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NATIONAL NEWS

- India achieved electrification in **100% households in 25 states at the end of 2018**. Now, only about 10.48 lakh households are left to be electrified in 4 states – Assam, Rajasthan, Meghalaya, and Chhattisgarh.
 - The ‘Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana’ (Saubhagya) in September 2017 to achieve the goal of universal household electrification in the country by 31 March 2019.
- As part of the enhanced outreach programme of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), a **new platform named Samwad with Students (SwS) was launched in Bengaluru** on January 1, 2019.
 - The new conversation mission will inspire students cutting across schools and colleges.
- The government **on January 2, 2019 gave out the 6-croreth free cooking gas (LPG) connection** as the scheme to make available cleaner fuel in every household kitchens runs ahead of schedule.
 - The target was later raised to 8 crore connections by 2021 and now envisages giving all households a connection.
 - The PMUY was launched on 1 May 2016, with a target to give 5 crore connections by March 2019.
- **Chief Minister** of the Congress led government of **Madhya Pradesh, Kamal Nath**, banned the purchase new vehicles and air conditioners (ACs) by the government departments due to huge debt of the state.
 - Although, hospitals, hostels, Anganwadis, shelter homes have been kept out of the purview of the limitations.
- The **Mamata Banerjee** led **West Bengal** government announced two welfare initiatives for farmers as a part of the ‘**Krishi Krishak Bandhu**’ scheme which will come into effect from New Year’s Day **January 1, 2019**.
 - Under the first of the two schemes, If a farmer aged between **18 to 60 years** dies a natural or unnatural death, the state government will pay his family **Rs 2 lakh**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Tropical Storm Usman**, which entered the Philippines on Christmas Day, emerged as the deadliest weather disaster for the country this year following Typhoon Mangkhut in September.
- **Qatar** has withdrawn its membership from **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting**

Countries (OPEC). The country had sent an official notification to the OPEC expressing its wish to **pull out** and to **focus on its liquefied natural gas production** in December.

ECONOMY

- The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, Government of India, is mulling to impose **anti-dumping duty** for 18 months on a Chinese synthetic rubber '**fluoroelastomers**' used in automobile and other industries in order to minimize the impact of dumped imports.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Jair Bolsonaro** was sworn in as **Brazil's 42nd president**. Mr Bolsonaro, 63, won the presidential election by a wide margin against Fernando Haddad of the left-wing Workers' Party.
- Private sector lender Axis Bank Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Shikha Sharma retired** from the services of the bank and **Amitabh Chaudhry** will be the new MD and CEO of the Axis bank from **1st January 2019**.

AWARDS

- IIT Roorkee professor **Jayanta Kumar Ghosh** was facilitated with **the National Geospatial Award for Excellence -2017** (Life Time Achievement Award) by the **Indian Society for Remote Sensing** for his contribution towards the development of geospatial science and applications.
 - The Indian Society for Remote Sensing is an organisation known in the area of space science, remote sensing and geo-spatial technology.

SPORTS

- Shooter **Divyansh Singh Panwar** from Rajasthan and shooter **Nupur Patil** from Maharashtra have won 10th RR Lakshya Cup 2018 in senior and junior category respectively. Dronacharya Awardee and former National Coach **Prof. Sunny Thomas** was the chief guest of the event.