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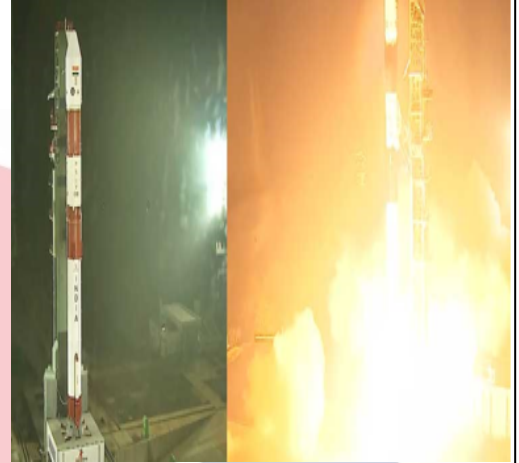
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1. ISRO launches historic SpaDeX mission for space docking.

An important milestone in India's space journey was achieved when ISRO successfully launched the SpaDeX mission on December 30, 2024. Two small spacecraft, SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target), were placed in low Earth orbit under this mission by a PSLV-C60 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Center.



2. Rajat Verma appointed CEO of DBS Bank India

Rajat Verma has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India from March 1, 2025, who will take over the responsibility of this post after Surojit Shome retires. Shome was in the position since 2015 and under his leadership DBS India took several important transformational steps, including the launch of India's first mobile-only bank 'Digibank' in 2016. Verma's appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



3. India to host First Waves Summit in February 2025.

India will host the first-ever World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) from February 5-9, 2025, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme. The summit is a significant step towards making India a hub of global content creation and creative collaboration. WAVES will be held on the lines of the Davos World Economic Forum, welcoming global leaders from the media, entertainment and creative industries.



4. China introduces prototype of world's fastest high-speed train

China launched prototype of CR 450, the world's fastest high-speed train, with test speeds reaching 450 km/h. It is faster than CR 400 fursing trains (350 km/h) and is a significant step forward in rail technology, improving speed, energy efficiency, safety and passenger comfort. This innovation aligns with China's plan to expand its high-speed rail network to 70,000 km by 2035, further strengthening its leadership in global rail systems.



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5. "Fishing Cat".

The second census of fishing cats is being carried out by the Wildlife Institute of India at Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary as part of India's first fishing cat colouring project. The project is being implemented by Wildlife Institute of India-Dehradun, and aims to study the home range, behaviour, habitat ecology, food habits and space use of the Fishing Cat.



6. SAIL gets "Great Place to Work" status for the second time.

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded the "Great Place to Work" status from January 2025 to January 2026, which is a prestigious "Great Place to Work Institute, India". This is the second time the company has received this certification, the first time this status was given from December 2023 to December 2024.



7. Senior National Men's Handball Championship.

Kerala recently won the Senior National Men's Handball Championship title. They defeated Chandigarh 34-31 in the final to clinch their first national championship title. The final was held at Changanassery in Kerala, and Kerala reached the final for the first time, where they defeated Services in the semi-finals. Chandigarh defeated Indian Railways to reach the final.



8. Tamu Losar Festival.

Recently, Tamu Losar Festival was celebrated in Nepal, which is celebrated by the Gurung community. This festival is celebrated with great pomp especially in the Gurung populated districts of Nepal, including Lamjung, Gorkha, Tanahun, Syangja, Manang and Parbat. Tamu Losar is the New Year for the Gurung community of the upper hill and mountain regions of Nepal and is celebrated in the Nepali month of Push (December-January).



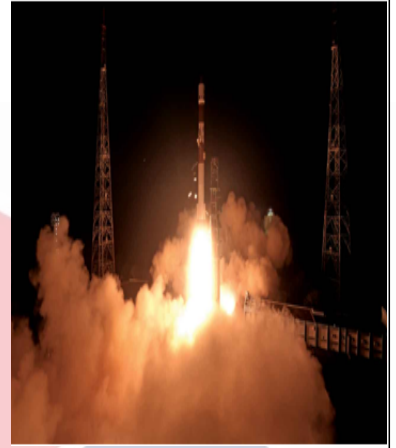


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1. Which mission has ISRO recently launched for space docking?

- A - SpaDex
- B - LUNER
- C - AARAMBH
- D - PSLV-C25

ISRO successfully launched the SpaDeX mission on December 30, 2024, demonstrating autonomous docking and undocking capabilities. The mission was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Center on a PSLV-C60 rocket and placed two small spacecraft SDX01 and SDX02 in low Earth orbit. The mission made India a global player in this field after Russia, the US and China.



2. Who has been appointed the new CEO of DBS Bank India?

- A - Rajat Sharma
- B - Rajat Verma
- C - Ashok Sharma
- D - Naveen Singhal

Rajat Verma has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India from March 1, 2025, taking over after Surojit Shome retires. Under Shome's leadership, DBS India has seen significant transformations, such as the launch of 'Digibank'. Verma has led DBS since joining DBS in June 2023 and the bank has been awarded the "Best Bank for Sustainable Finance India" award in 2024.



3. China has recently introduced the prototype of the world's fastest high-speed train. The train is -

- A - CR450
- B - MT-200
- C - CH-126
- D - DTX-100

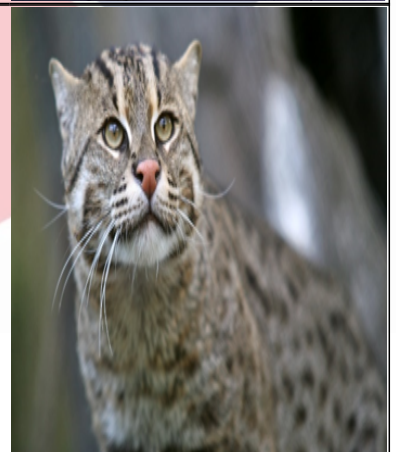
China introduced the prototype of CR 450, the world's fastest high-speed train, with test speeds reaching 450 km/h. It is faster than the CR 400 fursing trains and is a significant step in rail technology, improving speed, energy efficiency, safety and passenger comfort. The CR 450 has a maximum commercial speed of 400 km/h, and it has been developed after 200,000 km of tests.



4. Recently, the second census of fishing cats has been completed by the Wildlife Institute of India. In which wildlife sanctuary has it been completed?

- A - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary
- B - Simlipal
- C - Kaziranga
- D - Ranthambore Wildlife

The second census of fishing cats is being conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India in Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary under India's first fishing cat colouring project. Its objective is to study the behavior, habitat, food habits and area use of fishing cats. The number of fishing cats was 115 in 2018, but now it has increased significantly.



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5. When was SAIL established?

- A - 1954
B - 1955
C - 1956
D - 1957

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6. Who has recently won the National Men's Hockey Championship title?

- A - Haryana
B - Kerala
C - Punjab
D - Chhattisgarh

Kerala won its first title by defeating Chandigarh 34-31 in the Senior National Men's Handball Championship. The final took place in Changanassery, Kerala, where Kerala defeated Services in the semi-finals. Chandigarh made it to the final by defeating Indian Railways. Devendra of Kerala received the Best Player and Rahul the Best Goalkeeper awards.



7. Tamu Losar Festival is celebrated in which of the following countries?

- A - India
B - Nepal
C - Bhutan
D - Tibet

Tamu Losar Festival was recently celebrated in Nepal, which is celebrated by the Gurung community. The festival was celebrated with great pomp in Gurung populated districts of Nepal, such as Lamjung, Gorkha, Tanahun, Syangja, Manang and Parvat. Tamu Losar is the New Year for the Gurung community and is celebrated in the Nepali month of Push (December-January).



8. Where is Bhilai Steel Plant located?

- A - Chhattisgarh
B - Odisha
C - Jharkhand
D - Andhra Pradesh

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1. Which mission has ISRO launched for space docking? - **SpaDex**
2. The full form of PSLV is - **Poller Satellite Launch Vehicle**
3. Rajat Verma has been made the new CEO of which bank? - **DBS Bank of India**
4. Recently, which country has introduced the prototype of the world's fastest high-speed train? - **China**
5. The second census of which creature has been completed recently in Koringa Wildlife Sanctuary? - **Fishing Cat**
6. The scientific name of Fishing Cat is - **Prionailurus Viverrinus**
7. SAIL has received the status of which animal for the second time? - **"Great Place to Work"**
8. Kerala has won the title of Senior National Men's Handball Championship by defeating whom? - **-Chandigarh**
9. Recently, Tamu Losar festival was celebrated in Nepal, it is celebrated by which community? - **Gurung**
10. The full form of WAVES is - **World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit**

