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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Niti Aayog** Plans to include **eggs, fish, chicken, and meat**, possibly through its **public distribution system**.
 - This is expected to be part of Niti Aayog's 15-year Vision Document. The document will be in place by early 2020 with effect from 1 April 2020.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - The aim of the proposal is to improve India's low nutrition ranking at the global level.
 - If it is implemented, these food items will join the food subsidy programme along with wheat, rice, coarse grains and a few varieties of pulses.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The US **National Science Foundation (NSF)** reported that India has become the **world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles**.
 - It has published over 1.35 lakh scientific papers. China topped the report as the world's largest publisher.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - Formed - May 10, 1950; 69 years ago
 - Headquarters - Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has accepted to name a **white-yellow star** in Sextans constellation and its Jupiter-like **exoplanets**.
 - Until now, the stars were called HD 86081 and 86081b.
 - **RELATED KEYS**

- IAU
 - Formed on: 28 July 1919
 - Headquarters: Paris, France
 - Membership: 82 national members and 13,701 individual members
 - President: Ewine van Dishoeck
 - General Secretary: Maria Teresa Lago

AWARDS

- Jammu and Kashmir has been selected by the Union Ministry of Rural Development for the **national award in the best performing category** for implementing the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**.
 - The award will be presented in a ceremony on 19 December 2019 at the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - PMGSY
 - The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was launched on **25 December 2000** by the Government of India.
 - The scheme aims to provide connectivity to unconnected habitations as part of a poverty reduction strategy
- **Sahitya Akademi** has announced the winners of the **2019 Sahitya Akademi Awards** in 23 languages on 18 December. Four of novels, seven books of poetry, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, biography, and autobiography won the award.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - The awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members who represent 23 Indian languages.
 - The finalists were approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi under the Chairmanship of **Dr.**

Chandrashekhra Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Empathetically** - showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
 - Synonym : compassionate, sensitive
 - Antonym : indifferent, merciless

- **Foolhardy** - recklessly bold or rash.
 - Synonym - careless, rash, irresponsible
 - Antonym - wise, prudent



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