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NATIONAL NEWS

- On January 20, 2020, the APEDA (**Agricultural and Processed Food Products Development Authority**) has added 135 laboratories to the existing 51 laboratories. With this initiative, the total number of agricultural product testing laboratories in the country has increased to 186.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Agricultural sector today employs more than **60%** of the population.
 - India is one of the highest-ranking countries in terms of rice, dairy, cotton, fruits, meat, vegetables and seafood.
- Aam Aadmi Party national convener and **Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal launched party's Guarantee Card** ahead of upcoming assembly elections in the **national capital**.
 - This card lists 10 promises that AAP will deliver on if it is elected to rule Delhi again.
 - It included free bus services, electricity, water supply, pollution, etc.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Delhi the second-highest populated city in India after Mumbai,
 - Delhi Literacy (2011) 86.21%[17]

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Myanmar and China signed 33 bilateral deals** including agreements, MoUs, exchange letters and protocols on the concluding day of the two day visit by the Chinese President Xi Jinping to Myanmar. A large number of

these deals relate to the implementation of the **China Myanmar Economic Corridor** (CMEC) under the **Belt and Road Initiative** (BRI) **launched** by **China**.

- The two countries signed a concession agreement and shareholders' agreement for the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) deep seaport project.
- **Related Keys**
 - Myanmar President Win Myint
 - Myanmar Currency: Burmese kyat

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES™

- **India has successfully** test-fired a **3,500 kilometre** range **nuclear capable missile** that can be launched from a **submarine**. The test of the K-4 ballistic missile was conducted off the Vizag coast in Andhra Pradesh on January 19.
 - With this test, India has moved one more step towards the induction of this ballistic missile on the INS Arihant class of nuclear submarines. The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
 - **Related Keys**
 - DRDO Founded: 1958
 - DRDO is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

SPORTS

- In wrestling, **India** has returned with **seven medals** from the **Rome Ranking Series**. Bajrang Punia and Ravi Kumar Dahiya claimed gold medals in the tournament.

- **The 25-year-old Bajrang** staged a comeback to secure a 4-3 win against **USA's Jordan Michael Oliver** in the **65kg freestyle category**.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Obtuse** - annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand.
 - Similar Words - dull , slow-witted
 - Antonyms - Fast Learner, Intelligent
- **Omnipotent** - having unlimited power.
 - Similar Words - all-powerful , almighty
 - Antonyms - powerless

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