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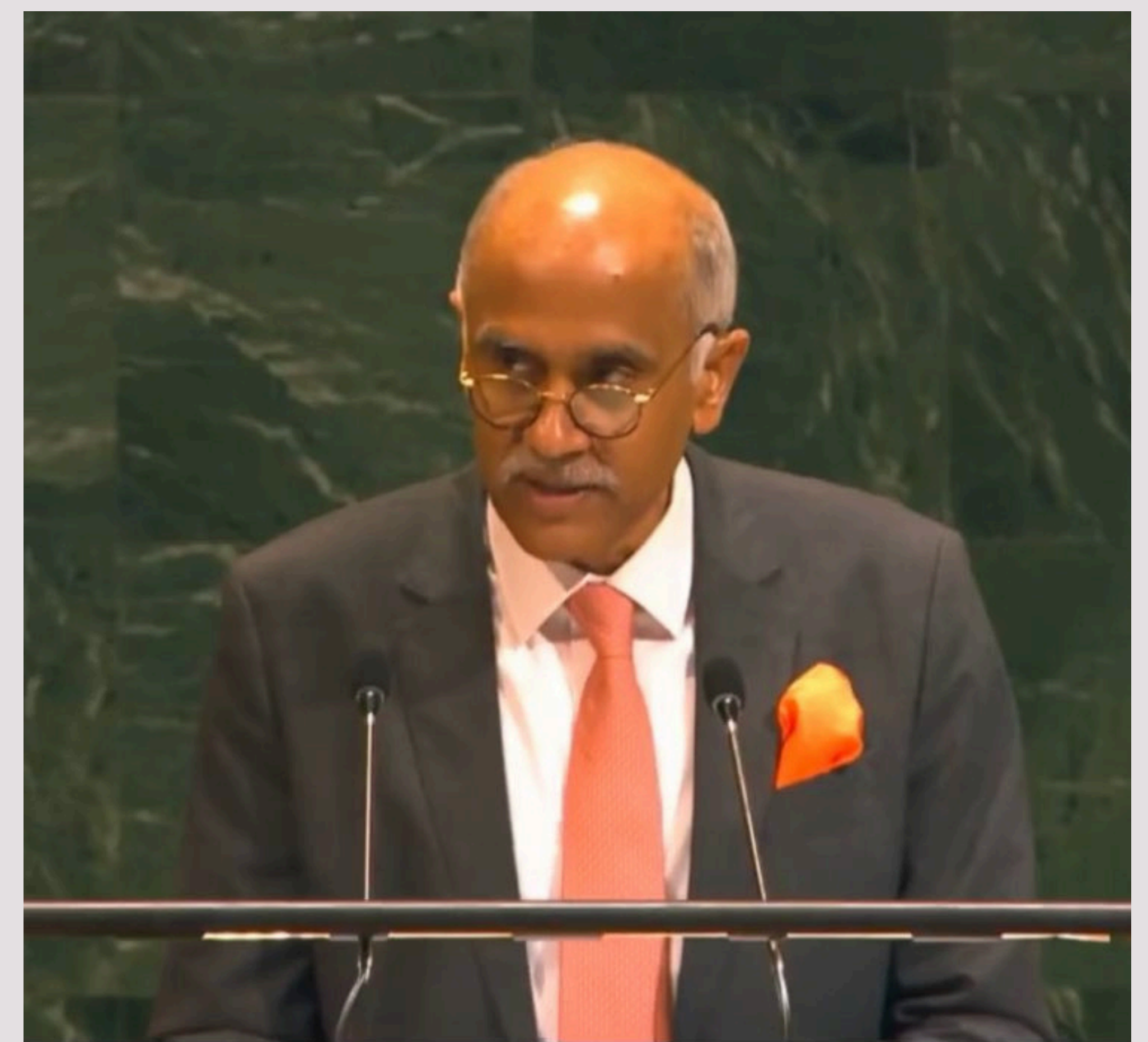
INDIA'S THIRD VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW AT THE UN HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2025

India presented its third Voluntary National Review on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN's High-Level Political Forum, reaffirming India's commitment to the 2030 Agenda. The report showcases transformative progress in poverty reduction, food security, health, clean energy, infrastructure, and innovation. It highlights India's leadership in Digital Public Infrastructure, its strong monitoring tools like the SDG India Index, and its growing global role in South-South Cooperation.

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INDIA BACKS TWO-STATE SOLUTION, CALLS FOR CEASEFIRE AND AID TO GAZA

India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations reaffirmed the country's support for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict and called for urgent humanitarian aid in Gaza. Speaking at the High-Level International Conference on 'The Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution' in New York, India stressed the need for direct engagement between the parties and also called for an immediate ceasefire and urged that humanitarian assistance remain outside political or conflict considerations.



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INDIA'S HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA CONTINUES

India's continued its humanitarian support to the people of Syria by handing over a consignment of 5 MT of essential life saving medicines, including anti-cancer, antibiotics and anti-hypertensives to Syria.

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UNSC MONITORING REPORT MENTIONS TRF'S ROLE IN THE PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

UN Security Council (UNSC), in its thirty-sixth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, for the first time mentioned The Resistance Front (TRF)'s role in the Pahalgam terror attack on 22 April 2025.



United Nations

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INDIA'S PARTICIPATION IN BRICS CULTURE MINISTERS' MEETING

On 26 May 2025 in Brasília, under Brazil's chairship, the BRICS Ministers of Culture convened to reinforce cultural cooperation under the theme "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance." The meeting reaffirmed past commitments and called for deepened collaboration across cultural and creative industries, copyright, AI governance, and the return of cultural property.

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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

INDIA'S FOREX RESERVES RISE TO US\$ 698.19 BILLION

India's foreign exchange reserves increased to reach US\$ 698.19 billion for the week ending July 25, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The rise was led by foreign currency assets, which went up to \$588.93 billion. These assets, expressed in dollar terms, include the impact of changes in the value of other major currencies such as the Euro, Pound, and Yen held in the reserves.



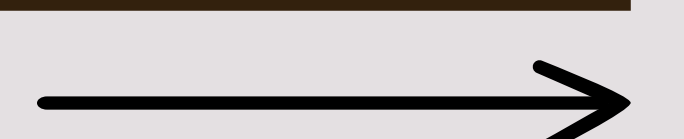
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MANUFACTURING TO RESEARCH, INDIA PLAYING KEY ROLE IN NEW FOLDABLE SERIES: SAMSUNG

President and CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia -Mr. JB Park said that, from local manufacturing to research and development, India has a significant role in the development of the new Samsung foldable series. According to him, the company engineers from the Bengaluru R&D facility have contributed significantly in the development of new Z Fold7 and the Z Flip7 devices.

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TOP 12 INDIAN SEZs FOR GLOBAL INVESTORS

Invest India, a not-for-profit company under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), listed some of the key Indian Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in particular that investors should pay attention to. SEZs in India are purpose-built zones that provide investors and enterprises with an industrial location featuring distinct advantages through sector-based clusters and a supportive policy framework for companies aiming to serve both Indian and international markets. India currently has 276 operational SEZs, which were responsible for US\$ 172.27 Bn of exports in FY 2024-25.



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SECTORS IDENTIFIED FOR INVESTMENT IN INDIA'S NORTH EAST

India's Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) organized Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 to catalyze trade and investment in the North Eastern Region. The focus sectors of the summit identified for attracting investment in the North Eastern Region were Tourism and Hospitality; Agro-Food Processing & allied sectors; Textiles, Handloom and Handicrafts; Healthcare; Education and Skill Development; IT/ITeS; Entertainment & Sports; Infrastructure and Logistics; and Energy.



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IMF REVISES INDIA'S GDP GROWTH UPWARD TO 6.4% FOR FY26 AND FY27

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s latest World Economic Outlook report, India is projected to register a GDP growth of 6.4% in both FY26 and FY27, with the IMF revising its earlier forecast slightly upward. The revision reflects a more benign external environment than what was assumed in its April forecast. For the current fiscal year, the IMF has raised India's GDP growth forecast by 20 basis points (bps) to 6.4 per cent. It has also revised its FY27 forecast upward by 10 bps, bringing it to the same level.



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DEVELOPMENT OF PASHMINA

Government of India through Central Wool Development Board has been implementing Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the development of Wool Sector including component for Pashmina Wool development for Union Territory of Ladakh. Under IWDP for development of Pashmina Wool, an amount of approximately US\$ 2.5 million has been released to Implementing Agencies.

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GROWTH OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN 2025

The overall exports of India Textiles & Apparel Industry (including Handicrafts), achieved a growth of 5% during 2024-25 (US\$ 37,754 Mn) as compared to preceding year 2023-24 (US\$ 35,874 Mn). With a view to enhance investments, generating employment opportunities and boosting exports in the textile sector, India has implemented the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP) to provide support for setting up textile parks with world-class, state-of-the-art infrastructure in textile hubs across the country.

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GREEN ENERGY & EV PUSH

INDIA'S FIRST GREEN HYDROGEN PLANT IN PORT SECTOR AT KANDLA

In a landmark step towards sustainability, India's first Make-in-India Green Hydrogen Plant was commissioned in the port sector at Kandla, Gujarat. The project marks a major stride in the nation's efforts to achieve its Net-Zero emissions target. The establishment of this green hydrogen plant is expected to play a pivotal role in reducing carbon emissions and promoting clean energy solutions in India's maritime and logistics sectors.

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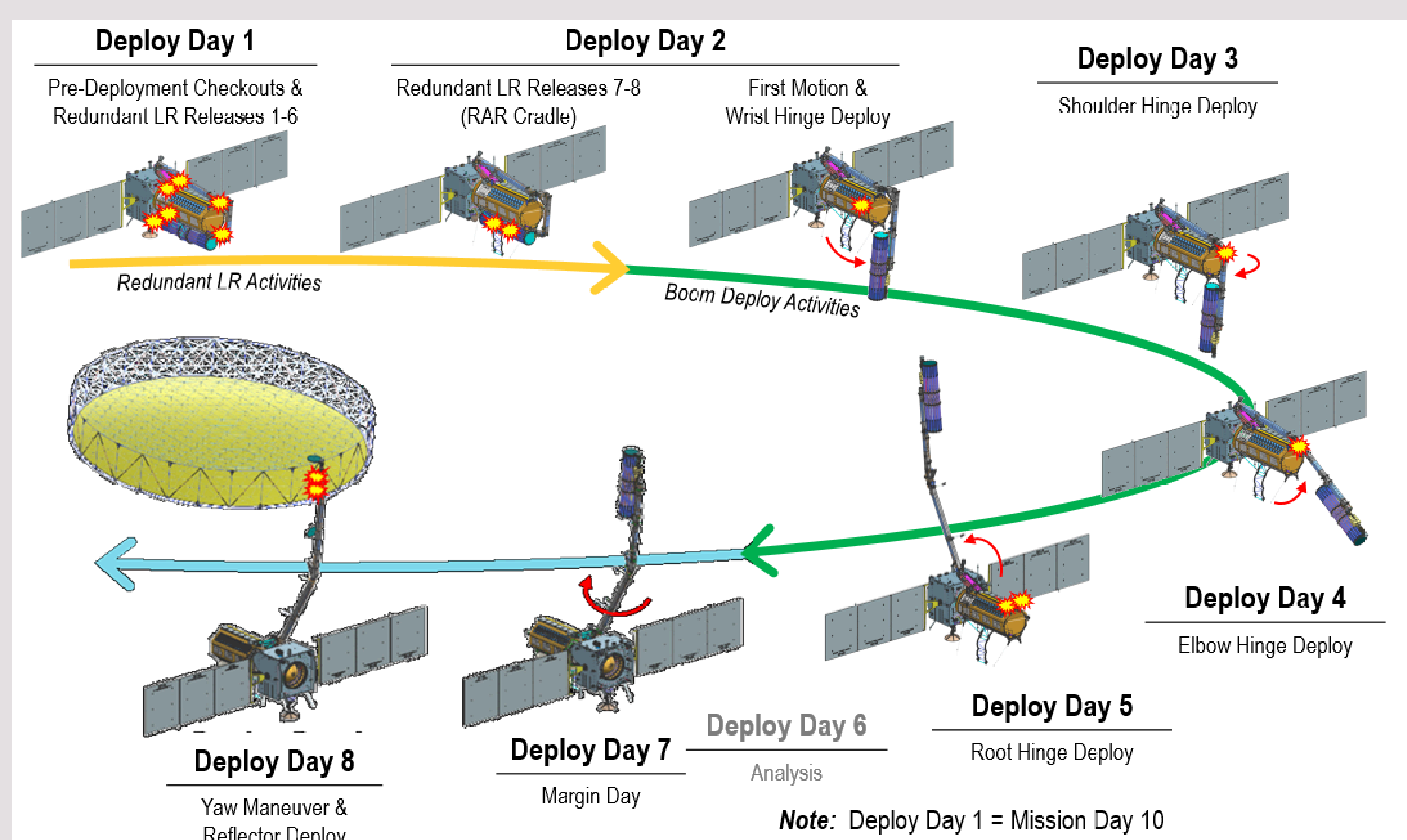
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES FOR THE WISE USE OF WETLANDS

India's Resolution on 'Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the wise use of Wetlands' has been adopted at Ramsar CoP15 in Zimbabwe. The maiden resolution of India received overwhelming support from Contracting Parties and International Organization Partners. 172 Countries and 6 International Organization Partners have thus joined hands in adopting India's ethos of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) in the conservation of their Wetlands.



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NISAR TO REVOLUTIONIZE EARTH OBSERVATION WITH PRECISION, GLOBAL DATA ACCESS

ISRO and NASA successfully launched NISAR satellite from Sriharikota, India. It is a landmark in Indo-US scientific collaboration and a "global benchmark" in Earth observation. The historic GSLV-F16 launch is the first time this rocket placed a satellite into Sun-synchronous orbit. NISAR, equipped with dual-frequency radars from both agencies, will provide high-resolution, all-weather data on Earth's surface for critical applications like disaster management, climate monitoring, agriculture, and infrastructure planning.

INDIA POST NEARS FULL DIGITIZATION AS OVER 86,000 POST OFFICES GO DIGITAL

In a sweeping digital overhaul of one of the world's largest postal networks, over 86,000 post offices across India have been digitized under India Post's IT 2.0 transformation initiative. The remaining post offices, taking the total to approximately 165,000, are set to be fully digitized by August 4, marking a historic milestone in the Department of Posts' journey toward becoming India's leading public logistics and digital commerce enabler.



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INDIA TO HOST AI IMPACT SUMMIT IN FEBRUARY 2026

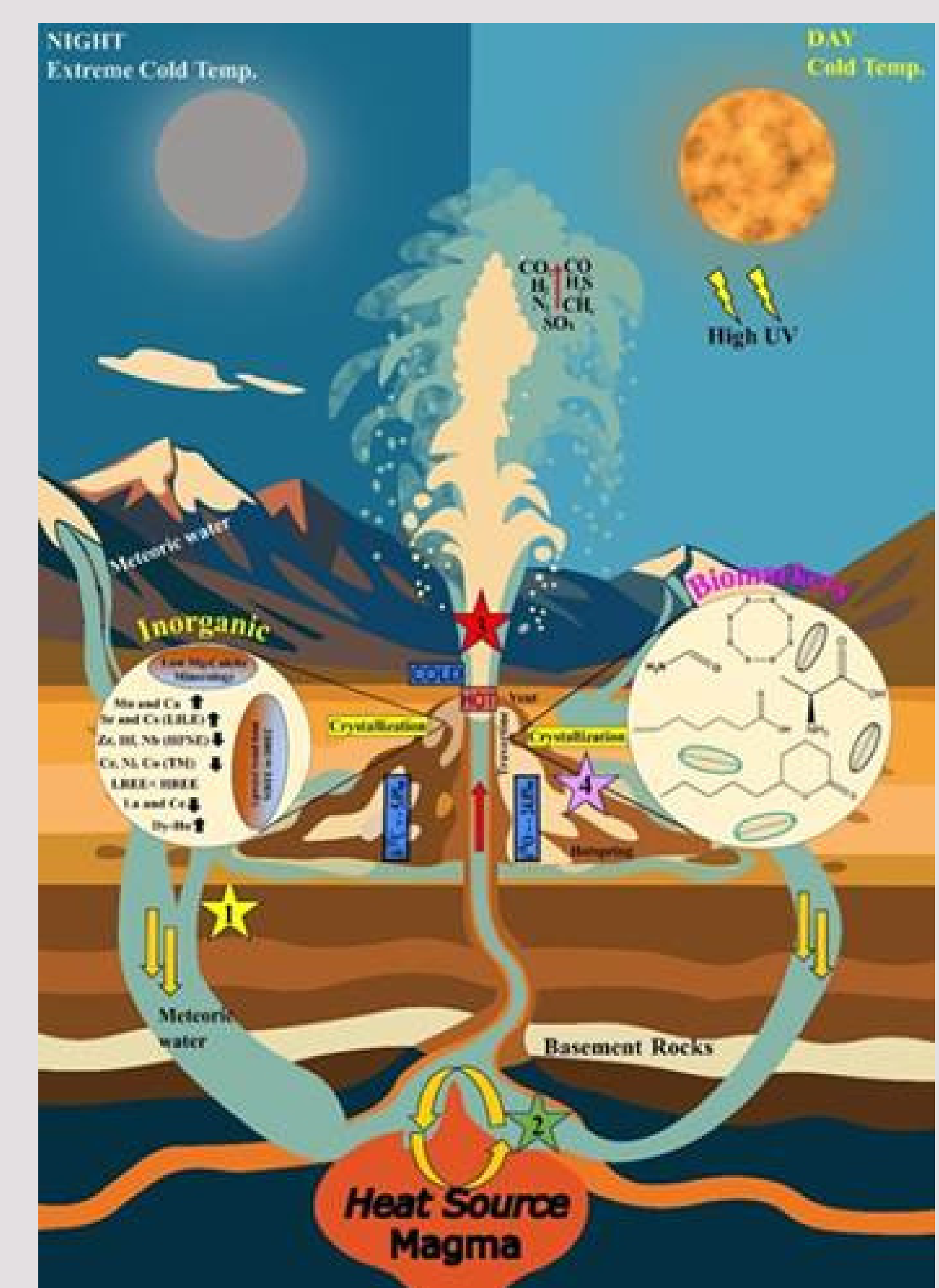
India is set to host AI Impact Summit in February 2026, focusing on democratizing AI to solve real-world challenges across sectors. India is currently developing techno-legal approach to regulate AI, Funds R&D at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) for deepfake detection, privacy enhancement and cybersecurity. The focus is also on building indigenous foundational and language models trained on local data to support key sectors like healthcare, agriculture and governance and for better understanding of local context and dialects.

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DECODING LADAKH'S HOT SPRINGS COULD HELP TRACE THE ORIGINS OF LIFE ON EARLY EARTH AND MARS

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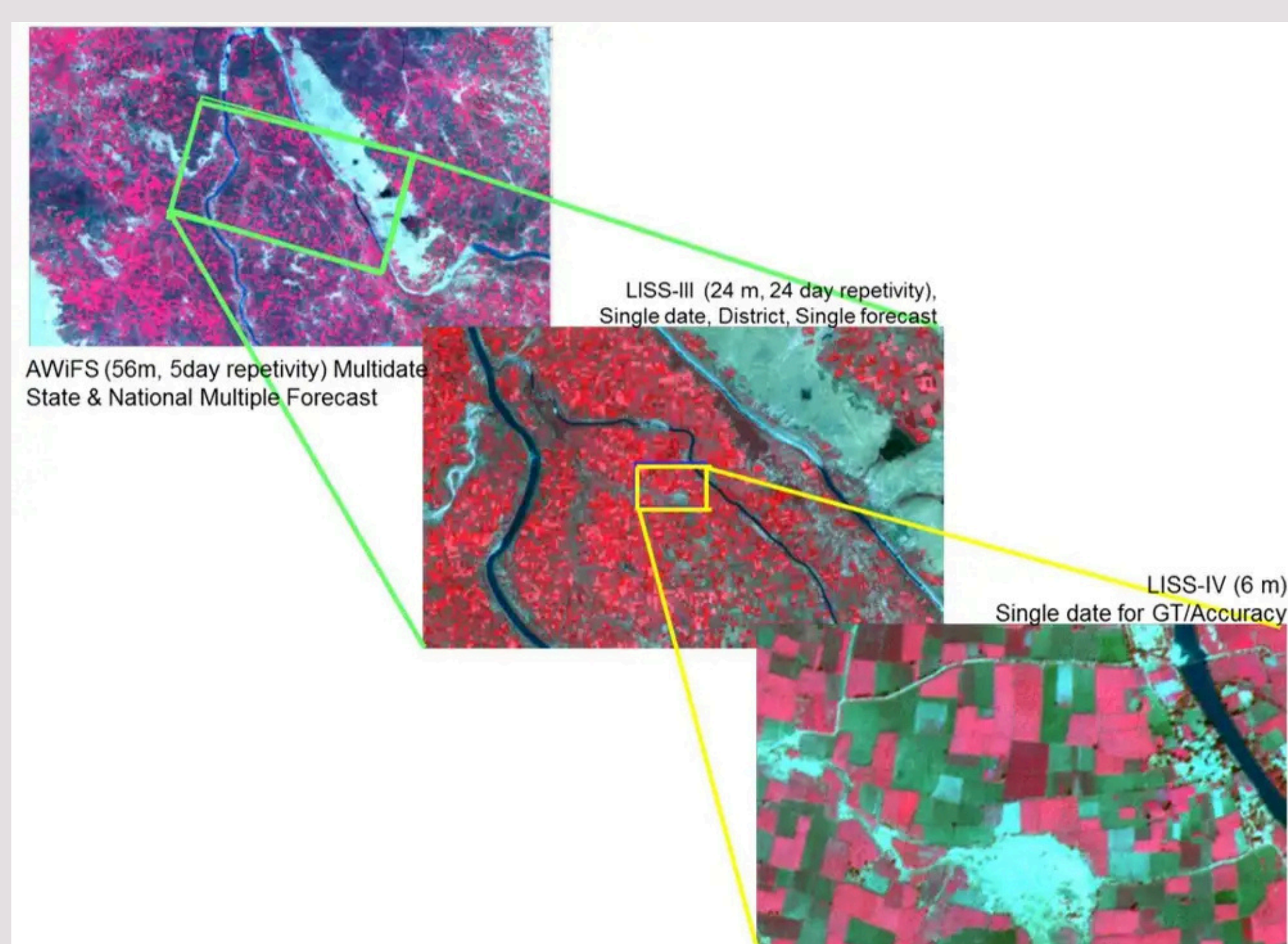
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SPACE TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

India is using space technology for the various agricultural activities which include FASAL project (Forecasting Agricultural output using Space, Agro-meteorology and Land based observations), Drought Monitoring and providing other technological support to various Government schemes. A Geoportal was developed in collaboration with Space Applications Centre, Indian Space Research Organization, Ahmedabad. which hosts data of indicators related to rainfall, soil moisture, remote sensing-based crop condition, water storages, etc. Space technology is also being used for Smart Sampling for Crop Cutting Experiments and yield estimation.

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