

Global Space Report: ISS Leak Shakes Crew, China's Secret Rocket Debut, and

Space Exploration · Answer Key · 2 Questions

1. On June 1, 2026, China successfully launched its new Long March 12B rocket. What unusual aspect characterized this maiden flight?

- A) It carried China's first lunar rover on a test flight.
- B) It deployed a crewed capsule for orbital testing.
- C) It carried operational commercial satellites without prior public airspace notices and did not attempt first-stage recovery.**
- D) It was the first Chinese rocket to use fully reusable cryogenic engines.

2. India recently sanctioned a significant initiative to deploy a military satellite surveillance grid. What is the name of this program and how many satellites are planned, with a notable portion built by the private sector?

- A) Project Sentinel, 30 satellites, 5 built by private sector.
- B) Space Based Surveillance Phase III, 52 satellites, 31 built by private sector.**
- C) Akash Grid, 45 satellites, 10 built by private sector.
- D) Defense Satellite Network Alpha, 60 satellites, 20 built by private sector.