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1. National Press Day – November 16, 2025.
2. A protest was held on behalf of 'Gen Z' organizations against crime and corruption in Mexico City, the capital of the North American country of Mexico.
 - i. Carlos Manzo, the mayor of Uruapan, Michoacán, was recently assassinated, and the state has been rocked by massive protests in recent days.
 - ii. As a result, 'Gen Z' organizations have now begun a protest against the Government ruled by President Claudia Sheinbaum. They chanted slogans against the Government, accusing it of increasing corruption and crime.
 - iii. The country's most popular Gen Z YouTubers have already announced that they will not participate in this protest. However, prominent leaders of the opposition parties have been posting on social media expressing support for the struggle of the young generation.
 - iv. This year, there has been an increasing number of Gen Z protests against the ruling Government around the world. The Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli resigned last September following protests by young leaders against the Nepalese Government. Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister last year following student protests in Bangladesh and sought refuge in India.
3. For the first time, the Chinese military fighter jets conducted bomber-style patrols in the South China Sea.
 - i. The patrol was carried out as a warning against the Philippines' joint naval exercises in that area.
 - ii. The South China Sea is a key area for regional and international trade. While China claims most of the sea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, and Taiwan also claim rights to the area.
 - iii. Under these circumstances, the Philippine Navy engaged in joint exercises with the US and Japanese navies in that region. The Philippines calls that region of sea as the West Philippine Sea.
 - iv. In a warning against this exercise, Chinese military fighter jets conducted a bomber-style patrol in the South China Sea for the first time.
 - v. There has been a recent trend of conflict between the Chinese and Philippine navies and coast guard forces in asserting their authority over areas they claim in the South China Sea. This has increased tension in that sea region.
 - vi. Taiwan Issue – Taiwan considers itself a sovereign country. However, China claims Taiwan as its own territory. Under these circumstances, the Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi recently warned that if China attacked Taiwan by force, it would be regarded as a threat to Japan and could lead Japan to respond militarily. Following this, China warned Japan not to interfere in the Taiwan issue. In this context, it is also worth considering the sudden tense situation between China and Japan, which has arisen due to Chinese fighter jets conducting bombing-style patrols in the South China Sea.

4. The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025.
- i. These regulations allow citizens to control their data and ensure that it is not misused. The purpose of these regulations is also to protect their privacy on the internet.
 - ii. These regulations also clearly define the timelines that companies must strictly follow regarding personal data. These regulations will be implemented gradually over a period of 12 to 18 months, and will come into full force after 18 months. In this regard, a press release issued by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology stated:
 - iii. The provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, are being promulgated to bring it into full force and effect.
 - iv. Under these rules, data controllers (such as social media platforms like Facebook, Google, and Game app companies) must publish a notice that clearly explains what personal data is being collected and used and obtains straightforward consent from the person concerned. If a person's data is breached, the data controllers must inform that person promptly in simple language. The actions taken in response to the breach and the contact details for anyone who should be contacted for assistance must also be provided.
 - v. Data Governance Officers must clearly communicate the contact details of the Data Protection Officer or designated officer so individuals can raise questions about how this data is handled.
 - vi. Response within 90 days: Data controllers must respond to requests—such as individuals accessing their personal data, correcting, updating, deleting it, or appointing someone to act on their behalf—within a maximum of 90 days.
 - vii. Data Protection Board: The Data Protection Board will operate as a fully functional statutory body to let the public submit complaints about their data via a dedicated website or mobile app, and to help track the status of action taken on those complaints. It is stated that decisions on these complaints can be appealed to the Telecom Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT).
 - viii. These terms give individuals the power to revoke consent to the use of their data at any time.
 - ix. These regulations are expected to help the public avoid calls made with advertising or fraudulent intent and prevent their personal data, video and voice recordings from being obtained without permission through any means.
 - x. These regulations also allow the Data Protection Board to levy fines depending on the nature of the personal data breach.
 - xi. Legal action - If an individual's mobile phone number is leaked without their consent and they receive unwanted calls, these regulations will help in investigating which company leaked the number and taking legal action.

- xii. These regulations restrict the rights of the public in situations such as enforcing court orders, investigating and taking legal action against any crime if it occurs.
 - xiii. The regulations state that if an individual who is a user does not use their account for 3 years, their personal data will be deleted by online commerce companies, online gaming companies and social media platforms.
5. India is a model of how social inclusion and economic growth can be integrated, a senior UN Development Programme official said.
- i. The UN Development Programme (UNDP) Executive Director Haoliang Xu is on a three-day visit to India to explore new ways to collaborate in areas including digital technology and environmental protection.
 - ii. Climate finance: Developing countries need Rs.212 lakh crore annually to mitigate the impacts of climate change by 2030.
 - iii. Based on this, the 29th Climate Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, urged all countries to collaborate to raise Rs.115 lakh crore annually. He said that immediate support is needed to help developing countries achieve this goal.
6. The Supreme Court Chief Justice B.R.Gavai said that it is my position that the creamy layer (those with advanced socio-economic status) among the Scheduled Castes (SCs) should be identified and their reservation benefits should be revoked.
7. Actress Keerthy Suresh has been appointed as the ambassador of UNICEF India, the UN agency for children's rights.
- i. In this new role, she will create awareness among the people about important issues like mental health, education and gender equality. She has already been spreading such good ideas through her film choices, it said.
 - ii. UNICEF India Representative – Cynthia McCaffrey.
8. The Police have been provided with a 'kit' to detect Synthetic drugs. This is a step forward in drug prevention.
- i. Drug circulation in Tamil Nadu is increasing more than in the past. The Police Department is taking strict action to prevent this. Those caught in drug cases are continuously being imprisoned under the Goondas Act. Their properties and bank accounts are being frozen by the Police.
 - ii. The drug detection 'kits' provided to the Tamil Nadu Police Department can conduct 1,100 types of drug tests.
 - iii. This kit was developed by Hindustan Pharmaceuticals in Pune, Maharashtra, on the instructions of the Central Narcotics Control Unit. Although this kit was developed a few years ago, it was initially provided to the Central Intelligence agencies.
 - iv. Mainly, it was provided to the Central Narcotics Control Unit, Customs Department, Revenue Intelligence Unit, Railway Protection Force and CBI. After that, it was given to special units including the Narcotics Control Unit in the State Police Departments. It is currently being given to other units in the State Police Department.

- v. Although Hindustan Pharmaceuticals manufactures this 'kit', it is distributed across the country through the Central Narcotics Control Unit.
 - vi. Even if the chemicals in the 'kit' are empty, Hindustan Pharmaceuticals supplies the chemicals again through the Central Narcotics Control Unit.
 - vii. Synthetic drugs - The increase in the involvement of the younger generation and youth in drug sales and trafficking has shocked the Police Department. They use a chemical drug called 'synthetic' drugs, narcotic pills, etc. in large quantities. The changes that occur in the body when using drugs, including cannabis, can be easily detected by people nearby. However, since this type of drug cannot be easily detected by other people and the effects of the drug last longer than other drugs, young people, who are initially consumers of this drug, later become sellers and traffickers for their financial needs. The drug trafficking gang cleverly brainwashes them and recruits them.
 - viii. Drug detection 'kit' - Even if a suspected drug is found, it takes two days for the Police to confirm it. Only after the forensic laboratory confirms that the seized substance is a drug, the police can take the next step in the case. A delay of two days causes a major delay in the investigation of the case and the possibility of the culprits escaping from the case. Keeping this in mind, the Tamil Nadu Police Department is currently being provided with a drug detection kit.
 - ix. This kit is divided into two parts. In one part, there are 16 vials of chemicals that detect synthetic drugs. The seized drug is mixed with a small amount of each of the chemicals in these vials for testing. Based on the color that the chemical exhibits, it is determined what type of drug it is. Similarly, there are 16 vials in the second part. These contain chemicals that detect what type of ingredients are mixed in the Synthetic Drugs that are seized.
 - x. This has created an environment in which the Police Department works in such a way that clues are quickly cleared in these cases and the criminals do not escape.
 - xi. The challenge that awaits: Since most synthetic drugs are white or light yellow in color like pure salt, when the drug is seized from the gang, it is not possible to immediately confirm that it is a drug. However, after this 'kit' was provided, the situation has completely changed.
 - xii. A few months ago, this kit was provided to the Tamil Nadu Police. Initially, it was provided to special units including the Narcotics Intelligence Unit. Now, it is being provided to all city police departments and district police departments.
 - xiii. In Tamil Nadu, Synthetic Drugs like methamphetamine, ketamine, heroin, LSD stamp, amphetamine, pseudoephedrine have been seized so far.
 - xiv. With these 'kits', the most challenging task that the Tamil Nadu Police had so far has become easier. However, the challenging task of breaking the 'networks' of synthetic drug trafficking gangs continues.
9. As the amoeba-induced encephalitis outbreak in Kerala continues to spread rapidly, the Health Department has advised local bodies to ban bathing in water bodies in Tamil

Nadu.

- i. The incidence of encephalitis caused by an amoeba in contaminated water is increasing in Kerala. So far, many people have died due to it.
 - ii. This type of amoeba, which penetrates the respiratory tract while bathing in unsanitary water, directly causes swelling in the brain. Symptoms like fever, vomiting, dizziness, headache, mental confusion, convulsions and seizures can occur. If not treated urgently, it can lead to death.
 - iii. Considering the threat posed by the neighboring state, the Director of Public Health, Dr. Somasundaram, has issued some instructions to local bodies.
 - iv. All Private and Government swimming pools should be maintained clean as per Government guidelines. It is important to have a certain amount of chlorine in the water. It should be ensured that the water bodies are clean. Similarly, entering and bathing in them should be prohibited.
10. The External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Qatari Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in Doha and held talks.
- i. Jaishankar, who is on a tour of the Middle East following his visit to Canada, arrived in Qatar. He was accorded a special welcome by King Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in the capital Doha. The two later held important discussions on India-Qatar relations.
 - ii. Earlier, he had a telephonic conversation with Bahraini Foreign Minister Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Sayani. He posted on social media that they discussed strengthening bilateral relations between India and Bahrain in various fields and regional and international issues.
 - iii. The two held talks during Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Sayani's visit to India earlier this month. As a result, it was agreed to expedite the signing of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) and investment agreements.
 - iv. The bilateral trade between India and Bahrain reached Rs.14,500 crore in 2024-25. There are 3.3 lakh Indians in Bahrain, which has a population of 15 lakh. India is one of Bahrain's top 5 trading partners.
 - v. Similarly, it is noteworthy that trade worth Rs. 1.2 lakh crore was done between India and Qatar in 2023-24.