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1. C.P. Radhakrishnan (67) from Tamil Nadu was sworn in as the country's 15th Vice President.
 - i. According to the Constitution, if the Vice President resigns or dies, the newly elected Vice President will hold office for a full five-year term from the date of his or her assumption of office. Accordingly, C.P. Radhakrishnan will hold office until September 11, 2030.
 - ii. C.P. Radhakrishnan has become the third person from Tamil Nadu to assume the post of Vice President of the country, the second highest office in the country, after Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan from Tiruttani and R. Venkatraman from Thanjavur.
2. Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Sushila Karki was appointed as the interim Prime Minister (head of the interim government) of Nepal and assumed office immediately.
 - i. Sushila Karki (73), who holds the distinction of being the first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nepal, has now also created new history by becoming the country's first female Prime Minister.
3. Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said he has appointed the world's first artificial intelligence (AI) Minister to his cabinet's anti-corruption Department.
 - i. Named 'Diella' meaning 'Sun', the Prime Minister expressed hope that the AI minister would help ensure 100 per cent corruption-free Government contracts and implement them quickly and transparently.
 - ii. Diella, who made her debut as an assistant in traditional attire at the E-Albania website earlier this year, has now been promoted to minister. Diella has been given this responsibility at a time when corruption has been a major problem in Albania since the fall of communism in 1990.
4. Former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has been sentenced to 27 years in prison for conspiring with illegal gangs to maintain his position.
 - i. In a case pending before the Supreme Court regarding this, four out of five judges upheld the charges against Bolsonaro. This makes Bolsonaro the first former president of Brazil to be convicted of conspiracy against the Government. He can appeal the verdict.
5. A study by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) has revealed that 1,107 (21%) MPs, MLAs, and Members of the Legislative Councils (MLCs) in the country have family political backgrounds.
 - i. It states, 'Out of 3214 MPs, MLAs, and Council members from national parties, 675 (20 %) have a family political background.
 - ii. This research report has been prepared based on the details of 5,204 MPs, MLAs, and Council members across the country.
 - iii. Of these, Congress party members account for 32 %, BJP members account for 17 %, Aam Aadmi Party members account for 11 %, and Communist Party of India (Marxist) members account for 8 %.
 - iv. The highest percentage of people with family political backgrounds is

31% in the Lok Sabha. The highest percentage is 21% in the State Legislative Assemblies and 22% in the State Councils.

6. The World Athletics Championships, featuring India's Neeraj Chopra and others, begin in Tokyo on Saturday (September 13).
7. India voted in favor of the resolution recognizing Israel and Palestine as separate states at the UN General Assembly.
 - i. The UN General Assembly voted on a resolution supporting the 'New York Declaration', which seeks a peaceful solution to the Palestinian issue and recognizes Israel and Palestine as separate states.
 - ii. The resolution, introduced by France, was voted in favor by 142 countries, including India, and against by 10 countries. Twelve countries abstained from the vote. The United States, Argentina, Hungary, and Israel, among others, voted against the resolution.
8. Coal India, the public sector company, has decided to increase the compensation paid to workers for injuries or deaths in mine accidents from Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh, Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said.
 - i. The Central Government is committed to further reforms in the coal sector. A National Rare Earth Minerals Project worth Rs. 32,000 crore is being implemented for the drilling of rare earth minerals. Both the public and private sectors are encouraged to participate in this project.
 - ii. We have begun drilling in Argentina and Zambia in search of minerals.
 - iii. We have secured drilling rights in five lithium mines in Argentina through an Inter-Governmental agreement.
 - iv. Similarly, drilling for rare earth minerals has been intensified in our country, and state government public sector undertakings, central government public sector undertakings, and private companies have been encouraged to participate in this.
9. The Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to visit five states – Mizoram, Manipur, Assam, West Bengal, and Bihar – starting Saturday (September 13).
 - i. He will inaugurate development projects worth a total of Rs.71,850 crore in these states and will also lay the foundation stone of new projects.
 - ii. The Prime Minister Modi, who will visit the northeastern state of Mizoram as the first leg of his three-day visit, will inaugurate development projects worth Rs 9,000 crore at an event in the capital, Aizawl.
 - iii. He will inaugurate the important Bhairabi-Sairang broad gauge railway line and also launch new train services like Aizawl-Delhi Rajdhani Train Service, Aizawl-Kolkata, and Aizawl-Guwahati.
 - iv. The Bhairabi-Sairang route, a key component of the Union Government's Look East Policy, provides rail connectivity to Aizawl with the rest of the country, connecting Mizoram to the country's rail infrastructure for the first time.
10. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that digitizing ancient Indian manuscripts will prevent intellectual piracy.

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- i. Speaking at the Gyan Bharat International Conference on the theme "Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage", the Prime Minister said, the exercise reflects India's resolve to advance the vision of swadeshi and aatmanirbhar Bharat.
 - ii. India is proudly presenting to the world its heritage of knowledge preserved for centuries.
 - iii. The Prime Minister noted that more than 10 lakh manuscripts have already been digitised with support from private organisations.
 - iv. India is also working with culturally linked countries such as Thailand, Vietnam and Mongolia, where such manuscripts exist.
 - v. Calling the initiative a "renaissance of India's golden past," prime minister said that India has the world's largest manuscript collection – about one crore in number.
11. The National Level Marine Adventure Sports Competition, organized by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Department and Aqua Outback, has begun at Muthunagar Beach in Thoothukudi.
- i. Competitions such as stand-up paddleboarding, sit-up paddleboarding, kite surfing, beach volleyball, marathon, and Wild Warrior are also held. Around 200 people from various states are participating in this.

