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INTERNATIONAL

1) Inmarsat-6 F1

Japan has launched Inmarsat-6 F1, a communication satellite, through a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) H-IIA204 rocket from Japan's Tanegashima Space Center that will enter geostationary orbit, about 22,240 miles (35,790 kilometres) above the earth. It is the world's largest and most sophisticated commercial communications satellite ever launched.

2) NASA's Psyche mission

NASA's Psyche mission is going to be launched in August 2022. It will be the first launch to explore a giant metal asteroid known as Psyche in the main asteroid belt. The asteroid Psyche is in between Mars & Jupiter and is orbiting the Sun.

3) Centre for Economics and Business Research

The Centre for Economics and Business Research from the United Kingdom has predicted that the Indian economy will become the world's third-largest by the year 2031. In the year 2022, India is set to regain its sixth position in World Economic League Table (WELT) from France, as per CEBR.

NATIONAL

1) BrahMos Aerospace cruise missile manufacturing unit

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has laid the foundation stone of the BrahMos Aerospace cruise missile manufacturing unit in Lucknow. He also laid the foundation of DRDO Defence Technology and Test Centre in Lucknow. BrahMos missile derives its name from the Brahmaputra river of India and the Moskva river of Russia.

2) India cleared two more covid vaccines

India cleared two more covid vaccines and one pill. The two vaccines, Corbevax and Covovax, were approved by drug regulator Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation. Anti-viral drug Molnupiravir was also approved. It can be used only in an emergency situation.

STATE NEWS

1) 'Meendum Manjappai'

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has launched the 'Meendum Manjappai' scheme to promote the use of cloth bags by the public and discourage the use of plastic bags. This awareness campaign on using 'yellow' cloth bag or 'manjapai' as it is called in Tamil, is aimed at encouraging the people to return to the use of this eco-friendly bag and discard the plastic bags.





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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) Aarati Krishnan

Aarati Krishnan, Editorial Consultant with BusinessLine, has been inducted as a member of the Securities & Exchange Board of India's Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds. The committee, chaired by Usha Thorat, former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India, advises SEBI on matters related to mutual fund regulation to ensure investor protection.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1) Eishin Chihana

India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt Ltd. has announced that Eishin Chihana has taken charge of the Group's India operations as its new Chairman. He has replaced Motofumi Shitara. Chihana has been associated with Yamaha Motor Company and its group companies across the globe since 1991.

OBITUARY

1) Ray Illingworth

Former England captain, Ray Illingworth has passed away. He played 61 Tests for England between 1958 and 1973 and captained the country 31 times, winning 12 matches and an Ashes series in Australia in 1970.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021

Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, an industrialist from Surat, who is popularly known as the Greenman or green man of Gujarat has been honoured with the Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021.