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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami announced 5 schemes for children** living in government-run homes on the birth anniversary of former Tamil Nadu CM J. Jayalalithaa.
 - The aim is to honour the late leader CM J. Jayalalithaa's birthday.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - Formed on: 1 November 1956
 - Governor: Banwarilal Purohit
 - Chief Minister: Edappadi K. Palaniswami
 - Capital: Chennai
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) celebrated the first anniversary** of the **new Central Sector Scheme** on 24 February 2020. The Central Government has released more than Rs.50850 crores so far.
 - The total number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme, based on estimates of the Agriculture Census 2015-16, is about 14 crore.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - The scheme was aimed to augment the income of the farmers, with less than 2 hectares of land, by providing income support to all landholding farmers' families across the country.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **US President Donald Trump** recently **announced** that the United States of America will **sign a peace agreement** with the **Taliban forces** on **February 29, 2020**.
 - The US and the Taliban forces are to sign peace agreement to end the war of 18 years in Afghanistan. After the agreement, 12,000 US

troops that are currently deployed in Afghanistan are to return to US.

- **RELATED KEYS**

- The Taliban are sunni Islamic fundamentalists that are currently waging war in Afghanistan. The Taliban held power between 1996 and 2001.

- An international conference on "**Ensemble Methods in Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA)**" began on 24 February 2020 at NCMRWF, Noida, India. The conference will be held from 24-26 February.

- It was inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences.

- **RELATED KEYS**

- The three-day conference is organized by the **National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting** (NCMRWF) that functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, GoI.

AWARDS

- **Dr. Niti Kumar** has received the **SERB Women Excellence Award 2020**. The award will be conferred by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind during **National Science Day Celebrations on 28 February 2020 in Vigyan Bhawan**, New Delhi.

- The award is presented to women scientists below 40 years of age who have received recognition from national academies.

- **RELATED KEYS**

- Dr. Niti Kumar is a Senior Scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow.
- Her research group is trying to understand the protein quality control machinery in the human malaria parasite for the exploration of alternative drug targets for malaria intervention.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Plight:** a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation
 - Similar Words: perplexity, condition, extremity, predicament, trouble
 - Antonyms: advantage, solution, benefit
- **Constraint:** a limitation or restriction.
 - Similar Words: pressure, restraint, duress, suppression
 - Antonyms: permission, freedom, allowance.


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