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1. The Supreme Court issued an interim order that all stray dogs roaming around Government and public institution premises including educational institutions, hospitals, bus stands, railway stations, etc. should be caught and put in shelters.
 - i. Following the increase in stray dog bite incidents and deaths across the country, the Supreme Court is taking up the matter suo motu as a case.
 - ii. Earlier, on August 22, the Supreme Court issued guidelines and measures to be taken to control stray dogs in this case.
 - iii. It states that stray dogs should not be fed on the streets. Special places should be created for this purpose and feeding should be done only there. Those who violate this order and feed stray dogs on the streets will be punished. The Supreme Court issued orders and guidelines, including that stray dogs can be released back into the same places after being captured and sterilized.
 - iv. The Supreme Court has ordered that cattle roaming on national highways should be removed immediately. Officers should periodically carry out coordinated surveys to identify highways frequented by stray cattle and street dogs, and any stray animals found should be immediately removed and confined in designated shelters. The animals kept in such shelters should be provided with necessary food, drinking water and medical facilities in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.
2. The Election Commission of India has announced that the Bihar Assembly elections witnessed an unprecedented 64.66 percent voter turnout, thanks to new initiatives taken by the Election Commission of India.
 - i. The first phase of Bihar assembly elections concluded peacefully in a celebratory mood. The voter turnout was 64.66 percent, the highest in Bihar's history. Voting was held for 121 constituencies in 18 districts in the state with over 3.75 crore voters.
 - ii. For the first time in Bihar, 16 delegates from six countries – South Africa, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Belgium, and Colombia – observed the election proceedings as part of the International Election Observation Program. They praised the Bihar elections as a well-organized, transparent, efficient and participatory election held on an international scale.
 - iii. Over 90,000 women volunteers, along with a Central Armed Police Force personnel, were deployed at all polling stations to identify women following the 'purdah' practice in Bihar.
3. The Electricity Regulatory Commission has granted permission to the Electricity Board to implement green power generation projects through private companies.
 - i. The Central Government is advising all state governments to implement power generation projects using renewable green energy across the country. Following this, State Governments are implementing various renewable green energy projects with financial assistance from the Central Government.
 - ii. A separate company called Green Energy Corporation has been started on behalf

of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and is implementing green energy generation projects with private participation.

- iii. Since many parts of Tamil Nadu have favorable climate conditions for setting up wind and solar power plants, many private companies are showing interest in investing. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has also given permission for these projects. Electricity board officials said in this regard:
 - iv. The Tamil Nadu Government and the Electricity Board are implementing projects to generate electricity through renewable green energy. Accordingly, 15-megawatt solar power plants have been approved for installation at Thiruthuraipoondi, Thiruvarur district and Velliyanai, Karur district. Approval has also been given to build a battery energy storage structure to store and use the electricity generated here for 3 hours.
 - v. Similarly, permission has been granted to set up structures for Solar Power generation with a capacity of 16 MW each and Wind Power Plants with a capacity of 18.75 MW each in Kayatharu, Thoothukudi District, Puliankulam, Madurai District, and Muppandal, Kanyakumari District.
 - vi. They said that approval has also been given to implement battery energy storage scheme in order to save and reuse 25 MW in Palladam sub-station in Tirupur district, 25 and 50 MW in two places in Pudukottai, 50 MW in Thiruvarur, 75 MW in Karamadai in Coimbatore district, 50 MW in Tappukundu in Theni district.
4. China has added the third aircraft carrier, Fujian, to its navy.
- i. The state-of-the-art warship, equipped with an electromagnetic propulsion system, was commissioned into the navy in a secret ceremony attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping.
 - ii. It is noteworthy that apart from the Fujian, the only ship in the world that has an electromagnetic aircraft propulsion system is the USS Gerald R. Ford.
 - iii. Currently, all three of China's aircraft carriers are operating normally on fuel. However, it is worth recalling that reports have emerged that the fourth aircraft carrier being built in Dalian is being built to be nuclear-powered.
5. Peru's Parliament has declared the Country's President, Claudia Sheinbaum, "persona non grata" after the Government of Mexico decided to grant asylum to former Peruvian Prime Minister Betssy Chavez, who is being investigated for an illegal coup.
- i. In 2022, then President Pedro Castillo declared a state of emergency and attempted to dissolve Parliament. Chavez is also accused of participating in this failed attempt.
 - ii. Mexico has granted Chavez asylum in its embassy in Peru to protect him from prosecution in this case.
6. The Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that the Central Government will continue to support our athletes and sports in every way.
- i. The event celebrating the centenary of Indian hockey was held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi.

- ii. It was jointly organized by the Sports Authority of India and Hockey India.
7. The ICC has announced that the number of teams in the Women's One Day Cricket World Cup will be increased to 10. So far, only 8 teams are participating in the tournament.
 - i. India defeated South Africa to become the World Champions in the recently concluded 13th Women's Cricket Cup. Tens of thousands of fans gathered at the stadium to watch the match held in India.
 - ii. Based on the response to the tournament, the ICC has decided to increase the number of teams for the Women's World Cup.
8. The 4th round of talks to conclude a free trade agreement between India and New Zealand has concluded.
 - i. Both sides have agreed to expedite the finalization of this agreement.
 - ii. India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement negotiations were formally launched on March 16. The third round of negotiations was concluded in September.
 - iii. What is export-import?
 - a) India's main exports to New Zealand are cloth, textiles, pharmaceuticals, refined petrol, agricultural equipment - machinery, auto, iron-steel, paper goods, electronic goods, shrimp, diamonds, basmati rice.
 - b) Agricultural products, minerals, apples, kiwi fruit, meat products, lactose medicine, coal, wool, wood chips, scrap metals, etc. are imported.
9. The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed an agreement with US company GE Aerospace to procure 113 jet engines for the Tejas light combat aircraft.
 - i. The agreement was signed in the situation where the US has imposed a 50 percent import tariff on Indian goods. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth Rs 62,370 crore with HAL for the procurement of 97 Tejas Mk-1A light combat aircraft for the Indian Air Force.
10. The song Vande Mataram, which became a central mantra in the Indian freedom struggle, was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee on the day of Akshaya Navami on November 7, 1875 (against the backdrop of the Sanyasi revolt against British rule). This song was first published in the literary magazine 'Bangadarshan', as part of Chatterjee's novel 'Anandamadam'.
 - i. Rabindranath Tagore composed and sang the song Vande Mataram at the Calcutta Congress Session in 1896. It was formally adopted as the country's national song by the Constituent Assembly on January 24, 1950.
 - ii. Earlier, in 1937, on the recommendation of a committee consisting of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Acharya Narendra Deva and Rabindranath Tagore, the Congress chose only the first 2 stanzas of the 6 stanzas of the Vandemata Rampadal as the national song.
 - iii. Meanwhile, the inaugural program of the celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the composition of 'Vande Mataram' was held at the

Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Delhi.

11. The Quad leaders' summit, which will be attended by India, the US, Australia and Japan, will be held in Delhi next year. Trump is expected to attend. However, India has not yet finalized the date for this conference.
- i. Trump imposed a total of 50 percent tariffs, including a 25 percent retaliatory tariff on India and a 25 percent tariff on crude oil purchases from Russia. This has severely affected the Indo-US trade relationship.
 - ii. In addition, Trump has been consistently claiming that he intervened to prevent a war between India and Pakistan after India's Operation Sindhupal against Pakistani terrorists. But India did not accept this.
 - iii. Furthermore, in the context of trade talks, the US is insisting on allowing American corn and dairy products into India. However, India is refusing to accept this in the interest of domestic farmers. This continues to drag on in the negotiations.

