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1. C.P. Radhakrishnan (67), who contested the election for the post of Vice President on behalf of the ruling National Democratic Alliance led by the BJP, won by securing 452 votes.
  - i. While India Alliance candidate Sudarshan Reddy received 300 votes, C.P. Radhakrishnan received 152 more votes than him.
  - ii. Rajya Sabha Secretary P.C. Modi, the returning officer, announced that C.P. Radhakrishnan had won the election with a majority of 452 votes, while a minimum of 377 votes was needed to win.
  - iii. With this, it is confirmed that C.P. Radhakrishnan from Tamil Nadu will be the next Vice-President of the country.
2. K.P. Sharma Oli resigned as Prime Minister following the intensification of youth protests in Nepal.
  - i. Tensions continue to mount in the country as the Parliament and the Supreme Court were set on fire in violent protests by youth.
  - ii. In Nepal, students and youth participated in protests against the corruption of the rulers and other Government actions, as well as the ban on social media platforms.
  - iii. At that time, 19 people, including students, were killed in police firing on protesters. More than 500 were injured. Following this protest, the Government lifted the ban on social media platforms.
  - iv. However, Youths protested for the second consecutive day in the capital Kathmandu and various parts of the country, defying the curfew, demanding action against corruption and the resignation of Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli.
3. President Emmanuel Macron has appointed Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu (39) as France's new prime minister.
  - i. Earlier, the Prime Minister François Bérroux lost a confidence vote in the French Parliament. Following this, Emmanuel Macron appointed Sebastien Lecornu as the new Prime Minister.
4. The country's Supreme Court has ruled that a bill to revoke privileges granted to former Sri Lankan presidents and their wives can be passed in parliament with a simple majority.
  - i. The bill to repeal such benefits, which have been offered since 1986, was published in the Gazette last July. However, the SLPP party of former presidents Mahinda Rajapaksa and Gotabaya Rajapaksa had filed a petition in the Supreme Court against this.
  - ii. The court, which examined the petition, has now rejected it. If this bill is passed, the benefits provided to former presidents, including government mansions, monthly allowances, and government transportation, will be stopped.

- iii. Currently, five former presidents and the wife of a deceased former president in Sri Lanka receive these benefits, which the ruling National People's Power Party says is a financial burden on the public.
5. The left-wing coalition led by Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre's Labor Party won the parliamentary elections in Norway with 87 seats.
- i. The Labour Party, which has won 28 percent of the vote, will continue to govern with the support of four other left-wing parties. The opposition party has reached a new high of 24 percent.
  - ii. Inflation, healthcare, and taxes were major issues in this election. The Progress Party, which entered the election campaign on these grounds, has seen an increase in votes, and its leader, Sylvi Listhaug, has praised the results as "a historic election result."
6. US President's trade adviser Peter Navarro has criticized countries including India, saying that the BRICS countries cannot survive if they do not sell the products they produce in the United States.
- i. The main countries of the BRICS group are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia gradually joined the group later.
  - ii. The US has been unable to tolerate the fact that key countries such as Russia, India, and China have been getting too close in recent days. Especially after the 50 percent tariff imposed by US President Trump, India has increased its closeness with China and Russia. As a result, Navarro continues to harshly criticize these countries.
7. Singapore's Minister of State for Trade and Industry Alvin Tan has said that the strengthening of the India-China friendship, which plays an important role in the development of Asia, will benefit the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- i. ASEAN, a regional organization formed with the aim of promoting economic growth, social development, and ensuring regional peace and stability among its member countries, has a regional grouping of 10 countries – Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
  - ii. China and ASEAN countries, which have the largest trading partnership in Southeast Asia, have a deeply integrated supply chain. China is ASEAN's leading investor in infrastructure projects, including railways, ports, and industrial parks.
  - iii. Singapore personally has strong relationships with both China and India. Singapore entered into a free trade agreement with India in 2005. This year marks 60 years of diplomatic relations and 20 years of comprehensive economic cooperation between the two countries.
8. The Supreme Court has ordered states to respond within 4 weeks on the extent to which they are implementing the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act

(PCPNDT Act), which prohibits knowing the sex of the unborn child.

- i. In 2022, the Supreme Court issued a notice to the Central Government asking it to take steps to implement the law vigorously. Subsequently, in 2023, the Supreme Court had ordered the filing of details of cases registered regarding the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (PCPNDT Act) since May 1, 2015.
9. The European Union has also granted permission to 102 Indian seafood companies to export to their country.
  - i. In addition, a total of 604 Indian seafood companies have been included in the list of exporters to the European Union. This is likely to lead to a further 20 percent increase in exports to India, which is the world's second largest seafood exporter.
  - ii. In 2023-24, Indian seafood imports to the European Union were worth \$1.1 billion (approximately Rs. 9,705 crore). Meanwhile, shrimp exports alone were worth \$4.88 billion (approximately Rs.42,350 crore) in 2024-25. This is 66 percent of total seafood exports.
  - iii. Shrimp exports, which were hit by the 50 percent US tariff, are also expected to benefit from the European Union approval.
  - iv. India exports most of its seafood to the United States, the European Union, China, Japan, Vietnam, and Thailand.
10. Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen advanced to the quarterfinals of the World Boxing Championships in England.