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1. A Dhaka Special Court has sentenced former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina (78), who is in exile in India, to 21 years in prison in three corruption cases.
2. The heavy rains in Sri Lanka for the past few days have claimed 40 lives and caused landslides. More than 6,000 people have lost their homes and belongings and are affected.
 - i. The Meteorological Department has warned that the 'Dithwa' cyclone, which has formed in the Sri Lankan sea area, is likely to bring heavy rain with gusty winds of up to 70 kmph in the Northern, North Central and North Western provinces.
3. After India's 'Operation Sindh', Pakistan has been acquiring weapons from various countries.
 - i. **China, Turkey support:** Turkey has become a major arms supplier to Pakistan, which is a matter of great concern. Although this is already known, Turkey is providing more support to Pakistan than expected. Especially, during Operation Sindh, China and Turkey openly supported Pakistan.
 - ii. **China is becoming an additional challenge:** China is also expanding its naval and military strength to an unprecedented level, which is also a matter of great concern for India. In particular, the third aircraft carrier of the Chinese Navy, 'Fujian', which is operating with fifth and sixth generation fighter aircraft, is part of the Chinese naval expansion. China is increasing its dominance not only in the South China Sea but also in the Indian Ocean region. He said that China's continued deployment of 5 to 8 warships in the Indian Ocean region is a major challenge for India.
4. The Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have decided to create a single integrated website to help in the recovery of unclaimed bank deposits, equity investments, pension savings schemes, dividend payments and insurance funds.
 - i. There are crores of unclaimed funds in banks, ranging from savings accounts to fixed deposits. Similarly, there is a large amount of unclaimed public funds in many places, such as pension funds, stock market investments and dividend payments. A new website to recover them will be launched soon.
 - ii. In Delhi, M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, said:
The new website will enable the public to identify their unclaimed funds and claim them by submitting relevant documents.
5. India and Indonesia decided to promote defence manufacturing cooperation.
 - i. The decision was taken during a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership meet held in New Delhi between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Indonesian Defence Minister Jaffrey Samsodeen, who is currently in India.
 - ii. In the context of China's increasing dominance in the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea, both sides also reaffirmed the importance of maintaining a free, inclusive and peaceful Indo-Pacific region.

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6. The India-UAE Joint Committee Consultations under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) were held in Delhi. This is a bilateral trade agreement like the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
 - i. The consultation discussed in detail issues related to bilateral market access, data exchange, the allocation of Gold TRQ (tariff rate quota), anti-dumping measures, and the issue of BIS licensing.
 - ii. It was also reported that discussions were held on enhancing regulatory cooperation in the Pharmaceutical sector and expediting the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on food safety and technical clearances between the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India and Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, UAE.
 - iii. Bilateral trade between the two countries crossed Rs.8,93,635 crore (\$100 billion) in 2024-2025. This is 19.6 percent more than in 2023-24.
 - iv. The two countries have also set a target to increase non-oil and non-precious metals trade to \$100 billion by 2030.
7. The Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that so far, collateral-free loans worth about Rs.34 lakh crore have been provided to 55 crore beneficiaries under the Prime Minister's Mudra scheme.
 - i. The Mudra scheme, which provides collateral-free loans of up to Rs.20 lakh to promote small and micro enterprises, was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2015. The scheme, which was launched with a loan ceiling of Rs.10lakh, was increased to Rs.20 lakh in the last Budget 2024-25.
8. The Assam Legislative Assembly has passed a bill to ban polygamy.
 - i. The bill provides for imprisonment of up to 10 years for those violating the law.
 - ii. The Scheduled Tribes and Special Administrative Regions under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India are exempted from the purview of the law.
9. The Prime Minister Modi will participate in the 550th anniversary celebrations of the Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math in Canacona, Goa.
 - i. He will inaugurate the 77-feet tall bronze statue of Lord Rama installed at the Math and a park based on the events of the Ramayana.
 - ii. The Prime Minister will also release a special postage stamp and a commemorative coin to commemorate the occasion and will deliver a speech.
10. The Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the 2 lakh square feet Infinity Campus of Indian private space startup Skyroot Aerobase in Hyderabad, Telangana, via video conferencing.
 - i. He also launched the company's first satellite-launching rocket, Vikram 1, in his speech:
 - ii. Private companies are growing rapidly in the Indian space sector. More than 300 startups have given new impetus to the sector.
 - iii. Skyroot Aerospace

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- a) IIT alumni and former ISRO scientists Pawan Chandana and Bharath Daka jointly formed Skyroot.
- b) The Infinity Campus is a state-of-the-art facility for designing, developing, assembling and testing rockets. It is capable of producing one orbital rocket per month.
- c) In November, 2022, Skyroute successfully launched its sub-orbital rocket, Vikram-S, becoming the first Indian private company to achieve this feat.
- d) It is noteworthy that the Nuclear Energy Bill 2025 will be introduced in the Winter Session of Parliament, which will begin on December 1. This will open the doors to private companies in the nuclear energy sector.

