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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after meeting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is on a two-day visit to India, said that stable relations between India and China will lead to regional and global peace.
 - i. DAP (Diammonium Phosphate) is the second most demanded fertilizer in India after urea. China is the world leader in the supply of this fertilizer.
 - ii. India is heavily dependent on Chinese imports for its fertilizer needs. China imposed stricter restrictions on the export of these fertilizers from 2023. This led to a decline in Indian imports of fertilizers, including DAP.
 - iii. Similarly, rare earth minerals are considered a very important material in the production of electric vehicles, modern technological equipment, drones, and batteries.
 - iv. China is the global hub for the supply of rare earth minerals. India needs a stable supply of rare earth minerals to accelerate economic growth.
 - v. China is also said to have stopped exporting drilling machines to India. In this context, China has now relaxed export restrictions on these three items, which is expected to provide a boost to India's economic growth.
 - vi. Central Government sources said that although India has begun to show closeness to China, there has been no change in India's relationship with Taiwan in cultural, economic and technological terms.
2. To improve the livelihood of Ex-servicemen, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has introduced a new scheme.
 - i. Through the scheme named 'Chief Minister's Protecting Hands', 155 ex-servicemen were granted permission to start business.
 - ii. Under the new scheme, ex-servicemen will be provided with the necessary funds and training to engage in self-employment and transform them into effective entrepreneurs.
3. The India-China Special Representatives Meeting decided to work towards a fair and mutually acceptable plan of action to resolve the trade and border issues between India and China.
 - i. To resume cross-border trade between India and China through Lipulekh Pass, Shipki La Pass and Nathu La Pass and It was reported that the meeting also agreed to facilitate mutual trade and investment through clear measures.
4. India's Manu Bhaker won a bronze medal in the senior category at the Asian Shooting Championships, while Rashmika Sahagal won a gold medal in the junior category.
 - i. At the competition in Kazakhstan, double Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker finished third in the women's 10m air pistol final with a score of 219.7 points.

- ii. China's Qianke Ma (243.2) and South Korea's Jin Yang (241.6) took the top two spots in the senior category, respectively.
5. World number 2 Carlos Alcaraz of Spain won the men's singles title at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament held in the United States.
 - i. Alcaraz was declared the winner after the defending champion and world number 1 Yannick .
 - ii. Cinner of Italy, who faced him in the final, withdrew from the tournament due to ill health.
6. ISRO chairman V. Narayanan has informed that a rocket as tall as a 40-story building needed to carry satellites weighing about 75,000 kg (75 tons) into space and place them in low Earth orbit near Earth, is being developed by ISRO.
 - i. Narayanan outlined ISRO's major projects lined up for this year, including the launch of a NAVIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation system) satellite, the new N1 rocket, and the placement of a 6,500 kg communication satellite of the United States using Indian launch vehicles.
 - ii. ISRO Chairman highlighted the rapid growth of India's satellite fleet, pointing out that the country currently has 55 satellites in orbit. He said the number is expected to rise nearly threefold within the next three to four years.
7. The death toll due to flash floods following a cloudburst in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir has risen to 64.
8. Speaker Om Birla announced that from now on, House proceedings will be translated into all the languages (22 languages) listed under the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.
 - i. He announced that while the proceedings have been translated into 19 languages so far, additional translations will be undertaken in Kashmiri, Konkani and Santali.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to be held in China later this month, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said on Tuesday
 - i. During his talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Ajit Doval confirmed Prime Minister Modi's participation in the SCO summit to be held in Tianjin, China, on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

10. Personalities in news :-

- i. Wang Yi - Foreign Minister of China
- ii. B.Sudershan Reddy - Former Supreme Court judge and Vice-Presidential Candidate
- iii. Dr. V.Narayanan - Chairman, ISRO