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1.The Champion's Trophy for the FIDE World Cup Chess Tournament to be held in Goa has been unveiled. The trophy has been named after Indian chess star Viswanathan Anand.

- i. The 11th Chess World Cup will begin in Goa on Saturday (Nov. 1) and will continue until the 27th.

2.At the 3rd Asian Youth Games held in Bahrain, India won 48 medals – 13 gold, 18 silver and 17 bronze – and finished in 6th place.

3.Former Indian hockey team goalkeeper Manuel Frederick (78), who was part of the bronze medal-winning Indian team at the 1972 Munich Olympics, passed away in Bengaluru due to ill health.

4.A 10-year defense agreement was signed between India and the United States.

- i. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has left for Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, to participate in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' meeting to be held on November 1. The agreement was signed after his consultations with US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth there.
- ii. The move is an attempt to mend ties after the US imposed a 50 percent additional tariff on India over alleged high imports of Russian crude oil.

5.Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the Arya Samaj, an organization founded by social reformer Swami Dayananda Saraswati, for preserving India's scriptures.

A 4-day event titled the International Arya Sammelanam began in Delhi to mark the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Arya Samaj and the 200th birth anniversary of Dayananda Saraswati.

- i. The Arya Samaj organization promoted social reforms and inspired various martyrs to join the freedom struggle. This organization served as an inspiration to leaders including Lala Lajpat Rai and Ram Prasad Bismil.

6.The Army Chief Upendra Dwivedi said that the youth born between 1990 and 2010, known as 'Gen Z', are in large numbers in the army and they are India's greatest strength.

- i. Upendra Dwivedi, speaking at the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of the country's first Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, said:
- ii. The environment of facing war without direct contact is currently increasing. The strength of technological capabilities is required in a war environment, not only the strength of military equipment.
- iii. During the recent Operation Sindhu, young army officers, including NCC cadets, worked in civil defense, drone labs, and social media security.
- iv. More than 65 percent of India's total population is under the age of 35. India is a nation of youth. The boundless strength, creativity, and courage of the youth, combined with their human potential, have made India a strong country.
- v. India is a country with a large population of Gen Z youth. Even though India ranks second in the world in terms of military strength, the Indian Army has the highest

number of Gen Z soldiers.

7.Data from the Union Commerce Ministry shows that Indian exports to other countries increased during the January–September period of 2025 due to US tariffs.

- i. Exports of jewelry, gems, textiles, and marine products, etc., have increased, especially to the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Belgium, and Saudi Arabia.
- ii. Marine Products: The US continues to be the largest exporter of marine products from India, with a value of Rs. 12,700 crore. Exports of Indian seafood products to Vietnam (100.4 percent), Belgium (73 percent) and Thailand (54.4 percent) are increasing manifold.
- iii. Similarly, in Asia, India's exports to China (9.8 percent), Malaysia (64.2 percent) and Japan (10.9 percent) also increased significantly.
- iv. Textiles: The highest increase in textile exports was to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with 8.6 percent. Indian textile exports also increased to the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Egypt.
- v. Jewellery and Gemstones: Indian jewellery and gemstone exports grew by 1.24 percent to Rs 2.01 lakh crore in the first half of this year.
- vi. Exports to the United Arab Emirates increased by 37.7 percent to a value of Rs. 17,128 crore. Demand for Indian jewellery and polished/cut diamonds has increased and is increasingly being accepted in countries such as South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Canada.
- vii. It is noteworthy that Indian jewelry exports to China and Mexico have also increased. He said that the US imposition of an additional 50 percent tariff on Indian goods has resulted in an increase in exports to other countries.

8.The Sri Lankan Prime Minister and Minister of Education Harini Amarasuraya said that India's continued contribution to the education sector is immense.

- i. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuraya and Indian Ambassador Santosh Jha inaugurated the trilingual school building in Polonnaruwa, built by Sri Lanka with Indian financial assistance.
- ii. India provided financial assistance of Rs. 32 crore (Sri Lankan Rupees) to build this school.
- iii. The Indian Embassy in Sri Lanka said that high-ranking officials from both countries held online consultations on the power sharing project between India and Sri Lanka.
- iv. This will help Sri Lanka import electricity even when there is a power shortage and export electricity generated from renewable energy to India, thereby earning foreign exchange.

9.Ford is set to re-engage in the production of vehicle engines in Maraimalainagar, near Chennai. The MoU for this was signed at the Secretariat in the presence of Chief Minister M.K.S.

- i. Ford is set to restart its vehicle engine production project with an investment of Rs 3,250 crore, creating 600 jobs.
- ii. Ford's global director Martin Everitt and Vice President Matthew Kotylowski.