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1. The Microsoft has decided to invest Rs.1.58 lakh crore in the Artificial Intelligence sector in India, the company's CEO Satya Nadella has announced.
 - i. This will be Microsoft's largest investment in the Asian continent. It will also help India emerge as a major hub for the Artificial Intelligence sector in the future.
 - ii. This decision by Microsoft has gained significance as President Donald Trump continues to insist that American companies should invest more domestically.
 - iii. According to a statement released by Microsoft, it is planned to invest Rs.1.58 lakh crore in India in the next 4 years (2026–2029). This will bring Artificial Intelligence to all sections of the population. It has been said that Microsoft was committed to investing in India earlier this year.
 - iv. American companies like Google and Amazon have already announced technology investment plans worth crores in India.
2. The Australia's world-first ban on children using social media has come into effect in the early hours of Tuesday (midday Indian time).
 - i. Under the law, children under the age of 16 are prohibited from creating or maintaining accounts on 10 social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Snapchat, X, Reddit, Twitch, Kik and Threads. Violations of this will result in a fine of 49.5 million Australian dollars (about Rs.296 crore) for the relevant platform companies, the Government has said.
3. The Cambodian President Hun Sen has vowed to fight back against Thailand, which has carried out airstrikes in his country. The President Hun Sen made the remarks as tensions between the two countries have increased over new border disputes.
 - i. The border between Thailand and Cambodia was drawn up in 1904 and 1907. However, the border dispute between the two countries continues to center on the 11th-century Hindu temple of Preah Vihear. The temple belongs to Cambodia, as the UN Supreme Court ruled in 2008. However, the border dispute has occasionally led to clashes between the two countries. 48 people were killed in a five-day war between Thailand and Cambodia last July; 300,000 people were made refugees.
 - ii. Subsequently, a ceasefire agreement was signed between Thailand and Cambodia in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur on October 26 in the presence of Trump. The agreement, which was initiated by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, was expected to resolve the border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia.
 - iii. However, Thailand canceled the ceasefire agreement on November 10, alleging that its soldier was injured by a landmine planted by Cambodia. Cambodia, on the other hand, explained that it was an old landmine that already existed.
4. Israeli Army Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir has said that the new border between Israel and Gaza will be the 'yellow line' outlined in US President Donald Trump's ceasefire plan.
 - i. This has sparked strong opposition among Palestinians as it would leave half of Gaza

- under Israeli control.
- ii. Under the ceasefire agreement in Gaza that has been in effect since October 10, Israeli forces have withdrawn beyond the yellow line, which is defined in the south.
 - iii. The yellow line stretches from 1.5 to 6.5 km in the eastern part of Gaza, covering 53 percent of Gaza. The area is currently under Israeli control. The yellow line includes Gaza's largest agricultural land and the border crossing with Egypt.
 - iv. Trump's 20-point peace plan calls for Israeli forces to hand over the area to international security forces "in a phased manner." However, the plan allows Israel to maintain a border line that includes a very small part of Gaza for its own security. However, Zamir's current version is said to indicate that Israel will not fully cede the areas within the Yellow Line.
5. Ukraine is developing a new peace plan after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky refused to cede any territory to Russia under the US peace plan.
- i. The 28-point plan proposed by the US to end the war in Ukraine has now been reduced to 20 points, a Ukrainian presidential official said
 - ii. The plan will not include the pro-Russian features of Trump's previous plan, the news agency reported.
6. FIFA has announced that there will be a 3-minute 'drinks' break in the first and second half of each match in the 2026 World Cup.
- i. The decision comes after players suffered from heat exhaustion during some matches at the Club World Cup in the United States last year.
 - ii. FIFA's Chief Executive for the 2026 World Cup, Manolo Zubria, made the announcement during a meeting with representatives of the tournament's broadcasters.
 - iii. The 2026 World Cup will be held in the United States, Canada and Mexico from June 11 to July 19.
7. The US Defence major Lockheed Martin is planning to set up a joint manufacturing facility in India to manufacture C-130J Super Hercules heavy military transport aircraft.
- i. The Indian Air Force is planning to procure around 80 military transport aircraft worth several lakh crore rupees. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) under the Ministry of Defence is likely to approve the purchase in the next few weeks.
 - ii. The Indian Air Force currently has 12 C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. The company has suggested that the aircraft would be a good fit for the Indian Air Force as they have been operating reliably in India and 20 other countries for a long time.
 - iii. Lockheed Martin plans to set up a joint manufacturing facility in India to manufacture the C-130J Super Hercules heavy military transport aircraft. Lockheed Martin has promised India to be the first country to set up its joint manufacturing facility outside the United States.
8. The Porundi Museum, built at a cost of Rs. 56.60 crore in Tirunelveli, will be inaugurated by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on December 20 and welfare scheme assistance will be

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provided to 50,000 people on that day, said Municipal Administration & Drinking Water Supply, Minister K.N. Nehru.

9. The Opposition MPs submitted a notice of impeachment motion to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha against Madras High Court Madurai Bench Judge G.R. Swaminatha.

1993 – A resolution against Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice V. Ramaswamy was moved in the Lok Sabha but failed as it did not get two-thirds votes.

