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1. This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Maria Corina Machado (58), leader of Venezuela's opposition party Vente Venezuela.
 - i. Venezuela, once a relatively prosperous democracy among the world's nations, is now an authoritarian state suffering from a humanitarian crisis and economic hardship.
 - ii. She began raising her voice 20 years ago for fair and honest elections in the country. She has worked for many years for the freedom of the people of the country.
2. The Komeito Party, which was a member of the ruling coalition led by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in Japan for 26 years, announced its withdrawal from it.
 - i. Following this, Sane Takaichi (64), a former minister who was elected as the leader of the LDP party last week, has suffered a major setback in taking office as the country's first female Prime Minister.
 - ii. Regarding this, Komeito Party leader Tetsuo Saito said that he was withdrawing from the coalition due to concerns over corruption allegations against the SDP Party.
 - iii. Takaichi expressed regret over the decision and criticized Saito for taking a unilateral decision.
 - iv. The ruling coalition already lacks a majority in both houses of Parliament. In this context, the Komeito party has withdrawn from the coalition. However, it is said that Sane Takaichi still has a chance to become Prime Minister with the support of other MPs.
3. The United States has denied reports that it wants to provide Pakistan with its new Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air missiles (AMRAMs) like the AIM-120.
4. The World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10th every year by the World Health Organization to raise awareness about mental health issues worldwide and coordinate efforts related to this issue.
 - i. This day has been observed since 1992. The theme for this year is 'Access to Services: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies'.
5. The Tamil Nadu Government has allowed people with disabilities to travel free of charge on Vidiyal Yatra scheme buses operating in hilly areas.
 - i. In his August 15 Independence Day speech, the Chief Minister announced that the free travel scheme will be extended to include persons with disabilities on buses operating in hilly areas under the statewide Vidiyal travel program.
6. Bank employee unions have opposed the Central Government's move to appoint people from the private sector to top positions in 12 public sector banks, including the State Bank of India (SBI).
 - i. Bank employees' unions have urged that this is an act of privatization of the chairmanship of national institutions and that the Central Government should immediately withdraw this.

- ii. The posts of Managing Director (MD), Chairman, and Executive Director in public sector banks were till now filled by people from within the respective banks.
 - iii. In this context, the Union Cabinet Committee on Appointments recently approved amendments to the rules for appointment to senior positions in Public Sector Banks and Insurance Companies. Accordingly, private-sector candidates from the corporate sector are invited to apply for one executive director position each at SBI, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, and Bank of India.
7. Two powerful earthquakes struck off the southern coast of the Philippines, killing seven people.
- i. The first quake, measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale, caused landslides. Hospitals and buildings were damaged. A tsunami warning was issued for coastal areas, but was later lifted.
 - ii. The Philippines is located within the so-called 'Pacific Ring of Fire', where the Earth's plates are ripping apart, so earthquakes occur frequently there.
8. The Supreme Court has ordered the Central Government and the Election Commission of India to respond to a petition filed seeking to grant voting rights to 4.5 lakh undertrial prisoners lodged in various prisons across the country.
- i. A Bench comprising Chief Justice P.R. Kaval and Justice K.V. Noth Chandran of the Supreme Court heard a Public Interest Litigation filed by Sunita Sharma from Patiala, Punjab.
 - ii. The petition also states: The Representation of the People Act, 1951, Section 62(5) bars 4,50,000 remand and undertrial prisoners held in jails across the country in connection with various cases — excluding those who are convicted of corruption and election-related offences, from voting.
 - iii. This law only deals with the voting rights and disqualification of council members. It does not take away the voting rights of eligible citizens.
 - iv. 75 percent of prisoners in prisons are pre-trial detainees, who spend most of their lives in prison before their cases are fully resolved. It is undemocratic to deprive undertrial prisoners of their voting rights before their charges are confirmed. Only those who are non-citizens, involved in crime or corruption or illegal activities should be removed from the voter list.
 - v. In 2016, the Election Commission launched an awareness campaign to ensure that no voter is left behind. Therefore, it was stated that the Central Government and the Election Commission should immediately take a decision on granting voting rights to undertrial prisoners in prison.
 - vi. Taking note of this, a bench of Supreme Court judges ordered the Central Government and the Election Commission to respond in this regard.
9. Turkey has lifted a ban on flights to Sulaymaniyah Airport in Iraq's Kurdish region that had been in place since 2023.
- i. Iraqi Kurdish Regional Government President Nechirvan Barzani made the

announcement after meeting with Turkish President Erdogan in person.

- ii. Turkey had imposed a ban on Sulaymaniyah Airport on suspicion that the Kurdistan People's Party (PKK), which had been fighting for more power for the Kurdish region in Turkey, would misuse the facility. However, the ban has now been lifted, as the PKK has decided to lay down its arms and disband the movement.

10. Personalities in news :-

- i. Vinay - Won gold in men's 72 Kg junior category at the 2025 Para Powerlifting World Championships held in Cairo, Egypt.
- ii. Aryna Sabalenka - Belarus Tennis Player.

