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Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch two satellites tonight from Sriharikota to demonstrate docking and undocking of spacecraft in orbit, which will make India the fourth country in the world to achieve the feat. ISRO's warhorse rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle will place the two satellites - SDX01 and SDX02, in a 476-km circular orbit and attempt the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDEx) in the first week of January. The SpaDEx mission is expected to be a stepping stone for India's future endeavours in space exploration which include getting rocks and soil from the moon on Earth, the proposed Bharatiya Antariksha Station and landing an astronaut on the lunar surface. Only the US, Russia and China have mastered space docking technologies. The secondary objective of the mission includes demonstration of the transfer of electric power between the docked spacecraft, which is essential for future applications such as in-space robotics; composite spacecraft control and payload operations after undocking.

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The Maha Kumbh is going to be held in Prayagraj from the 13th of January. Addressing the nation in his Mann ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said no discrimination is done and such unity in diversity is not witnessed anywhere else in the world. He stated that Kumbh is also the Maha Kumbh of unity. Mr. Modi urged people to embrace the spirit of unity while participating in the Maha Kumbh. He also called upon them to pledge to annihilate the feelings of division and hatred in the society.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shared that for the first time, the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit, WAVES Summit, is going to be organised in India next year. In his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, he said that during the WAVES summit, giants from the media and entertainment industry and people from the creative world will come to India. He said this summit is an important step towards making India a hub of global content creation.

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He expressed pride that young creators of the country are joining with full enthusiasm in the preparations for this summit. Mr Modi stated that as India is moving towards a 5 trillion dollar economy, the creator economy is bringing in new energy. He urged the entire entertainment and creative industry of India to be a part of the WAVES summit.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh yesterday called upon the Armed Forces to continue keeping a vigilant eye on the current geopolitical scenario, and always remain alert and ready to deal with any kind of threats. Interacting with all ranks of the three institutes at Army War College during Badakhana in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, he lauded the valuable contribution of the training institutions of the Indian Army in making the personnel proficient in military strategies and skills of warfare. Mr. Singh was on a visit to the three Premier Training Institutes. He was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other senior officers of the Indian Army.

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In South Korea plane crash, death toll has gone upto 179 out of 181 people onboard on Jeju Air flight. The dead included all 175 passengers and 4 crew members. Two crew members were rescued. South Korea's acting president, Choi Sang-mok, has declared a period of national mourning until 4 January over the plane crash. The disaster struck when the Boeing 737-800 flight was arriving at Muan International Airport yesterday morning.

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The International Cricket Council has announced the nominees for the ICC awards 2024. Indian Pacer Arshdeep Singh has been named among the nominees for the T20I Cricketer of the Year award, joining Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, Pakistan's Babar Azam and Australia's Travis Head. Arshdeep starred in the T20 World Cup triumph for India and took 36 wickets in T20 Internationals, this year.

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