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- 1. At the 4th South Asian Athletics Championships, which concluded in Jharkhand, India finished on top with 58 medals, including 20 gold, 20 silver, and 18 bronze.
- 2. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presented a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh each to Abinesh Mohandas and Karthika Ramesh from Tamil Nadu, who won gold medals in Kabaddi at the Asian Youth Games.
- 3. India's Priteesmita Bhoi won the gold medal in weightlifting at the Asian Youth Games in Bahrain, setting a world record in the process.
- 4. The joint exercise 'Trishul', which will be conducted jointly by the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy along the Pakistan border adjacent to Gujarat and Rajasthan, will begin from October 30 and continue until November 10.
 - The annual Trishul exercise is set to begin after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently warned that if Pakistan attempts to encroach on the Sir Creek border, its history and geography will change.
 - ii. It is noteworthy that there has been a long-standing dispute between the two countries regarding the maritime boundary in the 96 km Sir Creek sector, located between the Kutch region of Gujarat and Pakistan.
- 5. Vande Mataram, the national song that instills the power of unity in the 1.4 billion people of the country, was composed 150 years ago by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and first sung by Rabindranath Tagore in 1896. The celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the composition of this song will begin on November 7. On this occasion, various programs will be organized across the country.
 - The 150th birth anniversary of the Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, will be celebrated on October 31.
 - ii. The use of native dog breeds in security forces has been increased. The Central Reserve Police Force's dog training school in Bangalore trains native breeds such as the Kombai (Tamil Nadu), the Mudhol Hound (Karnataka), and the Bandigona (Andhra Pradesh).
 - iii. The Prime Minister also mentioned in his speech that Tribal Pride Day (birth anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda) will be celebrated on November 15.
- A bust of India's renowned poet Rabindranath Tagore, sculpted by the country's famous sculptor Yuan Shikun, has been unveiled at the Indian Embassy in the Chinese capital Beijing.
 - i. Sculptor Yuan Shikun, who currently sculpted the statue of Tagore at the Indian Embassy, has also created a unique seated statue of Mahatma Gandhi holding a book. This statue was installed in Chaoyang Park in 2005. The Indian Embassy in Beijing celebrates Gandhi Jayanti here every year.
- 7. Patrick Hermini was sworn in as the new President of Seychelles. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan participated in the ceremony on behalf of India.
- 8. A comprehensive ceasefire agreement was signed between Thailand and

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Cambodia in the presence of US President Donald Trump.

- i. The ASEAN grouping includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The summit of this alliance and other related conferences began in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur on Sunday (Oct. 26) and will continue until Tuesday (Oct. 30).
- ii. In this situation, Trump has traveled to Asia for the first time since taking office for the second time as US President. As part of this, he came to Kuala Lumpur to participate in the 13th ASEAN-US Summit, where a comprehensive ceasefire agreement between Thailand and Cambodia was signed in the presence of Trump.
- iii. While a ceasefire agreement was already reached between the two countries last July, a comprehensive agreement has now been signed.
- iv. A border dispute has been brewing between Thailand and Cambodia, and a few months ago, the two countries engaged in mutual attacks, leading to a state of war between the two countries. However, both countries called off the attack after Trump warned that economic pressure from the US would be applied to both countries if they did not stop the fighting.
- 9. Russian President Vladimir Putin announced on Sunday that he had successfully tested a long-range, self-propelled nuclear-powered cruise missile launched from the ship, the Burevestnik.
 - i. He has also ordered the armed forces to prepare the facilities for the use of this missile.
 - ii. Speaking to the nation on television with the Chief of Staff and other military commanders, President Putin noted that during the recent nuclear weapons exercises, the 'Burevestnik' missile flew in the sky for 15 hours. It covered a distance of 14,000 kilometers and was successful in the test.
- 10. Coffee varieties grown in India are gaining popularity worldwide. The taste of coffee grown in the Koraput region of Odisha is unique.
 - i. The country produces various varieties of coffee, including Chikkamagaluru, Coorg and Hassan in Karnataka, Palani Shevarayan, Nilgiris and Anaimalai regions in Tamil Nadu, the Biliguri region bordering Karnataka, and the Malabar regions.
 - ii. Karnataka leads the country in coffee production with 70 percent, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Coffee exports increased by 12.5 percent in the April-September period of the current financial year.