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1. Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli has lodged a written objection to Chinese President Xi Jinping over the agreement between India and China to conduct cross-border trade through the Lipulekh Pass.
 - i. India and China recently decided to resume cross-border trade through the Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand.
 - ii. Nepal objected to this and claimed that the Lipulekh Pass belonged to the country, but India categorically stated that there was no evidence for this.
 - iii. In these circumstances, the Nepalese Prime Minister K.P.Sharma Oli has traveled to China to participate in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit. Sharma Oli met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Tianjin, where he raised objections to the agreement between India and China to conduct cross-border trade through the Lipulekh Pass.
 - iv. Sharma Oli expressed hope that China would cooperate with Nepal on this issue, according to a press release from the Nepal Prime Minister's Secretariat. However, China has not commented on the matter.
2. To resolve issues related to height restrictions of buildings near airports in the country, the Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu said that the study will be carried out with the help of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The issue being handled in other international cities, such as Hong Kong, will be examined.
3. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tianjin, China to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit.
 - i. Prime Minister Modi last visited China in June 2018 to attend the SCO summit.
 - ii. It has been reported that Prime Minister Modi will meet several world leaders, including Russian President Putin, on the sidelines of the SCO summit.
 - iii. The Prime Minister's visit to China is considered significant in the context of the turmoil in bilateral relations due to the US tariffs on India.
 - iv. Although bilateral trade between India and China is growing at a healthy rate, the trade gap still favors China.
 - v. It is noteworthy that the trade deficit with China alone accounted for about 35 percent of India's total trade deficit (\$283 billion) in the last fiscal year.
4. The Principal Secretary to the Finance Department, T. Udayachandran, said that the US tax hike is likely to affect the operations of 4 sectors in Tamil Nadu.
 - i. The new US tariffs may affect the textile industry, auto parts manufacturing, marine products, and footwear manufacturing in Tamil Nadu.
 - ii. He said that there is a glimmer of hope that the situation will improve if positive

efforts are made.

5. The country's Appeal Court has ruled that American President Trump does not have the legal right to impose tariffs on goods from several countries, with far-reaching consequences.
 - i. US President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on Indian goods imported into the US, due to India's import of crude oil from Russia, and imposed an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods, for a total of 50% tariff. Similarly, the United States has imposed high reciprocal tariffs on goods from various countries.
 - ii. This tax has had a major impact on international markets. This move has also caused major problems for countries that trade with the United States.
 - iii. In this regard, the Court of Appeals in Washington ruled that, the President Trump does not have the legal authority to declare national emergencies in the United States and impose import tariffs that would have a major impact on goods from almost every country in the world.
6. The United States has banned Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas from attending the UN General Assembly meeting in New York next month.
 - i. The US announcement came after 15 countries, including France, Canada, Britain and Australia, said they would grant Palestine the status of an independent state at the meeting, despite strong opposition from Israel and Israel.
 - ii. 80 people, including Mahmoud Abbas, from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority, have been denied visas. The US believes they are acting in a way that could undermine peace efforts.
7. The 16th Asian Shooting Championship was held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
 - i. India won the first place in history with 50 gold medals in the 12-day competition.
 - ii. They performed well in 15 Olympic disciplines, especially in the senior category, such as rifle, pistol, and shotgun. They won 6 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze.
8. **Personalities in news :-**
 - i. Antonio Guterres – Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - ii. Arjun Babuta – Indian shooter
 - iii. Xi Jinping – Chinese President
 - iv. Shigeru Ishiba – Japanese Prime Minister