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1. Tamil Nadu is at the 3rd position among the states that attracted the most Foreign Direct Investment during the last April–September period.
 - i. Singapore invested the highest amount of \$1,194 crore during this period. It was followed by the United States (\$6.62 billion), Mauritius (\$3.47 billion), United Arab Emirates (\$2.33 billion), Cayman Islands (\$1.83 billion), Netherlands (\$1.63 billion), Cyprus (\$1.40 billion), and Japan (\$1.21 billion).
 - ii. Sector-wise – Foreign Direct Investment in the computer software and hardware sectors has increased to \$9 billion. The services sector received \$5 billion, the trade sector received \$2.78 billion, the automobile sector received \$1.57 billion, the construction development sector received \$23.3 billion, the renewable energy sector received \$2 billion, and the chemicals sector received \$53.4 billion.
 - iii. Maharashtra topped the list with the highest FDI inflows of \$10.57 billion during the assessment period. Karnataka came in second with \$9.4 billion and Tamil Nadu third with \$3.57 billion. These states were followed by Haryana with \$3.22 billion, Gujarat with \$2.24 billion, Delhi with \$2.3 billion and Telangana with \$1.14 billion, according to Central Government data.
2. Former England cricket batsman Robin Smith (62) passed away in Perth.
3. The Rajya Sabha has returned to Lok Sabha the Manipur GST bill, which replaces an Ordinance to implement GST reforms in the State.
 - i. The GST, which was levied at 4 rates of 5, 12, 18, 28 percent, has been reduced to 2 rates. Accordingly, GST is currently levied at 2 rates of 5 and 18 percent on about 375 items. In addition, a tax of 40 percent is levied on luxury items.
 - ii. An Ordinance was brought to implement these reforms in GST in Manipur. Since the State is under President's rule, the Manipur GST Bill was brought in place of the Ordinance.
 - iii. The bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on the first day of the winter session of Parliament. Later, the bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary.
4. India has signed a deal to procure additional satellite-linked Heron Mark-II drones from Israel after Operation Sindoor, defence sources said.
 - i. The drones are already in use by the Indian Army and Air Force, while the Navy is also in the process of purchasing them, an Israeli aerospace industry official said.
 - ii. The Heron MK II is a Medium Altitude Long Endurance or MALE UAV capable of reaching an altitude of 35,000 feet and remaining in the air for 45 consecutive hours. It is operated by the Israeli Air Force and over 20 other entities globally.
5. The new building being built for the Prime Minister's Office in the capital New Delhi is to be named 'Seva Teerth' (Place of Service).

- i. The reconstruction of Government buildings is underway in the capital Delhi. As part of this, a new building is being built for the Prime Minister's Office. The building, which is nearing completion, was already named 'Executive Enclave'.
 - ii. This building houses not only the Prime Minister's Office but also the Union Cabinet Secretariat, the National Security Council Secretariat and India House for holding talks with foreign leaders.
 - iii. In this context, the name of the building is to be changed to 'Seva Teerth'. In this regard, officials say that 'this is a workplace designed to reflect service to the people.
 - iv. Decisions on matters of national importance will be taken here. India's public institutions are witnessing a change. The mindset of governance is changing from 'power' to 'service'. The change in the name of the Prime Minister's Office is not only an administrative change but also a cultural and moral one. The names of the Governor's Palaces are being changed from 'Raj Bhavan' to 'Lok Bhavan' (People's Palace). Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the administrative offices are being changed to reflect duty and transparency. From now on, every name, every building and every symbol will indicate service to the people.
 - v. Recently, the name of the 'Rajpath' area in Delhi was changed to 'Kartavya Path' (Duty Path). Earlier, the name of the place where the Prime Minister's official residence is located in Delhi was changed to Lok Kalyan Marg in 2016. It was meant to indicate the welfare of the people. Similarly, it is noteworthy that the name of the Central Secretariat was changed to 'Kartavya Bhavan'.
6. The Asian Development Bank has approved a loan of Rs.5,780 crore to India to further accelerate the implementation of rooftop solar power projects.
- i. It is said that this will enable low-cost electricity generation in 1 crore homes by 2027.
 - ii. India is emerging as the fastest growing country in the world through the Prime Minister's Solar Power Project.
 - iii. This will enable India to achieve its goal of installing 30 GW of rooftop solar power generation, reduce environmental pollution, and provide low-cost electricity to remote areas.
7. The 4th annual Kashi Tamil Sangamam, organized by the Union Education Ministry, IIT Madras, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, has begun in Varanasi. Various events, including a photo exhibition, will be held under the theme 'Learn Tamil' till December 15.
8. The average doctor-population ratio in India is 881 for every 1 doctor, the Union Government informed the Rajya Sabha.
- i. The number of doctors in India is well above the World Health Organization's recommendation of 1 doctor per 1,000 people.
 - ii. The Government has also taken various steps to improve the availability of doctors

in rural and tribal areas where there is a shortage of doctors.

9. The Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has said that people can remove the 'Sanchar Saathi' app, which is pre-installed on all mobile phones sold in India as per the Government Order.
 - i. The 'Sanchar Saathi' app was developed by the Ministry of Communications to report fraud.
 - ii. The Central Government had recently ordered that this app be pre-installed on all new mobile phones sold in India and uploaded to mobile phones already ready for sale through a software update.
10. On December 3, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Tamil Nadu Government is promoting and recognizing the services rendered to the differently-abled by presenting state awards. The Government is taking all appropriate measures to provide equal rights and equal opportunities to the differently-abled and enable them to live with self-respect in the society.
 - i. Every year, an important theme is issued by the United Nations on this day. The theme of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2025, "Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress". Based on this, the Government is taking various measures.
 - ii. In order to provide assistance directly to home based on the noble principle of everything being available to everyone, the 'Tamil Nadu Rights Project' implemented with the loan assistance of the World Bank by integrating the services of various sectors to benefit the differently-abled and ensuring that all rehabilitation services are available in the areas where the differently-abled live.
11. The Census 2027 will be conducted in two phases between April and February 2027, the Union Government informed the Lok Sabha.
 - i. The Census will be conducted in two phases. In the first phase, the house listing and housing census will be conducted for 30 days from April to September next year, as per the convenience of the States and Union Territory Governments.
 - ii. The second phase of the Census will be completed by February 2027.
 - iii. In the snow-covered areas like the Union Territory of Ladakh, some parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the second phase of the Census will be completed by September next year.
 - iv. The Census 2027 will be conducted through digital means. Accordingly, data will be collected through mobile apps along with an online provision for self-enumeration, it has been informed.
12. Knowledge centres will be set up in 126 villages across Tamil Nadu to provide education to the rural Adi Dravidian and Tribal people and to benefit students, farmers and women's self-help groups. The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidian and Tribal Welfare Department has issued a Government Order in this regard.
 - i. These centres will function on the basis of informing the rural Adi Dravidian and Tribal

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people about Government welfare schemes, providing educational and other useful information, and providing training to farmers, students and self-help groups. 126 villages have been selected in Tamil Nadu for this.

- ii. The buildings for this purpose under the name of Village Knowledge Centres will be constructed in three 'models'. The centre with ground floor and first floor has been defined as 'model one'. Similarly, the centre with ground floor has been defined as 'model two' and 'model three'.
 - iii. A fund of Rs.1.31 crore has been allocated to establish a Knowledge Center in Sadayandi Nagar, Poongudi village, K. Kallikudi panchayat, Manikandam union, which falls under the Tiruchirappalli Lok Sabha constituency.
13. Twelve people died when a landslide occurred on the banks of the Iparia river in the Ugayali region of Peru, which is home to the Amazon rainforest, and sank two boats parked there.

