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1. The Nilgiri Tahr Project was launched by Chief Minister M.K.Stalin in 2023 to protect the Nilgiri Tahr, the state animal of Tamil Nadu.
 - i. As part of this project, a survey was conducted in 177 habitats of wild boars in Tamil Nadu. In the current year, 36 additional areas including Kodaikanal Forest Reserve have been included in the survey.
 - ii. According to the census, the total number of Nilgiri mountain goats in Tamil Nadu is 1,303. Of these, 42 percent are in the Anaimalai Tiger Reserve area. Similarly, there are large numbers of Nilgiri Tahr in Grass Hills National Park and Mukurthi National Park.
2. Russia has announced that it is lifting its self-imposed ban on keeping intermediate-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads at a range of 3,000 to 5,500 km.
 - i. The United States plans to station Typhoon and Dark Eagle missiles in Germany from 2026. Russia says these pose a direct threat to Russia and are detrimental to regional and global stability.
 - ii. In response, Russia has decided to deploy Oreshnik missiles in Belarus, which can travel at 10 times the speed of sound and are said to be undetectable even by the world's most advanced air defense missiles.
3. Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, who is on a state visit to India, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held consultations. Subsequently, 14 MoUs were signed between the two countries to enhance cooperation in various fields.
4. Amit Shah has become the country's longest-serving Home Minister, surpassing the tenure of former Union Home Minister L.K. Advani.
 - i. Amit Shah has completed 2,258 days as Union Home Minister, surpassing LK Advani's 2,256 days in office. (GB Pant – 2249 days)
5. The village of Tarali was buried in a landslide after a flash flood caused by a cloudburst in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand.
6. Tamil Nadu has become the seventh state to release a social security policy for transgenders. The Madras High Court commended the Tamil Nadu Government for this.
7. The resolution to extend President's rule in Manipur for another 6 months was passed in the Rajya Sabha amidst heavy opposition.
8. India approved a plan to procure military equipment worth Rs 67,000 crore, including drones and radars. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved the procurement, which is aimed at further strengthening India's military strength.
9. Satya Pal Malik, the last Governor of Jammu and Kashmir with statehood, passed away after a prolonged illness.
 - i. On August 5, 2019, the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked and it was bifurcated into two Union Territories (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh). At that time, Satyapal was the one who was supervising the work as the Governor.