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1. The Central Government has set a ceiling on flight fares.
 - i. As IndiGo flights have been cancelled in various cities of the country for the last 5 days, other companies have increased their flight fares several times. The Central Government has taken this step to prevent this.
 - ii. While 550 flights were cancelled last Thursday and more than 1,000 IndiGo flights on Friday, more than 1,600 flights operating from major cities of the country were cancelled for the fifth day on Saturday.
 - iii. To reduce the workload of pilots, the revised Flight Duty Time Limitation (FDTL) rules for pilots came into effect from November 1. According to these rules, weekly rest and annual leave should be considered separately. That is, vacation should not be compensated in lieu of 48 hours of weekly rest.
 - iv. Due to IndiGo's inadequate planning for these rule changes, there was a shortage of pilots in the company and daily flight services have been affected for the last few days.
 - v. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a notice to IndiGo CEO Peter Elbers, alleging that he has failed to provide timely and reliable flight services and ensure that passengers are provided with the necessary facilities. The DGCA has also sought an explanation from him within 24 hours.
2. The US delegation is scheduled to arrive in India on the 10th for three-day talks to finalize the first phase of the India-US bilateral trade agreement.
 - i. A delegation led by Deputy Representative of the US Department of Commerce, Rick Schweitzer is scheduled to arrive in India on the 10th. The two countries are negotiating the trade agreement under two main pillars: reducing tariffs on imported goods and a comprehensive trade agreement.
 - ii. Six rounds of talks have been completed so far on the bilateral trade agreement. The bilateral trade agreement aims to increase the bilateral trade between the two countries from the current Rs. 17,18,207 crore (USD 191 billion) to Rs. 44,97,925 crore (USD 500 billion) by 2030.
3. The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K.Stalin will preside over a mega investor summit to be held in Madurai on Sunday (Dec. 7) under the theme 'Tamil Nadu is Growing' in which 91 MoUs worth Rs 36,660.35 crore will be signed.
4. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has handed over the following 7 technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the three Services.
 - a) an Indigenous High-Voltage Power Supply for Airborne Self-Protection Jammers;
 - b) A Tide-Efficient Gangway for Naval Jetties;
 - c) Advanced Very Low Frequency-High Frequency Switching Matrix Systems;
 - d) VLF loop Aerials for Underwater Platforms;

- e) Indigenous Waterjet Propulsion System for Fast Interceptor Craft;
- f) A Novel Process for Recovery of Lithium Precursors from used Lithium-ion Batteries and
- g) A Long-life Seawater Battery System for Sustained Underwater Sensing and Surveillance Applications.

It was informed that these technologies have been put into use after extensive testing.

5. India's largest cancer hospital, which is being built in Kanchipuram at a cost of Rs.324 crore with 770 beds, will be opened soon, said Tamil Nadu Health and Family Welfare Minister M. Subramanian.
 - i. Tata Memorial Cancer Research Institute in Mumbai, which is said to be India's largest cancer research center, has 670 bed facilities. The largest cancer treatment center in India, named after Anna, is being built in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, with 770 bed facilities. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said that it will be inaugurated soon.
6. On the occasion of the 69th death anniversary of legal luminary B.R. Ambedkar, President Draupadi Murmu, Vice President and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha C.P.Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and others paid floral tributes to his statue in the Parliament complex on Saturday.
 - i. B.R. Ambedkar, who is hailed as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, is the first Law Minister of independent India. He passed away on December 6, 1956, and was awarded the country's highest award, the Bharat Ratna (posthumous honor) in 1990. Ambedkar's death anniversary is observed as 'Mahabari Nirvan Diwas'.
7. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman - Prime Minister of Qatar.