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1. The US has reduced tariffs on goods imported from China from 57 percent to 47 percent. US President Donald Trump made the announcement after meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Busan, South Korea.

- i. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit was held in the city of Busan. Trump and Xi Jinping met and held talks on the side lines of the summit. After the talks, which lasted about an hour and 40 minutes, Trump told reporters before returning to the United States:
- ii. The talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping were a huge success. China agreed to relax restrictions on rare earth minerals and allow exports of soybeans from the United States.
- iii. As a consequence, the overall import tariff imposed on goods coming from China – introduced as a penalty in response to steps that boosted sales of chemicals used in the fentanyl drug that help reduce severe pain – will be reduced from 57 percent to 47 percent.
- iv. The meeting also discussed the possibility of exporting more advanced computer chips from the United States to China.
- v. The United States is also set to sign a trade agreement with China soon.

2. Justice Surya Kant has been appointed as the 53rd Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He will take oath on November 24.

- i. The notification in this regard was issued by the Department of Justice, which operates under the Union Law Ministry.
- ii. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, P.R. Kawai, is set to retire on November 23rd. Following that, Surya Kant will take oath as the new Chief Justice and will hold the post for the next 15 months. He will retire on February 9, 2027.

3. In the Clutch Chess tournament held in the United States, world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway became the champion. The reigning world champion, India's D. Kuekesh, finished last.

4. A 16-year-old from Chennai has achieved the status of Grandmaster in chess. He is the 90th Grandmaster to emerge from India. He has crossed the 2,500 Elo rating.

5. The World Cup Chess tournament will be held in India again after 23 years. It will consist of 8 rounds and will be played in a knockout format. The top 50 players have been given a bye in the first round.

- i. The Indian team includes D. Kuekesh, Arjun Erikaisi, Pragya Nanda, and Nihal Sareen. International players include Germany's Vincent Keimer, Netherlands' Anish Giri, America's Wesley Cho, Levon Aronian, and China's Wei Yi.

6. India's power generation capacity has crossed the 500 GW mark, with renewable energy contributing more than 50 percent. As of September 30, it stood at 500.89 GW.

- i. During the assessment period, electricity generation from renewable energy sources, including hydroelectricity and nuclear power, amounted to 256.09 GW. This is more than 51 percent of the total power generation capacity. Fossil-based

power generation is 244.80 GW. This is 49 percent of the total generation capacity.

- ii. The report states that India has reached, five years ahead of schedule, its target set at the UN climate summit to obtain 50 percent of the country's total power generation capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.

7.The US President Donald Trump has ordered the Department of Defense to resume nuclear weapons tests that have been suspended for nearly 30 years.

- i. Trump issued this order after Russia successfully tested a nuclear-powered, unlimited-range missile and an underwater drone.
- ii. The last full-scale nuclear test by the United States, codenamed 'Divider', was conducted on September 23, 1992, at the Nevada Test Site. After that, then-President George H.W. Bush announced a ban on nuclear weapons testing in the country. However, it is noteworthy that nuclear weapons tests could be conducted again at the Nevada Test Site.
- iii. Russia has the largest number of nuclear weapons in the world. Russia has more than 5,500 nuclear weapons. The United States has 5,044, according to statistics from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

8.The Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that a national-level celebration called 'Bharat Parv 2025' will be held from November 1 to 15 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of India's Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

9.The Union Minister for Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi said that a 500 MW wind power project will be set up soon in Dhanushkodi, Ramanathapuram district.

- i. The Central Government has launched a feasibility study for offshore wind power projects of 500 MW each in Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, worth around Rs.7,500 crore.