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1. Around 2,100 Sikh pilgrims from India crossed the Wagah border into Pakistan to participate in the 556th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of the Sikh religion.

- i. The birthplace of Guru Nanak Dev and important Gurdwaras of Sikhism are located in present-day Pakistan after the partition of India. In this situation, the current pilgrimages have begun on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti.
- ii. This is the first public relations event between the two countries since the four-day standoff between India and Pakistan in May following the Pahalgam terror attack.

2. The Peruvian Government announced that it would sever diplomatic relations with Mexico after it granted asylum to former Prime Minister Betssy Chávez of the South American country of Peru, who was also being investigated in an illegal coup.

- i. In 2022, then-President Pedro Castillo declared a state of emergency and attempted to dissolve parliament. Chavez is accused of participating in the failed attempt. Chavez has been granted asylum in their embassy in Peru to protect him from this case.

3. Dick Cheney (84), one of the most influential vice presidents in American history, has died due to ill health.

- i. Dick Cheney held important positions during the administrations of former US President George H. W. Bush and his son George W. Bush. He led the armed forces as Secretary of Defense during the Gulf War; he later served as Vice President under George W. Bush.
- ii. He implemented the most important decisions President Bush made after the New York twin-tower attack and is said to have sometimes acted with the authority to give orders personally on matters of special concern to him.

4. Polls suggest that Indian-origin Zohran Mamdani, who is running for mayor of New York City in the United States, has a high chance of winning.

- i. Elections are taking place in the United States to elect not only the mayor of New York City, but also new Governors for the states of New Jersey and Virginia. Voting for these elections ends at 6.30 am Indian time on Wednesday.
- ii. These are considered the most important elections to be held since Donald Trump took office for a second term as US President. The results of this election are seen as a barometer for public sentiment regarding the Trump administration's actions.

5. IIT Madras ranks 70th among the leading educational institutions in Asia.

- i. In this regard, a report issued by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a global higher education analysis company based in London, the capital of Britain, stated: IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, IIT Kanpur, and IIT Kharagpur are among the top 100 educational institutions in Asia.

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- ii. According to the QS rankings, the University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong is ranked first among the top 100 educational institutions in Asia. It is followed by Peking University in the Chinese capital Beijing in 2nd place.
 - iii. Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and the National University of Singapore in the same country shared third place. While the 4th place in the ranking is not mentioned, Fudan University in Shanghai, China, is ranked 5th.
 - iv. IIT Delhi is ranked 59th, IIT Chennai is ranked 70th, and IIT Mumbai is ranked 71st. IIT Kanpur and IIT Kharagpur share the 77th position, while Bama Institute of Science and Technology has jumped 111 places to 262nd position.
6. India's Smriti Mandhana has lost her top spot in the ICC Women's ODI rankings for batsmen, having been overtaken by South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt. (Cricket)
7. Aiming to further strengthen the already strong strategic partnership between India and Israel, the two countries signed a significant defense agreement.
- i. The agreement will lead to the two countries sharing cutting-edge technologies and jointly producing and upgrading key weapons systems and military equipment.

