1. Recently, which space organization successfully demonstrated the landing of the Pushpak reusable launch vehicle (RLV LEX-03)?

A. ISRO 🗹

B. NASA

C. JAXA

D. CNSA



✓ ISRO achieved the third successful landing of its Pushpak reusable launch vehicle (RLV LEX-03), testing it under challenging conditions. The vehicle reused components from previous flights and employed advanced sensors for precise landing. Designed to reduce launch costs significantly, it aims to retrieve and land like an airplane after deploying satellites into space.

2. How many medals were won by India in the 'Under- 17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024'?

A. 11 ☑

B. 12

C. 13

D. 14



✓ Indian wrestlers secured 11 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze) at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan, held from June 22-24. They competed in men's and women's freestyle and men's Greco-Roman categories across 10 weight divisions per format. The event precedes the ongoing U-23 championship. The 2023 championship took place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

3. Recently, where was the 64th International Sugar Organization Council meeting organized?

A. Beijing, China

B. Paris, France

C. New Delhi, India 🗹

D. London, UK



✓ The 64th International Sugar Organisation Council meeting began on June 25, 2024, in New Delhi, hosted by India, the current chairman. Delegates from over 30 countries will discuss sugar industry and biofuel issues until June 27. India, elected chairman at last year's meeting in London, is the second-largest sugar producer and the largest consumer globally, contributing 20% to global production and 15% to consumption.

- 4. Which ministry recently launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024?
- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

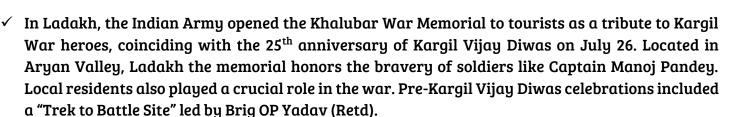
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- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ Union Health Minister and Family Welfare JP Nadda launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024, aiming for zero child deaths from diarrhoea. The two-month drive involves distributing ORS packets and zinc to children under five. Initiatives like the National Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have reduced childhood diarrhoea deaths. Emphasis is on sensitizing health workers and enhancing diarrhoea management.
 - 5. Recently, which state government has approved the establishment of one Prime Minister College of Excellence in all the districts of the state under NEP?
 - A. Uttar Pradesh
 - B. Haryana
 - C. Bihar
 - D. Madhya Pradesh 🗹



- ✓ In Madhya Pradesh, the Prime Minister College of Excellence will be inaugurated in all 55 districts on July 1. Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav announced a new drone policy and emphasized enhancing teaching for aviation, agriculture, and AI job opportunities. Each college will also establish a Centre of Traditional Indian Knowledge. To promote environmental awareness, educational gardens will be developed in all government, non-government, and aided colleges.
 - 6. Khalubar War Memorial Museum is located in which region of India?
 - A. Bengaluru
 - B. Ladakh 2
 - C. Chandigarh
 - D. New Delhi





- 7. "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign is associated with which field?
- A. Finance
- B. Science and Technology ☑
- C. Agriculture
- D. Health Care



- ✓ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign to highlight India's recent successes in science and technology. Aimed at integrating CSIR lab efforts, the initiative promotes innovation and benefits citizens by creating employment opportunities and empowering MSMEs, startups, and researchers.
 - 8. What type of missile system is the 'Javelin'?
 - A. Man-portable anti tank guided missile (ATGM) ☑
 - B. Intercontinental ballistic missile
 - C. Cruise missile
 - D. None of the above



- ✓ India and the US are discussing co-producing American Javelin missiles in India for its military needs. The Javelin is a man-portable antitank guided missile (ATGM) developed by Raytheon and Lockheed Martin. Designed to defeat heavily armored vehicles and other targets like bunkers and helicopters, it features a 2,500-meter range. It can be shoulder-fired or vehicle-mounted.
 - 9. Didymocarpus janakiae, a new plant species, recently discovered in which state?
 - A. Sikkim
 - B. Assam
 - C. Arunachal Pradesh
 - D. Kerala



- ✓ A new plant species, Didymocarpus janakiae, was discovered in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district at 2,300 meters elevation. Named in honor of pioneering Indian botanist E. K. Janaki Ammal, this species belongs to the Didymocarpus genus, part of the African Violet family (Gesneriaceae). Found in pristine habitats, it highlights ecosystem quality. The genus comprises 111 species, 27 of which are in India.
 - 10. Ancient city Tamluk is located in which state?
 - A. Jharkhand
- B. West Bengal ☑
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha



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✓ Tamluk, located in West Bengal, was a significant ancient city known as Tamralipta or Tamralipti. It served as the capital of the Suhma kingdom and later the Pala Empire during the 7th to 9th centuries CE. Excavations have revealed remnants of the ancient town Chandraketugarh. Today, Tamluk is renowned for its production and export of paan (betel leaf).

11. Which non-governmental organization (NGO) has recently launched a nationwide campaign, "Poori Padhai Desh Ki Bhalai"?

A. Smile Foundation

B. Child Rights and You

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C. Goonj

D. HelpAge India



✓ Child Rights and You (CRY) launched "Poori Padhai Desh Ki Bhalai" to enhance girls' school attendance nationwide. In India, female literacy rates lag behind males, with significant dropout rates in rural areas before fifth grade. However, rural women's literacy has risen by 26% in the last decade. Girls' gross enrolment ratios at elementary, secondary, and higher secondary levels surpass boys. The initiative aims to bridge educational disparities and empower more girls through increased participation in schools.

12. Recently, which state government has announced that state ministers will be responsible for paying their own Income Tax?

A. Bihar

B. Odisha

C. Jharkhand

D. Madhya Pradesh 🗹



✓ On June 25, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet decided that state ministers must pay their own income tax, reversing a 1972 rule where the state government covered these taxes. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced the decision, emphasizing the end of the state's financial responsibility for ministers' income tax on salaries and perks.

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