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1. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that he will accept US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan to end the Gaza war. However, Hamas has said that it is considering the plan.
  - i. Trump said the plan has the possibility of ending the war, which includes key elements like stopping the attacks on Gaza, release of 20 hostages by Hamas who are still alive, disarmament and the dismantling of Hamas.
  - ii. He and Benjamin Netanyahu also warned Hamas that it should accept the plan.
  - iii. Earlier, Netanyahu, who is in the United States to participate in the 80th session of the UN General Assembly, met President Trump at the White House to discuss the Gaza ceasefire.
2. India's Srihari Nataraj has won his 5th medal at the Asian Swimming Championships (Ahmedabad).
3. The Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin has announced that a total prize money of Rs.37 crore is being awarded for the Chief Minister's Cup state sports competitions.
  - i. In this regard, he said: This is another major step taken by the Tamil Nadu Government to foster a culture of sports, encourage participation at every level, and provide recognition and rewards to athletes across the state. Over the past few years, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a pioneer state in creating opportunities for athletes.
  - ii. This year, regional and district level competitions are being held, and the state level competitions begin on Oct. 2.
4. Indian javelin thrower Sumit Antil, who won gold at the World Para Athletics Championships, became the only Indian to win the event three times.
  - i. In the F64 category, he won gold with a championship record of 71.37 meters. The previous record was 70.83 meters, which he himself achieved in 2023.
  - ii. This was a 'hat-trick' of gold for Sumit, who was the champion in the competition in 2023 and 2024.
5. The US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said that various changes will be made to the H-1B visa (entry permit) process by February next year.
  - i. The US President Donald Trump recently signed an order increasing the H-1B visa fee from Rs. 1.47 lakh to Rs. 88 lakh (\$100,000).
  - ii. This one-time fee is only applicable to those who applied after September 21, including those who applied for the 2026 fiscal year. The US Government said that the new fee will not apply to H-1B visa holders who have previously applied, those who have submitted renewal applications, and those who are re-entering the United States.
  - iii. In this regard, in an interview he gave to the American media, he said, "The H-1B visa fee hike will take effect in February next year. By then, various changes will be made to the H-1B visa process. You only need to pay this new fee once.
  - iv. The H-1B visa program was created in the 1990s. Applicants for this visa were

selected through a lottery system.

6. The widening gap between high and low-income states in the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is worrying, said the NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery (central policy committee).
  - i. He said that States representing 26% of the country's population with high incomes contribute 44% of the nation's GDP. At the same time, low-income states representing 38% of the population contribute only 19%. This gap is worrisome.
7. Personalities in news :-
  - i. Yannick Sinner – Italian Tennis Player
  - ii. Learner Tien – American Tennis Player
  - iii. Carlos Alcaraz – Spanish Tennis Player
  - iv. Deepti Sharma and Amanjot Kaur – Indian women Cricket Players

