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1. Indian exports to the US fell 14 percent in August compared to the previous month.
 - i. According to data from the Ministry of Commerce, Exports from India to the US were around \$8 billion in July, down 14 percent to \$6.86 billion in August.
 - ii. The US government imposed an additional 25 percent tariff on Indian goods from August 7 and an additional 25 percent tariff from August 27. However, the US remains the primary export market for Indian goods in August and for the first five months of the current fiscal year.
 - iii. Exports to the US increased by 7.15 percent this August compared to August last year. The data shows that India exports the most to the United Arab Emirates (\$3.24 billion), the Netherlands (\$1.83 billion), China (\$1.21 billion), and the United Kingdom (\$1.14 billion), after the United States.
2. Twelve forest officials were shot dead by armed gangs in the Oke-Ode area of Nigeria's north-central Kwara state.
 - i. The attack is believed to have been part of a long-running conflict in the northern region between farmers and Fulani nomads over land and water.
3. Pro-Russian parties have lost parliamentary elections in the Eastern European country of Moldova, with the pro-Western Action and Solidarity (PAS) party winning a majority of the vote.
 - i. European leaders have welcomed the results of this election, which was seen as a contest for dominance between the West and Russia. Leaders praised the Moldovan people for voting to ensure their country's eligibility to join the European Union, despite Russian interference in the election.
 - ii. Moldova, located between Ukraine and Romania, a member of the European Union and NATO, gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The country, which initially took a pro-Russian stance, recently chose a path towards the West, turning into a geopolitical battleground between Russia and the West.
 - iii. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Moldova applied to join the European Union and was granted membership status the same year. The European Union leadership agreed last year to hold talks on this.
4. India's Indivar Sairam and Wilson Singh Ningthoujam won a bronze medal in the men's 10m singles diving at the Asian Swimming Championships.
 - i. It is noteworthy that this is the first time that Indian athletes have won a medal in this category.
 - ii. It is noteworthy that the Indian team, which won bronze, qualified to participate in the Asian Games to be held in Japan next year.
5. Indians won two medals, gold and silver, in the javelin throw at the World Para Athletics Championships.
 - i. India's Ringu Hooda won gold in the men's javelin throw (F46) with a throw of 66.37 metres, his first world championship title. Sundar Singh Gurjar won silver with a throw of 64.76 metres.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release a commemorative postage stamp and coin on October 1 to mark the centenary of the founding of the RSS.
 - i. The RSS, which was founded on Vijayadashami in 1925, is turning 100 years old.
7. "India is in talks with various countries, including the US, regarding a free trade agreement," said Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
 - i. Trade agreement negotiations with the United States are ongoing. Similarly, free trade agreement talks are underway with the European Union, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, and Chile. Qatar and Bahrain have also expressed interest in trade agreement negotiations with India.
 - ii. Earlier, last August, India signed free trade agreements with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), which includes four countries including Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, and Russia.
8. The central government has announced that 89 km of railway lines will be built between India and Bhutan at a cost of Rs 4,000 crore.
 - i. The cities of Chamtsi and Jilipu in Bhutan will be connected by rail to the cities of Kokrajhar in Assam and Banargat in West Bengal, respectively. This was announced by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri while addressing the media in New Delhi on Monday. The agreement was signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bhutan last year.
 - ii. In this regard, Minister Ashwini Vaishnav further said, 'This project is being implemented by Indian Railways. At present, Rs. 4,033 crore is allocated for this project. India has fully borne the cost of constructing the railway line.'
9. India has always supported a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on the sovereignty, independence, security and recognized borders of both countries, it said.
 - i. 'India's policy on Palestine is consistent. India continues to support peaceful negotiations between Israel and Palestine.' In 1974, India became the first non-Arab country to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as a legitimate representative of the people and a separate organization. Similarly, India was the first country to recognize the State of Palestine in 1988.
10. Personalities in news :-
 - i. Maia Sandu – President of Moldova