straits Times Global Outlook Forum 2019**.

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Georgia** has elected ruling party candidate **Salome Zurbishvili** as its **first woman president**. The election was seen as a test of Georgia's democratic credentials as the Caucasus nation seeks **European Union and NATO membership**.
  - Zurbishvili had 59% of the vote and her opposition Grigol Vashadze 40%, with nearly all ballots counted.



## SPORTS

- The **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** announced that it will introduce a **"Protest System"** for coaches and boxers in next year's Men World Championship to be held in Moscow, Russia which will also acts as a qualifier for 2020 Olympic Games.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare – 30 November**
  - **Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare** was observed all over the world. This day offers an opportunity to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, and to reaffirm the commitment of Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons.
  - This day also promotes the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.