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1. India's Rathika Suthanthira Seelan became the champion at the Bondi Open Squash Tournament held in Australia. This is her 2nd PSA champion title.
2. India's Esha Singh won a bronze medal at the Shooting World Championships in Egypt.
3. Clashes have broken out again between Government forces and armed Druze groups in Syria's Sweida province, violating a ceasefire agreement.
 - i. A ceasefire was implemented in Sweida province after clashes between Government forces and the Druze armed group last July.
 - ii. Syria's longtime ruler, Bashar al-Assad, was ousted in December last year after an attack by rebel groups and took refuge in Russia, ending a 14-year civil war there.
 - iii. But the new rulers have faced challenges in controlling the country. In March, the new Government, which is dominated by Sunni Muslims, clashed with the Alawite minority, which is loyal to Assad, and other armed groups.
 - iv. Hundreds of Alawites were killed with the help of Government forces, which caused fear among Syria's other ethnic minorities.
 - v. In this context, incidents of mutual kidnappings and attacks between local Sunni Bedouin tribes and Druze armed groups in the southern province continued to increase last July. Subsequently, Government forces sent to the area to restore law and order clashed with Druze groups.
 - vi. Although the Ministry of Interior said that 30 people died in the clashes, subsequent figures have not been officially released. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said hundreds of people on both sides had been killed in the conflict.
 - vii. During this conflict, Israel attacked areas including the Syrian army headquarters in support of the Druze ethnic group. The Druze people are said to have been persecuted by Arab nationalists in Palestine. As a result, the Druze fought in support of Israel when it was formed in 1948. In return, the Israeli military launched an attack in support of the Druze community in Syria.
 - viii. Subsequently, a ceasefire agreement was reached between Government forces and the Druze armed group, mediated by the United States.
 - ix. Government forces withdrew from the Sweida region. The Druze armed group took control of the region.

Under these circumstances, renewed clashes have occurred there, causing tension.

4. The President Draupadi Murmu returned to the country after visiting Angola and Botswana in the African region.
 - i. Draupadi Murmu, who visited Angola on November 8, was given an official welcome at the Country's Presidential Palace with a 21-gun salute and a military parade. Subsequently, Angolan President João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço and

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President Draupadi Murmu held bilateral talks, during which various important agreements were signed.

- ii. Draupadi Murmu then traveled to Botswana and met with the country's President, Duma Gideon Boko, for consultations. As a result, 8 Cheetahs are to be sent from Botswana to India. Draupadi Murmu returned to the country after completing a two-country tour.

5. Kumath Sharma, Vice President, Sahitya Akademi, presented the Bala Sahitya Puraskar Award 2025 winner to Vishnupuram Saravanan, for his children's book '*Ottrai Siragu Oviya*' in the Tamil language category, at a function in New Delhi.
6. India celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day) on November 15 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of the tribal freedom fighter and anti-colonialist Birsa Munda.

