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1. The President Donald Trump has insisted that Afghanistan's largest air base, Bagram Air Base, be returned to American control.
 - i. The US Government is making efforts to retake Bagram Air Base. Our handing over the airbase to the Taliban has had no effect.
 - ii. The airbase is important because it is very close to China. The airbase is located just an hour away from where China is developing its nuclear-capable missiles.
 - iii. The Taliban Government has categorically denied that it will allow the US to retake their country's Bagram Air Base.
 - iv. China has said that the Afghan Government should decide whether to hand over Bagram Air Base to US forces.
2. India's Antim Panghal won a bronze medal at the World Wrestling Championships in Croatia, India's first medal in the competition.
3. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday planted a Kadamba tree, gifted to him by Britain's King Charles III on his birthday, at his official residence in New Delhi.
 - i. On September 17, many world leaders wished Prime Minister Modi on his 75th birthday.
 - ii. The British King Charles III gifted a Kadamba tree to Prime Minister Modi. The British Embassy in India presented the special gift to the Prime Minister on behalf of the King.
4. The Chief of the Tri-Services, Anil Chauhan, said that policy initiatives were being taken for the development of equipment for space and cyber warfare.
 - i. The Eastern Tech Symposium 2025, jointly organized by the HQ Eastern Command (Indian Army), Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), began in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
 - ii. Speaking at the Eastern Tech Conference, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, 'Jharkhand, which is rich in uranium, can contribute significantly to the country's nuclear weapons production. In that regard, the State Government is ready to work with the Central Government to make the country's defense sector self-reliant, he said. It is noteworthy that Uranium plays an important role in the production of nuclear weapons.
5. The Election Commission announced that 474 registered unrecognized political parties that did not meet Election Commission regulations, including not contesting elections for 6 consecutive years, have been removed from the list.
 - i. Earlier, on August 9, 334 registered unrecognized political parties were deregistered, and now the Election Commission has taken this action again.
 - ii. Accordingly, a total of 808 registered unrecognized parties have been removed from the list in the last 2 months, it was reported.
 - iii. Due to the second phase of removal, the number of unrecognized parties registered with the Election Commission has decreased from 2,520 to 2,046.

- iv. In addition to these, 6 recognized national parties and 67 state parties are included in the Election Commission registration list.
 - v. Political parties are registered with the Election Commission under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Organizations that register as political parties in this way are entitled to certain privileges and privileges, including tax exemption.
 - vi. The Election Commission has taken the step of deregistering political parties that have not contested any elections since 2019. Parties that have been removed from the Election Commission's list cannot field candidates on behalf of that party in the election.
6. 18 Tamil organizations are set to submit a resolution on September 24 at the 60th session of the UN Human Rights Council against Sri Lanka for committing genocide and war crimes against the Tamil people.
- i. The 60th session of the UN Human Rights Council is underway in Geneva. The Advocate Ramshankar, a representative of the Delhi Tamil Bar Association, who will be participating in this session, said that the groups and other organizations representing the Tamil people inside and outside the island of Sri Lanka will jointly present this resolution.
 - ii. This resolution is being tabled on behalf of 18 Tamil organizations including the British Tamil Forum, German Tamil Support Forum, Korea Tamil Association, Swiss Tamil Action Committee, Delhi Tamil Lawyers Association, and Delhi Tamil Association.
7. India and Russia reviewed the progress made in the construction of four nuclear reactors at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tirunelveli district. In this regard, a press release issued by the Russian nuclear energy corporation Rosatom stated:
- i. The General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency was held in Vienna, the capital of Austria, for six days starting from September 15th.
 - ii. Rosatom Director Alexei Likhosov met with the Indian delegation on the sidelines of this conference. At that time, talks were held on expanding cooperation with India in the production of nuclear energy for non-military uses.
 - iii. Rosatom is ready to work with India to localize large and small-scale nuclear power plant projects to build India's strong industrial capabilities.
 - iv. It was reported that the two sides reviewed the progress made in the construction of 4 nuclear reactors at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant.
 - v. It is noteworthy that 2 nuclear reactors have already been built and are operational in Kudankulam with Russian funding.
8. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the separate Authority set up for the State Highways Department.
- i. He also inaugurated the Kalaignar Centenary Building, built for the Highways Department in Guindy, Chennai.
 - ii. As per the Announcement made by the Highways and Minor Ports Department

during the Demand for Grants, it was decided to establish a separate Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA) for the Tamil Nadu State Highways Department. The State Authority will be an empowered body, like the National Highways Authority of India, that can take decisions without delay.

- iii. This organization will implement its work through various methods such as public and private participation. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA), which has been set up with the aim of improving the road infrastructure of Tamil Nadu to world standards. He also unveiled the logo for it.

9. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has announced that the Police Training School in Vellore will be named after Veeramangai Velunachiyar. The Press Release by the Tamil Nadu Government regarding this:

- i. It was announced that a statue of Velunachiyar will be installed in the Guindy Gandhi Mandapam complex in Chennai so that future generations can know and appreciate the bravery of freedom fighter Velunachiyar.
- ii. Accordingly, the Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the newly erected statue of Velunachiyar at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- iii. After the unveiling of the Velunachiyar statue, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin posted on the X-Site as follows - The Police Training School in Vellore will be named after Veeramangai Velunachiyar, the first woman fighter who fought for India's independence and defeated the British.

