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1. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on the G20 countries to take action to prevent financing of terrorist activities through drug trafficking.
 - i. He also highlighted 4 initiatives, to break the link between drug trafficking and terrorist organizations.
 - ii. The G20 summit, which includes countries such as India, the United States, Russia, China, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Japan, Canada, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the European Union and the African Union, began in Johannesburg, South Africa.
 - iii. The two-day summit is being attended by leaders from around 40 countries, including Prime Minister Modi, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Italian Prime Minister Giorgi Meloni, Japanese Prime Minister Sane Takaichi, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, and Australian Prime Minister Antony Albanese. This is the first time that the G20 summit is being held on the African continent.
 - iv. 4 key initiatives: Prime Minister Modi's speech at the opening session of the summit titled 'Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth':
 - v. Traditional Knowledge Treasury: First, a global traditional knowledge treasury should be created to protect cultural heritage and ways of life with ecological balance and social cohesion. Indian knowledge systems can be used as a foundation for this.
 - vi. Second, in order to break the link between drug trafficking and terrorist organizations, a special action is necessary to ensure financial-management-security coordination among G20 countries. Through this, trafficking structures, illegal financial transactions can be disrupted and a major source of financing for terrorism can be weakened.
 - vii. Third, a G20 Global Health Management Committee should be created to work together during health emergencies and natural disasters.
 - viii. Africa's development is essential: Africa's development is important for the development of the world. India has always supported Africa. It is a matter of pride that the African Union has been included as a permanent member of the G20 under the Indian leadership of the G20. Prime Minister Modi said that a Capacity Building Program should be implemented with the aim of producing 1 million certified trainers in African countries with the financial support of member countries.
 - ix. Satellite Data Partnership: Prime Minister Modi proposed the initiative on reuse and recycling of key minerals and satellite data partnership.
 - x. G20 member countries contribute to 85 percent of the world's Gross Domestic Product

and 75 percent of International Trade. They account for two-thirds of the world's population.

- xi. Despite US President Donald Trump's warning to boycott the G20 summit in South Africa, the summit declaration was unanimously adopted.
 - xii. Normally, the summit declaration is adopted only on the last day. But South Africa said that the adoption of the declaration in the opening session was a major victory for their leadership.
 - xiii. 'In an environment of increasing geopolitical-geoeconomic competition and instability, unity-equality-sustainability are the main pillars for inclusive development.
 - xiv. The declaration stressed that all countries should refrain from using force to seize parts of their territory against the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and political independence of any country.
 - xv. Why Trump boycotted? Trump recently announced that he would boycott the G20 summit, accusing the white farming minority in South Africa of being subjected to genocide. He also warned that the G20 declaration should not be adopted without the participation of the United States.
 - xvi. As the United States is about to assume the next chairmanship of the G20, the United States had said that only its representative would participate in that event. At the same time, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who rejected Trump's accusation, said, "No one can threaten our country."
 - xvii. It is customary to hand over the Chairmanship of the G20 alliance to the next country by giving a small 'hammer'. However, the South Africa has informed that it cannot be presented to a junior US embassy official; it will be placed in the vacant seat for the US President.
2. The Union Government plans to introduce 10 bills, including the creation of a Higher Education Commission of India, in the Winter Session of Parliament.
- i. The upcoming Winter Session of Parliament will begin on the 1st and end on the 19th of December, 2025. There will be 15 sittings in the session.
 - ii. The list of bills to be introduced in this session includes the National Highways (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to expedite and transparently acquire land for Highways.
 - iii. The Companies Act, 2013 and the Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act will be amended to make it easier to do business.
 - iv. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992, the Depositories Act, 1996 and the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1996 will be merged into the Securities Markets Code Bill (SMC), 2025.
 - v. Apart from this, the bills on granting private sector access to Civil Nuclear Power and setting up the Higher Education Commission of India and two bills that were not passed in the last session are under consideration.
 - vi. 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill— The Central Government is also planning to introduce the 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill to allow the President to directly

legislate in the affairs of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

- vii. Will the Higher Education Commission Bill be passed? There is an expectation that the bill to set up the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), proposed in the National Education Policy, 2020, will be passed in this session. HECI is being brought in as a replacement for the three bodies - University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). HECI, which will be established as a single body for Higher Education, will carry out tasks such as granting recognition to colleges and universities. However, the responsibility of providing funds to educational institutions will continue to lie with the Ministry of Education. Medical and law colleges have not been brought under the jurisdiction of this body. Earlier, a draft bill to establish HECI as a replacement for UGC was tabled in 2018 and comments were also received from the public. It did not become law. Work on this was resumed after Dharmendra Pradhan took charge as the Union Education Minister in 2021.
3. A medical team has reported that 23 children have died of malnutrition in the Central Kordofan region of Sudan in the past month. The report states:
- In the past month alone, 23 children have died of malnutrition-related causes in the Kordofan region. The report states that the humanitarian situation has deteriorated due to heavy fighting between the army and the RSF paramilitary force in the region.
 - The conflict in Sudan, which began in the capital Khartoum due to a power struggle between the army and the RSF paramilitary force, has spread to the entire country.
4. The US President Donald Trump has set a deadline for Ukraine to accept his 28-point peace plan. The deadline set by Trump has caused a stir as the plan includes many features that the Ukrainian Government has already rejected. Regarding this, Trump said –
- Ukraine must accept the draft ceasefire plan by next Thursday (Nov. 27). That is the right time. If Ukraine does not accept the peace plan by that date, the US support for the country will be stopped.
 - The draft plan will benefit both Russia and Ukraine. Therefore, the Ukrainian Government should accept it. That will lead to peace, Trump stressed.
 - Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed support for the US-proposed ceasefire plan for Ukraine. He praised the plan as the basis for a final permanent ceasefire agreement.
5. The Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin inaugurated the International Hockey stadium in Madurai and started a practice match ahead of the 14th Men's Junior World Cup Hockey tournament to be held in Madurai.
6. India's Mahit Sandhu wins 4th medal at Deaflympics.
- India's Mahit Sandhu won gold in the women's 50m pistol 3 event at the Deaflympics in Tokyo, Japan. This is her 4th medal at the event.
7. Justice Surya Kant, who is set to take over as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, said on Saturday that he will give priority to resolving the over 5 crore cases pending in courts

across the country and expediting mediation.

8. The Prime Minister Modi held separate meetings with Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Australian Prime Minister Antony Albanese, French President Emmanuel Macron, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, South Korean President Lee Jae-myung, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, and others on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in South Africa.
9. The total freight traffic of Indian Railways in the current financial year has crossed the 100 crore tonne mark, a new record as of Wednesday (Nov 19), the Railway Ministry said on Saturday.
 - i. Daily freight traffic has increased from 42 lakh tonne last year to around 44 lakh tonne now. This continuous improvement shows the potential of railways for India's industrial growth and infrastructure development.

Cargo-wise transport volume	
Cargo type	Volume
Coal	505 million tonnes
Iron ore	115 million tonnes
Cement	92 million tonnes
Container transport	59 million tonnes
Iron & finished steel	47 million tonnes
Fertilizers	42 million tonnes
Oil	32 million tonnes
Food grains	30 million tonnes
Raw materials for steel plants	around 20 million tonnes
Miscellaneous goods	74 million tonnes

- ii. Role of railways in sustainable development: Shifting freight from roads to railways offers many benefits beyond commercial benefits.
- iii. It helps reduce carbon emissions. It reduces traffic congestion on highways. It also provides environment-friendly transport solutions to all industries, including, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- iv. These developments strengthen India's commitment to moving towards zero carbon emission targets. They also position the railways as a driver for economic and environmental development, the Railway Ministry said.