



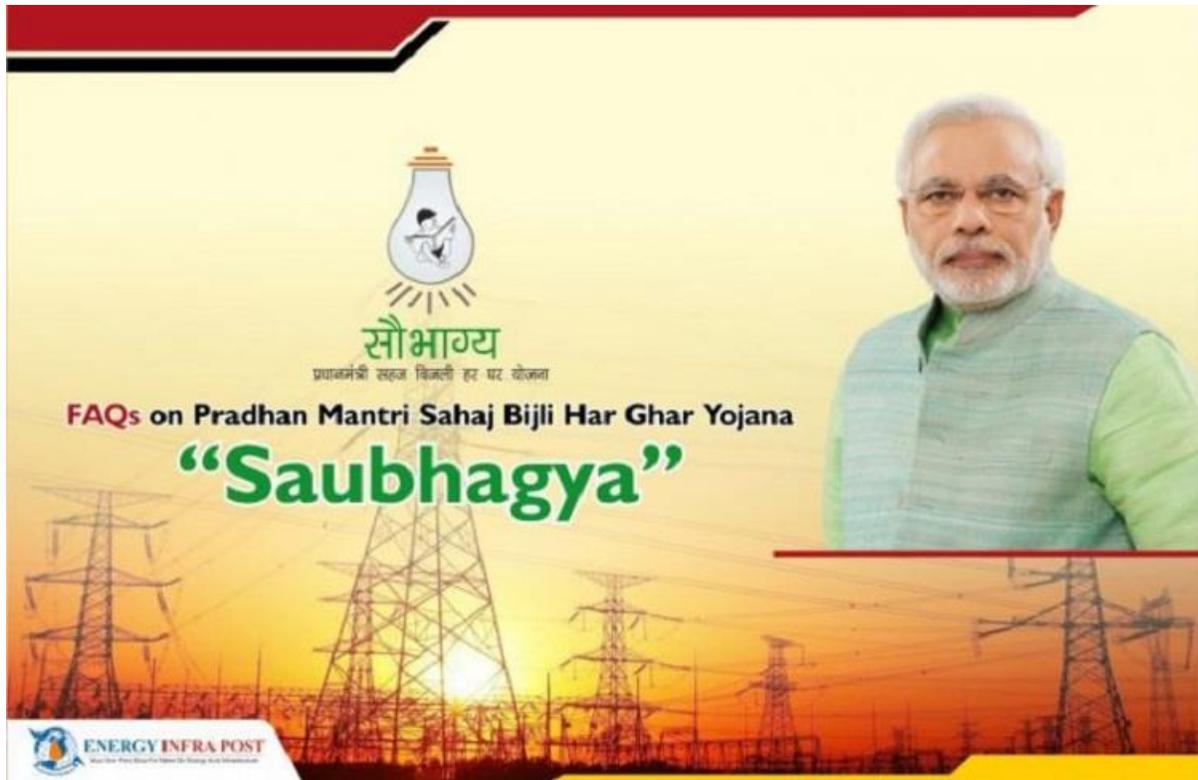
## CIVIL SERVICE DIGEST (CSD-Daily)

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### Govt launches Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages

- The government has launched a unique initiative called Bhasha Sangam to introduce school students to 22 Indian languages. The initiative, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, was launched on 22nd of this month and will continue till the 21st of December.
- Bhasha Sangam is a programme for schools and educational institutions to provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages. Another objective of Bhasha Sangam is to enhance linguistic tolerance and respect and promote national integration.
- There are 22 languages listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution but most students are familiar with only one or two languages.

### 8 more States achieve 100% household electrification under Saubhagya scheme



Eight more States have achieved hundred per cent household electrification under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana - Saubhagya.

- The states are Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana and West Bengal.
- Speaking to media after the Review, Planning and Monitoring Meeting with States and State Power Utilities in New Delhi, Power Minister R K Singh said, with this, total 15 States in the country have 100 per cent household electrification.
- The scheme was launched in September last year with the objective to provide access to electricity to all the remaining households in the country.
- The Minister informed that as many as 2.1 crore connections have been released under Saubhagya so far.

He said, States like Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are left with a small number of un-electrified households and are expected to achieve saturation any time.

### Sri Lankan President to meet UNF, TNA to end political crisis



- Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena will meet leaders of United National Front (UNF) and Tamil National Alliance (TNA) on Friday to discuss a possible solution in the ongoing political crisis.
- The meeting comes after 14 TNA MPs decided to support UNF leader and demanded the restoration of government as it existed prior to 26th October.
- The support has established majority for UNF led by ousted Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe while the parliament passed another motion against the new Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday.

- President Sirisena has earlier maintained that he will not appoint Mr. Wickremesinghe as Prime minister again while Mr. Wickremesinghe party is backing him as the leader.

*The meeting today is being seen as crucial in a bid to resolve the impasse.*

### **NITI Aayog organises dialogue on health system for New India**

- NITI Aayog will 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 will be a conference on "Health Systems for A New India: Building Blocks" on Friday.
- The conference will feature senior government functionaries and eminent national and international experts in the healthcare space.
- The idea of a health system pertains to integrating existing and future programmes, financing, human resources and policies related to all dimensions of healthcare within the fabric of an all-encompassing, inclusive, long-term, stable system.
- The conference is also an attempt by NITI Aayog to begin conversations around the mandated 15-year vision document for the country as a whole.
- The discussions will include topics related to achieving standardized delivery of health across all levels of care in India's mixed healthcare system and leveraging IT for healthcare.

## PM Modi to address 1st session of G-20 summit



- The 13th G-20 summit begins in Buenos Aires, Argentina on Friday with focus on building consensus on a fair and sustainable development in the field of agriculture.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 1st session of the summit.

- Prime Minister will make a lead intervention in the first session of the summit, based on the theme - 'Putting People First'.
- Issues pertaining to risks posed by oil price volatility, flagship programmes including Skill India, MUDRA Yojna, Digital India and GST among others will be on the focus.
- Speaking at a function after arriving in Buenos Aires, Mr Modi said issues like the global economy, sustainable development will be discussed in the summit.
- Prime Minister met the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman to deepen strategic ties between both the Countries.
- Mr Modi will discuss India's role in addressing climate change globally with specific reference to the forthcoming COP 24 meeting in Katowice Poland.
- Prime Minister is also scheduled to hold meetings with several world leaders including Chinese President Xi Jinping and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

## ISRO successfully launches earth observation satellite HysIS



- India launched its sophisticated earth observation satellite HysIS successfully from Sriharikota on Thursday.
- The national space agency ISRO launched the hyper-spectral imaging satellite HysIS onboard its workhorse rocket PSLV-C43.
- The rocket also put thirty other micro and nano-satellites of customers from eight nations in a different orbit, as part of the same mission.
- Talking to media in Sriharikota after the launch, ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan described the satellite as an excellent space-asset for the nation. He informed the ISRO has a long line-up of launch missions in coming days.