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Welcome to ISpA Newsletter, a trusted conduit for illuminating the latest strategic endeavours, technological innovations, and industry insights shaping the future of sustainable space exploration.

Highlights of the month

- Watch: India's 21st Century Pushpak 'Viman' Successfully Launched
- 100% FDI In Space Sector | India Space Hub Gamechanger?
- 2024 Interim Budget | Space gets nominal hike, likely boost for spaceflight start-ups
- ISRO set to disrupt the global space business; official decodes gameplan
- Space Frontiers: India Has An Ambitious Blueprint For Its New Security Dimension
- Exploring Mars with a drone! ISRO to send a rotocraft to explore the red planet's atmosphere
- Tamil Nadu Announces New Space Industrial and Propellant Park to Boost Space Technology
- Burden of power: On India's astronauts and the Indian space policy
- Meet 4 astronauts selected for India's space mission 'Gaganyaan'
- More women should pursue careers in space research: Indian-American scientist Swati Mohan
- Japan's Moon lander achieves successful soft landing, resumes operations
- Moon landing: US clinches first touchdown in 50 years

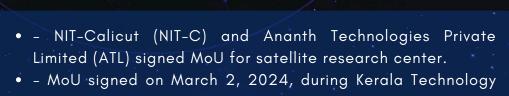
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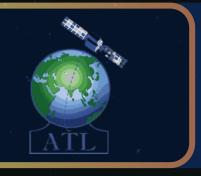
- - MapmyIndia wins drone mapping contract with logistics company, eyes recurring revenue.
- - CEO sees drone inspections becoming standard, leading to upselling opportunities.
- - Investment in Indrones Solutions noted in financials for drone pillar development.
- - Digital banks in South Africa go live on Eutelsat OneWeb's LEO service for real-time financial data transmission.
- - Intelsat invests \$250 million in Eutelsat's OneWeb LEO constellation for expanded connectivity solutions.
- Sat One activates services in Australia and New Zealand with Eutelsat OneWeb's LEO constellation, providing highspeed connectivity to remote areas.
- Gogo Business Aviation achieves end-to-end connectivity using Gogo Galileo on Eutelsat OneWeb's LEO network, revolutionizing in-flight broadband for business jets.



- - IIT-Madras incubated startup AgniKul Cosmos to launch 3D printed sub-orbital rocket Agnibaan SOrTeD from its private launchpad at Sriharikota later this month.
- - The rocket, weighing 580 kilograms, will carry up to 7 kg of payloads and aims to reach a height of 20 kilometers above the Earth in its first flight.
- The launch, originally scheduled for Friday, has been postponed due to technical issues observed during countdown rehearsals; new launch date to be announced.



Center aims to equip students and researchers in space research, open to broader participation.



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- - Bellatrix Aerospace founders Rohan Ganapathy and Yashas Karanam began their journey after a letter from Abdul Kalam.
- - Named after a star in Orion, Bellatrix aims for space exploration.
- - In 2012, inspired by a visit to NASA, Ganapathy started work on a water-propelled engine.
- Kalam's recommendation letter and a grant from JSW Steel supported their project.
- - Their first in-space propulsion system was launched in 2023.





- - Centum Electronics gains 1.98% after securing a Rs 187 crore order for space-based electronic warfare payloads from DRDO.
- - Contract to be executed within 16 months; Centum specializes in electronic system design and manufacturing for aerospace, defense, and industrial sectors.
- - Reported consolidated net profit of Rs 7.25 crore in Q3 FY24, with sales rising by 52.37% over the previous year.
- Dhruva Space extends collaboration with Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) to satellite ground station networks for LEAP-1 mission.
- - Collaboration aims to ensure success, safety, and operational integrity of satellite missions during the Launch Early Orbit Phase (LEOP).
- Dhruva Space's expertise in full-stack space solutions combined with SSC's experience in ground station operations to accelerate growth of new space industries initiatives.



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- - Hughes Network Systems to deploy Jupiter System for broadband connectivity in Kazakhstan's remote villages.
- - Over 200 villages to benefit from internet access and e-Government services under 'Digital Kazakhstan' program.
- Contract fulfilled through Timir LLP; financial details undisclosed.
- - Jupiter System offers efficient software-defined networking and high-speed terminals.
- SatSure and subsidiary KaleidEO partner with ReOrbit to innovate in Earth Observation.
- - KaleidEO provides advanced imaging technology, while SatSure offers downstream solutions.
- Integration enhances mission efficiency and enables networking of EO constellations.





- Skyroot Aerospace tests Stage-2 of Vikram-1 space launch vehicle, Kalam-250, at ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre.
- Stage-2 crucial for transitioning from atmospheric phase to outer space.
- Test records peak sea-level thrust of 186 kN, with vacuum thrust estimated at 235 kN.
- Kalam-250 features carbon composite rocket motor and solid fuel with EPDM Thermal Protection System.



Date and Achievement: March 22, 2024 - ISRO's milestone in reusable launch vehicle (RLV) technology with successful RLV LEX-02 landing experiment at Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga.

Mission Overview: Following RLV-LEX-01, RLV-LEX-02 showcased Pushpak's autonomous landing capabilities from off-nominal conditions, lifted by an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter.

Autonomous Landing Process: Pushpak released at 4.5 km altitude autonomously corrected cross-range and downrange parameters to precisely land on the runway, employing brake parachute and landing gear systems for a controlled stop.

Simulation of High-speed Landing Conditions: Mission simulated high-speed landing conditions for space-returning vehicles, validating indigenous navigation, control systems, and landing gear.

Reuse Capability: Reuse capability of flight hardware, certified post-RLV-LEX-01, was demonstrated, aligning with ISRO's cost-effective exploration ethos.

Enhancements for Future Missions: Airframe and landing gear enhancements, informed by RLV-LEX-01 insights, fortified Pushpak for future missions.

Acknowledgment and Praise: Chairman S Somanath and Director S Unnikrishnan Nair praised flawless execution, underscoring mission's criticality for future orbital re-entry endeavors.

Leadership and Team Synergy: Guided by Programme Director Sunil P and led by Project Director J Muthupandian, the team's synergy ensured success.

 Contributions from Agencies: Contributions from agencies like ISTRAC and SDSC-SHAR were pivotal, emphasizing ISRO's collective stride towards advancing autonomous landing capabilities and space exploration.

Updates



Objective and Budget Allocation: With a budget of Rs 750 crore spanning from 2023–24 to 2025–26, ADITI aims to develop approximately 30 critical technologies within the defence sector. Its primary objective is to bridge the gap between defence requirements and the innovation ecosystem.

Key Features and Focus Areas: The scheme also aims to create a 'Technology Watch Tool' and has unveiled 17 challenges in collaboration with various branches of the armed forces, focusing on critical defence challenges.

Emphasis on Technological Edge and Self-Reliance: Shri Rajnath Singh emphasized the significance of achieving a technological edge and self-reliance to make independent decisions on global issues. He stressed the need for a knowledge society and highlighted the importance of research and development (R&D) in achieving these goals.

Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC): In conjunction with ADITI, the 11th edition of the Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) was unveiled, presenting 22 problem statements aimed at fostering innovation within the defence sector.

Government's Commitment and Efforts: The Government's commitment to promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance in defence production was reiterated. Various measures, including earmarking 75% of defence capital procurement for Indian companies, were highlighted to encourage domestic manufacturing.

Partnerships and Investments: As part of ongoing efforts to foster investment in defence start-ups, iDEX announced Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with new investors under the iDEX Investors Hub (IIH), facilitating increased investment in defence start-ups.

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ISpA Activities

Inauguration of IN-SPACe Technical Center at Bopal, Gujarat and meeting with Minister of State

March 05, 2024: DG ISpA attended the inauguration of IN-SPACe Technical Center by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh. A pioneering technical center in Ahmedabad, representing a significant advancement in India's space sector. Established by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), this center aims to revolutionize private sector involvement in space technology development and testing.



IntelSat: Closer Connections

Intelsat's "Closer Connections" event successfully concluded in New Delhi on March 13, 2024. The complimentary event focused on regional market trends and cost-effective connectivity solutions, featuring presentations, technology displays, and networking opportunities for attendees from the media, mobility, civil aviation, and networks sectors.



The ET Telecom 5G 6G Congress 2024

On March 14, 2024, at ITC Maurya in Delhi, the flagship telecom industry conference was attended by top government and regulatory officials and global senior industry executives. The panelists discussed 'Monetisation: Making 5G Work for Enterprise Verticals', 'Network Transformation: 5G-Advanced & Beyond', 'Making a Robust 5G Device Ecosystem', and '6G: A Real Opportunity for India to Shape the Global Standards Framework'.





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NASSCOM StartUp Mahakumbh

Startup Mahakumbh in New Delhi from March 18-20, 2024, united India's startup ecosystem. Featuring innovative startups, mentorship clinics, and a 'Bharat Innovates' theme, the event connected entrepreneurs with investors and partners. With a Future Entrepreneurs Day inspiring students, it drew 40,000 business visitors over three days. DG ISpA spoke on Rethinking Research Funding Models for DeepScience Advancements



Voice & Data – 23rd Edition of the Telecom Leadership Forum & Awards

DG ISpA spoke at the The 23rd edition of Voice&Data's flagship Telecom Leadership Forum (TLF) on March 21, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.

The event, focused on 'Envisioning the Connected Future,' brought together industry leaders, policymakers, technologists, and influencers to discuss advancements telecommunication in platforms, technologies, mobile and infrastructure, with Mukesh D Ambani receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award and K Rajaraman being honored as the Telecom Person of the Year for 2023.



2nd Air HQ- CAPS Air Capsule

Director ISpA, spoke on the engagement of the Indian Space Industry with Defence Services during the 2nd Air HQ - CAPS Space capsule organised by the Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi.





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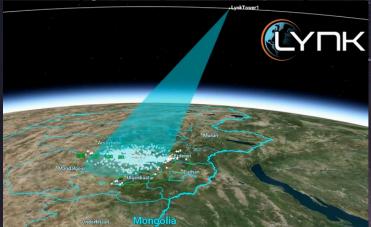
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