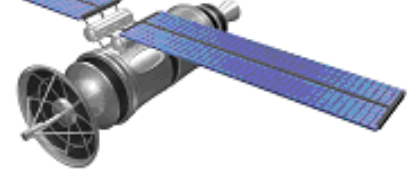


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It is a curious device in that it is the first from BlackBerry to run an operating system other than its own. The device relies on Android and boasts security and communication tools from BlackBerry to make it a more compelling option for business users. The Priv can be managed by BES just like a standard BlackBerry.

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"I'm committing £10m this year and every year for the rest of the decade - £50m in total - so that we build the future of our technology right here in Wales," Osborne said.

The new centre will be part of the network of the so called 'catapult' research centres that aim to 'transform the UK's capability for innovation'.

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Prasad added that in the next six to seven months, the government targets to reach as much as 50 crore Internet subscribers.

According to the minister, mobile penetration today stands at 100 crore, while Internet penetration is 40 crore. In the past it took them almost four years to reach 30 crore, and less than a year after that to achieve 40 crore. This time, Prasad aims to cross 50 crore in half a year.

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The foundry business — which makes logic chips based on customers' designs — got a boost last year when it resumed producing processors for Apple's iPhone, but analysts expect that business to shift to industry leader Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co for this year's model.

Samsung said on Thursday it has been manufacturing Qualcomm's new Snapdragon 820 processor since the end of last year, using an upgraded, lower power version of its 14-nanometre FinFET technology. Qualcomm — the world's biggest standalone chip designer — effectively confirmed this deal in November when it revealed the chip would be made using that process.