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National and International News

SEBEX 2	Why in the news? • India has successfully developed and certified SEBEX 2.
	About SEBEX 2: ■ Description: SEBEX 2 is one of the most powerful non-nuclear explosives in the world. ■ Composition: Utilizes a high-melting explosive (HMX) formulation. ■ TNT Equivalence:
	 SEBEX 2 is approximately 1.01 times more deadly than standard TNT (Trinitrotoluene). Explosive performance is measured by TNT equivalence; higher values indicate greater lethality. Manufacturing:
	 Manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), Nagpur, a subsidiary of Solar Industries. Developed under the Make in India initiative. Certification: Evaluated, tested, and certified by the Indian Navy under its Defence Export Promotion Scheme.
Al washing	Why in the news? • Recently, it was revealed that many tech companies and startups are marketing themselves as using AI, but are not actually doing so. This practice is known as "AI washing."
	 About Al washing: Al Washing: Exaggerating or lying about a product or service's use of artificial intelligence (Al) to appear more advanced. Objective: Capitalize on the interest in Al. Make offerings seem more cutting-edge than they are. Examples: A company claims their chatbot is "Powered by the latest Al technology" but it only matches keywords with pre-written responses.
	 Businesses claim Al integration when using less sophisticated technology. Origins: Derived from "greenwashing," where companies exaggerate their environmental friendliness.
Deep Brain Stimulation Device	Why in the news? • A UK-based teenager, Oran Knowlson, has become the first person globally to be fitted with a brain implant using a deep brain stimulation (DBS) device to help control his epileptic seizures.

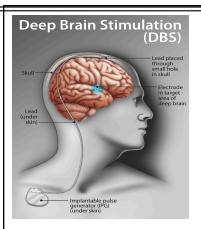




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About Deep Brain Stimulation Device:

- The device uses **Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)**, a technique also **used for movement disorders associated with Parkinson's** and other **neurological conditions**.
- Working: The neurostimulator delivers constant electrical impulses to the brain to disrupt or block abnormal seizure-causing signals.
- Post-Surgery:
 - The device was switched on after Knowlson recovered from surgery.
 - o It can be recharged by a wireless headphone.

New Shepard Spacecraft



Why in the news?

 Jeff Bezos-led Blue Origin has partnered with the Space Exploration and Research Agency (SERA) to offer common Indian citizens the opportunity to travel into space aboard the New Shepard spacecraft.

About New Shepard Spacecraft:

- Name and Inspiration: Named after Alan Shepard, the first American in space.
- Design: Fully reusable rocket system designed for human spaceflight.
- Components:
 - Reusable booster
 - Pressurized crew capsule
- Journey Details:
 - 11-minute flight beyond the Karman line.
 - Passengers experience several minutes of weightlessness.
 - Controlled descent back to Earth aided by parachutes.
- Uses:
 - Space tourism
 - Platform for scientific research.

Think:

Know about the Karman line.

Low-Frequency ARray (LOFAR)

Why in the news?

 Astronomers have recently discovered a new radio galaxy using the LOw-Frequency ARray (LOFAR).

About LOFAR:

- Innovative Pan-European Radio Interferometer:
 - First of its kind, distributed across Europe.
 - Developed by the **Dutch Institute for Radio** Astronomy (ASTRON).
- Observation Capabilities:
 - Observes the Universe at low radio frequencies (90



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to 200 MHz), close to the FM radio band.

- Capable of exploring the early, distant universe, solar activity, and the terrestrial atmosphere.
- **Geographical Distribution:**
 - **Main core located** in the north of the **Netherlands**.
 - Additional stations in France, Germany, and the United



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