

Russia launches missile and drone attacks on Kyiv amid rising tensions



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Russia carried out missile and drone strikes on Kyiv early Friday, injuring at least three people and causing multiple fires across the city. Kyiv's air defenses attempted to intercept the attacks, which targeted residential buildings and infrastructure, including a 16-story apartment block in the Solomyanskyi district where emergency services evacuated residents. The strikes followed Russia's vow to retaliate after Ukraine's drone attacks damaged Russian heavy bombers at air bases in Siberia and the far north. A Shahed drone exploded near an apartment building in northern Ukraine's Chernihiv region, shattering windows and doors. Ballistic missile explosions were also reported on Kyiv's outskirts.

U.S. President Donald Trump said during a call with Vladimir Putin he urged restraint but expected retaliation. The Ukrainian city administration urged residents to seek shelter amid ongoing threats. Meanwhile, the United Nations nuclear watchdog team at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant reported gunfire near the site, likely targeting drones, with no reported damage. International calls to end the conflict continue, including from German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, while North Korea pledged full support to Russia in the war.

Australia backs India's anti-terror efforts during high-level defense talks



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Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Richard Marles met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday, voicing strong support for India's fight against cross-border terrorism. The visit marked the fifth anniversary of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The leaders discussed deeper defense cooperation, industrial collaboration, critical minerals, and emerging technologies. Marles also met Defense Minister Rajnath Singh; both condemned the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians. Singh emphasized India's right to act in self-defense and called New Delhi's response "measured and responsible." Both sides pledged to enhance cooperation on cybersecurity, maritime security, and defense science. They also welcomed the Australia-India Joint Research Project and agreed to expand industry collaboration during the next 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Australia later this year. The visit reflected growing strategic ties amid shared goals for a secure and stable Indo-Pacific region.

Trump blasts Musk, threatens to end government ties amid bitter fallout

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Former allies Donald Trump and Elon Musk have publicly turned against each other, with Trump now threatening to cut off billions in government contracts and subsidies granted to the tech billionaire. "The easiest way to save money in our Budget... is to terminate Elon's Governmental Subsidies and Contracts," Trump wrote on Truth Social, adding he was surprised President Biden hadn't already done so.

The spat follows Musk's accusation that Trump is showing "ingratitude" despite the billionaire having donated over \$250 million to Trump's 2024 campaign. Trump fired back, claiming Musk went "crazy" after he rescinded the electric vehicle mandate and excluded EV tax incentives from his "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," a sweeping tax and spending package.



Though there is no federal law forcing Americans to buy electric cars, Trump alleged Musk became hostile when the bill dropped green subsidies. Musk responded that the legislation was rushed through Congress and called it a "disgusting abomination" loaded with pork.

Their once-close relationship—Musk even stayed in the Lincoln Bedroom and attended Cabinet meetings in MAGA gear—has unraveled dramatically. Trump lamented Musk's turn, suggesting the billionaire "missed" his access to power. "I've helped Elon a lot," Trump said, "but I'm very disappointed."

Tharoor leads Indian delegation to Washington to address terrorism concerns

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In a bid to deepen India-U.S. bilateral ties, an all-party Indian parliamentary delegation led by senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor held high-level meetings in Washington this week with U.S. Senator Andy Kim and Vice President J.D. Vance. The discussions focused on counterterrorism cooperation, technology partnerships, trade expansion, and shared democratic values.

Senator Kim, who serves on the Senate Homeland Security Committee, was briefed in detail about the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the deaths of several civilian Indians. The delegation also outlined India's calibrated military response under Operation Sindoor and conveyed the country's firm resolve to act decisively against future threats. Tharoor emphasized that terrorism remains

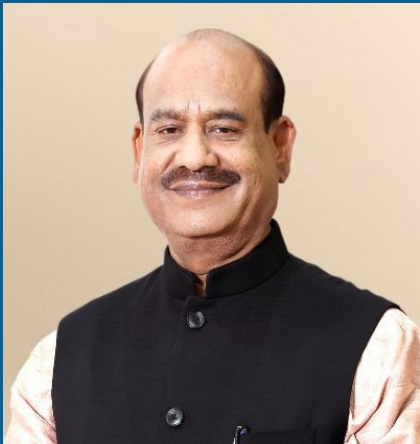
a shared global challenge, requiring continued intelligence collaboration and strategic alignment between India and the U.S.

The delegation also discussed avenues for collaboration in entrepreneurship, digital innovation, and defense technology. On Thursday, the lawmakers also met with Vice President Vance, who had been in India when the Pahalgam attack occurred. Vance had promptly condemned the attack in a phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, offering full U.S. support in counterterrorism efforts.

Tharoor later described both meetings as "comprehensive and constructive," noting that the conversations reflected mutual trust and a growing convergence of strategic interests. The visit underscores the momentum in India-U.S. relations, with a shared commitment to regional stability, economic growth, and upholding democratic institutions.



Om Birla highlights India's growth and global equity at BRICS forum



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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brasília this week, calling for fair global trade systems that prioritize the Global South. Emphasizing BRICS' significant economic influence—45 percent of the world's population and 40 percent of global GDP—Birla urged stronger trade and financial cooperation among members.

He noted that India, with an average 7 percent GDP growth from 2014 to 2025, has outperformed global trends and remains committed to inclusive development under Prime Minister Modi. He also stressed the need for equitable representation of developing countries in global institutions. Birla criticized the global response to crises like COVID-19, which he said disproportionately affected the Global South, and emphasized collective BRICS action to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

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Pakistani general mocked for false claims on self-reliance during India conflict



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Pakistani General Sahir Shamshad Mirza has been widely criticized for claiming that Pakistan relied solely on its own resources during the recent 96-hour conflict with India. In a recent interview, Mirza said no foreign assistance was involved, despite reports to the contrary.

Experts noted Pakistan's heavy dependence on Chinese military equipment, which underperformed during India's Operation Sindoor. U.S. analyst John Spencer described the operation as a strategic showcase of India's indigenous defense capabilities, contrasting with the failure of Chinese-supplied platforms used by Pakistan.

Reports indicated Pakistan also received support from Turkey and other nations. Analysts dismissed Mirza's remarks as misinformation, calling out Pakistan's history of misleading both the global community and its own citizens.

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On the sidelines, he met Brazilian Chamber President Hugo Motta to reaffirm India's commitment to fighting terrorism and shared updates on India's digital parliamentary initiatives. The BRICS forum, which includes 11 member states and new partners, aims to strengthen legislative cooperation, economic development, and inclusive governance.

Trump reinstates travel ban restricting entry from 12 countries over security concerns

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U.S. President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation reinstating a travel ban that blocks citizens from 12 countries from entering the United States, citing the need to protect the country from "foreign terrorists" and other security threats. The directive is part of an immigration crackdown launched during Trump's second term, which has also included deportations of hundreds of Venezuelans suspected of gang involvement and measures to limit foreign student enrollments.

The countries fully affected by the ban are Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. Entry from seven additional countries—Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela—will face partial restrictions.

Trump said on social media platform X that the list may be updated and new countries added. The proclamation takes effect at 12:01 a.m. local time on June



9, 2025. Visas issued before that date will remain valid. The African Union's Commission has raised concerns about how the ban could negatively impact educational exchanges, commercial relationships, and diplomatic ties.

Trump defended the travel restrictions by citing these countries' significant terrorist activity, failure to cooperate on visa security, inability to verify traveler identities, poor criminal record-keeping, and high visa overstay rates.

"We cannot have open migration from any country where we cannot safely and reliably vet and screen those who seek to enter the United States," Trump said.

Italian minister praises Modi's tree-planting campaign on Environment Day

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On World Environment Day, Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, calling it a "fantastic idea" that honors mothers and promotes environmental responsibility. Tajani and Indian Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal planted trees in Brescia, symbolizing shared values between the nations. The campaign, launched by Modi last year, encourages citizens to plant trees in their mothers' names. The initiative aims to plant 100 million trees across India by September 30. Goyal is currently in Italy to strengthen trade and strategic ties, and the visit follows the launch of the India-Italy Joint Strategic Action Plan for 2025-2029.

Eight men and ICE officers stranded in Djibouti after deportation flight blocked

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Eight men removed from the U.S. to Djibouti, along with 13 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, remain stranded in a converted shipping container at a U.S. naval base after a U.S. court halted their deportation flight to South Sudan in late May. The detainees, from Latin America, Asia, and South Sudan, and ICE staff have begun experiencing illness, including suspected bacterial respiratory infections. Temperatures often exceed 100°F (38°C), and living conditions are cramped, with only six beds for 13 officers. The men can shower once daily and face frequent searches while walking 40 yards to restrooms in poor lighting. The Trump administration's attempts to deport the men to their home countries or South Sudan were stopped by a judge who ruled they have the right to legally challenge third-country deportations.

Israel launches airstrikes on Hezbollah sites in Beirut amid ceasefire tensions

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Israel conducted at least three airstrikes targeting what it called underground Hezbollah drone production facilities in Beirut's southern suburbs on the eve of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha. The strikes came despite a ceasefire agreement signed in November aimed at ending over a year of conflict between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah militia. The Israeli military said the drone sites were located in civilian areas and that the attacks targeted Hezbollah's aerial capabilities, which it described as a violation of agreements between Israel and Lebanon. Lebanese officials condemned the strikes as a "flagrant violation" of the ceasefire and called for restraint during the religious holiday. The prime minister highlighted recent efforts by the Lebanese army to dismantle Hezbollah military infrastructure south of the Litani River, but tensions remain high. Israeli strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs, a Hezbollah stronghold, are relatively rare and underscore ongoing security challenges despite the ceasefire.

Germany supports NATO expansion despite troop shortfall

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Germany has backed NATO's upcoming military expansion plan, despite facing a major troop shortfall. Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said Germany will take a leading role due to its size and economic strength, aiming to add 60,000 active-duty soldiers.

Currently, the Bundeswehr has about 181,000 personnel. Recruitment remains a challenge, with declining numbers and an aging force. Germany targets a total military force of 460,000, including new reservists.

A constitutional amendment in March now permits increased defense spending. While NATO pushes members to allocate 3.5 percent of GDP for defense,



reinstating compulsory service remains unlikely due to infrastructure limitations. The NATO summit later this month will finalize spending goals.

India, Kyrgyzstan deepen ties with focus on counterterrorism and investment

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Zheenbek Kulubaev in New Delhi on Thursday to strengthen bilateral ties and thanked Kyrgyzstan for its support in countering terrorism. The meeting, held during the 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue, focused on collaboration in banking, education, energy, health, and capacity building.

Both nations signed a Program of Cooperation and exchanged instruments for a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), originally signed in 2019, which replaces the 2000 agreement. The BIT aims to protect investor rights while allowing regulatory freedom, ensuring a stable and transparent investment climate.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Kulubaev formalized the treaty's



enforcement. Meanwhile, India hosted ministers from four other Central Asian nations, underscoring regional efforts in anti-terrorism and economic cooperation.

The Kyrgyz Foreign Ministry noted plans to establish direct banking ties and promote investments in priority sectors. The discussions signal growing Indo-Central Asian engagement in security and finance.

Damascus prepares for subdued Eid as economic recovery stalls



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Eid al-Adha in Damascus is marked by caution, not celebration, as economic struggles persist. While decorations hang and vendors open shops, few customers are buying. Residents blame high prices and slow recovery since Syria's new leadership took office six months ago. Despite relative peace, many families cannot afford traditional Eid purchases. Vendors report weak sales and express frustration over stalled reforms. Sanctions remain a key obstacle, and reconstruction has been slow. While some officials promote optimism, daily life tells a different story. For many in Damascus, this Eid is less about festivity and more about survival, with hope for change still on hold.

North Korea rebukes Macron over military cooperation with Russia



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North Korea has strongly criticized French President Emmanuel Macron for his comments on the North's military ties with Russia. Macron, speaking at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, warned that NATO could become involved in Asia if China fails to prevent North Korea from supporting Russia in Ukraine.

A North Korean international affairs expert, via state media, accused Macron of hypocrisy, stating that North Korean troops were not intervening in Europe but participating in "liberation operations" against Ukraine. The official insisted the military cooperation with Russia is legitimate and should not be grounds for NATO action in the Asia-Pacific.

Meanwhile, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un reaffirmed full support for Russia during a meeting with Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu. Kim pledged to uphold the bilateral defense treaty signed with President Putin in 2024 and said the two countries would continue developing a strategic partnership. Talks reportedly included North Korea's troop dispatch, ceasefire efforts in Ukraine, and Kim's potential visit to Russia.

Smoke from Canadian wildfires triggers air-quality alerts across five US states

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Widespread smoke from numerous wildfires in Canada has caused air-quality alerts in five U.S. states, including New York, New Jersey, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Maine. The fires, driven by both natural causes and human activity, have forced at least 25,000 residents to evacuate across three Canadian provinces. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AirNow map showed large areas of moderate to unhealthy air quality stretching across the eastern seaboard, Midwest, and southern states on Wednesday. New York's Department of Environmental Conservation issued an advisory urging residents in multiple counties, including parts of New York City, to limit outdoor exertion, especially vulnerable groups such as children and



those with respiratory conditions. New Jersey declared a code orange alert, signaling pollution levels unhealthy for sensitive populations. Iowa's statewide alert, effective until Thursday, warned of intermittent thick

smoke. New Hampshire and Maine also declared air-quality alerts, advising residents to monitor symptoms like coughing and chest discomfort and adjust outdoor activity accordingly.

India, EU aim to finalize free trade deal by end of 2025, says Piyush Goyal

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Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal reaffirmed India's commitment to fast-tracking the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) during his official visit to Italy. Speaking at the Italy-India Business Forum alongside Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani, Goyal noted that he had met EU Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic three times in just over a month—an indication of the shared urgency to conclude the FTA negotiations.

Goyal highlighted the India-EU FTA and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) as transformational frameworks for trade and connectivity. He also invited Italian

businesses to participate in India's growth across sectors such as manufacturing, technology, and space, emphasizing the Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025–2029.

At the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation, both countries agreed to strengthen collaboration in smart manufacturing, startups, space, and the automobile sector. They also signed a memorandum of understanding on agricultural cooperation.

Tajani said there is significant potential to expand trade between India and the EU, especially through the IMEEC corridor. The engagements reflect a growing strategic alignment between India and Italy, with a focus on deepening trade, joint ventures, and technology partnerships in the coming years.

Mexico slams new U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum as unjustified

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Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum criticized the U.S. decision to double tariffs on imported steel and aluminum to 50 percent, calling it unfair and legally groundless. At a press conference on Wednesday, Sheinbaum pointed out that Mexico imports more steel than it exports and questioned the rationale for imposing tariffs usually meant to address trade deficits.

She argued that the move contradicts the spirit of the U.S.-Mexico free trade agreement and undermines bilateral cooperation. The White House has defended the tariffs on national security grounds, but Sheinbaum said the measure is unjustified given strong collaboration between both nations, including on security.

She warned that the tariff hike would severely impact Mexico's steel and aluminum industries and said her administration will meet with industry leaders to strategize. Economy Secretary Marcelo Ebrard is preparing for negotiations with U.S. officials. If no agreement is reached, Mexico will announce its countermeasures next week, emphasizing protection, not retaliation.

India elected to UN economic council, vows to promote global development

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India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for a three-year term starting in 2025. Securing 181 out of 187 votes, India pledged to advocate for sustainable development and economic cooperation during its tenure.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar thanked member states for their support and reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening ECOSOC. This will be India's 18th term on the council, which oversees sustainable development issues and includes 54 rotating member states.

This year, China, Lebanon, and Turkmenistan also secured seats for the Asia-Pacific region. Ukraine defeated Russia in a contested East European group vote, forcing Russia into a runoff, which it won against Belarus. The United States and Germany filled vacancies after Italy and Liechtenstein resigned.



India joins other South Asian countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka on the council. ECOSOC plays a central role in guiding global development policies and programs through multilateral collaboration.



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A tectonic shift in warfare - and a vanishing prospect of peace



Dr. Avi Verma

On what appeared to be a calm June morning, Ukraine once again shattered the illusion of safety in occupied Crimea with a series of drone strikes on the iconic Crimean Bridge. These weren't isolated explosions — they were strategic signals, not just to Moscow but to the entire world. That bridge, Russia's symbolic link to its 2014 land grab, has become a recurring casualty in a war that refuses to stay confined. And this time, the message was unmistakable: Ukraine has reached deep inside Russian territory, and no target is beyond its reach.

In response, Russian President Vladimir Putin warned former U.S. President Donald Trump that "Russia will have to respond." But despite the exchange, even Trump conceded that such dialogue won't bring "immediate peace." The dream of the ceasefire, once faintly flickering, is now all but extinguished.

This new wave of drone strikes isn't just bold — it's transformative. It has exposed the vulnerability not only of Russian infrastructure but also of global military strategy. The Pentagon itself acknowledged this as a "wake-up call," recognizing that cheap, precise drones can now cripple the kind of air power that once gave nations like the United States uncontested supremacy.

Ukraine, with its mix of foreign support and indigenous innovation, is schooling the world in 21st-century warfare — and America, distracted and diplomatically sidelined, is no longer the default architect of peace.

War redrawn: Ukraine's deep reach

Gone is the image of a besieged Ukraine fending off Russian aggression at its borders. This is now an assertive Ukraine — one that launches strategic strikes on oil depots, military airfields, and defense hubs far from the front. This evolution has ended any lingering belief that Russia's heartland is untouchable. The psychological toll is massive, not only for Russian citizens but for Putin himself, whose image of control is being methodically dismantled.

As new drone footage released by Ukraine reveals strikes on Russian strategic bombers, it becomes clear: Ukraine is not just fighting — it is executing a campaign of psychological and technological superiority. These strikes ripple far beyond the battlefield.



The global fallout: A superpower is cornered

Putin's regime is now reeling, not just from physical damage but from the erosion of authority. Domestic unrest is mounting. Airports near Moscow have shut intermittently. Military assets are being reallocated to protect the homeland — a clear sign of vulnerability. And yet, instead of stepping back, Russia doubles down.

The possibility of escalation — including nuclear posturing — looms ominously. Putin's leverage is shrinking, and as history has shown, cornered empires can make desperate moves. This is what should truly alarm us all.

The fragility of diplomacy

Recent ceasefire attempts, including those held in Turkey, have yielded nothing of substance. The United Nations has been reduced to ceremonial statements. Even Pope Francis' moral appeals have been met with silence. Why? Because this war is no longer just about territory. It is about whether national sovereignty can be dictated by brute force.

For Ukraine, a pause could jeopardize momentum. For Putin, peace would signal failure. So the world drifts, caught between a nation's survival and a dictator's pride — with no off-ramp in sight.

Who arms Ukraine — and why it matters

This is no longer a two-party war. It is a global proxy conflict over the future of democratic order. The West —

despite wavering politics — continues to arm Ukraine with unprecedented coordination:

- ▶ **The United States** has supplied over \$60 billion in aid.
- ▶ **The European Union** provides tanks, training, and economic support.
- ▶ **Turkey**, despite its diplomatic balancing act, is a major drone supplier.
- ▶ **Private companies** like Starlink keep Ukraine's communications running, even amid bombardment.

Ukraine, once underestimated, now functions as a military tech lab — and a proof-of-concept for modern warfare.

Final thought: The unasked question

The burning question remains — and it's one the world is afraid to ask:

What happens when a superpower, humiliated and boxed in, runs out of conventional options?

Putin has already hinted at his answer. Trump, while hedging, seems caught between admiration and anxiety. The Biden administration faces growing pressure to prevent America from being blindsided further. But time is running out.

We are no longer observers of a conflict. We are participants in its consequences.

The war has changed. Have we?

Best Regards,
Dr. Avi Verma,
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India-Central Asia Dialogue to deepen regional security and trade ties

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Foreign Ministers from five Central Asian nations are meeting in New Delhi for the fourth India-Central Asia Dialogue on June 6. Hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, the dialogue will focus on counterterrorism, regional security, trade, connectivity, and development. The meeting comes amid heightened security concerns following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 civilians. Ministers from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan will also participate in the India-Central Asia Business Council and meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Launched in 2019, the dialogue has strengthened India's strategic outreach to Central Asia, rooted in centuries-old cultural ties. The forum complements other regional mechanisms such as the SCO and the India-Central Asia Summit, the latter held virtually in 2022. All five nations support India's bid for a permanent UN Security Council seat. India and Central Asia are seeking stronger partnerships across energy, technology, and anti-radicalization efforts.

Trump criticizes Merkel's refugee policy during German chancellor's White House visit

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During German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's visit to the White House this week, former U.S. President Donald Trump criticized the previous German chancellor's refugee policy, blaming her for allowing refugees into the country. Trump told Merz that he had warned Merkel the open-door policy "shouldn't have happened," referring indirectly to Angela Merkel without naming her.

The policy allowed roughly one million refugees, mainly from Syria and Iraq, into Germany and has been a point of political controversy. Merz, struggling to respond amid Trump's remarks, focused on discussing the Ukraine conflict and Germany's defense spending.

Trump praised Germany's recent commitment to increasing defense spending to 5% of GDP. The meeting was marked by Trump's sharp comments on Merkel's legacy, including criticism of her support for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline from Russia to Europe. Merz presented Trump with a framed birth certificate of Trump's grandfather and a book on German immigrants as a goodwill gesture.

U.S. sanctions four ICC judges over cases targeting America and Israel

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The United States has imposed sanctions on four judges from the International Criminal Court for their "illegitimate actions" targeting the U.S. and Israel. Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced the sanctions, which affect judges Solomy Balungi Bossa of Uganda, Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza of Peru, Reine Adelaide Sophie Alapini-Gansou of Benin, and Beti Hohler of Slovenia.

Two of the judges authorized arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defense minister Yoav Gallant, related to allegations of war crimes during the

Gaza conflict. The other two judges authorized an investigation into alleged abuses by U.S. personnel in Afghanistan. Rubio condemned the ICC's claims of unlimited authority to investigate U.S. nationals and allies, calling it a politicized court that threatens national sovereignty. The sanctions escalate tensions between the U.S. government and the ICC, following previous sanctions on the ICC's chief prosecutor, Karim Khan, which have included freezing his assets and restricting his communications. The ICC condemned the U.S. sanctions as an attempt to undermine judicial independence and accountability. Human rights advocates have criticized the sanctions as a misuse of executive power that threatens global justice efforts.



Israel accused of arming Palestinian gang involved in aid looting in Gaza

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Israel has been accused of arming a Palestinian militia in Gaza allegedly responsible for looting humanitarian aid, in what appears to be an effort to counter Hamas. Satellite images and verified videos show a new group, calling itself the "Anti-Terror Service," expanding its presence in southern Gaza's eastern Rafah area, which is under Israeli military control.

Led by Yasser Abu Shabab, a known local criminal from a Bedouin family, the group reportedly includes around 100 armed men operating with tacit approval from the Israeli Defense Forces. Israeli media reports say the group was supplied with Kalashnikov rifles, some taken from Hamas, with approval from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the security cabinet.

Netanyahu acknowledged activating certain Palestinian clans on security officials' advice to protect Israeli soldiers. However, opposition leader Avigdor Lieberman accused the government of arming criminals linked to the Islamic State, a claim with unclear evidence.



The United Nations and humanitarian agencies have raised alarms about aid diversion, with criminal gangs allegedly operating near Gaza's Kerem Shalom crossing under Israeli watch. Recently, truck drivers in Gaza halted aid transport after gunmen attacked a humanitarian convoy, killing several drivers. Witnesses suspect Abu Shabab's gang may be involved.

Abu Shabab's family has publicly disowned him, condemning his ties to Israeli forces and stating they do not want him to return.

Chinese nationals charged with smuggling agricultural bioweapon into U.S.

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Two Chinese nationals have been charged in the United States for smuggling a dangerous crop fungus, *Fusarium graminearum*, considered a potential agroterrorism threat. According to the FBI, researcher Zunyong Liu brought the pathogen into the U.S. in July 2024 to conduct unauthorized research

at a University of Michigan lab where his girlfriend, Yunqing Jian, worked. The fungus causes head blight in crops and produces toxins harmful to both humans and animals. Authorities said Jian had ties to the Chinese Communist Party and received Chinese government funding for related work. The pair now face charges of conspiracy, smuggling, and visa fraud. Officials warned the case highlights serious national security and food safety risks.

Czech court clears way for \$18.6 billion South Korea nuclear plant deal

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A Czech court has lifted a key legal block on a multibillion-dollar nuclear energy deal with South Korea, clearing the way for a final contract. The Supreme Administrative Court overturned a previous injunction that had stalled the agreement between the Czech Republic's Elektrarna Dukovany II and the South Korean consortium led by Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. (KHNP).

The injunction was originally filed by French energy firm EDF, which lost the bid. The deal, worth an estimated 26 trillion won (\$18.6 billion), involves building two 1,063-megawatt reactors at the Dukovany nuclear power plant southeast of Prague.

KHNP hailed the ruling and expressed hope to swiftly finalize the contract. If completed, this will be South Korea's first overseas nuclear project since the 2009 Barakah deal in the UAE. Czech state-run company CEZ and KHNP initially aimed to sign the contract on May 7 before the court intervention.

Lee Jae-myung wins South Korean presidency after Yoon impeachment turmoil

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Lee Jae-myung of South Korea's Democratic Party won the presidency on Wednesday, capping a dramatic political turnaround after narrowly losing in 2022. His victory follows the impeachment of former President Yoon Suk Yeol, who attempted to impose martial law in December, sparking national outrage.

Lee secured 49.42% of the vote, defeating conservative rival Kim Moon-soo of the People Power Party, who garnered 41.15%. With no transition period, Lee takes office immediately. In his victory speech, he vowed to restore democracy, overcome division, and rebuild the economy. Voter turnout hit 79.4%, the highest since 1997.

Lee, often seen as a polarizing figure, pledged pragmatic diplomacy and economic revival, especially in AI. His win comes amid growing challenges from North Korea and global economic shifts. Kim conceded gracefully, and other candidates, including Lee Jun-seok and Kwon Young-guk, trailed far behind. The election reaffirms the public's rejection of authoritarian tactics.

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US Health Secretary Kennedy vows faster approval process for rare disease drugs



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U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced efforts to speed up the approval of treatments for rare diseases during a Food and Drug Administration meeting focused on cell and gene therapies. Kennedy emphasized removing barriers to innovation to maintain the U.S.'s leadership in biotechnology.

Panelists warned that slow regulatory processes risk allowing other countries, especially China, to overtake the U.S. in drug development. Experts said that if approval pathways remain difficult, companies may move trials overseas or abandon new therapies.

Kennedy promised to find new ways to accelerate access to promising rare disease treatments. Vinay Prasad, head of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, also committed to making therapies available quickly once evidence shows biomedical progress.

Following the meeting, shares of several biotech companies gained slightly, reflecting optimism about regulatory reforms.

National Weather Service begins rehiring after storm deaths and staffing crisis



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The National Weather Service is rehiring over 100 employees after nearly 600 jobs were cut earlier this year under the Trump administration. The move follows growing concern over operational gaps during a deadly storm season that killed at least 17 people in states like Kentucky. Key positions to be filled include meteorologists, hydrologists, and radar technicians—roles essential for maintaining round-the-clock forecasts and launching weather balloons. Some offices were forced to reduce services due to understaffing, prompting criticism from experts who warned of public safety risks. Former NOAA official Mary Glackin called the effort a “band-aid,” noting that several hundred positions remain vacant. Though the Trump administration has now granted a hiring exemption, full staffing may not return until the fall. Many recently terminated probationary employees are expected to reapply. The rehiring comes just as the Atlantic hurricane season begins, further intensifying pressure on the agency to restore its operations.

Tesla shares plunge \$150 billion amid public feud between Elon Musk and Donald Trump

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Tesla's stock dropped 14% on Thursday, wiping out about \$150 billion in market value after a public feud erupted between CEO Elon Musk and former President Donald Trump. The disagreement centered on tax policies and electric vehicle subsidies, with Musk criticizing Trump's recent tax bill and Trump accusing Musk of opposing cuts to EV tax incentives. Investors grew concerned about the potential impact on Tesla's business, particularly regulatory risks tied to Musk's autonomous vehicle plans. The U.S. Department of Transportation regulates vehicle design standards crucial for Tesla's robotaxi ambitions, including cars without pedals or steering wheels. The agency is also investigating Tesla's Full Self-Driving software after a fatal crash.

The feud has heightened uncertainty, with some experts warning it could jeopardize regulatory approvals and increase government scrutiny. Musk's net worth fell by



approximately \$27 billion to \$388 billion after the stock decline.

Meanwhile, Trump's budget proposal would largely end the \$7,500 EV tax credit by 2026, a major factor supporting Tesla's sales. Analysts estimate Tesla could lose \$1.2 billion annually in profits, plus \$2 billion from reduced regulatory credit sales due to separate Senate legislation targeting California's EV mandates.

Despite challenges, Tesla remains the most valuable automaker globally with a market capitalization near \$1 trillion, far surpassing competitors like Toyota.

Feud between Trump and Musk threatens fate of major Republican tax bill

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An escalating rift between former President Donald Trump and Elon Musk is casting doubt on the future of the “Big, Beautiful Bill,” a massive Republican tax and spending package now under Senate consideration. Approved narrowly by the House last month without Democratic support, the bill would extend tax cuts, boost immigration enforcement, impose work requirements on federal aid recipients, and slash Medicaid and food assistance. Analysts estimate it could add \$2.4 to \$5 trillion to the \$36.2 trillion national debt.

Musk, formerly head of Trump's “Department of Government Efficiency,” slammed the bill's cost, calling for Trump's impeachment and accusing him of fiscal

recklessness. He argued the legislation undermines cost-saving efforts and penalizes electric vehicle buyers, escalating tensions with sharp personal attacks on social media.

Senate Republicans are weighing amendments, particularly around a House provision to raise the deduction cap for state and local taxes—popular in Democratic states but less relevant to GOP senators.

House Speaker Mike Johnson has tried to engage Musk, calling him a “good friend,” but the tech billionaire rebuffed efforts to reconcile. Trump, visibly frustrated, said Musk only turned against the bill after leaving his advisory role. Musk insists he never reviewed the bill and dismissed Trump's version of events.

Democratic senators propose comprehensive air safety reforms after fatal helicopter-jet collision

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Seven Democratic senators introduced broad air safety legislation Thursday in response to a fatal January collision between an Army Black Hawk helicopter and an American Airlines regional jet near Reagan Washington National Airport that killed 67 people. The bill calls for reviews of helicopter and passenger flight operations at major airports, requires new FAA safety assessments following fatal airline accidents, and mandates the use of ADS-B, an advanced aircraft tracking system.

Senator Maria Cantwell said the legislation closes critical safety gaps exposed by the crash, including the absence of ADS-B on the Army helicopter during a routine training flight. The FAA announced it will require ADS-B on government helicopters near Reagan National, except during national security missions, and has suspended Army



helicopter flights near the Pentagon after a recent near-miss. Families of victims praised the bill as a vital step toward improving aviation safety. The National Transportation Safety Board reported over 15,000 close encounters between helicopters and commercial planes near Washington Reagan since 2021. FAA Acting Administrator Chris Rocheleau acknowledged the need for action after reviewing safety data.

Missouri senator Eric Schmitt hires aide with history of neo-Nazi imagery and far-right ties



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Missouri Republican Senator Eric Schmitt employs Nate Hochman, a staffer previously fired from Ron DeSantis's presidential campaign after producing a video featuring neo-Nazi imagery. Hochman, 26, also spread far-right conspiracy theories while working at America 2100, a think tank linked to Senator Marco Rubio's chief of staff. Experts, including Heidi Beirich of the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism, criticized Hochman's appointment as evidence that extremist views are increasingly tolerated within the Republican Party.

Hochman's controversial history includes praising white supremacist Nick Fuentes and promoting conspiracy theories about immigration and LGBTQ groups. His rhetoric often echoes Schmitt's own hard-right positions, such as opposing immigration and decrying global elites. Despite past scandals, Hochman joined Schmitt's team in February 2025.

This case highlights a broader trend of far-right activists gaining political influence. Other examples include Darren Beattie, a former Trump speechwriter linked to white nationalist events who later held senior roles in the Trump and Biden administrations. Beirich called it “a sad, shameful fact that the GOP now mainstreams extremist ideas and harbors those that proliferate them.”

Court blocks mass layoffs at Education Department in legal rebuke to Trump plan

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A federal appeals court has upheld a lower court's order blocking the Trump administration from laying off nearly half the staff at the Department of Education. The First Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the administration's request to lift the injunction, which halts a sweeping “reduction in force” announced by Secretary Linda McMahon in March. The lawsuit challenging the layoffs was brought by 21 states, five labor unions, and two school districts, who argue the move is unconstitutional and violates administrative law. The court warned that such mass terminations could effectively disable the department's ability to function. Plaintiffs say the cuts were an attempt to dismantle the agency entirely. The administration may now appeal to the Supreme Court, but for now, the injunction remains in effect as litigation proceeds. Advocacy groups called the ruling a victory for students and schools, preserving crucial educational programs and staffing until a final legal decision is reached.

Leadership crisis grips DOGE as Elon Musk, top deputy exit



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The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), created by Elon Musk to streamline the federal workforce, is now rudderless following the departure of Musk and his deputy Steve Davis. Once seen as a disruptive force in Washington, DOGE now faces an uncertain future as it struggles to maintain influence without its high-profile founder.

Budget director Russ Vought told Congress that Cabinet secretaries are temporarily overseeing DOGE operations, but permanent leadership has yet to be named. The agency pushed thousands of government employees into early retirement or resignations but has struggled to deliver meaningful cost savings.

DOGE's aggressive tactics, once backed by Trump, are now facing growing resistance from within the administration. Musk's split with Trump over fiscal policy has only added to the turmoil. With its core staff of tech consultants and a dwindling support base, DOGE's mission of government downsizing appears to be losing momentum quickly in Washington.

US Supreme Court clears greater path for 'reverse discrimination' claims



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The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of an Ohio woman, reviving her reverse discrimination lawsuit against the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Marlean Ames claimed she was denied a promotion and later demoted because she is straight. Lower courts had dismissed her case, requiring her to meet a higher burden known as the "background circumstances" rule, applied to majority-group plaintiffs. The Supreme Court found this requirement inconsistent with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Writing for the court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson said Title VII's standards must apply equally, regardless of the plaintiff's group. The decision impacts 20 states and D.C., making it easier to bring reverse discrimination cases forward.

Musk to retire Dragon spacecraft as Trump threatens to cancel contracts

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Elon Musk announced Thursday that SpaceX will begin decommissioning its Dragon spacecraft after a public clash with Donald Trump, who threatened to cancel federal contracts with Musk's companies. The Dragon capsule, critical to NASA's operations, transports astronauts to and from the International Space Station. SpaceX has received over \$20 billion in U.S. government contracts since 2008, mostly from NASA and the Department of Defense. Trump, in a Truth Social post, called Musk's businesses a financial burden and said ending their federal contracts would save "billions and billions." In response, Musk wrote on X that SpaceX would retire the Dragon program

"immediately," citing Trump's comments.

The rift follows Musk's recent resignation as head of Trump's "Department of Government Efficiency" and his fierce criticism of the president's tax-and-spend bill. Trump accused Musk of disloyalty, while Musk said Trump was "ungrateful" for past support, including financial help during the 2024 campaign. NASA responded to the news diplomatically, saying it remains committed to the president's space goals and will continue working with industry partners. Musk's decision could impact upcoming missions, including a scheduled June 10 launch of Axiom Mission 4. The fallout reflects deepening fractures between Trump and key figures in his former inner circle.

Judge halts Trump's ban on Harvard's foreign students entering U.S.

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A federal judge in Boston has temporarily blocked the Trump administration's ban preventing international students from attending Harvard University. U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs issued the injunction after Harvard argued that Trump's proclamation lacked legal justification and violated federal law.

The administration claimed that international students posed national security risks, but Harvard countered that no evidence was provided. The school noted that the ban only prevented students from entering to study at Harvard, not from entering the U.S. generally. Harvard said the move was a direct attack on its values and educational mission,

adding, "Without its international students, Harvard is not Harvard."

The ban was announced amid a broader White House campaign targeting the university. Trump's team has frozen federal funding, proposed ending its tax-exempt status, and accused the school of harboring "foreign adversaries." Harvard believes the actions are retaliation for resisting political pressure over governance and curriculum. The judge's ruling follows a previous attempt by Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to revoke Harvard's certification for enrolling foreign students—a move also blocked by Burroughs. Harvard warned that Trump's new proclamation was "an end-run" around the court's earlier decision. Litigation is ongoing as Harvard seeks permanent relief against the administration's efforts.



Trump escalates unproven claims Biden didn't sign executive actions

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President Trump has renewed his unsupported accusations that former President Biden was not making key decisions while in office, alleging aides used an autopen to sign executive orders without his knowledge.

During a White House meeting, Trump called it "the biggest scandal in 100 years," despite no evidence and legal precedent supporting autopen use.

Biden strongly denied the claims, calling the investigation "a distraction" from Republican policies that slash public

services. The Justice Department has declined to comment, while the White House Counsel's Office has not addressed Trump's directive. Republican lawmakers are now launching hearings, with the Senate Judiciary Committee probing Biden's mental fitness and the House Oversight Committee subpoenaing his physician.

Trump did not provide names or documents, instead claiming "radical left lunatics" enacted controversial policies without Biden's awareness. Legal experts and political analysts widely dismiss the claims as baseless and politically motivated, especially with no evidence to support them.

Fuel spill from Johns Hopkins vendor contaminates Baltimore's Inner Harbor



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A fuel spill from diesel tanks linked to a third-party vendor for Johns Hopkins Hospital released 2,000 gallons of dyed fuel into Baltimore's Inner Harbor on June 4, turning the water red and prompting a large-scale cleanup. The fuel entered storm drains that empty into the harbor near Fells Point, according to the Maryland Department of the Environment. Cleanup crews from local, state, and federal agencies have recovered 18,000 gallons of oil-water mix. Johns Hopkins has pledged full funding for cleanup and is investigating the cause. Wildlife rescue efforts are underway, with 25 birds and three turtles treated. Officials confirm no threat to drinking water or air quality. Road closures and business disruptions continue in affected areas.

Trump's funding cuts strengthen Democratic support for California high-speed rail



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President Donald Trump's move to pull \$4 billion in federal grants from California's high-speed rail project has only strengthened Democratic resolve to keep the initiative alive. The project, long delayed and with costs soaring from \$33 billion to \$128 billion, faced a major setback when the Trump administration flagged its intention to cancel Biden-era funding. However, state Democrats, who control the bulk of the project's financing through California's emissions trading program, have doubled down on their support. Governor Gavin Newsom recently pledged to reauthorize the program and allocate at least \$1 billion annually to the rail line. Despite Republican criticism labeling the project a failure, labor unions and state officials remain committed to pushing the controversial but job-heavy infrastructure effort forward.

Jamia Millia scholars win US award for research on Indian architectural knowledge

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A faculty team from Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), including Prof. Nisar Khan, Prof. Hina Zia, and Ph.D. scholar Ripu Daman Singh, has received the prestigious "Constructed Environment International Award for Excellence" from the Common Ground Research Networks in the United States.

The award recognizes outstanding global research in the field of the built environment. The winning study decoded the design principles of Amritsar's historic Khalsa College, revealing that its architectural proportions were based on traditional Indian carpentry methods rather than Western systems.

The research highlights the contributions of Bhai Ram Singh,



an Indian-origin carpenter-turned-architect, who rose to prominence during British colonial rule. Singh was renowned for his mastery in building design, interiors, furniture, and signage, and was among the few Indian architects invited to work on projects in the United Kingdom.

This is the first time Indian researchers have received this award in its 15-year history. JMI officials hailed the achievement as a vital step in reviving and documenting India's lost architectural knowledge systems and honoring the legacy of indigenous architects.

Telangana student dies in road accident while studying medicine in Vietnam

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A 21-year-old student from Telangana, India, died in a road accident in Can Tho City, Vietnam, on Wednesday. Arshid Ashrit, who was studying medicine in Vietnam for the past two years, was riding a bike when the accident occurred. A passenger on the bike reportedly survived with minor injuries. Ashrit's father, Arjun, confirmed the news and said the family—residents of Kagaznagar in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district—has been in contact with Indian government officials to arrange for the repatriation of his body. Union ministers from Telangana, G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, have extended assistance. BJP legislator Palvai Harish Babu visited the bereaved family. According to him, the Indian Embassy in Vietnam was alerted via Kishan Reddy's office, and efforts are underway to bring the student's remains home within the next few days. A video of the accident has circulated online.

British Sikh MPs renew call for independent inquiry into UK role in Operation Bluestar



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British Sikh lawmakers Warinder Juss and Jas Athwal have renewed calls in Parliament for an independent, judge-led investigation into the United Kingdom's role in India's Operation Bluestar in 1984. They raised the issue during a House of Commons session marking the operation's 41st anniversary.

Juss, representing Wolverhampton West, and Athwal, MP for Ilford South, urged House Leader Lucy Powell to honor previous promises made by the Labour Party to investigate the extent of British involvement. In 2014, documents suggested the Thatcher government provided military advice to India. A limited internal review under then-Prime Minister David Cameron concluded the UK's role was purely advisory with "limited impact."

Powell acknowledged the matter's importance and said she would follow up with Foreign Secretary David Lammy. Athwal reminded the House that both Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner had pledged support for such an inquiry while in opposition.

Three missing Punjabi men rescued in Iran after alleged abduction

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Three men from Punjab who went missing in Iran last month have been rescued by Tehran police, according to official sources. The individuals—Hushanpreet Singh from Sangrur, Jaspal Singh from SBS Nagar, and Amritpal Singh from Hoshiarpur—disappeared shortly after arriving in Tehran on May 1.

The men were allegedly misled by an illegal travel agent who had promised them work permits in Australia but instead routed them through Iran using the unauthorized "dunki" migration path. Their families later alleged that the men were kidnapped and held for ransom.

The abductors reportedly demanded Rs 1 crore and shared disturbing images and videos of the victims bound and injured. Communication with the families ceased after May 11.



India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed last week that it had been working in coordination with Iranian authorities to ensure the safe recovery and return of the three men. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the government was committed to ensuring their safety and repatriation.

UK teen sentenced for fatal assault on elderly Indian-origin man

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A 15-year-old boy in the United Kingdom has been sentenced to seven years in prison for fatally attacking 80-year-old Bhim Sen Kohli in Leicester last September. The teen, referred to as D1 due to legal protections for minors, was convicted of manslaughter. A 13-year-old girl, D2, who filmed and encouraged the assault, was given a youth rehabilitation order but avoided jail time.

Justice Mark Turner called the attack "wicked" and noted the boy's lack of remorse. The girl received a three-year youth rehabilitation order with a six-month curfew.

CCTV footage and video retrieved from the girl's phone showed the brutal incident. Prosecutors said both teens were responsible under the principle of joint enterprise. The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that the boy carried out the physical assault, while the girl played an active role in inciting and recording the act. "This unprovoked attack on an innocent elderly man shocked the community," said CPS official Kelly Matthews, adding that the teens bragged about the incident afterward.

Indian students rethink US education amid visa delays and rising costs

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Indian families, who often invest their life savings for their children to study in the US, are now reconsidering the American dream due to visa troubles under the Trump administration. Student visa interviews have been paused globally, and social media vetting has added uncertainty. Enrollment of Indian students in US universities, which peaked at 330,000 last year—surpassing Chinese students for the first time—is now dropping sharply.

Subash Devarwal, who runs an education

consultancy in Ahmedabad, reports a drop from sending over 100 students annually to about 10. Many families are hesitant to risk losing tens of thousands of dollars in tuition, which can range from \$40,000 to \$80,000 yearly.

Students and parents are turning to alternative destinations such as the UK, Germany, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, and even the Middle East. Experts say Germany is now a leading choice for STEM fields. For many, the decision balances safety, cost, and proximity to home amid the current political climate.

NAPA condemns Abu Dhabi's treatment of Sikh tourist as religious discrimination

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The North American Punjabi Association (NAPA) has strongly criticized the United Arab Emirates for the alleged religious discrimination faced by Dalvinder Singh, an Amritdhari Sikh tourist detained in Abu Dhabi. According to NAPA Executive Director Satnam Singh Chahal, Singh was held for 20 days during which he was forced to remove his turban, kada, and kanga—articles of faith in Sikhism—and denied vegetarian food despite his dietary restrictions.

Chahal described the treatment as a “systematic violation” of religious rights, calling it mentally torturous and unacceptable in any civilized society. In a letter to India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, NAPA urged the Indian government to lodge a formal protest and seek assurances from the UAE that such violations will not recur.

NAPA also demanded a formal apology and compensation for Singh and called for religious sensitivity training for UAE law enforcement. Chahal emphasized the need for diplomatic protocols to protect the rights of Indian citizens abroad and urged Sikh communities and human rights groups to raise their voices against such injustice.

Telangana student deported from US for visa fraud; consultancy firm owner arrested



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A 28-year-old student from Nalgonda, Telangana, was deported from the United States in late May for allegedly using fake academic documents to obtain his student visa. The student, enrolled at Webster University in Missouri, was detained upon arrival at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad on June 1 after US immigration found his SEVIS status inactive.

During questioning, he confessed to securing a student visa in 2023 using forged B.Sc. Computer Science certificates. The documents were allegedly provided by the managing director of an overseas education consultancy, who was arrested on June 2. Authorities also seized fake certificates and Rs. 10 lakh in cash from the firm’s office.

The student and the consultancy owner have been charged with forgery and cheating. According to police, the firm had helped at least 15 students study abroad over five years using similar fraudulent methods.

From hardship to triumph: Amarjit Khela’s rise from Punjab to a business empire in Australia

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Amarjit Khela’s journey from poverty in Punjab to a multimillion-dollar business owner in Australia is one of resilience and grit. Arriving in Sydney in 1998 with just \$20, he endured hunger, abuse, and homelessness—including sleeping in a storage toilet at a petrol station. Despite these struggles, Khela remained determined to succeed. He eventually earned Australian residency and brought his family over by 2005. In 2006, he launched Unique International College in Sydney, offering vocational education. The business grew

rapidly, though it faced controversy in 2015 when Australian authorities accused the college of misleading students. A 2017 court ruling went against Khela, but it was overturned in 2018 by the Full Federal Court, clearing him of wrongdoing. Today, Khela’s business empire spans hospitality, manufacturing, and real estate. Despite his luxurious lifestyle, he remains grounded, supporting philanthropic initiatives in Punjab and warning against the region’s growing culture of unchecked migration. “Real wealth lies in values, not money,” he says, advocating for a model where one child stays in Punjab and one goes abroad to preserve roots.



India-born chef Asma Khan joins record-breaking global anthem for gender equality

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Asma Khan, the India-born British restaurateur and founder of Darjeeling Express in London, is among 195 women featured in the record-breaking song “195,” which has entered the Guinness World Records for most nationalities contributing vocals to a single track.

Produced by The Frequency School, co-founded by Grammy-nominated producer Maejor and others, the song advocates gender equality and promotes

mental well-being through sound healing. Premiered at the 2025 World Economic Forum in Davos, it unites women from every country to inspire global action.

Executive producer Martina Fuchs called the project “a groundbreaking initiative” to empower women worldwide. Khan, also a star of Netflix’s Chef’s Table and a TIME 100 honoree, is known for her all-female kitchen and social activism. She continues to champion gender equity as a UN World Food Programme Chef Advocate and holds honorary fellowships from Oxford and King’s College, London.



Two men convicted for scamming NRIs in Singapore, US, and Ireland

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A special CBI court in Chandigarh has sentenced two Indian nationals for running a cyber fraud scheme that targeted non-resident Indians in Singapore, the United States, and Ireland. Aditya Bhardwaj (alias Bhanu) and Deepak Jain were each sentenced to two and a half years in jail for impersonating immigration officials and duping victims out of Rs 8.5 lakh across 14 transactions. The duo operated from a Kurukshetra-based travel agency, Guru Kripa Tours and Travels, using fake identities and Western Union to collect funds under threats of deportation. Bhardwaj used forged documents to receive the money, while Jain funneled it through fake bank accounts, some in the names of domestic workers and fictitious persons. The funds were used for personal expenses.

The court also seized a 10-page script from Jain’s home that detailed how to impersonate U.S. federal agents. Forensic evidence, including handwriting analysis, confirmed their involvement. While both convicts were granted bail until June 28 to appeal the ruling, a third accused, Harnek Singh, remains absconding in Dubai. The case, registered in 2016, involved 54 witnesses and extensive digital evidence.

Two Indian-origin men among nine charged in Singapore for aiding scam syndicates



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Singapore authorities have charged nine individuals, including two men of Indian origin, for allegedly acting as money mules in a major scam-linked investigation. Yuvan Thirumaran, 24, and Amarjit Singh Jugindar Singh, 50, were among six men and three women charged with between one and 19 counts each related to scam-related offenses, according to The Straits Times.

The accused are believed to have sold their bank accounts to criminal syndicates to facilitate money laundering. Charges include abetment of cheating, helping others retain benefits from criminal conduct, and breaches of the Computer Misuse Act.

Authorities said a total of 41 people will be charged this week in connection with scams such as impersonation of officials, job frauds, fake friend scams, and e-commerce fraud.

Singapore recorded scam losses of SGD 1.1 billion in 2024, a 70 percent rise from 2023. Those convicted of aiding in money laundering or cheating could face up to three years in prison, fines, or both.

Supreme court dismisses Mexico's lawsuit against US gunmakers over cartel trafficking

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The US Supreme Court ruled unanimously on Thursday to dismiss Mexico's lawsuit accusing gunmaker Smith & Wesson and distributor Interstate Arms of aiding illegal firearm trafficking to drug cartels. The case, filed in Boston in 2021, alleged the companies helped funnel guns to Mexican cartels, worsening violence along the US-Mexico border. The lower court had allowed the lawsuit to proceed, but the Supreme Court overturned that decision under the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which broadly shields gun manufacturers from liability for crimes committed with their products. Justice Elena Kagan wrote that Mexico's complaint did not plausibly allege unlawful conduct by the companies.

Mexico claimed the companies maintained a distribution network enabling "straw purchasers" to traffic weapons and marketed guns as military-grade to boost cartel demand. The lawsuit sought damages and an order to remedy the public nuisance caused by trafficked US firearms, which have hurt Mexico's economy by fueling violence and reducing business investment. The ruling arrives amid tense US-Mexico relations over tariffs, drug trafficking, and border control efforts.

Indonesia's Bali to ban small plastic water bottles in bid to tackle pollution



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Bali's provincial government plans to ban the production and sale of plastic water bottles under one liter starting January 2026 to combat severe plastic pollution, officials announced. Governor I Wayan Koster revealed the policy after meetings with major bottled water producers. The ban is part of broader efforts to reduce single-use plastics, which make up much of Bali's overflowing landfill waste. Bali, known for its natural beauty and culture, faces environmental and economic risks as landfills reach capacity. The government has also restricted plastic bags and straws in public institutions, businesses, and places of worship. Businesses failing to comply risk losing permits, and villages may lose public funding. Waste in Bali rose 30% from 2000 to 2024, mainly due to limited community awareness and inadequate waste management infrastructure. Governor Koster called on bottled water companies to innovate and help Bali become a global model for environmental sustainability.

US vetoes UN resolution calling for unconditional Gaza ceasefire

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The United States vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution demanding an "immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire" in Gaza, with the remaining 14 council members voting in favor. The resolution described the situation in Gaza as "catastrophic" and urged the "immediate and unconditional lifting" of restrictions on humanitarian aid access and distribution, including by UN agencies. This marks the fifth time the US has blocked a ceasefire resolution aimed at protecting Israel, citing concerns that previous drafts failed to link ceasefire demands with the release of all hostages held by Hamas.

Co-sponsored by Algeria, Denmark, Greece, Guyana, Pakistan, Panama, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and Somalia, the resolution also received backing from Russia, China, France, and the UK. France's UN ambassador Jerome Bonnafont lamented the council's failure to act decisively. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the veto sent a "strong message"



rejecting any resolution equating Israel and Hamas or ignoring Israel's right to self-defense. Israel praised the veto, with Foreign Minister Gideon Saar calling it a stand against a "one-sided resolution" that would strengthen Hamas.

The UK criticized Israel's aid restrictions, calling them "inhuman," while Pakistan and China condemned the US veto as obstructing peace efforts. The vote comes amid warnings of famine in Gaza and deadly Israeli fire on Palestinians queuing for food aid.

Israel recovers bodies of two Israeli-American hostages after Gaza operation

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Israel recovered the remains of two Israeli-American hostages killed during Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack in an overnight operation in southern Gaza. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed that Judih Weinstein, 70, and Gad Haggai, 72, were returned by the Israeli military and internal security agency Shin Bet. Their deaths were previously announced in December 2023. Their daughter expressed relief on social media, thanking Israeli and US authorities and urging the release of all remaining hostages.

The Israeli military stated the two were killed by gunmen from the Palestinian Mujahideen Brigades during the assault on Kibbutz Nir Oz. The forum of Israeli hostage families described the return as "painful and heartbreaking" but vital for healing and called for urgent efforts to secure the freedom of the 56 remaining hostages, at least 20 of whom are believed alive.



Meanwhile, food distribution by the US- and Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) remained halted for a second day following deadly Israeli fire that killed at least 27 Palestinians waiting for aid. GHF resumed limited operations later, reporting 1.4 million meals delivered. Gaza's civil defense reported at least 10 killed in Israeli strikes on June 5. Since October 7, Israel's military response has killed over 54,000 Palestinians according to Hamas health authorities.

Japan records lowest number of births in more than a century amid population concerns

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Japan's annual births dropped to 686,061 in 2024, the lowest since records began in 1899, according to government data released this week. This figure marks a 5.7% decline from the previous year and continues a nine-year downward trend. The country's fertility rate fell to a record low of 1.15 children per woman, well below the 2.1 rate needed to maintain population stability. Meanwhile, deaths rose 1.9% to 1.6 million in 2024.

Although marriages increased slightly to 485,063 after years of decline, the overall trend of a shrinking and aging population remains unchanged. Japan's birthrate has fallen steadily since its second baby boom in the 1970s, reaching below 700,000 births for the



first time in 2024. This demographic shift is expected to reduce Japan's population from 124 million today to an estimated 87 million by 2070, with 40% over age 65.

Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba has described the situation as a "silent emergency," unveiling measures including expanded child allowances, free high school education, and parental leave pay guarantees.

UK freezes \$115 million in London property tied to ex-Bangladesh regime allies



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The UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) has frozen nearly \$115 million worth of luxury London real estate linked to two men associated with Bangladesh's ousted leader, Sheikh Hasina. The move follows increasing pressure on the UK to assist Bangladesh in tracing assets allegedly tied to the former regime.

Nine property freezing orders were issued against Ahmed Shayan Rahman and his cousin, Ahmed Shahryar Rahman—son and nephew of Salman F Rahman, a powerful former adviser to Hasina. Properties in prime London locations, including Grosvenor Square and Gresham Gardens, were purchased through offshore companies in the British Virgin Islands, Isle of Man, and Jersey, and range in value from approximately \$1.5 million to \$45.5 million. The Rahmans were previously identified in a joint investigation by The Guardian and Transparency International, which revealed \$512 million in UK assets held by Hasina's allies. UK officials confirmed the properties were frozen as part of an ongoing civil probe. The Rahmans deny any wrongdoing.

EU agrees to raise delay times before flight compensation applies

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The European Union has agreed to increase the minimum flight delay times before passengers can claim compensation. Under the new rules, short-haul flights must be delayed by at least four hours, and long-haul flights by six hours, to qualify for payouts. This is an increase from the current three-hour threshold. Compensation for short-haul delays will rise from €250 to €300 (about \$275 to \$330), while long-haul compensation will decrease from €600 to €500 (about \$660 to \$550).

The changes, proposed by the European Commission in 2013, still require approval from the European Parliament before becoming law. Consumer groups warn that most delays fall between two and four hours, meaning many passengers could lose compensation rights. Airlines have criticized the deal for not raising delay times even higher to reduce payouts.

The agreement also introduces stronger rights for passengers with disabilities, automated compensation claims, and a "right to rerouting" for long delays. EU officials see it as a step forward in improving air travel service.

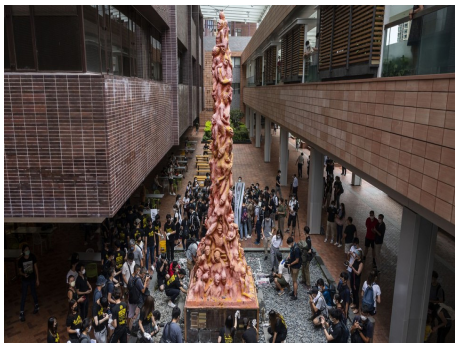
Conflict and cholera escalate humanitarian crisis in Sudan, warns UN



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The United Nations has raised alarms over worsening humanitarian conditions in Sudan, citing massive displacement and rising cholera cases. Ongoing conflict has forced nearly 19,000 people to flee from Khartoum, South Kordofan, and North Darfur in recent weeks. Cholera cases are increasing in River Nile state, with over 180 infections and four deaths reported in just two weeks. UN officials say water shortages, poor sanitation, and damaged infrastructure are accelerating the crisis. Meanwhile, thousands are returning to Blue Nile state in need of urgent aid. Humanitarian efforts are ongoing, but face serious challenges including violence, access restrictions, and funding shortages. The UN called for a ceasefire and unimpeded humanitarian access.

World won't forget Tiananmen Square, US and Taiwan say on 36th anniversary of massacre



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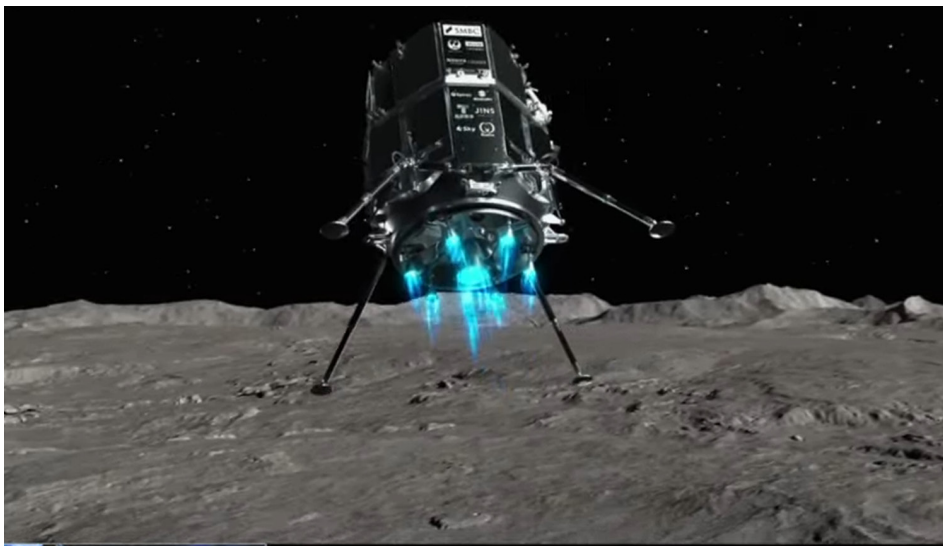
On the 36th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te reaffirmed that the world will never forget the violent crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing on June 4, 1989. Hundreds, possibly thousands, of protesters were killed when China's People's Liberation Army used force to clear the square. Rubio praised the bravery of those who sought fundamental freedoms and condemned ongoing censorship by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which continues to suppress discussion of the event. Taiwan's president emphasized the importance of preserving truth and human rights. The Chinese government dismissed these statements as interference in internal affairs. Inside China, strict controls and internet censorship prevent public commemoration. Research also shows increased transnational repression of Chinese dissidents abroad, including Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Hongkongers. In Hong Kong, annual memorial vigils have been banned since 2019, with authorities using security laws to restrict gatherings.

Japan's ispace lunar lander crashes again, fails second moon mission

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Japanese space firm ispace lost contact with its Resilience lunar lander just minutes before its scheduled moon landing Friday, marking its second failed attempt in two years. The lander was carrying a European-built mini rover and an artistic model house meant for lunar placement. Initial analysis suggests a malfunctioning laser system caused a hard landing. CEO

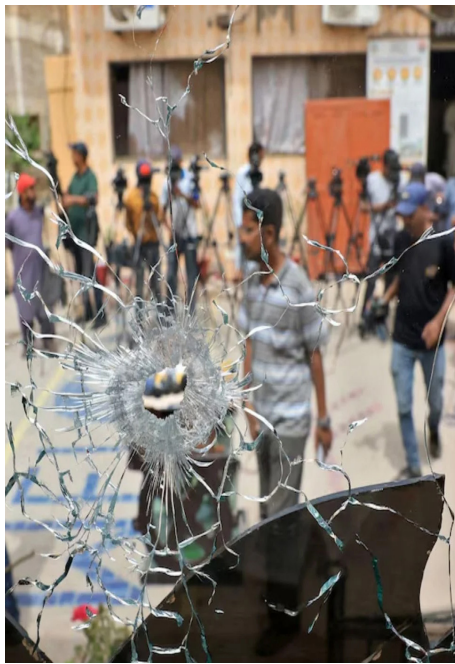
Takeshi Hakamada apologized, saying the company would continue pursuing future missions despite limited funding. Resilience had launched in January and entered lunar orbit in May. Ispace's first lander also crash-landed in 2023. The company still aims to launch a larger NASA-partnered lander by 2027. Meanwhile, U.S.-based Firefly and Intuitive Machines have already achieved moon landings this year, raising pressure on commercial competitors.



Over 200 prisoners escape Karachi jail after earthquake sparks chaos

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More than 200 inmates escaped from Malir Prison in Karachi, Pakistan, following a series of shallow earthquakes on Monday that caused panic and disrupted security. Officials said the prisoners fled during a transfer meant to safeguard them after the tremors. One prisoner died and 22 people were injured in the chaos. By Tuesday, 80 inmates had been recaptured, while efforts continued to find the remaining escapees. Most of the escaped prisoners faced charges related to drugs and lesser crimes. Authorities have vowed an investigation, and those who return voluntarily within 24 hours have been promised leniency. Earthquakes of up to magnitude 3.4 were reported in the region. Prison breaks remain rare in Pakistan since major reforms began in 2013.



Mexico's first judicial election sees low turnout and voter confusion

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Mexico's historic first judicial elections on June 1 saw only 13% voter turnout, reflecting confusion and skepticism around a sweeping court reform. Over 7,700 candidates were on the ballot for more than 2,600 judicial positions. While President Claudia Sheinbaum declared the vote a success, critics argue the low participation undermines the process's legitimacy. Civil society groups flagged concerns about candidates with ties to corruption, criminal groups, and religious sects. Voters, unfamiliar with the selection process and limited candidate information, voiced frustration. Still, some supported the change, hoping it would address widespread judicial corruption.



The reform was championed by former President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and criticized as a potential power grab by the ruling Morena party.

Australian scientists use real-time genome sequencing to fight superbug

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Australian researchers have pioneered the use of real-time genome sequencing to combat the deadly superbug *Staphylococcus aureus*, or golden staph. The method, developed at the Peter Doherty Institute in Melbourne, allows doctors to detect antibiotic resistance mutations as they occur during treatment. In collaboration with seven hospitals, scientists found that in one-third of severe infections, the bacteria evolved to resist standard antibiotics. The breakthrough enables immediate adjustments to treatment, reducing the spread of resistant strains. One patient's infection returned two months later with 80 times more resistance, but the new method led to successful recovery. Victoria will soon launch the world's first clinical genomic service for resistant bacterial infections.

Greenpeace steals Macron waxwork to protest France's trade with Russia

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Environmental activists from Greenpeace France removed a wax figure of President Emmanuel Macron from Paris' Grévin Museum to protest France's ongoing energy trade with Russia. The stunt aimed to spotlight the country's continued imports of Russian gas, fertilizers, and uranium, which Greenpeace says indirectly fund the war in Ukraine. The wax figure was later displayed outside the Russian Embassy in Paris. Greenpeace said they would return it but gave no timeline. The museum confirmed the statue, worth nearly \$46,000, has not yet been recovered. No arrests have been made. France has imported over \$20 billion worth of fossil fuels from Russia since 2022, according to CREA, despite President Macron's vocal support for Ukraine on the global stage.

Government launches UMEED portal for mandatory Waqf property registration



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The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs launched the UMEED portal on Friday to digitize and centralize the registration of Waqf properties across India. The portal—Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development—features a three-tier verification system: the caretaker (Maker), Waqf Board official (Checker), and a government authority (Approver). Registration on the portal will be mandatory within six months under the new Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. A national training program was recently held to prepare 141 master trainers for implementation.

However, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board has opposed the portal, calling it illegal and in contempt of court, as the new Waqf law is under judicial review. The Board has urged Waqf officials to refrain from using the portal until the Supreme Court issues a ruling.

Punjab Police bust cross-border arms and drug smuggling networks



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Punjab Police have arrested two individuals—Sukhchain Singh and Jugraj Singh—in Amritsar for smuggling arms from Pakistan and recovered eight weapons, including Glock and Px5 pistols. The weapons were linked to Pakistan-based handler Noor, said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav. In related action, police dismantled two international drug cartels, arresting six individuals and seizing four kilograms of heroin. One network was led by accused Sevenbir, who received drugs from Pakistan while posing as a livestock trader. Another key accused, Jasbir Kaur, was tied to the infamous smuggler Ranjeet alias Cheeta. On Thursday, police also arrested Surajpal Singh and Arshdeep Singh for trafficking arms dropped by drones from Pakistani handlers Rana and Sikander. Investigations are ongoing to uncover the full extent of the networks.

PM Modi waves Tiranga at Chenab bridge; gives befitting reply to Pahalgam plotters

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, on Friday, commending the engineers and construction workers behind this historic achievement. The bridge stands as a symbol of India's engineering prowess and strategic connectivity.

During his visit to Jammu and Kashmir, his first since the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, PM Modi is set to launch projects worth over Rs 48,000 crore aimed at boosting development and reviving tourism in the Valley. The highlight of the event was Modi proudly waving the Tiranga atop the Chenab Bridge, signaling a strong message of resilience against terror plotters and Pakistan.

The Chenab Bridge is a steel arch railway bridge standing 359 meters above the Chenab River, making it taller than the Eiffel Tower. It stretches 1,315



meters long and is engineered to endure earthquakes, strong winds, and sub-zero winter temperatures. This all-weather connection will integrate Kashmir more firmly with the rest of India.

After the inauguration, Modi viewed a photo exhibition documenting the technical challenges faced during construction and interacted with the dedicated workforce who completed this engineering marvel under extreme conditions.

SEBI freezes Mehul Choksi's assets to recover penalty over insider trading

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has frozen absconding businessman Mehul Choksi's bank accounts, mutual funds, and shares to recover Rs 2.1 crore. The amount includes a penalty for violating insider trading rules linked to Gitanjali Gems shares.

Choksi, former Chairman and Managing Director of Gitanjali Gems, allegedly shared unpublished price-sensitive information with an associate who sold his stake in the company in December 2017 to avoid losses before fraud details emerged. SEBI fined Choksi Rs 1.5 crore in January 2022 and banned him from securities trading for one year, but he failed to pay. After a demand notice in May 2025 went unanswered, SEBI ordered banks, depositories, and mutual



funds to freeze his assets. Choksi, related to Nirav Modi, faces legal action in the Punjab National Bank fraud case. He was arrested in Belgium in April 2025 following India's extradition request.

BJP leader slams Congress government over Bengaluru stampede tragedy

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BJP leader Amit Malviya sharply criticized the Congress-led Karnataka government following the Bengaluru stampede near Chinnaswamy Stadium that killed 11 people. Malviya accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D. K. Shivakumar of criminal mismanagement and called their response insensitive, noting that celebrations continued despite the tragedy.

He also condemned the government's attempt to blame the Royal Challengers Bengaluru cricket team officials, calling it a cover-up to shield those responsible. Malviya said the disaster was preventable and a result of poor crowd control and lack of accountability. Meanwhile, police intensified efforts to arrest four more



suspects linked to the incident, with four already detained, including the RCB marketing head and event staff.

Wheat procurement at three-year high as government stocks rise

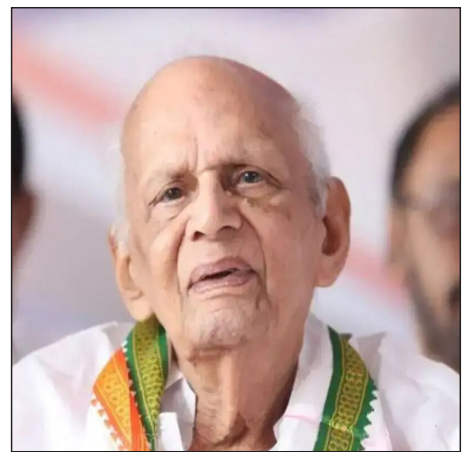


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India's wheat procurement under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) reached 29.92 million tonnes during the 2025–26 Rabi marketing season, marking a 13 percent rise from last year and the highest in three years, officials said. The procurement was made from 40.42 million tonnes that arrived in key markets. Punjab (11.93 MT), Madhya Pradesh (7.77 MT), Haryana (7.14 MT), and Rajasthan (2.02 MT) were top contributors.

The Food Corporation of India now holds 36.65 million tonnes, well above the buffer norm of 27.58 MT. Retail wheat prices were about Rs 28/kg. To control inflation, the government imposed stock limits on traders—3,000 MT for wholesalers and 10 MT for retailers per outlet. This procurement is expected to support food distribution and stabilize prices nationwide.

Veteran Congress leader Thennala Balakrishna Pillai dies at 95



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Thennala Balakrishna Pillai, a senior Congress leader from Kerala known for his integrity and soft-spoken demeanor, passed away at 95 in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday due to age-related illnesses. A two-time legislator and three-time Rajya Sabha member, he twice served as Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president. Revered for selling personal assets to support the party, he ended his political journey with just a small home, having once owned 17 acres.

In 2001, he quietly stepped down as KPCC president when K. Muraleedharan replaced him following A.K. Antony's appointment as chief minister. Congress leaders, including K.C. Venugopal and V.D. Satheesan, paid tributes, describing him as a unifying figure and principled politician. The state Congress plans a grand funeral in his honor.

Delhi CM says AAP leaders will face action over scams revealed in CAG reports

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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta stated that leaders from the previous Aam Aadmi Party government will face legal action over scams exposed by recent Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports. Speaking after visiting a government school in north Delhi's Haiderpur village, Gupta criticized the former administration's weak construction standards, pointing out a 2018 school building that became unusable within two years. She also slammed the lack of English-medium and science schools in the area and poor sports facilities. Gupta said the current government is working to improve security, sanitation, and staff shortages in schools. She further condemned the previous government's creation of a separate education board, saying it harmed Delhi students' competitiveness nationwide.

Delhi Assembly marks 100 days with focus on green governance and digitization

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The Delhi Legislative Assembly marked its first 100 days with a strong focus on sustainability and modernization, as highlighted in its official report card released by Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Harsh Malhotra. Among the key achievements were the launch of a 500-kilowatt solar power plant and the adoption of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), aimed at creating a paperless legislature. Speaker Vijender Gupta was lauded for his balanced leadership and initiatives to uphold democratic traditions while minimizing disruptions in proceedings. Other milestones included modernizing the Assembly Library into a digital knowledge hub, training programs for legislators, and a heritage conservation plan. Gupta emphasized that the report reflects not just performance, but a citizen-centric approach to governance rooted in transparency, sustainability, and the vision of progress through cultural preservation.

UP Police boost security ahead of Bakra Eid to maintain communal harmony

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Ahead of Bakra Eid celebrations, Uttar Pradesh Police have increased security and taken proactive measures to ensure peaceful festivities across the state. Districts such as Meerut, Aligarh, Etawah, and Ghazipur have deployed Rapid Action Force, Provincial Armed Constabulary, and intelligence teams. Police have set up control rooms for real-time monitoring and held Central Peace Committee meetings involving community leaders. Authorities are strictly enforcing bans on open-air animal sacrifices and public prayers, monitoring social media for misinformation, and promising strict action against those spreading inflammatory content. Officials will remain on patrol throughout the festival to uphold communal harmony and public safety during this important Islamic holiday.

Maharashtra to use drones for mining surveys to curb illegal activity, says minister

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Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has directed the state to pilot drone surveys across mining areas to combat illegal minor mineral extraction. The survey aims to be completed within three months, improving transparency and boosting artificial sand production projects.

The drone data will be submitted quarterly to district collectors and published on the 'Mahakhani' website. Bawankule highlighted the accuracy of drone technology compared to traditional surveying, which often has errors hindering illegal mining control.

The technology will provide detailed insights into past and ongoing excavations, future mining potential, and available quarries. The minister also addressed land surveyor concerns, promising to push pay



scale revisions and improved facilities, including new equipment and contractual hiring of peons.

This initiative aims to make mineral management more efficient, environmentally conscious, and transparent while curbing illegal mining statewide.

Gujarat reports 167 new Covid-19 cases as national active cases near 5,000



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Gujarat recorded 167 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, raising the state's active caseload to 615. This contributes to India's total of 4,866

active Covid-19 cases amid a gradual nationwide resurgence. Across India, 564 fresh infections and seven deaths were reported, signaling the need for increased vigilance. Vadodara emerged as a hotspot in Gujarat, reporting six new cases during municipal surveillance. Fifteen patients are hospitalized, while 600 are in home quarantine in the state. No Covid-19 deaths were reported in Gujarat in the past day, and 60 patients recovered.

In response, Gujarat is emphasizing home-based care for mild cases, with teleconsultations and medication kits. Hospitals have been instructed to keep oxygen beds and intensive care units ready, especially for patients with comorbidities. The World Health Organization has noted a global Covid-19 surge, with rising positivity rates in 73 countries driven by new variants, including NB.1.8.1, particularly in South-East Asia and the Western Pacific regions.

Union Minister Scindia criticizes Rahul Gandhi's 'langda ghoda' remarks about Congress leaders

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Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia criticized Rahul Gandhi for using the phrase "langda ghoda" (lame horse) to describe senior Congress leaders during a speech in Bhopal. Without naming Gandhi, Scindia condemned the remark as disrespectful to disabled individuals.

Scindia emphasized that disabled people are "God gifted" and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for coining the term "divyangjan" to honor them. He accused some party leaders of using abusive language instead of respecting these sensitivities.

Rahul Gandhi's metaphor suggested sidelining older party members to bring in fresh blood but sparked backlash. The Divyang Adhikar Mahasangh advocacy group formally objected to the comment, writing to officials demanding action.



Scindia's remarks highlight ongoing tensions within Congress amid calls for party renewal and respect for inclusive language.

Encounter breaks out between militants and security forces near Arunachal Pradesh-Myanmar border



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Security forces engaged in a firefight with unidentified militants in Arunachal Pradesh's Longding district, bordering Myanmar this week. The clash occurred after troops patrolling the dense forest area spotted suspicious movement and challenged the individuals, who responded with heavy gunfire. The security forces effectively retaliated, forcing militants to retreat across the border into Myanmar. A thorough search found no militants, but the area remains under tight surveillance.

On May 14, Assam Rifles killed 10 militants in a similar encounter in Manipur's Chandel district, also bordering Myanmar. Authorities recovered a large cache of weapons, including AK-47 rifles and a rocket launcher. Four northeastern states—Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, and Mizoram—share a 1,643-km unfenced border with Myanmar. Security forces continue coordination with civil and intelligence agencies to maintain regional peace.

Karnataka CM suspends Bengaluru Police Commissioner and four others after Chinnaswamy stampede



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Following a deadly stampede during a cricket victory celebration at Chinnaswamy Stadium that killed at least 11 people, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah suspended five senior police officers, including Bengaluru's Police Commissioner and Central Division DCP. The government also appointed Seemanth Kumar Singh, IPS, as the new Police Commissioner. A magisterial inquiry has been ordered with a report due in 15 days.

The suspension order cited serious lapses, including failure to deny permission for the event despite inadequate preparation time and poor crowd management. The police also did not coordinate properly with higher officials, contributing to the tragedy. Siddaramaiah announced the case is now with the Criminal Investigation Department, and a one-man commission led by retired Justice John Michael D'Cunha will investigate the incident further.

Trump to visit China for trade talks after call with Xi Jinping



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President Donald Trump has confirmed he will visit China following a 90-minute phone call with Chinese President Xi Jinping that focused heavily on trade. It was the first direct conversation between the two leaders since January. Trump announced the development on Truth Social, describing the call as “very good” and saying it ended on a “positive conclusion” for both countries. During the call, Xi invited Trump and First Lady Melania Trump to visit China, an invitation Trump accepted. The leaders discussed complex trade issues, especially surrounding rare earth minerals, which are crucial for the production of electric vehicles, mobile devices, and defense technologies. The discussion followed a temporary agreement on May 12 to reduce U.S. tariffs of up to 145 percent and China’s retaliatory tariffs of 125 percent. A 90-day moratorium is currently in place while teams from both nations prepare for further negotiations.

China’s government welcomed Trump’s planned visit but urged the U.S. to “withdraw the negative measures imposed on China.” Trump is facing economic pressure at home, with slowed growth and rising business concerns about critical goods from China. U.S. officials Scott Bessent, Howard Lutnick, and Jamieson Greer will lead the upcoming trade talks.

Elon Musk warns Trump tariffs could trigger U.S. recession by end of 2025

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Elon Musk has issued a stark warning that former President Donald Trump’s proposed trade tariffs could plunge the United States into a recession by the end of 2025. In a post on X, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO wrote, “The Trump tariffs will cause a recession in the second half of this year,” adding, “If America goes broke, nothing else matters.”

Musk’s comments come amid growing market volatility and increasing scrutiny of Trump’s economic policies. The former president has proposed imposing 60% tariffs on Chinese goods and 10% tariffs on all other imports if re-elected—moves critics say could strain global trade and raise costs for American consumers. The friction between Musk and Trump has intensified in recent weeks. After Tesla’s stock fell over 14%, wiping nearly \$150 billion off the company’s market value, Trump suggested ending federal subsidies and contracts with Musk’s companies. Musk responded by threatening to shut down SpaceX’s Dragon capsule operations, a key asset for NASA missions.

Although Musk donated over \$250 million to Trump’s earlier campaigns, he has since criticized the former president’s fiscal decisions. He stressed that his long-term influence in technology and policy would extend well beyond any single administration.

Shein accused of using deceptive sales tactics to pressure consumers

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Chinese fast fashion giant Shein is facing a formal complaint from consumer watchdogs in 21 countries over allegedly using manipulative “dark patterns” to pressure customers into overspending. The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) submitted a detailed 29-page complaint to the European Commission, citing tactics like fake countdown timers, low-stock warnings, and “confirm shaming”—messaging that makes consumers feel guilty for not purchasing.

BEUC says these practices promote overconsumption and lead to economic harm, cluttered wardrobes, and increased environmental damage. The organization also accused Shein of misleading marketing, including claims like “only a few items left” or “sale ending soon,” which they say may not be backed by real data.

The watchdog wants Shein to disclose proof behind such claims or be barred



from using them in the EU. It also raised concerns about product safety and compliance with European standards for fabrics and accessories.

Shein responded that it was disappointed BEUC refused to meet and defended its cooperation with European regulators. The complaint follows a

separate EU investigation launched earlier this year, which already found violations involving pressure sales, fake discounts, and misleading product labels.

BEUC insists its new evidence complements the EU’s findings and highlights broader harm to both consumers and the environment.

Adani Ports reaches zero waste to landfill milestone on World Environment Day

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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) marked a significant sustainability achievement on World Environment Day by certifying 12 of its major ports as Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) sites. This milestone highlights APSEZ’s commitment to reducing landfill waste, having recycled or repurposed nearly 300 tons of plastic waste over the past year.

APSEZ aims to reach net zero emissions by 2040 and has already installed 225 MW of renewable energy capacity. The company has also conserved and reforested thousands of hectares of mangroves, providing natural climate mitigation and protection to local communities.

Recognized globally, APSEZ topped the environment category in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment



and received high ESG ratings, including an “A-” from CDP for climate change and water security.

APSEZ continues to promote sustainability through initiatives like the World Economic Forum’s ‘Transitioning Industrial Clusters,’ working toward net-zero emissions for its industrial clusters by 2050.

OpenAI Academy India launches to expand AI skills training nationwide

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OpenAI, in partnership with the Indian government’s IndiaAI mission, has launched ‘OpenAI Academy India’ to expand access to artificial intelligence education across the country. This marks OpenAI’s first international expansion of its educational platform.

The initiative supports IndiaAI’s ‘FutureSkills’ pillar, providing AI training for students, developers, educators, civil servants, nonprofits, and small business owners through digital and in-person learning. Content is initially available in English and Hindi, with more regional languages planned.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the government’s commitment to democratizing AI knowledge under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership.

OpenAI will host training on the iGOT Karmayogi platform, conduct webinars and workshops in six cities, and provide \$100,000 worth of API credits to approved startups. The program aims to train 1 million teachers in generative AI technologies.



Indian maritime firms secure shipbuilding contracts at Oslo Nor-Shipping event

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Indian maritime companies have secured significant shipbuilding orders and signed multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with international partners during the Nor-Shipping event in Oslo. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) inked an MoU with German firm Carsten Rehder Schiffsmakler for building four additional 7,500 DWT hybrid vessels, complementing an existing order for eight such ships. GRSE also signed agreements with UAE-based Aries Marine LLC and a global engine manufacturer for offshore platform and vessel construction. India’s Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Group and



Norway’s DNV signed an MoU to collaborate on shipbuilding, offshore projects, port infrastructure, and sustainability solutions.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal emphasized the long-standing India-Norway partnership and highlighted cooperation on green shipping corridors, decarbonization, and maritime digitalization.

**Procter & Gamble
announces global job cuts of
7,000 over next two years**



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Consumer goods giant Procter & Gamble (P&G) announced plans to reduce its global workforce by approximately 7,000 jobs, or 15% of its non-manufacturing positions, over the next two years. The company assured that layoffs will be managed respectfully and comply with local laws.

P&G highlighted consistent organic sales growth over six years and strong cash returns to shareholders, including \$13 billion returned through dividends and buybacks in fiscal 2025.

Executives cited ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, fierce competition, and rapid technological changes as drivers for organizational restructuring. The company plans to streamline roles, shrink teams, and increase efficiency through digitization and automation.

P&G's two-year plan starting fiscal 2026 aims to accelerate growth and value creation by aligning portfolio, supply chain, and organizational changes.

**Dassault Aviation and Tata
Advanced Systems to
produce Rafale fighter
fuselages in India**

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Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) signed agreements to manufacture key structural sections of the Rafale fighter jet fuselage in India, advancing the country's aerospace manufacturing capabilities.

TASL will establish a state-of-the-art production facility in Hyderabad to produce the rear fuselage, central fuselage, and front section. The first components are expected to roll out in the 2028 fiscal year, with a target of up to two complete fuselages per month.

Dassault's CEO Eric Trappier noted this is the first time Rafale fuselages will be produced outside France, reinforcing India's 'Make in India' and self-reliance initiatives.

This partnership follows India's recent Rs 63,000 crore deal with France to acquire 26 Rafale-Marine jets for the Indian Navy, with deliveries slated through 2031.

**Turkish Airlines faces DGCA action over
safety and cargo violations**

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India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has flagged multiple safety violations by Turkish Airlines following surprise inspections at four major airports—Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Bengaluru—between May 29 and June 2. The airline was found transporting dangerous goods, including explosives, without the required DGCA approval or complete documentation.

At Bengaluru, ground operations were conducted without proper authorization, and an aircraft technician handled arrival procedures in the absence of a certified maintenance engineer. The regulator also found that Turkish Airlines lacked a formal agreement with its ground handling agent, and ground equipment at Hyderabad and Bengaluru was not properly monitored. DGCA has ordered immediate corrective action and full compliance with ICAO and Indian aviation safety standards, warning that further inspections will follow.



**EU considers lowering tariffs on U.S.
fertilizers to offset Russian supply cuts**

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The European Union is considering reducing tariffs on U.S. fertilizer imports as part of ongoing trade discussions with the Trump administration. The proposal aims to help offset declining fertilizer imports from Russia, which supplied about 24% of the EU's nitrogen fertilizers in 2023. In contrast, the U.S. accounted for only 8%. EU Agriculture Commissioner Christophe Hansen confirmed that lowering tariffs is on the table, though whether they would be reduced or eliminated remains under negotiation. Currently, U.S. fertilizer exports face EU tariffs of 5.5%



on ammonia and 6.5% on nitrogen fertilizers, along with an anti-dumping duty of €29.48—or approximately \$32.13—per tonne on urea ammonium nitrate, which made up nearly three-quarters of U.S. fertilizer exports to Europe last year.

**Amazon pledges stronger action against fake
reviews after UK watchdog probe**

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Amazon has vowed to crack down on fake reviews following a UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) investigation. With 90 percent of UK shoppers relying on reviews and £23 billion in purchases influenced annually, the CMA said Amazon's new commitments would help consumers make more confident decisions. The company will improve systems to detect fake reviews and stop "catalogue abuse," where sellers misuse positive reviews from unrelated products. Sellers who manipulate ratings or engage in fake reviews could face sanctions or bans, while users posting fake content risk account suspension and deletion of prior reviews. The CMA launched the probe into Amazon and Google in 2021. Under new UK laws, the CMA can now fine companies and enforce direct consumer protections without court approval.



**Bill Gates pledges
majority of \$200 billion
fortune to Africa's health
and education**



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Bill Gates has announced that most of his \$200 billion fortune will be directed toward improving health and education across Africa. Speaking in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Microsoft co-founder said the Gates Foundation would focus on reducing maternal and child mortality, combating infectious diseases, and enhancing nutrition. Gates emphasized the importance of artificial intelligence in transforming global development. Without naming Donald Trump, Gates criticized recent U.S. foreign aid cuts, saying they caused disruptions in medical trials and supply chains. He previously condemned budget reductions led briefly by Elon Musk, warning they threatened food and medicine distribution. The Gates Foundation confirmed it will target three goals: ending preventable deaths of mothers and children, eliminating deadly diseases, and reducing poverty. The foundation intends to conclude its work within the next 20 years.

**Australia refuses to ease
biosecurity laws in U.S.
beef trade talks**



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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said his government will not weaken biosecurity laws as it considers easing restrictions on U.S. beef imports. The move comes amid reports suggesting Australia could use the issue to negotiate tariff exemptions from the U.S. Speaking to ABC Radio, Albanese reaffirmed that food safety standards would not be compromised. Australia lifted a blanket ban on U.S. beef in 2019, but some restrictions on products processed from Canadian and Mexican cattle remain. The U.S. has identified Australia's biosecurity rules as a trade concern ahead of its "Liberation Day" tariffs. Health Minister Mark Butler noted the restrictions have been under review for some time but emphasized that any changes would be made based on national interest, not political convenience. Albanese is expected to meet President Trump at the upcoming G7 Summit in Canada.

NBA team sponsorship revenue hits \$1.6 billion, driven by jersey patch deals



NBA teams earned a record \$1.62 billion in sponsorship revenue this season, marking an 8 percent increase from last year and a 91 percent jump from five years ago, according to SponsorUnited. While the number of deals grew just 2.5 percent, revenue surged thanks to larger and more strategic partnerships. Jersey patch sponsorships played a major role, contributing over \$80 million in new spending from six first-time partners. These three-year deals helped generate nearly \$250 million from 11 jersey sponsorships alone. The opening of the Los Angeles Clippers' Intuit Dome also boosted league revenue, with new venues acting like expansion teams in terms of financial impact. Construction, alcohol, and tech brands led the growth, while Rakuten and JPMorgan Chase ranked as the top-spending sponsors. The surge follows the NBA's landmark \$77 billion media rights deal set to begin next season, expanding broadcasts across ESPN, NBC, Peacock, and Amazon Prime Video.

Gretchen Walsh breaks another American record at U.S. swimming nationals

Gretchen Walsh continued her record-breaking streak by winning the 50-meter butterfly in 24.66 seconds at the Toyota U.S. Championships in Indianapolis. This marks her fourth American record in five weeks, improving on her own mark of 24.93 set in May. She now qualifies for the World Championships in Singapore. Walsh is the second-fastest woman in history in the event, trailing only Sweden's Sarah Sjöström, who holds the world record of 24.43. Walsh has also set or tied 26 American records across various formats over the past year. In other events, Luke Hobson won the men's 200m freestyle in 1:43.73, the fastest time ever on U.S. soil and second only to Michael Phelps among Americans. Claire Weinstein edged Katie Ledecky in the women's 200m free, while Claire Curzan won the women's 200m backstroke. Jack Aikins claimed the men's 200m back with a time that would have won Olympic gold in 2024.

Stampede mars RCB's IPL title celebrations as 11 die outside Bengaluru stadium



A tragic stampede outside Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday night left 11 people dead and 33 injured, casting a shadow over Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) first Indian Premier League title celebration. Thousands of fans had gathered outside the stadium to celebrate the historic win, but confusion over the team's parade and inadequate crowd control led to chaos, particularly near Gate 2. The stampede erupted as barriers were breached, and overwhelmed police and emergency services struggled to manage the situation.

RCB and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) issued a joint statement expressing deep sorrow and announced ₹5 lakh in financial aid to each of the victims' families. The Karnataka government has also announced ₹10 lakh compensation. Despite the tragedy, a brief ceremony was held inside the stadium with players including Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar addressing fans.

RCB had defeated Punjab Kings in the final on Tuesday, clinching their maiden IPL title after 17 seasons. An investigation into the crowd mismanagement has been launched.

Coco Gauff sets up French Open final clash with Sabalenka

Coco Gauff advanced to her second career final at Roland-Garros with a dominant 6-1, 6-2 win over French wild-card entry Loïs Boisson on Thursday. The 20-year-old American, ranked No. 2 in the world, ended Boisson's surprising run and now prepares for a highly anticipated championship showdown against world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka on Saturday.

Sabalenka, a three-time Grand Slam champion, defeated top seed Iga Swiatek 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-0 in the semifinals, ending the Polish star's 26-match French Open win streak. Swiatek had been bidding to become the first woman in the Open Era to win four straight titles in Paris.

Saturday's matchup marks only the second No. 1 versus No. 2 women's final at Roland-Garros in the last three decades. It is also a rematch of the 2023 U.S. Open final, where Gauff triumphed to win her first major at just 19.

ESPN's Jay Harris reveals prostate cancer diagnosis, to undergo surgery



Longtime ESPN "SportsCenter" anchor Jay Harris has announced he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will undergo surgery on June 10. In a personal essay on ESPN Front Row, the 60-year-old said the diagnosis came over a month ago and is not unexpected due to his family history and increased risk among Black men. A PET scan showed the cancer had not spread, and Harris hopes to return to work within a month, depending on the outcome of surgery. He is sharing his journey to help normalize the conversation around prostate cancer and offer support to others. The American Cancer Society notes prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among American men, with Black men facing higher risk. Harris, who joined ESPN in 2003, said he has received supportive responses from friends and colleagues, and hopes his openness encourages more dialogue about men's health.

Gukesh defeats Carlsen in stunning upset at Norway Chess



India's Gukesh Dommaraju defeated world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen for the first time in classical chess at the 2025 Norway Chess tournament, sparking headlines and viral reactions. The 19-year-old reigning world champion turned a losing position into victory after Carlsen blundered during a tense time scramble. Visibly frustrated, Carlsen slammed the table before offering a handshake and muttering, "Oh my god." The loss highlights Gukesh's growing dominance and marks a milestone in his rivalry with Carlsen, a five-time world

champion. Gukesh became the youngest world champion in 2024 after defeating China's Ding Liren.

Though Carlsen remains top-ranked by FIDE, this defeat showcases the fierce competition among rising stars. Gukesh later told Chess.com, "99 out of 100 times I would lose," admitting the win came down to tactical pressure and time. Their clash represents a generational shift in elite chess, now more visible thanks to streaming and online commentary.

Ronaldo seals historic win as Portugal beats Germany in Nations League SF

Cristiano Ronaldo scored the match-winner as Portugal defeated Germany 2-1 in the UEFA Nations League semifinal in Munich. Florian Wirtz had put the hosts ahead, but Portugal responded with a stunning strike from Francisco Conceicao before Ronaldo finished a slick move to seal victory. At 40, Ronaldo became the oldest scorer against Germany. Germany, hindered by poor transitions and late chances, will now play the third-place match. Portugal advances to the final, securing their first win over Germany in 25 years.



Olesen and Del Solar lead Canadian Open after record rounds



Thorbjorn Olesen of Denmark and Chilean rookie Cristobal Del Solar share the lead at the RBC Canadian Open after both shot nine-under 61s during Thursday's opening round. The tournament is being held at the TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, marking the course's debut as host. Olesen, who recently qualified for next week's U.S. Open, posted eight birdies, a bogey, and an eagle on the par-5 18th in a career-best round. Del Solar, who last year shot a record 57 at a PGA Tour-sanctioned event in Colombia, also impressed with a strong front nine and just one bogey.

American Cameron Champ trails by one stroke after a bogey-free 62. Taylor Pendrith leads the Canadian contingent at five-under, while Rory McIlroy struggled late to finish with a 71. Despite wet conditions, players praised the course's playability. "I just executed very well," said Del Solar, focusing on simple, confident shot-making.

Steelers sign Aaron Rodgers to one-year deal pending physical

The Pittsburgh Steelers have reached an agreement with veteran quarterback Aaron Rodgers on a one-year contract, pending a physical. The financial terms of the deal have not been disclosed, but speculation suggests it could exceed the \$10 million figure Rodgers previously indicated he would accept for the 2025 season. Rodgers, who missed most of last season due to injury, is expected to attend the team's mandatory minicamp next week. His signing sets up a highly anticipated Week 1 return to New Jersey, where the Steelers will face his former team, the New York Jets. At 40 years old, Rodgers brings experience and leadership to a Steelers squad looking to bolster its offense. Once the contract is finalized, the focus will shift to getting him game-ready for the season opener. The deal marks a bold move by Pittsburgh as they aim to contend in a competitive AFC.

Satwik-Chirag enter Indonesia Open quarters, Sindhu exits in thriller

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty battled past Denmark's Rasmus Kjaer and Frederik Sogaard to reach the Indonesia Open quarterfinals on Thursday. The 2023 champions came from behind to win 16-21, 21-18, 22-20 in a thrilling 68-minute match.

After dropping the first game, the Indian duo rallied with aggressive play and smart positioning. The final set was a nail-biter, with the Danes holding match

point at 20-19. But Chirag's fearless return and Satwik's clutch serve sealed the win, prompting roars from the Indian camp. They now face Malaysian seventh seeds Man Wei Chong and Kai Wun Tee in the next round. Meanwhile, PV Sindhu exited the tournament in the second round after a narrow 22-20, 10-21, 18-21 loss to Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong. Despite leading in the third game, Sindhu's inconsistency and late unforced errors allowed Chochuwong to close out the match after 78 minutes.



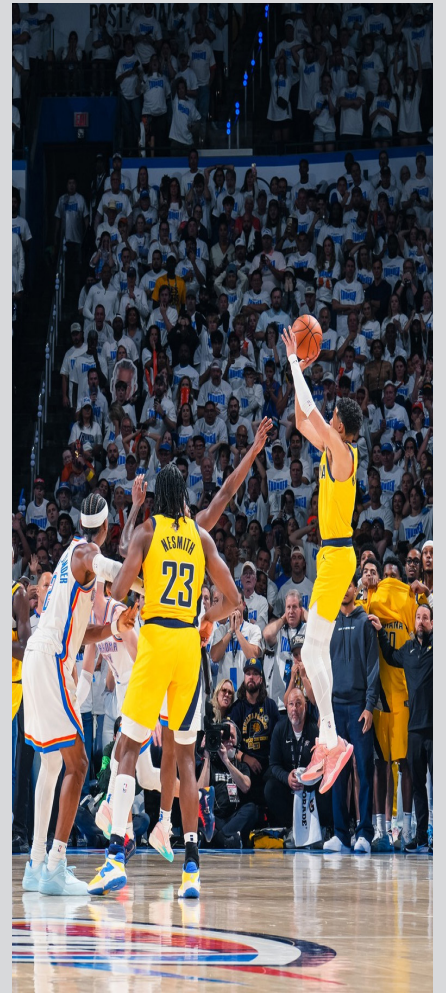
McIlroy tests new driver at Canadian Open ahead of major season

Rory McIlroy is making key adjustments to his equipment ahead of a crucial stretch in the golf season, debuting a new TaylorMade Qi35 driver during the RBC Canadian Open. After testing it at home, McIlroy also shortened the shaft by an inch to improve accuracy. In the first round at TPC Toronto, he shot a 1-over 71 and hit 9 of 14 fairways. His previous driver was deemed nonconforming during testing at

the PGA Championship, which affected his performance and led to a tie for 47th. McIlroy's latest switch comes just before the U.S. Open, with the FedExCup Playoffs and Ryder Cup also approaching. He expressed confidence in the new setup, saying he's seeing the ball flight he wants. The driver change reflects McIlroy's ongoing efforts to fine-tune his game as he competes in some of the sport's biggest events over the next three months.



Pacers pull off dramatic comeback to win Game 1 of NBA Finals



The Indiana Pacers staged a thrilling comeback to defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 111-110 in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. Tyrese Haliburton hit the game-winning basket with just 0.3 seconds left, giving the Pacers their first lead of the night and a dramatic road win.

Down by 15 points early in the fourth quarter, Indiana coach Rick Carlisle made a bold move by substituting all five players. The strategy paid off as the Pacers went on a 15-4 run, cutting the deficit to four points in just over three minutes. Pascal Siakam led Indiana with 19 points, while Obi Toppin added 17 and Myles Turner scored 15.

Haliburton and Andrew Nembhard contributed 14 each. For Oklahoma City, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had a standout performance with 38 points. Game 2 will take place Sunday night in Oklahoma City, where the Thunder will look to bounce back from their first home loss this season after leading by 15 or more.

India-England Test series renamed as Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy

India and England's iconic Test rivalry will now be played for the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, honoring cricket legends James Anderson and Sachin Tendulkar. The change was announced by the BCCI and ECB ahead of the World Test Championship final at Lord's, starting June 11, where the trophy will be unveiled. The renaming replaces the earlier host-based format—Pataudi Trophy in England and Anthony de Mello Trophy in India—with a unified title recognizing excellence and longevity in Test cricket as both nations begin the next WTC cycle.



Rob Walter appointed New Zealand men's cricket head coach

New Zealand Cricket has named Rob Walter as head coach of the BlackCaps across all formats for the next three years. His tenure begins mid-June and includes oversight of three ICC tournaments and the 2028 Olympics. A former coach of South Africa's white-ball teams and several New Zealand domestic sides, Walter brings experience and success at the international level. He replaces Gary Stead and will lead New Zealand through a demanding schedule, with NZC calling him the right fit to guide the team forward.

Halle Berry says she turned down proposal from Van Hunt, but marriage is still possible



Halle Berry revealed she has turned down a marriage proposal from her partner, musician Van Hunt, despite their five-year relationship. In a recent interview, Hunt confirmed that he had proposed, but Berry has not accepted—at least not yet. Berry explained that after three previous marriages, she no longer feels the need to marry to validate their love. Speaking candidly, the Oscar-winning actress said, “We don’t feel like we have to get married to prove our love, but I do think we will someday—because he’s the one I should have married all along.” She added that marriage might be something they choose simply as a joyful expression of their bond. Berry previously described Hunt as her “person,” saying their love story was different from any past experience. She noted that she fell in love with him before they were ever physically intimate, calling it a “life-changing, magical” connection.

Christian Bale undergoes dramatic transformation for ‘Madden’ biopic



Christian Bale has once again stunned fans with a dramatic physical transformation for his role as late Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis in the upcoming biopic ‘Madden.’ The actor was recently photographed on the Atlanta set sporting a receding hairline wig, bleached eyebrows, and a vintage outfit complete with championship rings.

The Amazon MGM Studios film will chronicle the life of NFL legend John Madden, portrayed by Nicolas Cage. The story spans Madden’s coaching career, including his Super Bowl XI victory in 1977, his broadcasting legacy, and the creation of the iconic ‘Madden NFL’ video game franchise.

Director David O. Russell, who previously worked with Bale on ‘The Fighter’ and ‘American Hustle,’ leads the project. The cast also includes Kathryn Hahn, Sienna Miller, and John Mulaney. Known for transformative performances, Bale continues his tradition of physically intense roles, adding depth to this sports biopic that traces the evolution of one of football’s most influential figures.

Judge warns Diddy over courtroom conduct in sex trafficking trial

Sean “Diddy” Combs was warned by a federal judge during his ongoing sex trafficking and racketeering conspiracy trial for attempting to engage the jury by looking and nodding at them. The incident occurred during the cross-examination of Bryana Bongolan, a former employee and friend of Combs’s ex-girlfriend, Cassie Ventura.

Judge Arun Subramanian stated that any further attempts to interact with the jury could result in Combs being removed from the courtroom. Combs’s legal team assured the court that it would not happen again.

Bongolan resumed testimony Thursday, recounting a 2016 incident where she alleged that Combs dangled her from a 17th-floor balcony before throwing her onto furniture, leaving her emotionally scarred. Combs’s attorneys challenged her account, questioning the timeline and her credibility.

Later, another witness—referred to as “Jane”—testified about being drawn into Combs’s alleged “freak-offs,” drug-fueled sex encounters involving third parties. Jane



claimed Combs pressured her into these acts, asserting she felt coerced due to his financial control over her. Prosecutors described her experience as consistent with Ventura’s prior testimony, which included

years of abuse and forced participation in similar encounters. Combs, who has pleaded not guilty, faces multiple federal charges. The trial, now in its fourth week, could extend into July.

Robert De Niro says supporting his kids is his biggest parenting rule

Legendary actor Robert De Niro shared that his guiding principle as a parent is to always support his children, even if he disagrees with their choices. In a recent interview, De Niro emphasized the importance of standing by one’s kids, saying, “As long as they’re not hurting themselves or others, you support them—period.”

The 81-year-old actor has seven children, ranging from toddler Gia with partner Tiffany Chen, to his oldest daughter Drena, aged 57. Despite the challenges of balancing work and parenting, De Niro said he “makes it work,” often bringing his youngest to set with the help of his partner.



Although he admits he no longer changes diapers, De Niro enjoys early mornings watching children’s programs and feeding Gia her bottle. Reflecting on parenting, he said, “Family is so complex. I try my best—that’s all. I hope they’ll be happy.”

Arijit Singh becomes first Indian artist to headline a UK stadium



Renowned playback singer Arijit Singh is set to become the first Indian musician to headline a UK stadium, with a concert at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London on September 5, 2025. Known for his emotional depth and technical brilliance, Singh has never charted in the UK Top 100 but boasts over 147 million Spotify followers—more than Taylor Swift or Ed Sheeran—driven by a passionate South Asian diaspora.

BBC presenter Nihal Arthanayake called Singh a ‘once-in-a-generation artist,’ praising his ability to span genres from dance tracks to Indian classical music. Singh’s rise is rooted in Bollywood playback singing, where he channels characters’ emotions, often voiced onscreen by stars like Shah Rukh Khan.

Despite his global reach, Singh remains based in his hometown Jiaganj, West Bengal, shunning media attention. His humility and multigenerational appeal continue to define his popularity. Singh joins a growing wave of Indian artists like Diljit Dosanjh and Shreya Ghoshal, who are now breaking into larger venues in the UK’s booming live music scene, signaling a shift in global cultural power.

Kangana Ranaut plants tree for Modi’s ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ on Environment Day

Bollywood actress and newly elected BJP Member of Parliament Kangana Ranaut marked World Environment Day by participating in Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s tree-planting initiative, ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.’ The campaign, which encourages individuals to plant trees in honor of their mothers, aims to promote environmental sustainability and family values. Ranaut planted a sapling at her Delhi home and shared the moment on social media, dedicating it to Modi and expressing gratitude to environmental advocates. She praised those working to save rivers, clean oceans of plastic, and restore soil health, calling their efforts vital for the planet.

Launched on last year’s Environment Day, the initiative entered its second phase



on June 5, with the goal of planting 100 million trees across India by the end of September. Prime Minister Modi also participated in the campaign by planting a tree in New Delhi and urging citizens to join the effort to build a greener future.

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Nicole Kidman to lead TV series based on 'Girls and Their Horses'



Nicole Kidman will star in and executive produce a new series adapted from Eliza Jane Brazier's novel 'Girls and Their Horses.' Set in Rancho Santa Fe, California, the murder mystery follows the Parker family as they navigate wealth and secrets in the elite world of competitive horseback riding. Kidman will portray the family matriarch. The series, currently in development, is being produced by Amazon MGM Studios and Legendary Television for Prime Video. Jenna Lamia, who adapted 'The Perfect Couple' for Netflix, will serve as showrunner. The book was a 'Read with Jenna' pick in 2023. Kidman's past TV successes include 'Big Little Lies' and 'Nine Perfect Strangers.'

Randeep Hooda and wife plant 500 trees near Kanha for World Environment Day

Actor-filmmaker Randeep Hooda and his wife Lin Laishram marked World Environment Day by planting over 500 trees near Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh. Hooda described the day as a powerful reminder of nature's fragility and urged people to take action. He emphasized forests' role in sustaining biodiversity and called tree planting "a deeply powerful act." Known for its Bengal tigers and rich wildlife, Kanha was India's first tiger reserve to adopt a mascot, Bhoorsingh the Barasingha. Hooda, deeply connected to wildlife, said nature and humanity are interdependent. He urged people to care for the environment every day, stating, "Nature doesn't need us — we need nature."

Emma Thompson to receive Leopard Club Award at Locarno Film Festival

British actor and screenwriter Emma Thompson will be honored with the Leopard Club Award at the 78th Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland. The Oscar-winning star will also attend the world premiere of 'The Dead of Winter,' an action thriller she executive produced and stars in. The film, directed by Brian Kirk, features Thompson as a widowed fisherwoman who disrupts a kidnapping during a Minnesota blizzard. Locarno praised her four-decade-long career across film, television, and theater, including roles in 'Sense and Sensibility,' 'Howards End,' 'Harry Potter,' 'Love Actually,' and 'Matilda the Musical.' The festival will run from August 6, with Thompson receiving the honor on August 8.

Tom Cruise earns Guinness World Record for fiery parachute stunt

Tom Cruise has been awarded a Guinness World Record for completing the most flaming parachute jumps by an individual. The actor performed the daring feat 16 times while filming a major stunt for 'Mission: Impossible: The Final Reckoning.' Each jump involved Cruise leaping from a helicopter with a fuel-soaked parachute set ablaze, before cutting free and deploying a backup chute.

Filmed in South Africa's Drakensberg Mountains, the high-stakes stunt was captured with a 50-pound camera rig mounted on Cruise's body. He and

the stunt team rehearsed for weeks and climbed over 75,000 feet in the helicopter across multiple takes. Behind-the-scenes footage showed Cruise calmly reviewing the scene with the crew.

Guinness editor-in-chief Craig Glenday praised Cruise's commitment to authenticity, calling him 'an action hero in real life.' The upcoming film, directed by Christopher McQuarrie, follows Ethan Hunt's mission to stop a rogue AI from destroying humanity. It features stars Hayley Atwell, Simon Pegg, and Ving Rhames, and is one of the most expensive films ever made.



Sony Music India and The Hello Group launch global push for Indian artists

Sony Music India has partnered with Los Angeles-based entertainment company The Hello Group (THG) to launch 'THG India,' a new joint venture aimed at supporting Indian artists on the global stage. The collaboration brings together Sony Music India's local industry expertise with THG's international experience in live touring, artist development, and publishing.

Vinit Thakkar, Managing Director of Sony Music India, called the initiative 'a critical bridge' that will provide Indian musicians with professional management

and access to global markets. THG CEO Taylor Jones echoed the sentiment, emphasizing India's vast talent pool and its growing global influence in music.

'THG India' will operate with a dedicated team in Mumbai, offering services including worldwide tour bookings and publishing. THG's track record includes work with global acts such as BTS, TWICE, and Steve Aoki. The partnership aims to help Indian artists navigate international markets and expand their reach, reflecting the broader rise of India's creative industries in the global entertainment landscape.

Kamal Haasan refuses apology, suspends 'Thug Life' release in Karnataka amid language row

Actor Kamal Haasan has decided not to release his upcoming film 'Thug Life' in Karnataka next week, following widespread protests over his recent remark suggesting that Kannada "was born out of Tamil." His legal counsel informed the Karnataka High Court on June 3 that the decision was voluntary and not court-mandated, emphasizing that Haasan would not apologize but maintained his respect for the Kannada language. The court, led by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, questioned the actor's authority to make linguistic claims and stressed that language is tied deeply to cultural identity. "No citizen has the right to undermine the pride of a linguistic community," the judge said, adding that a simple apology could have defused tensions.

Despite stating he meant no disrespect, Haasan's counsel acknowledged the commercial nature of the film's release and



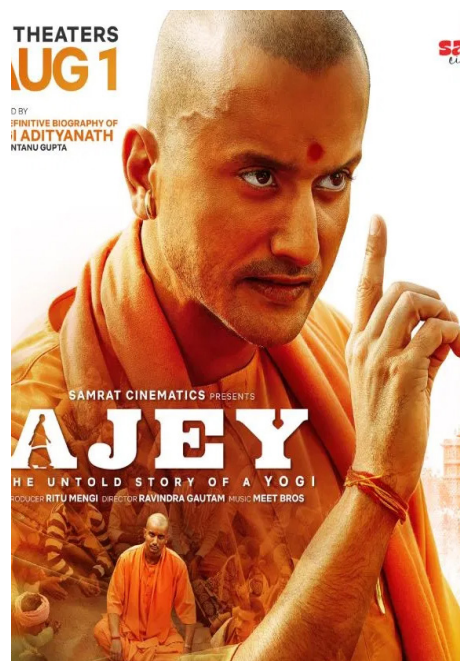
said the actor had conveyed his sentiments to the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce. The court criticized Haasan's unwillingness to apologize while seeking state support for the film's release. Meanwhile, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar called for calm and unity, urging Kannada organizations not to escalate the issue. 'Thug Life,' directed by Mani Ratnam, is slated for a pan-India release on June 5—excluding Karnataka for now.

Suniel Shetty calls Virat and Anushka's post-IPL moment 'a love story sealed with glory'



After Royal Challengers Bengaluru's first-ever IPL championship, actor Suniel Shetty praised Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma's emotional moment, calling it 'a love story sealed with glory.' Sharing a video of Anushka embracing a tearful Kohli, Shetty wrote, "18 years. Countless runs. Infinite belief... destiny finally wore Red." He hailed Kohli as the league's fiercest competitor. The video also featured the song 'Jag Ghoomeya' from Anushka's film 'Sultan.' Other stars, including Vijay Deverakonda and Allu Arjun, congratulated the team. RCB's historic June 3 win over Punjab Kings at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium ended an 18-year wait, with Anushka visibly emotional in the stands.

'Ajey: The Untold Story of a Yogi' to release August 1



On Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's birthday, the makers of 'Ajey: The Untold Story of a Yogi' announced the film will release on August 1, 2025. Starring Anantvijay Joshi, the biopic is based on Shantanu Gupta's bestselling book 'The Monk Who Became Chief Minister.' A new poster revealed Joshi in saffron robes, symbolizing strength and spiritual resolve. Produced by Ritu Mengi and directed by Ravindra Gautam, the film explores Yogi Adityanath's transformation from monk to political leader. The cast includes Paresh Rawal, Dinesh Yadav Nirahua, and Pawan Malhotra. The screenplay is by Dilip Bachchan Jha and Priyank Dubey, with music by Meet Bros.

IndoUS Tribune की हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा का 16वाँ पड़ाव श्री चिंतामणि पार्श्वनाथजी तीर्थ: जैन साधना, शांति और सांस्कृतिक वैभव का अद्भुत संगम



हरिद्वार — जहाँ पवित्र गंगा की धारा आत्मा को शुद्ध करती है, वहीं यह नगरी भारत की विविध धार्मिक परंपराओं का संगम भी है। IndoUS Tribune की हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा के 16वें पड़ाव पर हम पहुँचे हैं श्री चिंतामणि पार्श्वनाथ जैन श्वेतांबर मंदिर, जो कि हरिद्वार में जैन धर्म के अनुयायियों के लिए एक प्रमुख साधना स्थल है। यह मंदिर न केवल एक आस्था का केंद्र है, बल्कि अध्यात्म, अहिंसा और आत्म-शुद्धि की प्रेरणा भी देता है।

मंदिर का परिचय

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वास्तुकला और धार्मिक महत्व

यह मंदिर श्वेतांबर जैन शैली में निर्मित है, जिसमें नक्काशीदार स्तंभ, सुंदर मूर्तिकला और अत्यंत आकर्षक गर्भगृह में स्थित भगवान पार्श्वनाथ की भव्य मूर्ति विशेष आकर्षण का केंद्र है। सफेद संगमरमर से बनी यह मूर्ति ध्यान मुद्रा में स्थापित है, जो आत्मिक शांति, ज्ञान और करुणा का प्रतीक है।

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ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक पृष्ठभूमि

हालाँकि यह मंदिर हरिद्वार में आधुनिक समय में स्थापित हुआ है, इसका महत्व पूरे भारत में फैले जैन अनुयायियों के बीच अत्यंत उच्च है।

श्री चिंतामणि पार्श्वनाथ की पूजा नासिक, जैसलमेर, और अन्य तीर्थों में भी होती है, जहाँ इनकी नीली प्रतिमा और सात फनों वाला शेषनाग विशेष रूप से पूजा जाता है।

जैसलमेर और नासिक में स्थित मंदिरों में जो धार्मिक, शिल्पकला और पांडुलिपियों की धरोहर सुरक्षित है, वह चिंतामणि पार्श्वनाथ के प्रति देश भर में फैले श्रद्धा और समर्पण को दर्शाती है।

इन मंदिरों के साथ-साथ हरिद्वार का यह तीर्थस्थल भी जैन संस्कृति के संरक्षण और प्रसार का एक जीवंत केंद्र बनता जा रहा है।

कैसे पहुँचें:

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IndoUS Tribune की हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा में श्री चिंतामणि पार्श्वनाथ मंदिर एक विशेष अध्याय जोड़ता है — यह न केवल जैन धर्म के अनुयायियों के लिए, बल्कि सभी धर्मों के आध्यात्मिक जिज्ञासुओं के लिए शांति, संयम और सत्य का प्रतीक है। यहाँ आकर आत्मा को एक नया दृष्टिकोण मिलता है, जहाँ धर्म केवल पूजा नहीं, बल्कि एक जीवन-पद्धति बन जाता है।

हमारी अगली कड़ी में हम आपको हरिद्वार के एक और अलौकिक मंदिर या घाट की यात्रा पर ले चलेंगे। तब तक के लिए, गंगा माँ और तीर्थंकरों की कृपा बनी रहे — यही शुभकामना।

Shreemad Bhagwat Gita – As I understand: Chapter three

In Chapter 2, Lord Krishna clearly explained the concept of Karma Yoga, yet many questions still lingered in Arjuna's mind. Having spent time with many wise men, Arjuna had observed that such men were often held in higher regard than common people. This led him to ask: "O Lord, who is greater — a man of knowledge (jnani) or a man of action (karmayogi)? If You consider the jnani superior, why are You urging me to engage in this action of war?"



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In response to this inquiry, Lord Krishna explained that scriptures describe two paths of steadfast practice: the path of knowledge for the learned, and the path of action for yogis. However, renunciation of action is not necessary for either path, because no living being can remain without performing action.

na karmaām anārambhān naikarmya puruo'snute

na ca sannyasanād eva siddhi samadhiḡacchati (3.4)

Meaning: Man does not attain freedom from action by merely refraining from work, nor does he achieve perfection by mere renunciation. (3.4)

na hi kaścit kaam api jātu tihaty akarma-kt

kāryate hy avaśa karma sarva prakti-jair guai (3.5)

Meaning: No one can remain inactive even for a moment. Everyone is compelled to act by the qualities born of nature. (3.5)

Indeed, beings are bound to act according to their svabhav (natural disposition). One's nature inspires the kind of work they are drawn to, which in turn leads to repeated practice, mastery, and success in that field. This idea is beautifully expressed by the poet Atreya Ji:

"Arjit nij gun se vash, karen log nij karm



Rahe nahin bin karm ke koi, yahi hai jeevan marm."

But unfortunately, some yogis try to forcibly restrain their sense organs against this natural tendency and withdraw from action — yet their minds still remain engaged in sensual thoughts. Such a person is called a hypocrite (mithyachari). True yoga requires detachment in the mind from action and sensual pleasures. When the mind no longer desires the object, the physical desire also fades. Such a yogi is truly superior.

It's not right to abandon actions out of fear that they may bind us. Actions only bind us when performed with attachment to their results. A yogi who offers both the effort and its outcomes to the Lord becomes free from bondage.

yajñārthāt karmao'nyatra loko'ya karma-bandhana

tad-artha karma kaunteya mukta-saga samācara (3.9)

Meaning: Work done as a sacrifice for Vishnu (Yajna) has to be performed; otherwise, work binds one to this world. (3.9)

saha-yajñā prajā svā purovāca prajāpati anena prasaviyadhvam ea vo'stv ia-kāma-dhuk (3.10)

Meaning: At the beginning of creation, Prajapati (Brahma) created men along with yajna (sacrifice) and said: "Through this, you shall prosper and it shall fulfill all your desires." (3.10)

In our scriptures, the tradition of yajna is immense. It is typically performed to please a deity. Upon being pleased,

the deity bestows blessings and fulfills desires. If the yogi becomes attached to these worldly blessings, he again becomes entangled in samsaric bondage. But if he offers all received gifts back to the Lord, he enjoys them and remains detached — thus achieving both joy and liberation. This is called "laddu in both hands" — a divine gift from the Lord.

yad yad ācarati śrehas tat tad evetaro jana

sa yat pramāa kurute lokas tad anuvartate (3.21)

Meaning: Whatever action a great person performs, common people follow. The standard he sets, the world adopts. (3.21)

Lord Krishna further emphasizes that great individuals have the responsibility to act in a way that inspires others to follow the right path. When a jnani acts with a controlled mind and detached spirit, it becomes an example for the masses. Unfortunately, many people in society speak one thing and do another. As Tulsidas also said:

"Par upadesh kushal bahutere, je aacharahin te nar na ghanere."

Today, we have many "gurus" who deliver grand discourses from the stage but fail to live by their own words. Innocent people fall prey to their clever speech and are misled into actions that only benefit these false gurus. By the time they realize the truth, much is lost.

The Destruction of Desire
atha kena prayukto'ya pāpa carati purua anichchhann api vāreya balād iva niyojita (3.36)

Meaning: Arjuna asked, "O Krishna, what is it that impels a person to sin, even unwillingly, as if by force?" (3.36)

Arjuna raises another question — what drives ordinary people to commit sins?

Lord Krishna, becoming serious, explains that every living being is influenced by desire (kāma). When unfulfilled, desire leads to frustration and then to anger. Anger clouds judgment, which destroys wisdom. A person without wisdom cannot distinguish right from wrong, falls into delusion, and can easily be tempted into sinful acts.

Hence, Krishna advises Arjuna: "First, bring your mind and intellect under control. Once the intellect is in your command, all other faculties follow."

If you believe this is difficult, Krishna assures — it is very much possible.

Why? Because above the body are the senses, above the senses is the mind, and higher than the mind is the intellect. Beyond even the intellect is the soul (Atman) — the source of life. The mind is the root of all problems. If the mind is under control, the senses are automatically controlled. And when the senses are restrained, the body too becomes peaceful.

Once this balance is achieved, a yogi prospers in both this world and the next. Therefore, greatest attention must be given to mastering the mind. Keep striving. Keep controlling.

Jai Shri Krishna!!

Hari Om Mandir hosts grand Shri Hanuman Mahotsav in Medinah, Chicago



By: Jayanti Oza

In a spirited display of devotion and community unity, Hari Om Mandir celebrated a magnificent Shri Hanuman Mahotsav in Medinah, drawing more than 900 attendees. Organized under the leadership of Chairman Brij Sharma and President Vipin Wadhwa, along with the support of Acharya Vajpayee and Anurag Awasthi, the event brought together families from across the region.

The celebration began with a Sapta Kundi Havan, in which around 50 families participated, offering prayers with deep reverence. Devotees were then immersed in the soulful recitation of Sundar Kand and Hanuman Chalisa, led by renowned singer Ajay Yagnik, creating a powerful spiritual atmosphere.



A highlight of the event was the breathtaking moment when a helicopter showered flower petals over a towering idol of lord Hanuman placed in the town square. The spectacle moved many to tears, as it added a celestial aura to the celebration.

Following the devotional segments, attendees enjoyed a vibrant cultural program featuring performances by

children, showcasing the richness of tradition and talent within the community.

Organizers Brij Sharma and Vipin Wadhwa expressed heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers, guests, and media representatives. Special thanks were extended to journalist Jayanti Oza for covering the event. As a memorable gesture, each guest received an idol of lord Hanuman as a token of blessing and gratitude.

Musical nostalgia and family celebration take center stage in Chicago's Laxmikant-Pyarelal tribute

● By Dr. Avi Verma

A wave of musical nostalgia and emotional celebration is set to sweep through the Chicago Indian-American community later this month with a major tribute concert honoring legendary Bollywood composers Laxmikant-Pyarelal. Titled Together Forever, the concert will take place on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Haridham Temple Auditorium in Schaumburg, Illinois.

A star-studded local lineup

The event features some of Chicago's finest vocalists, including Avni Singh, Alam Sayed, Shaila Khedkar, Melody Mahesh, Joy Christian, Rina Motilal, and Suman Mookherjee. Several others, including Kamalash Desai and Julia Lewandowski, will also perform, accompanied by seasoned instrumentalists such as Mihai Wad on saxophone and a guest violinist whose name has yet to be revealed.

Adding youthful energy to the program will be a segment titled Rising Stars, featuring promising young performers Shania Tandon, Anyraa Singh, Satakshi Joshi, and Shivana Samir Soni, offering a glimpse into the next generation of talent within the diaspora.

Live music meets cultural festivity

In a departure from traditional theater-style concerts, Together Forever is being planned as a banquet-style evening with live piano background music, candlelit tables, and vegetarian dining, creating a more intimate and upscale experience. Organizers are also including special moments tailored to Father's Day, such as a Father-Daughter Dance and photo booth, encouraging families to celebrate the bond together.

A notable draw is the promise of over 10 lucky prize drawings, featuring gift cards, cash prizes, and merchandise giveaways. The first 100 guests will also receive a surprise gift at the door, contributing to the evening's festive spirit. The organizers have hinted at a "surprise celebrity appearance," though no further details have been revealed.

Global-standard production values

The concert's technical aspects are being taken seriously, with professional sound engineers flown in from New York and London to ensure world-class production. A large cinema screen, laser lights, and kaleidoscopic visual effects will augment the musical performances, promising a cinematic-level experience rarely seen in local diaspora events.



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A growing trend of thematic, community-driven concerts

The Together Forever concert comes amid a broader trend in North America's Indian-American community, where event planners are combining nostalgia with multi-sensory experiences. By anchoring the evening in both cultural heritage and family values—especially the focus on Father's Day—this event reflects a growing effort to preserve legacy while engaging younger generations.

Community excitement builds

Interest in the event is already high. While formal ticket sales are ongoing, organizers report a surge in inquiries and RSVPs since the event was first teased online. "This is more than a tribute to great composers," one member of the organizing team shared. "It's a way to bring families together through music, memory, and meaning."

The event begins at 6:00 PM with doors opening at 5:00 PM, allowing

time for dinner and pre-show festivities. It will be held at the Haridham Temple Auditorium, located at 540 Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

As the Chicago Indian community prepares for what promises to be one of the most memorable evenings of the summer, expectations are running high—not just for the performances, but for the sense of connection and cultural pride the event aims to rekindle.

MAFS joins statewide advocacy to defend critical services for seniors

By: Vandana Jhingan

Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS) joined hands with legislators, city officials, and advocates on May 28, 2025, in a powerful statewide push to protect the Older Americans Act (OAA)—a lifeline for thousands of seniors across Illinois.

At an advocacy event held in Naperville, MAFS welcomed Donna Wandke, Chief of Staff from the Office of Representative Janet Yang Rohr; DuPage County Board Member Sadia Covert; and Naperville City Council Member Ashfaq Sayed. MAFS Founder and Executive Director Dr. Santosh Kumar spoke passionately about the organization's history and the critical role the OAA plays in sustaining its many programs. "Without OAA support, we would not be able to serve our seniors with the dignity and resources they deserve," she said.

The event featured a moving video

highlighting the impact of OAA-funded services across the state, alongside urgent data underscoring the consequences of potential funding cuts. Attendees participated in a spirited march carrying placards, banners, and American flags, chanting slogans such as "Protect Older Americans Act" and "Let seniors live with dignity."

MAFS also took part in a broader advocacy session later in the day with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and AgeOptions CEO Diane Slezak. There, MAFS Grants Director Roshita Pandey delivered a compelling address about how OAA-funded programs are vital to helping immigrant seniors overcome cultural and language barriers, enabling them to age with dignity in a new homeland.

The campaign was part of the "Don't Blow Out the Candles on Older Americans Act" initiative, with widespread support from AgeGuide and community leaders. As the future of the OAA remains uncertain, MAFS continues to urge the public to contact



their legislators and support efforts to preserve senior services across Illinois.

For more information or to take action, visit: www.ageoptions.org



From defense to diaspora impact: India-U.S. relations advance with Misri's Washington trip

By: Vandana Jhingan

Indian Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri concluded a three-day visit to Washington, D.C. from May 27 to 29, 2025, aimed at advancing the India-U.S. strategic partnership across defense, technology, commerce, and global governance. The visit followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's February 2025 trip to the U.S., during which the two countries launched the India-U.S. COMPACT initiative — Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology.

Joined by Deputy National Security Advisor Pavan Kapoor, Misri held high-level consultations with senior officials across the U.S. Departments



of State, Defense, Treasury, and Commerce, as well as the National Security Council.

In a meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau, both sides

emphasized that technology, trade, and talent would anchor the bilateral relationship. Discussions with Deputy Secretary of Defense Steve Feinberg and Under Secretary Elbridge Colby focused on co-development of defense

platforms, military exercises, and interoperability frameworks.

At the Treasury, Misri and Deputy Secretary Michael Faulkender explored enhanced cooperation in global financial institutions and coordination ahead of the upcoming Financial Action Task Force (FATF) review. Talks with Under Secretary of Commerce Jeffrey Kessler addressed streamlining export controls and progressing on the Bilateral Trade Agreement and strategic technologies.

The Indian delegation also co-chaired industry and think tank roundtables, underlining a shared commitment to innovation and regional security, aligned with multilateral platforms such as the Quad, I2U2, and IMEEC.

Congressman Krishnamoorthi stands strong on public safety, veterans' honor, and solidarity against antisemitism

By: Dr. Avi Verma

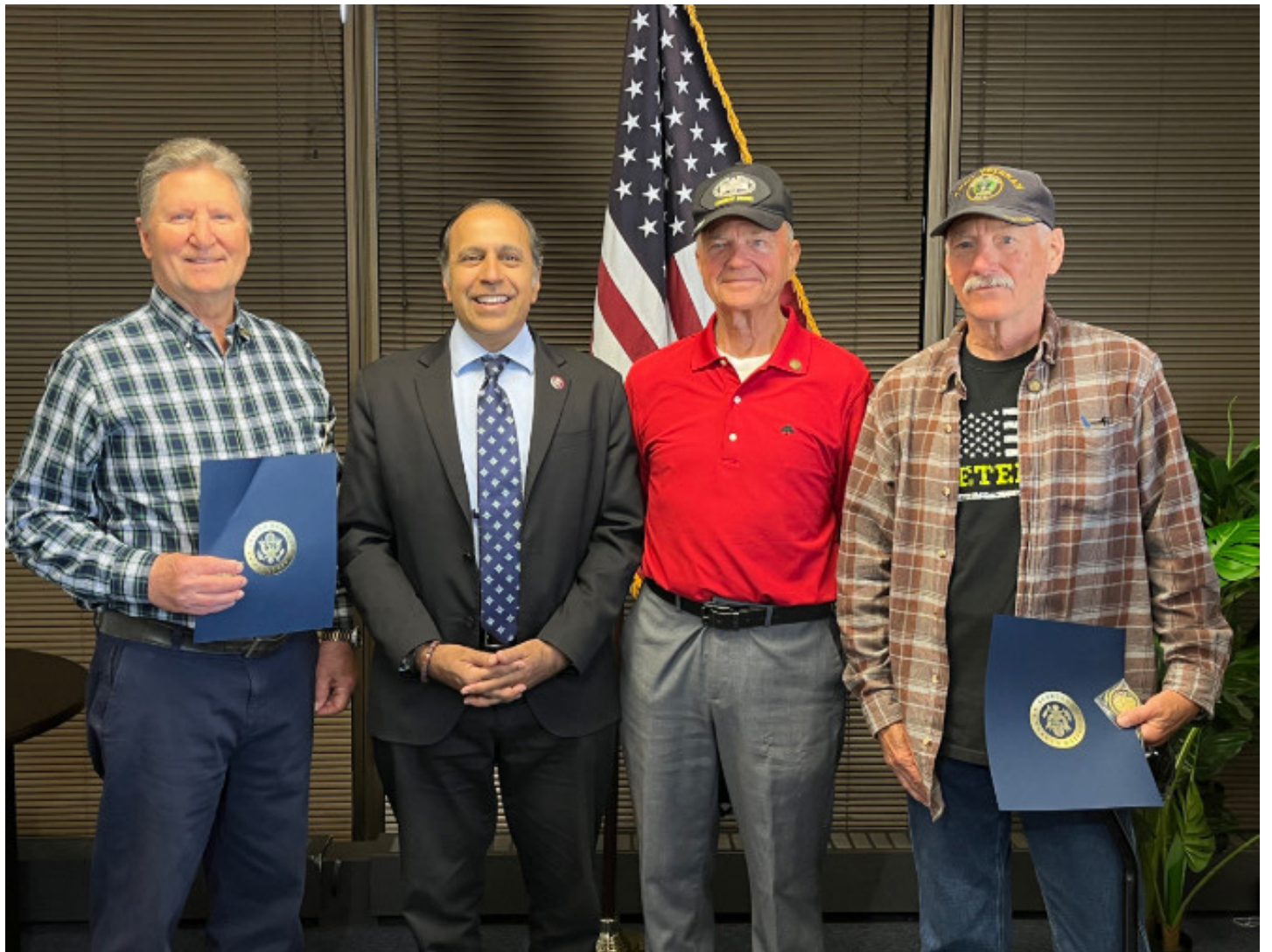
Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents Illinois' 8th Congressional District, has had an impactful and eventful week, highlighting his continued commitment to civil rights, veterans' recognition, and community safety. Through a series of powerful public appearances and statements, Krishnamoorthi reinforced his role as one of the nation's most responsive and values-driven lawmakers.

Condemning antisemitic violence in Boulder

In the wake of a deeply disturbing antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, where peaceful demonstrators were targeted during a vigil for hostages held by Hamas, Congressman Krishnamoorthi issued a strongly worded condemnation. Among the victims was a Holocaust survivor, reportedly injured in the violence.

"I am horrified by the antisemitic attack that targeted peaceful demonstrators in Boulder — an act of terror that has no place in our country," said Krishnamoorthi in his statement.

"We must confront antisemitism wherever it rears its head—clearly, forcefully, and without hesitation. I stand in solidarity with the Jewish community in Boulder and across America today and every day."



His statement came at a time when antisemitic incidents are on the rise in the

United States and was praised by several interfaith groups as a necessary moral stance.

Honoring Vietnam War veterans with long-overdue recognition

In a heartfelt ceremony held in Schaumburg, Congressman Krishnamoorthi honored four Vietnam-era veterans for their distinguished service. Joseph Leuze, Jon Fisher, and Doug Elwell received official Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Pins as a national symbol of gratitude. The most emotional moment came when Douglas Beckmann, a local constituent, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for acts of heroism during combat.

Beckmann had contacted the Congressman's office after struggling to recover his military records and overdue honors. The Congressman's team worked directly with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to secure documentation of the medals Beckmann had earned but never received. His heroic act on April 11, 1970—administering medical aid under fire—was finally honored publicly after more than five decades.

"These American veterans embody the very best of our nation—serving with courage, humility, and unwavering dedication," Krishnamoorthi said.

"We owe it to every veteran to ensure their sacrifices are acknowledged and remembered."

The Congressman's office continues to assist veterans and their families in

accessing records, recognition, and benefits. Veterans interested in similar support are encouraged to contact his office.

Recognized as 2024 Governmental Leader of the Year

Congressman Krishnamoorthi was also honored this week by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) with the prestigious 2024 Governmental Leader of the Year Award. The award recognized his steadfast advocacy for local communities, especially in response to public safety concerns surrounding the Canadian Pacific–Kansas City Southern Railway merger.

The award was presented during DMMC's Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony by outgoing President Mayor Scott Levin of Elmhurst, with nominations submitted by Mayor Jeff Pruyn of Itasca and Mayor Rodney Craig of Hanover Park.

"This recognition is a testament to what we can achieve when local and federal leaders work hand-in-hand," said Krishnamoorthi.

"Whether it's protecting emergency response routes or strengthening our infrastructure, I will continue standing with our mayors, first responders, and families to ensure public safety remains a top priority."

The DMMC represents over one million residents across DuPage County and is known for its collaborative, bipartisan approach to regional policy.



Congressman Krishnamoorthi receiving the 2024 Governmental Leader of the Year Award from Mayor Scott Levin of Elmhurst, outgoing President of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

FIA Chicago announces 2025–26 executive board, reinforces vision for community engagement

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) Chicago, founded in 1980, is a premier nonprofit umbrella organization representing the dynamic Indian-American community across the Midwest. Serving as a unifying body for over 60 Illinois-based community groups and nonprofits, FIA-Chicago enhances cultural, educational, and social engagement through high-impact events such as the India Independence Day Parade and Republic Day celebrations.

It actively promotes Indian heritage, civic participation, and inter-community collaboration. FIA also supports youth development, charitable causes, and public service initiatives. Through strong leadership, advocacy, and inclusive programs, FIA-Chicago continues to amplify the voice and visibility of the Indian diaspora, fostering pride, unity, and a deeper connection between Indian-Americans and the

broader American society.

The Federation has now announced its new executive board for the term 2025–26. With a renewed focus on cultural engagement, civic participation, and community service, FIA is poised to build on its proud legacy.

Under the leadership of President Hemant Patel and Trustee Director Dr. Bharat Barai, the newly elected board has laid out a comprehensive calendar of patriotic and cultural events aimed at strengthening community ties and celebrating the rich heritage of the Indian diaspora.

The IndoUS Tribune applauds FIA's enduring commitment to serving the community and commends the new board for its proactive vision. With an emphasis on inclusivity, tradition, and public involvement, the organization is expected to play a vital role in uniting the community through shared values and celebrations.

Upcoming events: A call to community participation

FIA invites the Indian-American community and its supporters to participate in the following 2025 events:

June 21 – Participation in the International Yoga Day organized by the Consulate General of India, Chicago

June 22 – FIA's own International Yoga Day program

July 4 – Participation in the American Independence Day Parade

First week of August – FIA Annual Community Picnic

August 10 – Participation in Bharat Independence Day Parade hosted by ICO, Naperville

August 15 – Indian Flag Hoisting Ceremony in downtown Chicago

August 16 – Tiranga Car Rally in Schaumburg

August 22 – Bharat Independence Day Patriotic Gala

August 24 – Grand Bharat Independence Day Parade on Devon Avenue

Each event reflects FIA's ongoing mission to engage the Indian-American population in meaningful celebrations that highlight cultural pride, patriotic fervor, and civic responsibility.

FIA Executive Board 2025–26

Trustee Director – Dr. Bharat Barai



Dr. Bharat Barai, MD, is a respected oncologist and one of the senior-most Indian-American community leaders in

the Chicago area. A past President and current Trustee Director of FIA Chicago, he has been instrumental in shaping the organization's vision and mentoring future leaders. Dr. Barai has long championed civic engagement, interfaith harmony, and U.S.-India relations. Widely recognized for hosting dignitaries and organizing landmark community events, he serves as a bridge between cultures and generations.

President – Hemant Patel

President of FIA-Chicago and Founder of Sanatan Ecosystem www.shreesanatan.com/, Hemant Patel holds a Master's in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Engineering. With over 30 years of service, he has been a staunch promoter of Indian culture and civic pride in the Midwest.



Executive Vice President – Anil Singh



President of Karni Sena USA and an active voice for Hindu causes, Anil Singh is also a member of the Sanatan

Ecosystem. He is a mechanical engineer and serves as Operations Manager at a Chicago-based nuclear pump company, balancing professional leadership with unwavering community dedication.

Secretary – Dr. Avi Verma

A visionary leader, Dr. Avi Verma is Secretary of FIA, Publisher of the IndoUS Tribune, and President of Jagran TV Chicago—the first non-commercial Hindu TV channel. A religious leader for over three decades, he is known for hosting Mata Ki Chowkis and promoting renowned devotional artists globally. He also chairs Midwest Clinicals, training future physicians for over 15 years.



Treasurer – Amar Upadhyay

An IT professional with database expertise, Amar Upadhyay has held leadership roles in OFBJP, Indian Community



of Niles Township (ICNT), and Americans 4 Hindus (A4H) Super PAC, contributing significantly to both tech and civic spheres.

Vice President – Joy (Dipen) Shah



A former Treasurer of VHPA and core OFBJP member, Joy Shah is a successful entrepreneur with 30 years of experience.

He actively supports temples and local agencies, helping uplift small business owners through mentorship and guidance.

Vice President – Shailesh Rajput

Founder of the Chicago Hindu Mahotsav Group NFP and Oriental Insurance Agency Inc., Shailesh Rajput has been an active community organizer since 1999. Born in Bharuch, Gujarat, he serves as a bridge between his cultural roots and American society through insurance services and religious festivals.



Vice President – Rohit Joshi

Originally from Petlad and now in Skokie, Illinois, Rohit Joshi is a retired Northeastern University professional and devoted Sanatan



Dharma advocate. A respected Hindu priest and community leader, he promotes yoga and spiritual

values, gaining recognition across Chicagoland.

Joint Secretary – Arvind Ankleshwaria

A veteran of the Indian Armed Forces and active in the Jain Temple, Hanuman Temple, and Gayatri Mandir,

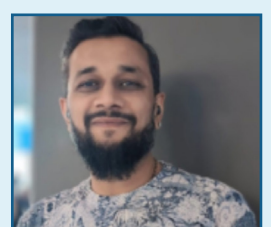
Arvind Ankleshwaria brings discipline and devotion to his role. His military and community service background make him a valuable asset to FIA.

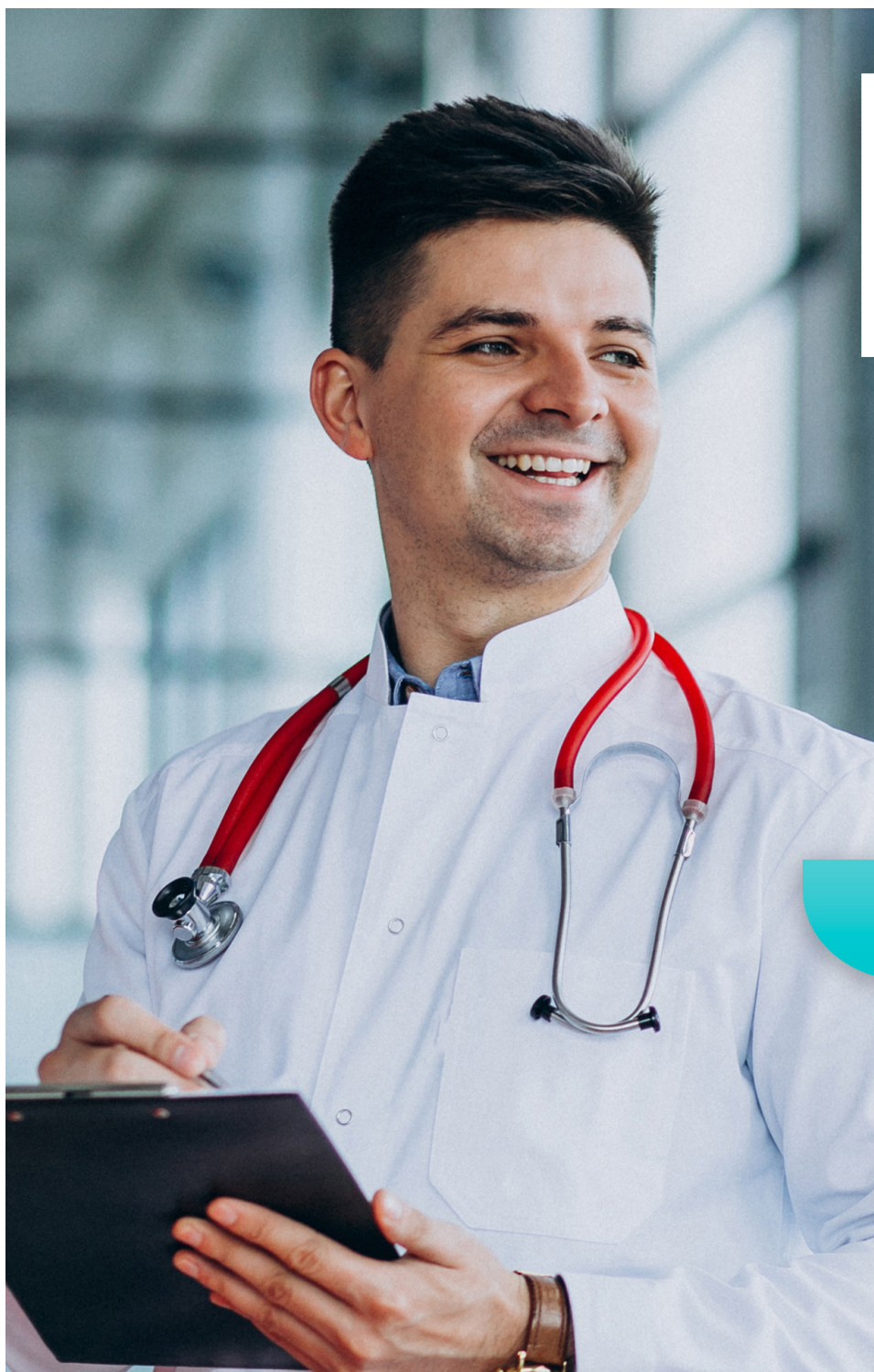


Joint Treasurer – Roshan Patel

Roshan Patel is a seasoned entrepreneur in the energy industry and a committed community leader.

As Joint Treasurer, he brings financial acumen and organizational experience from Bavis Gam Patidar Samaj and six years of impactful service to FIA's goals.





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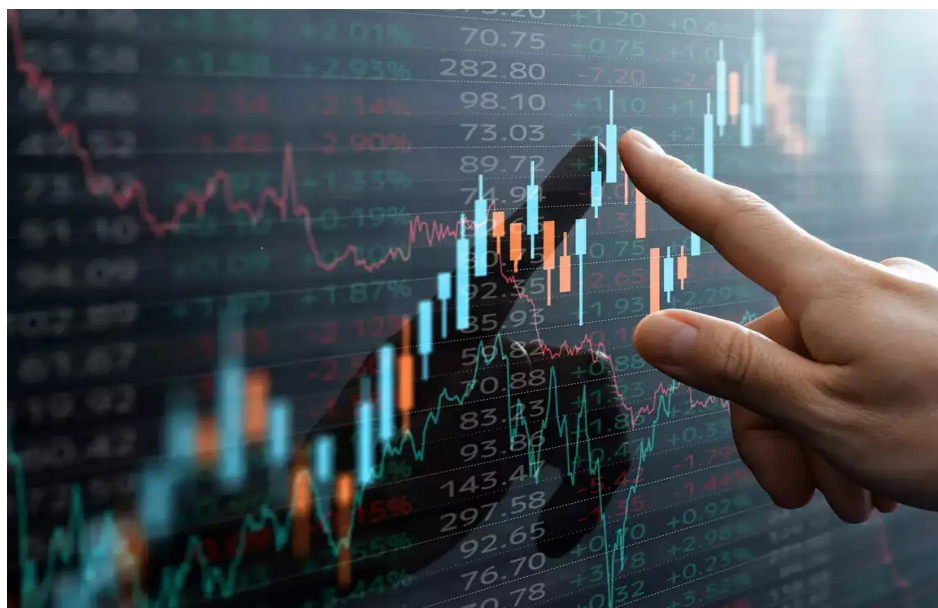
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4.250%).

The data above are as of Sunday preceding the publication date.

ECONOMY

The US Federal Trade Court ruled that executive orders on TARIFFS exceeded presidential authority & were invalid; an appeals court issued a temporary stay. On hindsight, UK may have rushed too soon into its US trade deal.

A US budget proposal is for 5% tax on foreign REMITTANCES by US noncitizens.

Gamesa Siemens, India & Sri Lanka, sold 90% of its WIND POWER business to a consortium of TPG (US private-equity), MAVCO Investments (Murugappa family) & Tikri (Prashant Jain). Gamesa Siemens will retain 10% stake & will continue to provide technical assistance.

Many in the US are surprised by seeing heavy iron manhole covers made in

India. But in global STEEL production, #1-China, #2-India, #3-Japan, #4-US. In fact, Japanese Nippon Steel's interest in US Steel is because their combined capacity will make Japan #2 again (it used to be #1 long time ago), & India #3. This deal has been in the news as on/off/on - it seems that Trump Administration has finally cleared some sort of "partnership" - the US will hold a golden-share in the US Steel subsidiary of Nippon Steel & will also name some board members.

India has been moving up in global GDP & market-cap ranks also. India was #5 by GDP in 12/2024 & has passed Japan to become #4, according to 2025/Q1 est. Ahead are #1-US, #2-China, #3-Germany. The Indian economy is growing long-term at 6%+ rate (real); for 2025/Q1 +7.4% (real). Of course, India has to improve its per capita GDP.

FUNDS

Ambani family (Reliance Industries) controlled Jio Financial Services & US BlackRock (iShares, etc) formed

a joint-venture in 2023 & it has now received the SEBI approval for launching MUTUAL FUND business. This shouldn't be confused with the old mutual fund operations of Reliance Capital (Reliance Group) that were renamed Nippon India Mutual Fund.

SPECIAL TOPICS

US State Department has temporarily suspended student VISA issuances to implement social-media screening. Beware that customs officials can already review phone contents including social-media feeds. Jobseekers should also be aware that potential employers can check their social-media feeds.

Research collaboration between MIT & Tata Steel (an MIT Industrial Liaison Program (ILP) partner) led to a startup Allium Engineering that licenses the process to make stainless steel clad rebar. This process can be incorporated into existing steel mill operations & triples the life of rebar used for reinforcing concrete.

In a new twist, India is recalibrating business & trade relations according to political & diplomatic relations. Bangladesh & Turkey are recent examples of business NOT as usual. With relations between India & Bangladesh at a low point, why is Bangladesh surprised by new land-port trade restrictions in NE areas? Trade through sea-ports is unaffected for now. Relations between India & Turkey have been uneasy, but it was noted during the Operation Sindoor that Turkey was actively assisting Pakistan with military equipment & personnel, so access of Turkish companies in sensitive areas such as Indian civilian airport operations was discontinued. Turkish Celebi has filed a lawsuit.

Adani Ports operates several ports in India & elsewhere - Australia, Indonesia, Israel, Sri Lanka, Tanzania with plans for other countries. Many Indian businesses also operate globally. Direct mixing of business & politics may have risks for Indian businesses too.

Another obvious observation is that skirmishes with Pakistan may be with DRONES & MISSILES without involving cross-border movements of ground troops. Nuclear capabilities won't act as deterrents for these. As both India & Pakistan have good offensive capabilities, but limited defensive capabilities, a danger is rapid escalation of these air-skirmishes into a full-fledged war (unlike similar air-skirmishes elsewhere that are quite one-sided).

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Elon Musk: From tech titan to political pariah-What went wrong?

By: Dr. Avi Verma

Once hailed as the world's most consequential innovator, Elon Musk's ascent to power was nothing short of cinematic—a South African immigrant who became the richest man on Earth, commanding electric cars through Tesla, satellites through Starlink, and global conversations through his acquisition of X (formerly Twitter). For years, he was not just the face of tech—but the future of it.

Then came politics.

Musk's dramatic rise within Trump World, culminating in his appointment as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DODGE), cemented his status not just as a corporate mogul, but as one of the most powerful figures in American public life. At his peak, Musk was not only helping steer America's space ambitions and digital infrastructure—he was influencing court nominations, elections

abroad, and shaking federal departments to their core.

But now, in a turn as swift as his ascent, Musk finds himself cast out—departing DODGE under a cloud of controversy, breaking with Trump over what the former president called his “Big Beautiful Bill.” Musk's challenge to that sweeping legislative effort sparked a political rupture, and with it, a clear message: in Trump's world, there are no former allies—only enemies-in-waiting.

So what happened?

Too much power, too fast?

Elon Musk's fall from grace may be a cautionary tale of how unchecked wealth and power can blur the line between innovation and political arrogance. Was it inevitable? Could a man who engineered cars, rockets, and digital universes resist the gravitational pull of political empire-building? Or is this simply the curse of those who fly too close to power: the moment you no longer serve the cause, you're discarded?

As DODGE chief, Musk made headlines—and headlines made policy. His shakeups sent shockwaves across the federal workforce. Agencies scrambled. Economies reacted. Courts were eyed. Elections—both foreign and domestic—were touched. Many warned of the dangers of one unelected billionaire wielding such massive institutional and cultural clout. Those warnings have now materialized into a crisis.

The fallout

Musk's public break with Trump marks the latest in a pattern familiar to many former Trump confidants: adoration, promotion, rebellion, and eventual exile. From former Cabinet officials to once-close media allies, Trump's orbit is a revolving door with a built-in eject button.

The question now is not just why Musk fell—but what next?

Is he finished as a political force, his influence waning without access to federal power? Or will he become a formidable thorn in the side of the Trump movement—a uniquely

equipped adversary with money, media, and a long memory?

Knowing Trump, forgiveness is not in the playbook. Musk may now find himself in the crosshairs of a machine he once helped fortify.

But Musk is no ordinary figure. He's a disruptor. And disruptors, even when wounded, are rarely predictable. Will he use his platforms to go on the offensive? Will he fund opposition campaigns, media narratives, or alternative power centers?

Or will he retreat, recalibrate, and reemerge—once again—as a private citizen reshaping the world on his own terms?

Only time will tell.

But one thing is certain: In the new American landscape, power doesn't just create influence—it creates targets. And Elon Musk, for better or worse, has become one.





Refresh your summer wardrobe with the chic scarf skirt

As the warmer months roll in and the days grow longer, many of us feel the irresistible urge to shake up our style. Instead of committing to a full closet overhaul—which can be costly and wasteful—there's a clever, stylish alternative that's gaining traction: the scarf skirt. This versatile fashion hack offers a fresh, creative way to elevate your summer wardrobe while keeping things sustainable and budget-friendly.

The scarf skirt trend has been spotted on various style icons who effortlessly mix and match silk scarves to create unique skirt looks. Actress and fashion trailblazer Chloë Sevigny helped popularize the style by wrapping a colorful silk scarf asymmetrically around her hips, resulting in a look that's both playful and sophisticated. The light fabric and flowing silhouette are perfect for the warmer months, allowing for movement and comfort while adding an unexpected twist to everyday outfits.

But the scarf skirt isn't just about showing leg or making a bold statement. Many have taken to layering scarves over trousers to add dimension and interest to classic staples. For example, pairing a printed silk scarf over neutral-toned pants can instantly transform a simple white tee and slacks combo into a chic, street-style-inspired ensemble. This approach works well for those who prefer a more covered-up look but still want to



embrace the breezy, effortless feel of summer fashion.

Beyond celebrities and street style, the scarf skirt is winning hearts for its versatility and ease of styling. It can be tied high on the waist to create an elongated silhouette or draped casually at the hips for a relaxed vibe. Mixing and matching different scarf prints also allows for a personal touch, making it easy to tailor the look to your mood and occasion.

For anyone feeling stuck in a summer style rut, the scarf



skirt offers an exciting way to experiment with texture, pattern, and layering without investing in a whole new wardrobe. It's a playful yet practical trend that adds color and movement to your outfits, making it ideal for everything from casual daytime outings to stylish evening events. So, this summer, instead of rushing to buy more, try rediscovering the scarves you already have or pick up a few new ones in silk or lightweight fabrics. With just a few simple knots and clever draping, the scarf skirt will become your go-to for effortless, eye-catching summer style.

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Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

By: Dr. Avi Verma

1. Location: Our study centre is based on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts, but there is no requirement to travel there. The administrative office is in Winnipeg, Canada.

2. Program Structure & Exams:

- ▶ **Preclinical Phase (Years 1 & 2):** Fully online, divided into 11 study blocks. The first block is 12 weeks, the rest are 8 weeks each. After completion, students take the IUHS Exit Exam, and U.S. students also prepare for Step 1.
- ▶ **Clinical Phase (Years 3 & 4):** 80 weeks of rotations—48 weeks core, 32 weeks electives. Students then take the IUHS Exit Exam 2 and officially graduate. U.S. students also take Step 2 before graduation.

3. Assessments:

- ▶ End-of-block graded exams
- ▶ DxR Clinician virtual patient simulation graded assignments • Non-graded DAR exams (at the end of Blocks 3, 6, 9) to identify knowledge gaps
- ▶ Lecturio self-assessments which are

mandatory but not graded

4. Teaching methods:

- ▶ **Systems-based learning:** Integrates anatomy, pathology, and pharmacology within each body system.
- ▶ **Problem-based learning:** Encourages critical thinking and challenges students to draw on all the knowledge they have acquired as they would in a real-life scenario when treating a patient.
- ▶ **Spaced repetition:** Reinforces knowledge through periodic review, enhancing long-term retention.

5. Clinical rotations:

- ▶ U.S. students can complete all rotations at the main affiliated hospital in

IUHS School of Medicine

Chicago, Illinois with additional sites in Texas, West Virginia, California, Nevada, Missouri and Arizona (subject to availability). Clinical rotation preparation starts around Block 8.

- ▶ Australian students have a dedicated clinical director assisting them with the arrangements for clinical placements.

6. DxR Clinician: is a medical education software designed to help students develop clinical reasoning and diagnostic skills. It provides virtual patient cases that simulate real-life medical scenarios, allowing students to practice taking patient histories, ordering diagnostic tests, making differential diagnoses, and developing treatment plans.

Key Features:

- ▶ Interactive case-based learning with simulated patient encounters
- ▶ Clinical reasoning training to improve diagnostic accuracy
- ▶ Access to medical history, physical exams, and lab results
- ▶ Immediate feedback on decision-making and reasoning DxR Clinician is integrated into IUHS's problem-based learning (PBL) and case-based learning (CBL) curricula to enhance students' ability to apply medical knowledge in real world scenarios.

7. Live lectures: Learn from top-tier professors who also teach at prestigious universities through live, interactive lectures. Sessions are scheduled on weekdays, and if you miss one, you can easily catch up with recorded lectures available in the virtual library at your convenience.

8. Question and Concept Sessions: In addition to live lectures, students can participate in weekly live Q&C sessions with the academic advisor for their current block of study. These sessions provide valuable support for students studying from home, fostering engagement with both peers and faculty.

9. Lecturio: is a digital learning platform providing medical education resources. It offers a comprehensive, AI-driven learning system designed to support medical education through high-quality video lectures, question banks, and advanced learning tools.

Key Features:

- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers preclinical and clinical subjects aligned with USMLE, NBME, and other global medical exams.
- ▶ High-Quality Video Lectures – Taught by expert professors from leading medical institutions.
- ▶ AI-Powered Adaptive Learning – Personalized study recommendations based on student performance.
- ▶ Question Banks & Clinical Case Scenarios – USMLE-style questions, explanations, and performance tracking.
- ▶ Spaced Repetition & Smart Recall – Helps reinforce learning and improve long term retention.

Lecturio supplements the education delivered, improves student performance, and provide flexible, self-paced learning opportunities.

10. Mentorship: IUHS integrates the Integrated Clinical Medicine program into the preclinical years of the MD curriculum, allowing students to gain early exposure to clinical settings. This hands-on experience gives IUHS students a competitive edge over their peers from other universities.

IUHS students become comfortable and confident in a clinical environment before starting clinical rotations having developed the necessary clinical skills. Working alongside a local physician mentor, each student spends 20 hours per month shadowing and discussing cases with their mentor, a doctor from their own community. Under the guidance of IUHS's clinical director, students select a mentor who fits their needs and location. This early integration of clinical skills enhances learning, bridging the gap between theory and practice, and making the transition to full-time clinical training more seamless and rewarding.

11. Get in Touch: You can ask me anything about IUHS if you still have more questions!

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Health alert: Liver concerns linked to popular weight loss injections like Ozempic and Wegovy

By: Dr. Avi Verma

Patients using GLP-1 agonist medications—such as Ozempic, Wegovy, and Mounjaro—for weight loss are being advised to monitor liver function closely, following reports of drug-induced hepatitis and other liver-related side effects.

A number of individuals have reported experiencing symptoms such as fatigue, flu-like symptoms, abdominal discomfort, nausea, and vomiting, which in rare cases have been linked to liver inflammation. These concerns have prompted health experts to urge regular check-ups with primary care physicians for individuals using these medications.

Emerging case reports

In Australia, several reports submitted to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) involved patients who developed hepatitis or liver injury while on semaglutide-based therapies like Ozempic and Wegovy.

While such reactions are considered uncommon, experts have noted that certain individuals may have difficulty metabolizing GLP-1 agonists, potentially leading to hepatotoxicity, a form of liver toxicity caused by medications.

Social media forums and patient groups have also surfaced anecdotal accounts of similar experiences, including one user hospitalized with liver inflammation allegedly linked to Mounjaro. Another individual noted liver issues that required

discontinuation of their prescribed medication.

Medical community's response

Dr. Gary Deed of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners emphasized the importance of monitoring liver health, especially when starting new medications.

"While most patients tolerate these drugs well, liver function monitoring is prudent. Side effects such as nausea may obscure underlying hepatic issues," he said.

Although global data indicates these liver-related side effects are rare, emerging case reports highlight the

need for vigilance and further clinical research.

What patients should know

GLP-1 receptor agonists like semaglutide mimic natural hormones that regulate insulin, appetite, and digestion.

Anyone experiencing unusual fatigue, yellowing of the eyes or skin, abdominal pain, or persistent nausea while on these medications should consult their physician immediately.

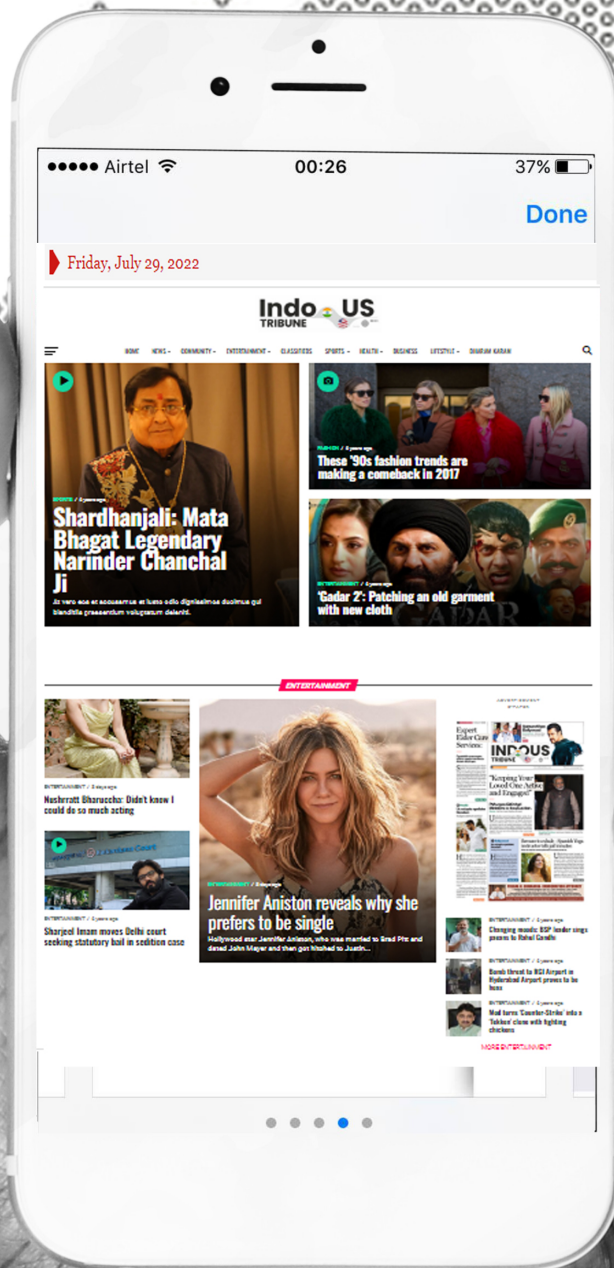
Patients are encouraged to schedule regular check-ups and blood tests to monitor liver enzymes and overall health. The TGA and similar health authorities advise patients to report any suspected adverse drug reactions to their healthcare provider and national regulatory bodies.

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