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INTERNATIONAL

1) ISRO has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites The Indian Space Research Organisation has signed six agreements with four countries for launching foreign satellites during 2021-2023. About 132 million Euros would be earned through the launching of these foreign satellites on a commercial basis. The ISRO-Indian space agency, founded in 1969 to develop an independent Indian space program.

NATIONAL

1) 20 most admired men

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ranked 8th on the list of the world's top 20 most admired men, in a survey carried out by data analytics company YouGov. The list also includes the most admired Indian women of 2021 has Priyanka Chopra, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Sudha Murty.

STATE NEWS

1) Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth

The Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren has launched a Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY) scheme aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in Maoist-hit districts of the state. This scheme has been launched to curb the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) which affected 19 of the state's 24 districts.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI imposes penalty on PNB and ICICI Bank

A penalty of Rs 1.8 crores has been imposed on Punjab National Bank by the Reserve Bank of India, while ICICI Bank has been fined Rs 30 lakh for deficiencies in regulatory compliances. PNB was found guilty of contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, related to pledge of shares by it.

2) 76,000-crore production linked incentive

Union Cabinet approved a Rs 76,000-crore production linked incentive scheme for boosting semiconductor and display manufacturing in India. With this, the total amount of production linked incentive (PLI) announced for the electronics sector increase to Rs 2.30 lakh crore.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Aditya Birla Group's chairman, Kumar Mangalam Birla has received the Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award- Business Transformation from The Indus Entrepreneurs





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(TiE) based out of Silicon Valley. Birla is the first Indian Industrialist to receive the award for global entrepreneurship.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) 'Rewinding of First 25 years of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology' The book titled 'Rewinding of First 25 years of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology' authored by S S Oberoi, the former adviser at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology was launched by Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary of MeitY. The

book consists of life experience, challenges working as an advisor under the MeitY.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Arabic Language Day

World Arabic Language Day is observed globally on 18th December every year. The Arabic language is one of the pillars of the cultural diversity of mankind. The theme of this year's World Arabic Language Day is "The Arabic Language and Civilizational Communication".

2) Minorities Rights Day

December 18 is observed as the Minorities Rights Day to uphold the right to freedom and equal opportunities for the ethnic minorities in India and create awareness about the respect and dignity of the minorities.

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