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Cartosat-2 Satellite

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- ISRO is set to launch 28 commercial satellites along with CartoSat-2 in the upcoming month.
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- Cartosat is a series of **Earth Observation Satellites** placed in Polar Sun Synchronous Orbit (PSSO).
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- The objective is to provide high-resolution scene specific spot imagery.
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- The imageries from Cartosat-2 series satellite will useful for cartographic applications, urban and rural applications, coastal land use and regulation, utility management like road network monitoring, water distribution, creation of land use maps.
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- It will also be useful in various other Land Information System (LIS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) applications.
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International Energy Forum

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- The International Energy Forum (IEF) consists of 72 member countries, aims to foster greater mutual understanding and awareness of **common energy interests** among its members.
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- The Member Countries are signatories to the IEF Charter, which outlines the framework of the global energy dialogue through this inter-governmental arrangement.
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- Its member countries are accounting for around 90% of global supply and demand for oil and gas.
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- IEF is unique because it comprises not only countries of the IEA and OPEC, but also other major players outside of IEA and OPEC, including Argentina, China, India, Mexico, Russia and South Africa.
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- The Forum's biennial Ministerial Meetings are the world's largest gathering of Energy Ministers.
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- The IEF and the global energy dialogue are promoted by a permanent Secretariat in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
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Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable

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- IEF is promoting the Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER) which is a biennial event bringing together Energy Ministers and experts from Asian countries.
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- The seventh AMER is going to be held in Bangkok.
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- India is the current Chair of IEF.
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- It will host the 16th Ministerial Conference of the IEF in April 2018.
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Exercise Blue Flag

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- Blue Flag is a bi-annual multilateral exercise which aims to strengthen military cooperation amongst participating nations.
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- This year **Indian Air Force** will be a part of this exercise which is going to be conducted in Israel.
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- This is the first time the Indian Air Force is operating with Israeli Air Force in a multilateral exercise setting.
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- The exercise would provide a platform for sharing of knowledge, combat experience and in improving operational capability of the participating nations.

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Competition Commission of India

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- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002.
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- Competition Act, 2002 prohibits anti-competitive agreements.
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- It is the duty of the Commission to eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition, to promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.
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- CCI has recently found All India Film Employees Confederation (AIFEC) and three other producer associations to be in contravention of provisions of Section 3 of the Competition Act, 2002.
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- CCI has rejected the plea of the trade unions' that they are being governed only the provision of Trade Union Act, 1926.
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- It noted in its order that trade unions enjoy no immunity or exemption for their conduct which contravenes the provisions of the Competition Act.
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Rashtriya Ekta Shivir

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- Rashtriya Ekta Shivir (National Integration Camp) was organized recently as part of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).
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- The objective of the National Integration camp is to target and promote unity in diversity of nation.
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- The most unique feature of this camp is that the students from one state of the country represent the cultural diversity of another state of the country.
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- It represents the socio-economic aspects along with the art and culture of various states.
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Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan

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- Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) is a nationwide science talent search examination organized by Vigyan Prasar.
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- It is a unique initiative to give a boost to the learning of science, technology and mathematics among the youth-especially the school students.
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- Vigyan Prasar is an autonomous organisation under Department of Science and Technology and NCERT of Ministry of Human Resources and Development and Vijnana Bharati.
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- Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) is one of the largest science movements in the country led by eminent scientists.
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- It aims to inculcate and generate scientific temper, foster excellence in students and nurture and mentor them for their careers in pure sciences.
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