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PSLV-C51/Amazonia-1 Mission

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite along with 18 co-passenger satellites onboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C51).
- PSLV-C51 is the 53rd flight of PSLV and 3rd flight of PSLV in 'DL' configuration (with 2 solid strap-on boosters).
- **Orbit** - Sun synchronous polar orbit.
- The 18 co-passenger satellites onboard PSLV-C51 includes four from IN-SPACe and fourteen from NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL).
    a. 4 from IN-SPACe - 3 UNITYsats from the consortium of 3 Indian academic institutes and 1 Satish Dhawan Sat from Space Kidz India
    b. 14 satellites from NSIL - Satellites from India (1) and USA (13)
- These satellites are intended for providing Radio relay services.

Amazonia-1

- Amazonia-1 is the first dedicated commercial mission of NSIL, a Government of India Company under Department of Space.
- Amazonia-1 is the optical earth observation satellite of the **Brazil's** National Institute for Space Research (INPE).
- It would provide remote sensing data to users for monitoring deforestation in Amazon region and analysis of diversified agriculture across the Brazilian territory.

Dekho ApnaDesh Campaign

- DekhoApnaDesh is initiated by the Ministry of Tourism by releasing the content of the pledge during a function on Mygov platform.
- It promotes **domestic tourism** in India which is intended to enhance tourist footfalls in places of tourist interest - to develop local economy.
- During the lockdown period, the Tourism Ministry organised webinars on the overall theme of 'DekhoApnaDesh'.
- **Objective of the webinars** - To create awareness, provide and in-depth knowledge on and promote several tourism destinations in India.

One District One Focus Product

- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and Ministry of Food Processing Industries has finalized the products for One District One Focus Product (ODOFP).
- Products - Agricultural, horticultural, animal husbandry, poultry, milk, fisheries, aquaculture, marine and processed food sectors.
- These products - identified from 728 **districts across the country** - are finalized after taking inputs from States/UTs and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- They will be promoted in a **cluster approach** through convergence of the schemes, to increase the farmers' income and value of the products.
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will support ODOFP from its ongoing centrally sponsored schemes - MIDH, NFSM, RKVY, PKVY.
- Ministry of Food Processing Industries will support these products under the PM Formlisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme - provides incentives to promoter and micro-enterprises.
- This scheme needs to be implemented by State Governments.

Pagdi Sambhal Jatta

- Bhagat Singh's nephew says that farmer's protest against the three agrarian laws mirrors Pagdi Sambhal Jatta movement of 1907.
- In 1906, the British passed three detrimental agrarian laws - Doab Bari Act, Punjab Land Colonisation Act, Punjab Land Alienation Act.
- In 1906-1907, Ajit Singh (Bhagat Singh's uncle) started the 'Pagdi Sambhal Jatta' agitation with Lala Lajpat Rai, Kishan Singh (Bhagat Singh's father), Ghasita Ram and others to get the laws repealed.
- The laws enraged the farmers, which led to unrest across Punjab, with the British government ultimately cancelling the three laws.

Etikoppaka Bommalu

- Etikoppaka is a small village located on the banks of the river Varaha in Vishakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh.
- Etikoppaka Bommalu (or Etikoppaka toys), which have Geographical Indication (GI) Tag, are the toys made of **soft wood** in this region.
- They are also called as lacquer toys because of application of **Turned Wood Lacquer Coating**.
- They are coloured with natural dyes derived from seeds, lacquer, bark, roots and leaves.

Channapatna Toys

- These are a particular form of wooden toys (and dolls) that are made in

Channapatna town in Ramanagara district, Karnataka.

- Due to the popularity of this geographical indication (GI) tagged toys, Channapatna is known as **Gombegala Ooru** (toy-town) of Karnataka.
- This toy is made by **lacquering** the Wrightia tinctoria wood (Aale mara or ivory-wood) or sandalwood or rosewood.
- The origin of these toys can be traced to the reign of Tipu Sultan who invited artisans from Persia to train the local artisans in toy making.
- Bavas Miyan is the father of Channapatna Toy, who used Japanese technology for toys making.

Nirmal Art

- Nirmal Art is 400-year-old rich tradition that encompasses wood toys and attractive duco paintings (Shiny paintings) as well as furniture.
- This traditional art has a geographical indication (GI) tag.
- Nirmal wooden toys are exclusively made in Nirmal town in Adilabad district of Telangana.
- Rajasthan's Naqqash families, who migrated during 17th century, brought this art to Nirmal. It flourished due to the legacy of Hyderabad Nizam.
- These toys were made of finely carved softwood called Ponki chekka or white sander. They are even painted in enamel colours.

Other toys:

- Wooden toys and dolls of Varanasi, Budhni and Chitrakoot
- Clay toys of Rajasthan
- Doll of East Medinipur, Dingla and Dingli of the Kutch
- Terracotta toys of Dhubri-Assam

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