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NATIONAL NEWS

- Government has successfully installed 10 lakh smart meters across India under the Government of India's **Smart Meter National Programme (SMNP)**.
 - The announcement was made by the Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, New & Renewable Energy R.K. Singh. The Minister inaugurated commissioning of 100 MW decentralized solar power plants connected to agriculture feeders in Maharashtra.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - The SMNP scheme is being implemented by **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**
 - EESL is an energy service company of GoI. It functions under the Ministry of Power, India.
 - Chairman: Rajeev Sharma
 - MD: Saurabh Kumar
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** sanctioned an amount of **Rs.400.64 crore** to the **Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir** during the **current financial year**.
 - The aim is to boost the infrastructure in rural areas. The funding is a part of the NABARD's 'Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-Trench XXV' which aims at augmenting rural infrastructure.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - NABARD Headquarters Mumbai, India
 - NABARD Chairman Chintala Govinda Rajulu

SCIENCE & TECH UPDATES

- **India will launch** its **Geo Imaging Satellite (GISAT-1)** with its **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV- F10)** on March 5.

- According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), its GSLV-F10 rocket carrying the GISAT-1 is expected to lift off at 5.43 p.m. on March 5.
- The launch is subject to the weather conditions, the space agency added.
- **Related Keys:**
 - Design life 7 years
 - Launch mass 2268 kg
 - Power 2037 W

SPORTS

- Indian men's doubles pair of Achanta Sharath Kamal and Gnanasekaran Sathiyam clinched the silver medal at the **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)** World Tour Hungarian Open under Men's doubles category.
 - Kamal and Sathiyam defeated top seeds Ho Kwan Kit and Wong Chun Ting of Hong Kong 3-2 in the semi-finals.
 - **Related Keys:**
 - Hungarian Open Founded on: 2010
 - Held at: Budapest, Hungary

AWARDS

- **Adline Castelino won the LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020 title.** She was crowned by Vartika Singh, Miss Diva Universe 2019, at an event held on Mumbai.
 - The event was held on 22 February. Castelino was followed by Aavriti Choudhary of Jabalpur. Choudhary was bestowed with the

title of Miss Diva Supranational by her predecessor Shefali Sood.

○ **Related Keys:**

- Miss Diva Universe Formation 2013
- Miss Diva Universe Headquarters Mumbai

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Counterfeit** : made in exact imitation of something valuable with the intention to deceive or defraud.
 - Synonyms : fake, faked, copied, forged
 - Antonyms : genuine, real, true.

- **Spectacularly**: in an impressive, dramatic, or eye-catching way.
 - Synonyms : amazing, astonishing, astounding, breathtaking.
 - Antonyms : normal, ordinary, regular, unspectacular, usual.

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