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1. India's Ramesh Budihaal won a bronze medal at the Asian Surfing Championships held in Mamallapuram, becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the history of the competition.
2. The Indian Navy's state-of-the-art warship Himagiri has successfully completed its maiden voyage before being commissioned in Visakhapatnam.
3. Indian refineries can operate without Russian crude oil. But a report by the US-based Kepler firm said that India will have to make significant economic and trade efforts to compensate for this.
  - i. If India imports crude oil from another country instead of the 1.8 million barrels it currently imports from Russia per day, it will spend an additional Rs.26,200 crore to Rs.43,700 crore per year.
  - ii. If India decides to import crude oil from countries in the Gulf and Atlantic regions, In particular, as an alternative to Russia and further changes in global crude oil prices could cost India an additional Rs.61,300 crore to Rs.96,300 crore per year.
  - iii. Even if India imports crude oil from the Middle East, America, Africa, and South America instead of Russia, it can only cover 60 to 70 percent.
  - iv. However, all these are not comparable to the discounted price and quality of Russian crude oil. This could have major commercial implications for India.
4. In Tamil Nadu, there are over 2,800 elephants in the tiger reserves at Anaimalai, Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam, Kalakkadu, and Srivilliputhur, as well as the forest divisions of Coimbatore, Erode, Dharmapuri, and Vellore, and wildlife sanctuaries.
  - i. Although the Tamil Nadu Government has taken various measures to protect elephants, attacks on them and the resulting deaths are increasing.
  - ii. Due to the lack of sufficient water and food in the forest area, elephants often enter agricultural lands.
  - iii. An average of 100 elephants and 200 humans die each year due to human-elephant conflicts. Additionally, more than 100 elephants die each year from being hit by trains.
  - iv. 36 percent of such accidents are reported in Assam, 26 percent in West Bengal, and 6 percent in Tamil Nadu.
  - v. The main reasons for the destruction of elephants are habitat loss, deforestation for agriculture, and poaching.
5. A memorial event for the late V. Vasanthi Devi, former Vice-Chancellor of Tirunelveli Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University and educationist, was held in Chennai.
6. There are over 5 crore pending court cases across the country. To expedite their disposal, the Union Cabinet has approved an allocation of Rs.7,000 crore for

e-Courts and related infrastructure. The gap between people and justice must be narrowed.

7. To Identify and provide appropriate protection to children who are being abused at home, the Kerala Government is set to launch a comprehensive scheme called 'Suraksha Mithram', under which complaint boxes will be set up in all schools in the state for children to write their grievances in the form of petitions.
8. Sailors working in maritime transport, who play a key role in India's economic growth, the circular (31/2025) issued by the Central Directorate of Shipping, known as 'DG Shipping', has been intended to directly affect the livelihood of seafarers.
  - i. In this new circular, sailors serving on ships must submit certificates of specialized training. It states that all certificates issued by foreign educational institutions will not be accepted.
  - ii. According to circular No. 18 dated July 18, maritime competency certificates issued by foreign countries like Honduras, Panama, Togo, Gabon, Belize, and the Cook Islands will no longer be valid in India. As a result, it is said that more than a thousand Indian sailors who were working with these certificates have been forced to lose their jobs overnight.
  - iii. Members of the fishing community are receiving training in maritime work from foreign countries and working as sailors; many have even become experts in their profession. However, the recent circular from the Central Government has led to the loss of livelihood for many sailors.
9. **Personalities in news :-**
  - i. Arjun Erigaisi - Indian chess grandmaster
  - ii. Sabalenka - Belarus Tennis player
  - iii. Jannik Sinner - Italian Tennis Player