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1. A medical team monitoring the war in the North African country of Sudan said that 53 civilians were killed in shelling and drone attacks by the Paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).
 - i. A statement from the medical group said the attacks took place in el-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur province, which has been besieged by RSF forces, and that among the dead were 14 children and 15 women.
 - ii. Fighting has been ongoing in Sudan since April 15, 2023, due to a power struggle between the army led by Al-Burhan and the RSF paramilitary force led by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo.
 - iii. It is said that lakhs of people have died in this. About 1.4 crore people have been displaced.
 - iv. International efforts to end this conflict have not yet been successful.
2. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Cristiano R. Amon, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Qualcomm, a leading American semiconductor 'chip' manufacturer, who is in India. The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi.
 - i. In a post on his X page, the Prime Minister said, 'During the meeting with Cristiano Amon, discussions were held on Artificial Intelligence, new Innovations and Skill Development.'
3. The Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi said that 854 centers have been set up across the country through the Nirbhaya Fund to provide assistance to women affected by violence. The Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Commission and UNICEF India are jointly organizing a two-day national seminar on saving the girl child in Delhi. The Minister Annapurna Devi, who participated in the seminar, said:
 - i. In India, 56 percent of legally adopted children last year were girls, reflecting a shift in societal attitudes. Nowadays, girls are not considered a burden but a beacon of hope.
 - ii. A national toll-free number 181 is in operation to help women. Women's help centers have been set up in police stations.
 - iii. Women empowerment is at the heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious vision to make India a developed nation by 2047.
 - iv. Programs such as Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya, and Mission Poshan 2.0 are being implemented to enhance women's safety, empowerment, and self-reliance. Under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India is following a comprehensive approach to protect and empower girl children.
 - v. We need to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against child abuse. The Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO, the Prevention of Child Marriage Act, and the Right to Education Act provide strong legal protection to children.
 - vi. She said that 854 centers have been set up through the Nirbhaya Fund to provide

shelter, counseling, medical assistance, and legal aid to women affected by violence across the country.

- vii. Speaking at the seminar, UNICEF India Representative Cynthia McCaffrey praised the steps India is taking to protect children.
4. The Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa will embark on a four-day visit to India starting Monday (Oct. 13).
 - i. He is accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, MPs, senior officials, and trade representatives from the country, who are also visiting India.
 - ii. This is Khurelsukh 's first visit to India as Mongolian President. The purpose of his visit is to explore ways to enhance bilateral relations in sectors including energy, mining, and defense.
 - iii. In a statement issued by the Central Government on this matter, it said the Mongolian President's visit to India gives the two countries' leaders an opportunity to review progress in bilateral relations, strengthen ties, and exchange views on regional and international issues.
5. The Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan visited the ancestral home of late socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan in Bihar's Saran district and paid his respects.
 - i. The 123rd birth anniversary of socialist leader and freedom fighter Jayaprakash Narayan, popularly known as 'Lok Nayak' and 'J.P.', was celebrated.
6. The Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand will arrive in India for the first stop of a three-nation state visit.
 - i. During this visit, she will hold bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.
 - ii. Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand, of Indian origin, is embarking on a 6-day official visit to three countries: India, Singapore, and China. His first visit to India will be to meet with Union ministers in Delhi.
 - iii. At that time, discussions will be held on establishing a framework for bilateral strategic cooperation in sectors including trade, energy, and defense.
7. 16,546 people have been infected with dengue fever in Tamil Nadu this year. Public Health Minister M. Subramanian said that steps are being taken to prevent dengue infections and deaths.
 - i. Separate wards for dengue fever have been set up in Chennai government hospitals with 71 beds.
 - ii. Dengue fever is increasing due to widespread rains in Tamil Nadu.
 - iii. Dengue fever is spread by Aedes mosquitoes.
 - iv. The Chennai Corporation is actively carrying out mosquito eradication work to prevent the production of mosquito larvae. However, it has not been possible to completely control mosquito breeding. As a result, dengue incidence has also increased and started to spread.
8. For the first time in India, the Kolathur ornamental Fish Trading Center, which has been set up to international standards in Chennai, was inaugurated by the

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

- i. It was announced in the budget that a world-class exclusive ornamental Fish Trade Centre will be established to promote the Coloured Fish Trade in a big way and take the trade happening in the Kolathur area to the global level.
 - ii. This colorful fish trading center has 185 shops, a laboratory, a training room, a food court, and meeting spaces for producers, sellers, and exporters of ornamental fish.
9. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two major agricultural projects worth a total of Rs. 35,440 crore.
 - i. Stating that both these schemes will enrich the lives of crores of farmers, the Prime Minister called on farmers to 'reduce import dependence and increase crop production in line with global demand'.
 - ii. At a special agricultural event held at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Delhi, Prime Minister Modi launched two major initiatives: the Prime Minister's PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana valued at Rs. 24,000 crore and the pulse production-focused program valued at Rs. 11,440 crore.
 - iii. The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Pulses Production Self-Reliance Scheme) has been launched with the aim of increasing the production of pulses in the country from the current 252.38 lakh tonnes to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31. Both schemes will be implemented till 2030-31.
10. The US President Donald Trump has warned that an additional 100 percent tariff will be imposed on goods imported from China on or before November 1.
 - i. Trump issued this warning as the Chinese Government imposed new restrictions on the export of rare earth minerals mined in China.
 - ii. The US has already imposed a 30 percent tariff on Chinese goods. With the new tariff now being imposed, the tariff will increase to 130 percent. Trump has already imposed a 50 percent tariff on Indian goods.
 - iii. The United States raised tariffs on goods imported from China to 145 percent. In retaliation, China raised tariffs on American goods to 125 percent.
 - iv. Later in the negotiations, China reduced the tariff to 10 percent and the US to 30 percent.
 - v. Now, Trump has threatened to impose an additional 100 percent tariff on Chinese goods.
11. The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin assured the Gram Sabha meeting that three important needs of the panchayats would be met immediately.
 - i. Gram Sabha meetings were held in all village panchayats across Tamil Nadu on Saturday. The Chief Minister M.K.Stalin addressed the meeting via video conferencing from his camp office in Chennai:
 - ii. No other Chief Minister in India has participated in Gram Sabha meetings like this. Moreover, this is the first time in the history of Tamil Nadu that a Gram Sabha meeting has been held on such a large scale, connecting more than 10,000 panchayats through online facilities.

- iii. Gram Sabha meetings are held six times a year. These Gram Sabha meetings are an important moment to realize the importance of democracy. It should be celebrated as a festival where decisions are made through direct discussions about the current needs, development goals, and interests of the villages.
- iv. With the goal of making hut-free Tamil Nadu, the revolutionary project called “Kalaingar’s Dream Home” was launched, and over the past two years a decision was made to build 200,000 houses at a cost of Rs. 7,000 crore. So far, 99,453 houses have been completed and handed over to beneficiaries. This year, 78,312 more houses are scheduled to be completed.

