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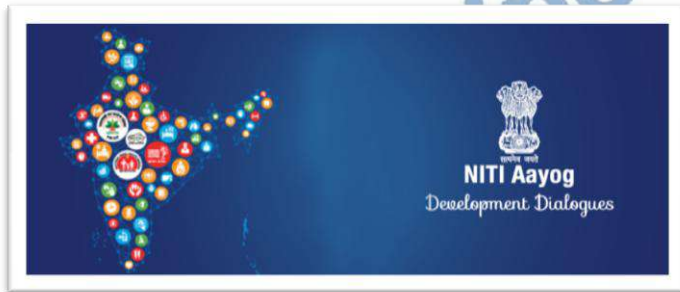
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NATIONAL NEWS

- On December 25, 2019, **Government of India launched Good Governance Index**. Tamil Nadu topped in Good Governance Index. The States and Union Territories were divided into 3 groups namely Big states, North East and hill states and union territories.
 - Tamil Nadu topped in Good Governance Index in the “Big States” category. It was followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.
 - **Related Keys**
 - In Agricultural and allied ranking, the best performing states were Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Daman and Diu.
- NITI Aayog, the **policy think tank of Government** will **launch** the **second edition of Sustainable Development Goals** (SDG) India Index and Dashboard 2019–20 on 30 December 2019 at NITI Aayog, New Delhi. The first edition of SDG India Index was launched in December 2018.
 - It was the first tool developed by any large country to monitor progress towards achieving SDGs at sub-national level.
 - **Related Keys**
 - SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019–20 Developed by Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in collaboration with United Nations in India, and Global Green Growth Institute.
 - Index and Dashboard 2019 covers 16 out of 17 SDGs and a qualitative assessment on Goal 17.
- On December 25, 2019, Union Minister of Communication and IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated **“Digital Village Guruwara”**. During the

launch, it was announced that the Government has planned to offer free Wi-Fi services to all villages till March 2020.

- The Government of India has so far connected 1,30,000-gram panchayats through Bharatnet.
- **Related Keys**
 - The GoI in June 2018 announced that all gram panchayats will receive broadband connectivity by 2020.
 - Bharathnet initiative was launched in 2011.
- The Cabinet Committee On Security (CCS) chaired by the Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has **approved** the creation of a **Chief of Defence Staff** (CDS) post that will function as a single point of contact for different branches of armed forces.
 - CCS also approved the report of a high-level committee headed by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, which finalised responsibilities and framework for operation of CDS.
 - **Related Keys**
 - A CDS would be a four-star general- from either of the Indian Armed Forces- the Army, the Air Force or the Navy and will be payable to a salary equal to a service chief.


INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Union Cabinet** has given its **approval** for **signing of Memorandum of Understanding** (MoU) between Republic of India and Federative Republic of Brazil on Bioenergy Cooperation.
 - In 2016, during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Brazil in India, the two sides agreed to cooperate on research and development (R&D) of renewable energies, and in field of 2nd-generation biofuels.
 - **Related Keys**

- Brazil is one of the most important trading partners of India in entire Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region.
- Brazil is currently world's 2nd largest producer and consumer of biofuels.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Obdurate** - stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action.
 - Similar Words - unbending , inflexible
 - Antonyms - amenable , compliant
- **Oblique** - not expressed or done in a direct way.
 - Similar Words - indirect , inexplicit
 - Antonyms - straightforward.

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