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1. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that the National Assembly ranking should be created based on the performance of State Legislatures and Councils.
 - i. At the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's Indian Regional Conference organized by the Karnataka Legislature, it was urged that disruptions during parliamentary proceedings—such as interruptions and adjournments—should be avoided in order to bolster public confidence in democratic institutions.
 - ii. The activities of the research units of the Legislative Assemblies and the Councils should be improved with the help of Parliament;
 - iii. Technology should be used more extensively in the activities of the Legislative Assembly;
 - iv. Resolutions were passed for increasing the participation of youth and women in the activities of the Legislative Assembly.
2. India's Isha Singh won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol event at the World Cup shooting competition in China. This is the first medal for India as the competition nears its final stage.
3. The Kerala Cabinet has approved a bill to allow the cutting and sale of sandalwood trees on private lands.
 - i. The bill, titled 'Kerala Forest Amendment Bill 2025', was approved at a special cabinet meeting chaired by state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, a press release issued by the Chief Minister's Office said.
 - ii. State Forest Minister A.K. Saseendran said: Currently, even if sandalwood trees grown on private land are stolen, a case is registered against the landowner. Due to this, no one comes forward to plant and grow sandalwood trees. To change this situation, the State Government is implementing this amendment to the law. Accordingly, landowners will be allowed to cut sandalwood trees grown on private lands and sell them through the Forest Department. This sale can only be done with the permission of the Forest Department.
 - iii. This will not only promote sandalwood cultivation in the state but also improve the income of landowners. The problem of sandalwood theft will also be solved. At the same time, cutting of sandalwood trees growing on lands allotted to the Government will not be allowed.
 - iv. He said that according to the current market situation, sandalwood costs between Rs. 4,000 and Rs. 7,000 per kilogram, depending on the quality.
4. All NATO countries should stop buying oil from Russia; US President Donald Trump has said that NATO countries should impose a 50 to 100 percent tax on China for buying petroleum from Russia. "I believe this will help stop the Russia-Ukraine war."
5. Political parties in Nepal have strongly condemned President Ramachandra Paudel's

decision to dissolve the parliament.

- i. The parties criticized Ramachandra Paudel's decisions as unconstitutional and a move that poses a threat to democracy.
 - ii. Earlier, in the first cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Sushila Karki after taking office as the interim Prime Minister of Nepal, a recommendation was made to the President to dissolve the House of People's Representatives of the Parliament. The President Ramachandra Paudel approved it.
 - iii. Subsequently, a press release from the Office of the President stated that the House of People's Representatives had been dissolved with effect from September 12. It also stated that parliamentary elections would be held on March 5, 2026.
6. The Prime Minister Modi inaugurated Mizoram's first railway line (Bhairabi-Sairang) and also launched direct train services to the capital, Aizawl.
- i. The 51.38 km long route, between Bhairabi on the Assam border and Sairang near the capital Aizawl, has been built at a cost of Rs 8,070 crore.
 - ii. The Bhairabi-Sairang route, with 45 tunnels, 55 major bridges, and 87 minor bridges, provides rail connectivity to the capital Aizawl with the rest of the country, thereby integrating Mizoram into the country's railway infrastructure. Through this, Mizoram has been integrated into the country's railway infrastructure.
 - iii. The Bridge number 144 near Sairang is 114 meters high, making it taller than Qutub Minar.
7. The Election Commission told the Supreme Court that any order to carry out a special intensive revision of the electoral rolls at uniform intervals across the country would encroach its exclusive jurisdiction.
- i. The Election Commission also stated that it has complete discretion over the policy of revision to the exclusion of any other authority.
 - ii. Following the completion of the special revision of the Bihar state electoral roll, the Election Commission has decided to carry out a special revision of the electoral roll across the country.
 - iii. As a first step, it is expected that a special intensive revision of the voter list will be carried out by the end of this year in the states of Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala, Puducherry and West Bengal, which will face assembly elections next year.
8. The Supreme Court is set to issue an interim order on Monday (September 15) in a case filed against the Waqf Amendment Act brought by the Central Government.
- i. In this case, a bench headed by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court B.R. Gawai reserved the order on May 22 after hearing arguments from both sides.
 - ii. The Central Government implemented the Waqf Amendment Act, which was passed in Parliament, last April, after receiving the assent of President Draupadi Murmu.
 - iii. The Supreme Court, which considered more than 70 petitions filed against this, accepted only 5 petitions for hearing. At that time, it inquired about imposing a

ban on only three aspects.

- a) That is, does the Constitution have the power to cancel waqf properties declared by the courts, waqf properties used through tradition, and waqf properties declared by registered deed?
 - b) Muslims should be the only members of the State Waqf Boards and the Central Waqf Council, except for the office bearers.
 - c) Until the District Collector investigates the Waqf property and declares it a government property, it will not be considered a Waqf property.
- iv. At that time, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Central Government, argued that 'Wakf is a secular concept; it cannot be banned as unconstitutional. Waqf is not a mandatory practice in Islam.'
- v. The Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioners, argued that this is a move by the Central Government to acquire waqf properties without going through court procedures.

