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1. The US President Donald Trump has announced that India will reduce its oil imports from Russia, and that the country will be subject to tariffs.
 - i. The US has imposed a 50% tariff on India.
 - ii. It was because of the purchase of Russian crude oil that India had to be taxed heavily. But now that India has started drastically reducing its purchases from Russia, the US is also planning to reduce its tariffs.
2. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin provided financial assistance of Rs. 85 lakhs to 525 artists on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram. The function was held at the Secretariat.
 - i. Various welfare schemes are implemented by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Manram, which operates under the Department of Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
3. Thailand has warned that it will temporarily suspend the ceasefire agreement it reached with Cambodia under the auspices of the United States.
 - i. Thailand issued the warning after four of its soldiers were injured in a landmine explosion on the border with Cambodia.
 - ii. There has been a long-standing border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia centered on the Preah Vihear area, where an 11th-century Hindu temple is located.
4. While US Government Departments are shut down due to a lack of congressional approval to allocate funds for spending, a bill to lift the shutdown was passed in the Senate.
 - i. The bill was passed after some Democratic MPs, despite their party line, offered to compromise on funding for Government Departments.
5. The death toll from a boat carrying Rohingya refugees capsized near Malaysia, with 26 people dead.
 - i. The Rohingya, a Muslim minority allegedly persecuted in Myanmar, are seeking refuge in neighboring Bangladesh and other countries such as Malaysia. 1.3 million Rohingya refugees are being housed in Bangladesh alone.
6. The Prime Minister Modi, who is on a two-day official visit to Bhutan, met the country's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck in the capital Thimphu.
 - i. At that time, India announced a line of credit of Rs. 4,000 crore to the country.
 - ii. Three MoUs were signed in the sectors of renewable energy, health-pharmaceuticals, and mental health.
 - iii. The two leaders discussed further strengthening mutual cooperation in areas including energy, capacity building, transport connectivity, technology, and security.
 - iv. An announcement was also made that Bhutan would provide land for the construction of a Buddhist monastery in Varanasi.
 - v. The two jointly inaugurated the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydropower Plant, built with Indian assistance in Bhutan. The Prime Minister Modi described it as a symbol

of bilateral friendship.

7. The Indian Army's DAO Division engaged in field exercises in the Arunachal Pradesh border region to strengthen combat readiness and improve capabilities in high-altitude mountainous terrain.
 - i. The exercise was conducted with an emphasis on tactical response to enemy countries and improving teamwork. Integrated planning, freight transport management, and communication infrastructure were tested during this exercise.

