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INTERNATIONAL

1) "RS- 28 SARMAT"

- Vladimir Putin, Russian President announced that his military had successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile, "RS- 28 SARMAT" capable of carrying a big nuclear payload.
- It is a super-heavy, thermonuclear-armed intercontinental-range ballistic missile.
- The Sarmat was supposed to take the place of the Soviet-built Voevoda.
- NATO dubbed "RS- 28 SARMAT" as "Satan 2".

NATIONAL

1) NITI Aayog and UNICEF India has signed a SoI on the SDGs

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on children.
- It seeks to formalize a framework to launch the first report on 'State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development'.
- It will help in understanding the multidimensional attainments and deprivations among children.

2) Bioenergy and Biofuels

- India and Brazil agreed to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in bioenergy and develop an Indian-Brazil Alliance for Bioenergy and Biofuels.
- Bioenergy is a form of renewable energy that is derived from recently living organic materials known as biomass.
- When biomass is converted into liquid or gaseous fuels such as ethanol, methanol, methane and hydrogen, it is known as biofuels.

STATE NEWS

1) Telangana space-tech framework

- Telangana space-tech framework is a first-of-its-kind attempt in the government sector to launch spacetech framework.
- It's aim is to Help the state emerge as a commercial hub for all space-related products and services and promote domestic production of launch vehicles, satellite systems and subsystems, ground equipment manufacturing and other facilities.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Legal Entity Identifier

- RBI has extended the guidelines on Legal Entity Identifier to large borrowers of NBFCs and Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs).
- LEI is a 20-character alphanumeric code which is used to create a global reference data system that uniquely identifies every legal entity in any jurisdiction that is party to a financial transaction.
- It improves the quality and accuracy of financial data reporting systems for better risk management.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration

- These awards are given by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances on Civil Services Day (21st April).
- These awards were instituted in 2006. In 2022, 16 awards were given for 5 identified priority programmes like:
 - a. Seamless, End-to-End Delivery of Services without Human Intervention.
 - b. Promoting People's Participation in Poshan Abhiyan
 - c. Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through Khelo India scheme
 - d. Digital payments and Good Governance in PM SVANidhi Yojana
 - e. Holistic Development through One District One Product scheme.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Patrick Achi

- Patrick Achi has been re-appointed as Prime Minister of Ivory Coast by President Alassane Ouattara.
- Earlier, he was appointed prime minister in March 2021.
- He was the third prime minister of Ivory Coast in the last three years after Amadou Gon Coulibaly (who died in 2020) and Hamed Bakayoko (who died in 2021).

2) Ajay Kumar Sood

- A member of the Science & Technology and Innovation Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Ajay Kumar Sood, has been appointed to the post for a period of



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three years.

- He succeeded biologist K VijayRaghavan.
- Sood appointment was approved by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Language Days

- Every year on April 23rd, the United Nations celebrates English Day and Spanish Language Day.
- In 2010, the United Nations launched Language Days to promote equal usage of the organisation's six official languages and to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity.

2) World Book and Copyright Day

- World Book and Copyright Day is observed on April 23rd every year.
- The day is observed to promote the love of reading.
- The day was observed 1995, to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors on this day, urging everyone to read.