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## 1. Russia to supply Iskander-M nuclear capable missiles to Belarus



Russian President Vladimir Putin told his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko that Moscow would supply Iskander-M nuclear-capable missiles to Minsk in the coming months.

"As you and I agreed, you were asking about this, we made a decision," Putin was quoted as saying by the Tass news agency, during a televised meeting in St. Petersburg on Saturday. In the coming months, we will supply Belarus with Iskander-M strategic missile systems, which, as is known, can use ballistic and cruise missiles both in standard and in nuclear modifications. He also proposed instructing the Russian and Belarusian Defense Ministers and the Chief of Staff to work through all the details relating to the issue. It's a deal, Putin said. To which the Belarusian leader replied: I absolutely agree.

The range of the system is up to 500 km. Putin offered Lukashenko to upgrade to Russian aircraft factories, Su-25 aircraft that are in service with the Belarusian military, and to start training flight crews. The Iskander missiles have already been deployed in Kaliningrad, a small Russian Baltic exclave between NATO members Lithuania and Poland, the BBC reported.

According to the BBC report, during the meeting, the two presidents also discussed Lithuania's decision to stop transporting some goods to and from Kaliningrad, which angered Moscow. Lukashenko said Lithuania's move was a sort of declaration of war and called it unacceptable. **2. Single use plastic ban in Himachal too, know** 

which items will not be able to use



Single use plastic will be banned in Himachal Pradesh from July 1. State's Additional Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena presided over the meeting of the Special Task Force constituted to eliminate the use of single-use plastic items. He directed various departments and district deputy commissioners to ensure effective implementation of the ban imposed on single-use plastic items from July 1, 2022.

He said that in the state plastic stick earbud, plastic stick in balloon, ice cream stick, candy stick, plastic flag, polystyrene (thermocol) used in decoration,

cutlery plate, cup, knife, tray, glass, fork, straw Manufacture, transport, storage, distribution, sale and use of single-use plastic items are prohibited with effect from July 1, 2022.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, he directed the Urban Development and Rural Development Department to prepare a proposal for the purpose of eliminating single-use plastic and dumping sites for garbage in their respective areas. He also directed Himcoast to identify dumping sites and waste-related places near water sources through satellite in different districts of the state. He said that proper management of plastic waste generated in urban and rural areas should be done. **3. Akash Ambani appointed new chairman of Beliance Jio** 



There has been a big change in Reliance Jio, the company of Mukesh Ambani, the second largest rich in Asia and India. Mukesh Ambani has resigned as the director of the company. His eldest son Akash Ambani has been made the chairman of the company's board. In the information given to Market Regulatory SEBI (SEBI), the company said that the board meeting was held on 27 June 2022. In this, the board of Reliance Jio approved the appointment of Akash Ambani as the chairman of the board. This announcement has been made ahead of Reliance's AGM (RIL AGM).

The company said that Pankaj Mohan Pawar has been made Managing Director for the next five years. Similarly Raminder Singh Gujral and K.V. Choudhary has been made director for five years. His appointment will be deemed to be effective from June 27, 2022. According to the information given to SEBI, Mukesh Ambani has resigned from the post of director of Reliance Jio on June 27, 2022. Akash Ambani, the new chairman of Reliance Jio, has previously been a non-executive director in the company. Jio has acquired several companies in the digital sector in recent years. Akash Ambani has played an important role in this. At the same time, he was also closely involved in the development of new technologies. These include AI-ML and Blockchain. He was also instrumental in creating a digital ecosystem connected to Jio's 4G technology. 4. The Ministry of Education has released the **District Performance Grading Index for the year** 2018-19 and 2019-20



In the PGI-D report, grading has been provided to 725 districts in 2018-19 and 733 districts in 2019-20 in States/UTs

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education today released the District Performance Grading Index (PGI-D) for 2018-19 and 2019-20, which assesses the performance of the school education system at the district level by creating an index for comprehensive analysis. Is. The Indian education system is one of the largest in the world with about 15 lakh schools, 97 lakh teachers and around 26 crore students from different socio-economic backgrounds. The Department of School Education and Literacy prepared the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for the states and released the report for the reference years 2017-18 to 2019-20. Based on the success of the State PGIs, the 83-indicator PGI for the district (PGI-D) is designed to grade the performance of all districts in school education. The data is filled by the districts through the online portal. It is expected that PGI-D will help the state education departments to identify deficiencies at the district level and improve their performance in a

decentralized manner. Indicator-wise PGI scores indicate the areas where a district needs improvement. The PGI-D will display the relative performance of all the districts on a uniform scale, which encourages them to perform better.

5. High Speed Expandable Aerial Target - Abhyas -Successfully flight tested off Odisha coast



Defense Research and Development Organization successfully test-fired Exercise High Speed Expandable Aerial Target from Chandipur Integrated Test Range off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha. The flight test of this fighter drone was done on Wednesday. This will further strengthen the Indian defense system. During the test, the target was flown in a pre-determined flight path at subsonic speed by a ground-based controller. The vehicle can be used as an aerial target for surveillance of various missile systems. The drill is powered by a small gas turbine engine It is capable of endo-atmospheric, surface-to-air and air-to-air strikes. During the test, scientists kept monitoring its route, speed etc. with the help of instruments. It is powered by a small gas turbine engine. It is designed for autonomous flight and is

capable of hitting its target with ease. The construction of the exercise was going on since 2012. According to DRDO, it gives a realistic threat view for testing the weapon system, with the help of which various missiles or air-to-air weapons can be tested.

6. Dak Karmayogi: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Minister of State Devusinh Chouhan today launched the e-learning platform



Minister of Communications, Railways, Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnav and Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chouhan launched an elearning portal 'Dak Karmayogi' of the Department of Posts today (28-06-2022) at a function organized at Stein Auditorium of India Habitat Centre. Of. This portal has been developed 'In the Institute' under the vision of 'Mission Karmayogi', which was conceptualized by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to bring efficiency in the work of all employees of Government of India and bureaucracy with 'Minimum Government' and 'Maximum Governance'. With the aim of bringing about a change in the working capacity of. , The 'Dak Karmayogi' portal will enhance the competencies of about 4 lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks and departmental staff, thereby enabling the trainees to have access to the same standardized training material through online or on-campus mode, so that they can achieve better customer satisfaction. Deliver multiple G2C services effectively. On successful completion of the Final Summative Assessment, a self generated Course Completion Certificate will be sent to the trainee's registered email id. Trainees can give their feedback, ratings and suggestions for each video and other learning material to ensure necessary enrichment.

The Department of Posts is imparting training to its employees through its network of 10 Postal Training Centres/Regional Training Centers and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy (RAKNPA), a Central Training Institute. However, with the launch of this portal, departmental employees and Gramin Dak Sevaks will be able to get training anytime, anywhere and update their Attitude, Skill and Knowledge (ASK) at their convenience. This portal will go a long way by being able to provide better services by upgrading employees and Gramin Dak Sevaks.

7. Veteran businessman Pallonji Mistry passed away, breathed his last at the age of 93



Shapoorji Pallonji Group chairman and veteran businessman Pallonji Mistry has passed away at the age of 93. According to the company's official statement, Pallonji Mistry died at his residence in South Mumbai at midnight. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also condoled his death. In the year 2016, Pallonji Mistry was awarded the Padma Bhushan Award, India's main civilian honour. Pallonji Mistry was born in Mumbai to a Parsi family in Gujarat.

Let us tell you that Shapoorji Pallonji Group is the largest business group of India. This group is working in many sectors including engineering to construction, infrastructure real estate, water, energy, financial services. There are more than 50,000 employees working in this group. The group provides end to end solutions in 50 countries.

8. Uddhav Thackeray resigns as Maharashtra CM even before floor test



Uddhav Thackeray resigned from the post of Chief Minister of Maharashtra on Wednesday even before the floor test. Along with this, the membership of the Legislative Council has also been given up. After the setback from the Supreme Court, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray addressed the public on Wednesday night through Facebook Live. The Supreme Court has ordered a floor test to be conducted on Thursday itself. Uddhav Thackeray in his address targeted the rebel Eknath Shinde faction. Thackeray said, the rickshaw-walas, chaiwalas we made leaders, MLAs, they cheated us. We invited him to talk, but he did not return. He said, we have completed the work of farm loan waiver waiver. We have renamed Osmanabad as Dharashiv. We have renamed Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar. Uddhay Thackeray mentioned the names of Sharad Pawar and Sonia Gandhi. Uddhav Thackeray said, we do not want anything, just blessings. I do not regret leaving the post of CM. Calling Shiv Sainiks, Uddhav Thackeray said, those who are coming (rebel faction MLAs) should be allowed to come and no harm should be done. On the other hand, the leaders of Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde faction have reached Goa and may return to Mumbai tomorrow. At the same time, the program of sweets also started at the house of former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. It

is believed that Fadnavis, along with other MLAs of the rebel faction, can stake claim to form a new government.

#### ONE LINER

 According to QS Best Student Cities 2023, the highest ranked city in India to live in for students from all over the world is- Mumbai • The medal that Deepak Punia won in the Under-23 Asian wrestling competition in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan - Bronze medal According to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the date till which it has been decided to extend the scheme of giving free ration - 30 September • The IPS officer appointed by the Maharashtra а government as the new police commissioner of Mumbai - Vivek Phansalkar • The city where the Ministry of Dairy and Animal Husbandry has launched the 'One Health' pilot project on June 28, 2022- Bengaluru DRDO and Indian Army successfully test-fired Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) - Maharashtra • Aurangabad district of Maharashtra has been renamed as- Sambhaji Nagar

| 1. In which city the Ministry of Dairy and Animal  |
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| Husbandry has launched the 'One Health' pilot      |
| project on 28 June 2022?                           |
| a. Bangalore b. Patna                              |
| c. Delhi d. Ranchi                                 |
| 2. DRDO and Indian Army successfully test-fired    |
| Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) in which state?    |
| a. Tamilnad b. Maharashtra                         |
| c. Karnataka d. Jharkhand                          |
| 3. What has been renamed as Aurangabad district    |
| of Maharashtra?                                    |
| a. Dawood Nagar b. Sambhaji Nagar                  |
| c. Mohan Nagar d. Kamal Nagar                      |
| 4. International Asteroid Day is celebrated on     |
| which of the following days?                       |
| a. 10 January b. March 12                          |
| c. 22 May d. 30 June                               |
| 5. According to QS Best Student Cities 2023, which |
| is the highest ranked city in India to live in for |
| students from all over the world?                  |
| a. Delhi b. Patna                                  |
| c. Lucknow d. Mumbai                               |
| 6. Which medal has Deepak Punia won at the         |
| Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championship in           |
| Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan?                               |
| a. Silver medal b. gold medal                      |
| c. Bronze medal d. none of these                   |

QUIZ

7. According to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, till which date has it been decided to extend the scheme of giving free ration?

- a. 30 September b. 12 July
- c. 20 December d. Nov 15
- 8. Which IPS officer has been appointed as the

new Police Commissioner of Mumbai by the

#### **Government of Maharashtra?**

- a. Rahul Sachdeva b. Vivek Phansalkar
- c. Anil Agnihotri d. Vishal Malhotra

