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Important News: International

Nadia Calvino Appointed as New President of the European Investment Bank

Why in News:

- EU finance ministers have picked Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Nadia Calvino to become the next head of the European Investment Bank.

Key Points:

- Nadia Calvino replaces Dr. Werner Hoyer who has been President of the European Investment Bank since 2012.
- After holding senior posts in Spain's Economy Ministry, Nadia Calvino went to the European Commission in 2006, and in 2014 was appointed the Commission's director-general for the budget. She has been the chair of the IMF steering committee since December 2021.
- The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the European Union's investment bank and is owned by the 27 member states.
- The EIB was founded by the Treaty of Rome, which came into force on 1 January 1958.
- It was the first of the world's regional development banks and is sometimes referred to as the largest multilateral development bank (MDB).
- The EIB was established to facilitate equitable development in the EU through lending to regions that are less developed and to support the EU's internal market.
- The EIB is active in 140 countries throughout the world.

Source: Reuters



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Important News: National

ISRO's Satellite Set For Launch Aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 Rocket

Why in News:

- For the first time, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch a communication satellite on a SpaceX rocket.

Key Points:

- GSAT-20 (renamed as GSAT-N2) is a high-throughput Ka-band satellite.
- Ka-band satellites deliver high-speed broadband internet connectivity and digital video and audio transmission.
- GSAT-20, weighing 4,700 kg, offers HTS capacity of nearly 48Gpbs.
- The satellite has been specifically designed to meet the demanding service needs of remote/unconnected regions.
- NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), the ISRO's commercial arm, recently announced its plans to launch communication satellite GSAT-20 onboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.
- The launch is likely to take place in the second quarter of 2024.
- The high-capacity satellite aims to meet the broadband communication needs of the country.
- Falcon 9 is a reusable, two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX. It is the world's first orbital-class reusable rocket.

Source: Live Mint

Uttar Pradesh Leads In Implementing ICJS

Why in News:

- Uttar Pradesh has been ranked first for the third consecutive year in recording the highest entry rate on the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform.

Key Points:

- The Directorate of Prosecution Uttar Pradesh has recorded 1,56,22,514 entries on the ICJS platform so far.



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- The Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform was conceptualized by the Supreme Court's e-committee and implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The ICJS platform facilitates the seamless transfer of data and information among various pillars of the criminal justice system nationwide.
- It enables the exchange of data related to crimes and criminals between courts, police, jails, and forensic science laboratories through a single-window system.
- In addition to this, photographs, videos, documentary evidence, as well as court case data, and video recordings of court proceedings related to crimes and criminals, are also preserved on ICJS.
- Furthermore, it facilitates the enablement of judicial proceedings through video conferencing.

Source: Hindustan Times

Vice-Admiral Sanjay Singh Takes Over as Western Naval Command Chief in Mumbai

Why in News:

- Vice-Admiral Sanjay Singh takes over as Western Naval Command chief in Mumbai.

Key Points:

- Vice-Admiral Sanjay J Singh recently took charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the crucial Western Naval Command (WNC) headquartered in Mumbai.
- He took charge from Vice-Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi at a ceremony in INS Shikra.
- Prior to taking over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the WNC, Vice-Admiral Singh served as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff at Naval headquarters.
- Vice-Admiral Singh is a graduate of the Pune-based National Defence Academy and was commissioned in 1986 in the Executive Branch of the Navy.



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- He was the lead drafter for the Indian Navy's Maritime Doctrine, 2009, Strategic Guidance to Transformation, 2015, and the Indian Maritime Security Strategy, 2015.
- Vice-Admiral Singh specialized in navigation and direction in 1992 and attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course in the UK in 2000.
- He underwent the Naval Higher Command Course in 2009 at the Naval War College, Mumbai, and the National Security Strategy Course in 2012 at the National Defence College, Delhi.

Source: The Print

Puneet Chhatwal Appointed Chairman of FAITH

Why in News:

- Puneet Chhatwal has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH).

Key Points:

- Chhatwal is the managing director and chief executive officer at Indian Hotels Company Limited. He will also continue as the president of the Hotel Association of India (HAI), a position he was re-elected to in 2022.
- "With the support of all the members, I will strive to make FAITH a strong policy advocacy body on issues related to the tourism and hospitality industry and carry forward the legacy built by Mr Anand," said Chhatwal.
- Several national tourism and hotel associations like HAI, the Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India, and The Federation of Hotels & Restaurant Associations of India are members of FAITH.

Source: Business Standard



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Arif Mohammad Launches Book on “Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ak Sajhi Virast”

Why in News:

- Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad launched a book named "Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir Ak Sajhi Virast" at Rang Bhawan Auditorium, Delhi.

Key Points:

- The book launch ceremony was attended by prominent figures, including Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) president Alok Kumar and Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Treasurer Govind Giri Maharaj.
- The book, “Ram Mandir Rashtra Mandir A Common Heritage”, explores the complex relationship between Ram Mandir and national heritage.
- This book throws light on the historical, cultural and spiritual aspects associated with the construction and significance of Ram Mandir.

Source: ANI

Prof B R Kamboj Honoured With M S Swaminathan Award

Why in News:

- Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof B.R. Kamboj has been bestowed with the prestigious M.S. Swaminathan Award.

Key Points:

- Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof BR Kamboj has been conferred with the MS Swaminathan Award at the international conference held on ‘One Health, One World’ at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agriculture University in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- Thawar Chand Gehlot, the Governor of Karnataka, presented him this award.



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- A special committee, constituted for the M.S. Swaminathan Award, selected Prof. B.R. Kamboj for his excellent achievements in the field of education, research, technology development and extension in agricultural science.
- Vice Chancellor, Prof. B.R. Kamboj is well aware of the common problems, needs and socio-economical conditions of the farmers. The agricultural recommendations put forth by Prof. Kamboj, stemming from his research work and collaborative extension activities with university scientists, have consistently proven to be highly advantageous for farmers.
- Prof Kamboj has published about 300 research papers and articles in national and international journals, books and technical magazines.

Source: News on AIR

