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1. A state-of-the-art, indigenously manufactured patrol vessel 'Akshar' was dedicated to the country.
 - i. The Indian Coast Guard is operating a base in the Niravi area near Karaikal, which falls under the Union Territory of Puducherry. The Karaikal private port is being used as a base for patrol vessels and boats belonging to the Coast Guard.
 - ii. 'Akshar' will greatly help in the development of the Indian Coast Guard. The ship has been built at the Goa shipyard with 60 percent indigenous materials.
 - iii. Patrol Ship Features: The patrol ship 'Akshar' is 51 meters long. It has been built using a large amount of indigenous materials under the 'Make in India' project. It weighs 320 tons.
 - iv. Equipped with 2 diesel engines with a capacity of 3,000 kW, it can operate at a speed of 27 knots per hour. The 30mm CRN-91 guns, remotely operated machine guns, and automated electrical equipment are among the features.
2. Following the election of former economy and defense minister Sanae Takaichi (64) as leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), she is expected to become the country's first female Prime Minister.
 - i. A conservative, she is a supporter of the conservative views of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. She is a frequent visitor to the controversial Yasukuni Shrine, considered a symbol of Japan's wartime militarism. It is said that if she continues this even after becoming Prime Minister, it could complicate relations with Asian neighbors that have historically suffered from Japan's military.
3. The Prime Minister Modi paid tribute to freedom fighters from Tamil Nadu, Tirupur Kumaran and Subramania Siva, on their birth anniversaries.
 - i. Tiruppur Kumaran, who sacrificed his life carrying the National Flag until his last breath, displayed incredible courage and selfless sacrifice.
 - ii. Subramania Siva, through his bold writing and fiery speeches, instilled cultural pride and patriotism among countless youth.
4. The British Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, will visit India on October 8. This will be his first visit to India since he took office as Prime Minister in July last year.
 - i. The two Prime Ministers will review progress on various aspects of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in Mumbai on October 9.
 - ii. It is noteworthy that a Free Trade Agreement has been signed between India and Britain.
5. The Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri met Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and discussed bilateral relations.
 - i. Vikram Misri visited the country following the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Governments of the two countries to build a railway line between India and Bhutan.
 - ii. There, he met Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, Prime Minister

Tshering Tobgay, and Foreign Minister D.N. Thungyel, the Indian embassy in the country posted on the 'X' website.

6. "Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country are not only important centres for vocational education; they are also training centres for self-reliant Indians," said the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - i. Speaking at the launch of the "PM-SETU" scheme (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), which will modernize 1,000 Government ITIs across the country at a cost of Rs.60,000 crore, he said this.
7. Trump announced a 20-point peace plan in the presence of the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after talks at the White House with him, aimed at ending the war between Hamas and the Israeli army in Gaza.
 - i. Hamas has agreed to accept some parts of US President Trump's peace plan, including the release of Israeli hostages.
 - ii. Trump subsequently ordered Israel to halt its attacks on Gaza.
 - iii. This raises expectations that the war, which has been going on since October 7, 2023, will end.
 - iv. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed the peace plan proposed by Trump.

