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1. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has congratulated art director Thota Dharani on being awarded the 'Chevalier' award, the highest recognition by the French Government.
2. Tirunelveli has won the award for the best district in the southern region in the National Water Awards announced by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.
 - i. In this regard, the Ministry said in its Press Release that the National Water Awards are being given to recognize the good work and efforts undertaken to help realize the Central Government's vision of a water-rich India.
 - ii. These awards are presented to raise awareness among the public about the importance of water, encourage them to adopt best practices in water use, and promote Sustainable Water Management.
 - iii. Accordingly, the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C.R.Patil, has announced the National Water Awards for the year 2024. The awards have been announced in a total of 10 categories including Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, and Best Water User Association.
 - iv. The Best State -- 1. Maharashtra 2. Gujarat 3. Haryana.
 - v. Tirunelveli district came first in the southern region, while the Vettaikaran Puthur Canal Udayakulam Village Water User Association in Coimbatore district came first in the Best Water User Association category.
 - vi. In the Best Village Panchayat category, Balapuram Panchayat in Tiruvallur district and Dhumarpani Panchayat in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh shared the third place. Apollo Tyres in Kanchipuram has won the top spot in the Best Industrial Company category.
 - vii. The award ceremony will be held in New Delhi on November 18. The President Draupadi Murmu will be the special guest.
3. The controversial Constitutional Amendment bill that would elevate Asim Munir to the position of Chief of the three services of Pakistan Army, Air Force and Navy, was passed in Parliament on Wednesday.
 - i. The bill, which included 59 amendments, was passed in the Parliament after opposition parties walked out amid heavy opposition.
 - ii. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ayaz Siddique said: A vote was taken on the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill introduced in the House. 237 MPs voted in favor of the bill. He said that only 4 votes were recorded against the bill. Following that, the bill was passed.
 - iii. The term of current term Army Chief General Asim Munir is set to end this month. Next, extending the term of the caretaker office and granting additional powers, reducing the jurisdiction of the Pakistan Supreme Court and creating a collegial appellate court are among the various features of the 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill that was recently introduced in that country's Parliament.
 - iv. The issue has caused a lot of controversy across the country. As the bill has now been passed, it will come into effect once the President gives his assent.

- v. It is said that the current amendment to the Pakistani constitution, the first of its kind in the last 50 years, will make Asim Munir more powerful than the President and Prime Minister.
 - vi. Similarly, the term of General Zahir Shamshad Mirza, who is currently the Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ends on Nov. 27. Under this new amendment, the position will be permanently abolished after him.
 - vii. Furthermore, the Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army will be the head of the security forces, which includes all three services.
 - viii. The President appoints the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Air Force, and Navy on the advice of the Prime Minister. However, the Chief of Staff of the Army will also hold the position of Commander-in-Chief of the three services.
 - ix. The amendment will also create a new position, the Commander of National Strategic Assets, to oversee nuclear energy and the country's most critical military equipment. The Prime Minister should appoint the person recommended by the Chief of the Tri-Services to that position.
 - x. Furthermore, this amendment also reduces the powers of the Supreme Court. A new Constitutional Court will be created. Constitutional matters will be handled by that court instead of the Supreme Court.
 - xi. In Pakistan, where democratically elected Governments have been ousted and Military rule imposed many times, democratic supporters have warned that for the first time General Asim Munir is seizing the country's supreme authority through this legal amendment without carrying out a coup.
 - xii. He was already awarded Pakistan's highest military rank, Field Marshal, after India's Operation Sindoor. It is noteworthy that General Asim Munir is the first General to hold the title after the first Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan and former dictator Ayub Khan.
 - xiii. It is said that there are important differences between the post of Chief of the Tri-Services created in India and the same post created by Pakistan. One of them is that the Chief of the Tri-Services does not issue operational orders to the Chiefs of Staff of the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. But in Pakistan, the person who holds that position gets the authority to command the three service chiefs.
4. "We need to bring talent from all over the world to America," President Donald Trump has said.
- i. With this comment, Trump, who had a strict stance on giving priority to Americans in providing jobs in the United States against a large number of foreigners immigrating to the country, seems to have relaxed his position a little.
 - ii. The H-1B visa allows foreigners to stay and work in the United States. Using this visa, many Indians are working in the information technology sector in the United States. In this situation, the Government of that country announced that after September 21st of this year, applicants for the first time for an H-1B visa will have to

pay a fee of one hundred thousand dollars (about Rs.88 lakh).

- iii. It was reported that the Government of the country took this action with the aim of giving priority to Americans in providing jobs in the United States and limiting the availability of jobs to foreign workers in the United States.
5. The Union External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar met and spoke with Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand.
 - i. The G7 group includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain, and the United States.
 - ii. Meanwhile, Minister Jaishankar went to Canada's Niagara region to participate in the G7 foreign ministers' meeting. Jaishankar participated in this meeting at the invitation of Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand.
6. The Congress MLA Raju Gowda has written a letter to the President, Prime Minister and Governor of Karnataka, urging them for a separate state for 15 districts in North Karnataka and declare them as separate state. In his letter he wrote:
 - i. A new state should be created comprising of 15 districts including Bidar, Kalaburki, Vijayapura, Yadagiri, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Dharwad, Cuttack, Koppal, Raichur, Vadakandam, Haveri, Vijayanagara, Bellary, Thavana Gere. This will lead to administrative convenience and integrated development.
 - ii. The State of Karnataka was formed by uniting Kannada-speaking areas scattered across different regions. Since then, the districts of North Karnataka have faced injustice, discrimination, and neglect.
 - iii. By creating North Karnataka as a separate state, we will have the pride of creating another Kannada State. The formation of the state of North Karnataka is a source of pride for us. North Karnataka is blessed with all kinds of natural resources. North Karnataka has played a key role in the preservation of the Kannada language and the unification of Kannada-speaking regions.
7. The President Draupadi Murmu met Botswana President Duma Gideon Boko. The two decided to expand cooperation between India and Botswana in sectors including education and agriculture.
 - i. In this regard, a press release issued by the Presidential Secretariat said, 'The President visited the African countries of Angola and Botswana. Following her visit to Angola, she went to Botswana, the first time an Indian President has visited the country.
 - ii. Eight Cheetahs are to be translocated from Botswana to India. The plan to send the Cheetahs was officially announced during President Draupadi Murmu's visit to Botswana.
 - iii. Draupadi Murmu said, "The Project Cheetah is India's unique wildlife conservation initiative. "I thank President Duma and the people of Botswana for agreeing to send leopards to India," he said.
8. The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of an export promotion scheme at

a cost of Rs.25,060 crore for the next 6 financial years to help exporters cope with the high tariffs imposed by the US on India.

- i. The decision in this regard was taken at a Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Furthermore, important decisions have been taken, including a loan guarantee of Rs.20,000 crore for exporters and a revision in royalty rates for key minerals.
- ii. This export promotion scheme, which will come into effect from the current financial year, will be implemented through two sub-schemes: Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha.
- iii. Accordingly, Rs.10,401 crore has been allocated for the Niryat Protsahan (Export Promotion) scheme. The main objective of this scheme is to ensure access to affordable trade credit for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- iv. Rs.14,659 crore has been allocated for the Niryat Disha (Export Drive) scheme to enhance non-financial facilities and structural support related to exports.
- v. Approval has been given to regularize the royalty rate on key minerals such as graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium.
- vi. This is expected to encourage the bidding of blocks containing minerals other than graphite, leading to the discovery of key minerals such as lithium and tungsten.

