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1. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched BSNL's 'Swadeshi' 4G service across the country.
 - i. This service has been launched using indigenous technology - telecommunications equipment. India has joined the list of very few countries that manufacture their own telecommunications equipment.
 - ii. Only four countries, Denmark, Sweden, South Korea, and China, manufacture their own telecommunications equipment. India has joined this list as the fifth country.
2. India's Sheetal Devi and Doman Kumar won bronze medals at the Para World Archery Championships held in Gwangju, South Korea. Sheetal won gold in the compound individual event.
3. A team of 40 people from India, including India's Sajjan Prakash and Srihari Nataraj, is participating in the 11th Asian Swimming Championships starting in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. A total of 1100 people from 29 countries are participating.
4. Sailesh Kumar won India's first gold at the World Para Athletics Championships.
 - i. The World Para Athletics Championships are underway in New Delhi.
 - ii. In this, Sailesh Kumar won gold in the men's high jump T63 category with a jump of 1.91 m.
 - iii. Former Para Asian Champion Varun Singh Bhatti won bronze.
 - iv. The World Para Athletics Championships for athletes with disabilities began in New Delhi.
5. The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate the 'Kautilya Economic Summit' on October 3 in Delhi.
 - i. The conference has been organized by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) since 2022, in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Finance, with the aim of discussing global economic challenges and exploring practical solutions.
 - ii. The fourth annual conference will be held in Delhi from October 3 to 5. The conference, themed 'Searching for Prosperity in Turbulent Times', will be inaugurated by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will participate in a session reflecting on India's foreign and economic policies on the closing day.
6. The Central Government is considering extending the tenure of Parliamentary Committees by 2 years.
 - i. The Central Government will consider this as the term of office of Parliamentary Committees is currently one year, and members have been continuously requesting to extend it to two years. The final decision in this regard will be taken after consultation with Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
 - ii. Once the Lok Sabha elections are over and new members take office, consultations are held with the parties and Parliamentary Committees are formed. They are given representation in various Committees based on their number of

members in Parliament.

- iii. The term of office of these Committees is currently one year. This has created difficulties in thoroughly examining and amending bills sent for recommendation by Committees, and opposition parties have been continuously demanding an extension of the term to two years. In this situation, informed sources said that the Central Government is considering extending the term.
- iv. There are currently 24 Departmental Standing Committees in Parliament. Of these, 16 are headed by Lok Sabha members and 8 by Rajya Sabha members.
7. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin paid homage to the portrait of Professor M.S. Swaminathan at the Centenary commemoration event held at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Institute, Taramani, Chennai.
 - i. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said that this year's budget announced the creation of the "Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Research Fund" for new agricultural discoveries and allocated Rs. 1 crore for it.
8. International Day of the Deaf and Indian Sign Language Week was held at the Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation (SIDCO) Seminar Hall in Thiru.V.K. Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai.
 - i. The event was presided over by K. Deenadayalan, former Director of the Department of Welfare of the Disabled.
 - ii. S. Abdul Latheef, founder of the Deaf and Speech Disabled Protection Organization, was the chief guest.
9. The Central Government said that the Taj Mahal, one of the wonders of the world built during the Mughal Empire, was the most visited tourist destination by domestic and foreign tourists in 2024-25.
 - i. On the occasion of World Tourism Day (September 27), the Union Ministry of Tourism released a report on tourist destinations in the country.
 - ii. It states: The number of foreign tourists visiting India in 2024 will be 9.95 million. This is 4.52 percent more than in 2023. The Taj Mahal is the most visited tourist attraction by domestic and foreign tourists among the tourist attractions protected and charged by the central government.
 - iii. 62.6 lakh domestic tourists and 6.4 lakh foreign tourists visited the Taj Mahal. After the Taj Mahal, the Konark Sun Temple in Odisha was visited by 35.7 lakh domestic tourists and Qutub Minar by 32 lakh domestic tourists.
 - iv. Similarly, Agra and Qutub Minar have been visited by 2.2 lakh foreign tourists each.
10. Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Asif said that the defense agreement with Saudi Arabia has confirmed good relations.
 - i. Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, who recently visited Saudi Arabia, signed a security agreement with the country's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman. Accordingly, the joint statement stated that any military action taken against either country in Pakistan-Saudi Arabia will be considered as being taken against the other country as well.

- ii. It is believed that Pakistan has entered into this agreement with the aim of ally Saudi Arabia against India.
- iii. Speaking to the media about the agreement, Khawaja Asif said, "The Saudi Arabia-Pakistan security agreement cannot be considered a response to the Israeli attack on Qatar."

