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1.The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), led by former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia (80), has released its list of candidates for the general election to be held in Bangladesh in February.

- i. The party has announced that Khaleda Zia will contest in three constituencies in the election, while her son Tariq Rahman, who has fled the country, will also contest in one constituency. The BNP is said to have a higher chance of winning the election, as Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party, which was ousted from power last year, has been banned.

2.A powerful earthquake has killed 20 people in northern Afghanistan, officials said. The powerful earthquake struck at 1 a.m., 22 km west-southwest of the city of Kulm. The center said the quake, which measured 6.3 on the Richter scale, was centered at a depth of 28 km.

- i. Located in a region where the Eurasian and Indian plates are colliding, earthquakes occur frequently in Afghanistan, especially in the Hindu Kush mountain range.

3.It is shocking that over Rs. 3,000 crore has been defrauded across the country through the digital arrest scam. The Supreme Court emphasized that it is necessary to suppress such criminal acts with an iron fist.

- i. There are increasing incidents of people posing as government officials, contacting various groups, including the elderly and women, through audio and video calls, threatening them and extorting money online.

4.The 12th Board Meeting of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board was held in Chennai under the chairmanship of R.S. Rajakannappan, Minister for Forests and Environment and Chairman of the Board.

- i. At the meeting, Minister R.S. Rajagannappan reviewed the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity (Amendment) Rules, the notification of new biodiversity heritage sites, and measures for protecting the sites that have been notified.
- ii. Further, discussions were held on measures related to agricultural biodiversity, sharing access and benefit-sharing funds obtained from the sale of sandalwood trees with beneficiaries, appointing officers under the Biodiversity Amendment Act, and strengthening the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Board.

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- i. The Prime Minister Modi met representatives from the apparel, leather, gems and jewellery, handicrafts, engineering and seafood sectors in New Delhi.
- ii. The meeting was held to discuss measures to improve India's competitiveness in global trade.
- iii. The US has imposed a 50 percent import duty on most Indian products, barring a few sectors. This has created various challenges for sectors that are more labor-intensive than machinery-intensive.

- iv. India's share in global trade is about 2 percent. India's exports grew by 6.74 percent in September. At the same time, imports also rose by 16.6 percent. As imports exceeded exports, the trade deficit widened to \$31.15 billion (about Rs. 2.76 lakh crore).
- 6. The Prime Minister Modi launched a Rs.1 lakh crore fund for Research, Development and Innovation to increase private sector investment in research and development.
 - i. He also launched this fund while inaugurating the first Emerging Science and Technology Innovation Conclave in Delhi. He also said that the contribution of Indian women in the field of science is increasing.
 - ii. The three-day Conclave, themed 'Imagine, Innovate, Inspire', will be attended by over 3,000 delegates from academia, research institutions, industry, and government sectors.
- 7. Pakistan, China, Russia, and North Korea are secretly conducting nuclear weapons tests. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with the United States conducting nuclear weapons tests again, said US President Donald Trump.

