

Trump gives two-week deadline to decide on U.S. entry into Israel-Iran war

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President Donald Trump has given himself two weeks to decide whether the United States will join Israel's ongoing war against Iran, the White House confirmed Thursday. The decision allows a short window for diplomacy, as international pressure mounts to de-escalate one of the Middle East's most dangerous confrontations in decades.

The conflict erupted after Israel launched large-scale airstrikes on Iran, targeting nuclear and military facilities in response to what it claimed were Tehran's advancing nuclear ambitions. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the strikes aimed to stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb, but rhetoric from his government has increasingly hinted at regime change. Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz went as far as saying Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei "cannot be allowed to exist."

Trump's decision reportedly hinges on whether U.S. "bunker buster" bombs could neutralize Iran's heavily fortified Fordow nuclear facility—buried beneath a mountain near Qom. While Israel lacks the weapons for such a strike, Netanyahu's administration has urged the U.S. to take action.

Iran has retaliated with missile strikes, including one that damaged Soroka hospital in Beersheba. While casualties were limited, over 200 Israelis have been injured across the country. Iran warned the U.S. of "irreparable damage" if it joins the war and may attempt to close the vital Strait of Hormuz.

India and France launch eighth 'Exercise Shakti' to boost defense cooperation

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India and France began the eighth edition of their joint military drill, 'Exercise Shakti,' this week at Camp Larzac in La Cavalerie. The exercise, which focuses on sub-conventional operations under UN Charter Chapter VII, features 90 personnel from each country. India is represented primarily by the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, while the French side includes troops from the 13th Foreign Legion Half-Brigade (13 DBLE). Senior military officials, including Brigadier Veeresh Thapar and Colonel Benjamin Brunet, attended the opening ceremony. Officials stressed the importance of interoperability, operational coordination, and tactical proficiency. The biennial exercise symbolizes the growing Indo-French defense partnership and underscores both nations' commitment to global peace. Over the coming days, troops will engage in joint drills and share best practices, further solidifying military ties between the two democracies.

Canada confirms Khalistani extremists are using its soil to plan violence in India

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Canada's Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) has officially acknowledged that Khalistani extremist groups are active within its borders, using Canadian territory to fund, organize, and promote violence targeting India. In its 2024 annual report, CSIS stated, "Khalistani extremists continue to use Canada as a base for the promotion, fundraising or planning of violence primarily in India," marking the first time the agency labeled such activities as extremist and recognizing the longstanding concerns voiced by India. The report clarifies that only a small fraction of Canada-based Khalistani supporters are considered extremist—those involved in politically motivated violent extremism—while nonviolent advocacy remains lawful.

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Modi reshapes global discourse at G7 with strong pitch on terror, trade and tech



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a decisive mark at the G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Canada, positioning India as a pivotal force in shaping global priorities. In his address to the summit leaders, Modi called for an uncompromising global stance against terrorism, referencing the Pahalgam massacre in Jammu and Kashmir and declaring it "an attack on all humanity." His remarks directly challenged selective approaches to terrorism and drew strong support from several partner nations.

Modi also championed India's global initiatives in climate action and sustainability—highlighting the International Solar Alliance, Mission LiFE, and the One Sun–One World–One Grid

vision. He emphasized India's commitment to clean energy, green development, and inclusive innovation. On trade and technology, Modi underscored India's leadership in digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and secure supply chains, calling for greater collaboration between developed and developing economies.

On the sidelines, Modi met with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, agreeing to restore high commissioners and restart trade negotiations—marking a cautious thaw in bilateral ties. His meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump reaffirmed strategic cooperation in defense, technology, and counterterrorism.

With firm diplomacy and a forward-looking agenda, Modi projected India not just as a participant—but as a power reshaping the global order.

Washington walks diplomatic tightrope as Trump courts both Modi and Munir post-ceasefire

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President Donald Trump has walked back earlier claims of unilaterally halting the recent India-Pakistan conflict, instead crediting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan's Army Chief General Asim Munir for the de-escalation. The acknowledgment came during a press briefing at the White House, where Trump referred to Modi and Munir as "two very smart people" who made the critical decision to stop the conflict, which had neared the brink of nuclear escalation. India, however, firmly rejected any notion of U.S. mediation, reiterating that Pakistan had initiated the ceasefire after India's decisive military response during Operation Sindoor.

The remarks followed a two-hour meeting between Trump and General Munir in Washington—originally planned for just one hour—where they discussed counterterrorism, regional stability, and economic cooperation. The ISI chief and U.S. officials, including Marco Rubio and Steve Witkoff, also participated. Topics ranged from artificial intelligence to Middle East security and energy partnerships.

Meanwhile, Trump confirmed a new trade deal with India is in progress after a call with Modi, whom he described as "a fantastic man." Modi declined an invitation to Washington due to a prior engagement in Croatia. Munir's visit was met with protests from Pakistani-Americans and PTI supporters, who accused him of human rights violations.

Oil prices climb as Israel-Iran conflict raises supply concerns



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Oil prices surged on Tuesday amid escalating tensions between Israel and Iran. The spike followed a statement by President Donald Trump calling for the evacuation of Tehran, fueling fears of a broader conflict in the Middle East. Brent crude rose by 2.2% before settling just above \$73 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate traded near \$72.

Israel has intensified strikes on Iranian military and nuclear facilities, prompting concerns over potential disruptions to oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz, which carries about 20% of the world's oil supply.

Though Iran's export infrastructure remains intact, the region has seen increased shipping risks and navigation issues.

Despite a brief pullback, prices remain elevated, with oil producers increasing hedging activity. Investment banks, including Morgan Stanley, have revised forecasts upward. Meanwhile, the White House is reportedly exploring diplomatic engagement with Iran to ease the crisis.

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Although no extremist-linked attacks occurred in Canada in 2024, CSIS warned that the threat continues to pose a national security risk.

This admission coincides with a renewed diplomatic thaw between Canada and India. At the G7 summit in Kananaskis, Prime Ministers Mark Carney and Narendra Modi agreed to restore high commissioners and rebuild bilateral engagement, signaling progress in relations strained since the 2023 killing of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar—an event that triggered serious diplomatic fallout.

CSIS also reaffirmed its mandate to monitor foreign interference and violent extremism involving multiple countries, including China, Russia, Iran, Pakistan, and India. The revelations are expected to guide Canada's efforts to dismantle extremist networks and ensure law-abiding political discourse in its diverse communities.

Putin says he is open to meeting Zelensky only at final phase of talks

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has said he is willing to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky only if peace negotiations reach a final phase.

Speaking at a press conference in St. Petersburg, Putin emphasized Russia's preference for a diplomatic resolution to the war but maintained that military operations would continue if talks fail. He cast doubt on Zelensky's legitimacy, saying any agreement must be signed by recognized authorities.

Russia and Ukraine are expected to resume negotiations after June 22, following planned prisoner and casualty exchanges. Putin's comments come amid attempts to portray Zelensky as illegitimate due to postponed elections under martial law.



He also criticized Germany's role as a mediator, pointing to its military support for Kyiv. While reiterating Russia's goal of Ukraine's demilitarization, Putin said he remains open to contact with any Western leader willing to resume dialogue. U.S. President Trump has also reportedly spoken with Putin about resuming peace efforts.

Former Bangladeshi minister Shamsul Alam arrested as crackdown on Awami League intensifies

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Former Bangladeshi State Minister for Planning, Shamsul Alam, was arrested in Dhaka on Thursday amid a sweeping crackdown by the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus. Alam, an economist and 2020 recipient of the Ekushey Padak, is being held at the Detective Branch office; police have not publicly disclosed the charges.

The arrest is part of a broader campaign against Awami League leaders following the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 2024. Several other senior figures, including ex-Ministers Anisul Haque and Mosharraf Hossain, were also placed under remand.

Critics view these arrests as politically motivated. Analysts have warned that the Yunus-led administration is undermining



democracy and enabling extremist elements by targeting former Hasina allies under questionable legal grounds.

Denmark tests unmanned saildrones in Baltic Sea to monitor Russian activity

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Denmark has deployed four unmanned saildrones in the Baltic Sea to enhance maritime surveillance and protect undersea infrastructure amid growing concerns over Russian hybrid threats. The trial involves 10-meter-long vessels powered by wind, solar, and diesel, equipped with advanced sensors, cameras, and radar systems. These saildrones, developed by a U.S. company, can remain at sea for up to a year and offer real-time data that complements satellite intelligence.

The move follows reports of Russia using aging "shadow fleet" tankers to bypass sanctions and possibly engage in sabotage. Saildrones can verify vessel identities and track suspicious movements near critical infrastructure such as data cables and pipelines.



While the initiative boosts regional defense capabilities, it has also sparked debate in Denmark over the reliance on U.S. technology. Critics warn that American laws could compel companies to share sensitive data, raising sovereignty concerns. However, officials insist the drones do not process classified information.

Baloch rights group decries enforced disappearances and killings in Pakistan

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The Baloch Voice for Justice (BVJ) has raised urgent concerns over a surge in enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of Baloch civilians by Pakistani forces. In a statement on Friday, the group reported that Saifullah, abducted from Mangochar on June 11, remains missing. Meanwhile, Shahzaib Ahmed, abducted from Quetta on Eid, died after being severely tortured in custody.

The BVJ said Shahzaib's body bore signs of burns and broken limbs. It also cited long-unresolved cases, including Abdul Rasheed (missing since 2012), Ali Hassan Sheikh (2011), and Muhammad Ramzan Mengal (2011).

The group demanded the unconditional release of all missing persons and appealed to global human rights bodies to intervene. Simultaneously, the Baloch Yakjehti Committee began a protest in Turbat against the detention of its organizers, calling out state repression and unlawful detentions across Balochistan.

US reinstates student visas with mandatory public social media screening



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The United States has resumed processing student visa applications, introducing a new requirement mandating all applicants to make their social media accounts public. This applies to F, M, and J nonimmigrant visas, which cover students and exchange visitors.

According to the Department of State, this move is part of enhanced national security vetting measures to identify individuals who may pose threats to public safety. Officials emphasized that obtaining a U.S. visa is a privilege, not a right, and each application constitutes a national security decision.

The new rules follow a temporary pause in interviews ordered by Secretary of State Marco Rubio last month. That pause aimed to incorporate increased scrutiny amid unrest on U.S. college campuses related to the Israel-Gaza conflict.

The Trump administration has criticized universities for failing to protect Jewish students and prevent international students from participating in political protests. Applicants are encouraged to continue their visa applications while awaiting full resumption of services.

North Korea marks defense treaty anniversary with renewed pledge to support Russia



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North Korea on Thursday reaffirmed its commitment to the defense treaty signed with Russia a year ago, highlighting deepening military ties between the two nations. The Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, signed by Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin on June 19, 2024, obliges both countries to aid each other if attacked. North Korea's foreign ministry called the treaty a "strategic milestone," and state media Rodong Sinmun praised it as the beginning of a new chapter in bilateral relations. Intelligence reports say Pyongyang previously deployed 14,000 troops to assist Russian operations in Ukraine and is now sending 6,000 more personnel to the Kursk region for mine clearance. The renewed pledge underscores the growing alliance between Moscow and Pyongyang amid global concern over the war in Ukraine and shifting power dynamics in East Asia.

Judge rules Trump's NIH diversity funding cuts were illegal



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A U.S. federal judge has ruled that the Trump administration's decision to cancel over \$9.5 billion in research grants related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) was unlawful. The ruling came during a non-jury trial in Boston, where Judge William Young declared the move "void and illegal," citing racial discrimination.

Young, appointed by President Ronald Reagan, criticized the administration's actions and said affected states and organizations would have their funding restored. "I've never seen a record where racial discrimination was so palpable," he noted. The NIH, the world's largest publicly funded biomedical research agency, had awarded approximately 60,000 grants annually. The funding cuts included an additional \$2.6 billion in research contracts. Since January, the Trump administration has aggressively slashed federal support for minority-focused science programs, prompting legal backlash and concerns over discrimination in public research funding.

Trump grants TikTok third delay to avoid U.S. ban amid growing political scrutiny

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President Donald Trump has signed a third executive order delaying a U.S. ban on TikTok, extending the deadline for its sale or shutdown by 90 days to September 17, 2025.

The Chinese-owned platform, which boasts 170 million users in the United States, remains under intense scrutiny over national security concerns. The original ban, upheld by the Supreme Court earlier this year, mandated a January 19 cutoff, though Trump previously issued reprieves in January and April.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the extension would allow additional time for a sale agreement. TikTok's parent



company, ByteDance, has confirmed talks with the U.S. government but noted any deal would require approval from Chinese authorities. Several American investors,

including Oracle, Amazon, Blackstone, Walmart, and others, are reportedly interested in acquiring the platform.

Critics, including Senator Mark Warner, accused Trump of bypassing legislative checks and undermining national security findings.

The delay follows heightened tensions between the U.S. and China, especially after Trump imposed sweeping tariffs. TikTok's political relevance has grown since Trump joined the platform during his 2024 campaign, quickly amassing millions of followers.

Despite bipartisan consensus on banning the app, its fate remains tied to high-stakes negotiations and geopolitical maneuvering.

Spain rejects NATO's 5% defense goal, calls for flexible military spending

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Spain has rejected NATO's proposal for member countries to raise defense spending to 5% of GDP, calling the demand unrealistic and potentially damaging to its social systems. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, in a letter to NATO leadership, emphasized that such a goal would hurt Spain's economy and compromise its public welfare priorities. Instead, he urged for a flexible model that allows nations to adapt based on their domestic circumstances.

The 5% target includes 3.5% for direct defense and 1.5% for broader security initiatives. Spain currently spends just 1.3% of GDP on defense, well below the current 2% NATO benchmark. The government recently announced



a \$11.3 billion security and defense plan to meet the 2.1% target by year-end. Sánchez warned that rigid goals would hinder the European Union's coordinated efforts to build a self-reliant defense framework. Talks are expected to continue at the upcoming NATO summit in The Hague, with growing divisions among member states.

New Zealand halts \$11 million in aid to Cook Islands over China deals



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New Zealand has suspended \$11 million in funding to the Cook Islands due to concerns over the Pacific nation's deepening agreements with China. The freeze affects core sectors such as health, education, and tourism, and is part of a broader \$123 million package provided over the past three years.

The move stems from the Cook Islands' recent signing of undisclosed infrastructure and scholarship deals with China, without consulting New Zealand, as required under their six-decade partnership. While the Cook Islands Prime Minister called the freeze a "pause," the New Zealand government emphasized a breakdown in trust and the need for accountability.

The aid freeze comes as New Zealand's own Prime Minister visits China, raising questions about its stance on Beijing's growing influence in the Pacific. The Cook Islands, with a population of just 15,000, has also attracted attention over its lucrative deep-sea mining ambitions. Officials now face pressure to rebuild transparency and diplomatic alignment.

Gaza hunger crisis deepens as Israeli strikes hit aid seekers

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At least 15 Palestinians were killed and 60 injured in Gaza on Thursday when Israeli forces reportedly opened fire near an aid distribution site, marking the third deadly incident this week involving civilians seeking food. Gaza's civil defense agency stated the attack occurred between Nuseirat and central Gaza early in the morning as thousands gathered for rations. Eyewitnesses described heavy gunfire and shelling, with one injured man recounting shrapnel wounds from a nearby explosion.

The Israeli military said it fired "warning shots" at suspects but claimed no knowledge of injuries. However, Gaza's al-Awda Hospital reported receiving nine dead and over 120 injured from the site. Aid access in Gaza remains extremely limited, with the United Nations warning of a growing famine. Most incoming UN trucks are looted or halted by crowds or armed groups.





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Israel-Iran conflict: A precipice to global war? India at the crossroads



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The direct military confrontation between Israel and Iran, previously a covert proxy conflict, has dramatically escalated into an open exchange of hostilities, pushing the region and indeed the world to the brink of a wider war. As Publisher of the IndoUS Tribune, I believe it is imperative to dissect the multifaceted dimensions of this dangerous development, from the immediate triggers to the profound global implications.

Why now? Deconstructing the escalation

The timing of this unprecedented escalation is a critical point of analysis. Israel's June 2025 strikes on Iranian nuclear and military facilities, followed by Iran's retaliatory targeting of Israeli civilian and intelligence centers, represent a dangerous departure from past engagements. Prime Minister Netanyahu's assertion that Iran was mere "weeks away" from nuclear breakout capability served as a primary justification for Israel's aggressive campaign. However, this claim is met with skepticism, as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) publicly denies verified evidence of Iran actively building nuclear weapons, despite its uranium enrichment reaching 60%. This discrepancy raises the uncomfortable question of whether the "imminent" nuclear threat was exaggerated to create a casus belli for the strikes.

Several strategic setbacks for Iran precede this open warfare, suggesting a calculated Israeli move to exploit Tehran's perceived weakening:

- **Collapse of the Assad regime:** The fall of Bashar al-Assad's government in Syria, a crucial Iranian ally, significantly eroded Iran's regional influence and strategic depth.
- **Hezbollah's weakening:** Israeli airstrikes and leadership losses have severely impacted Hezbollah in Lebanon, diminishing another key Iranian proxy force.
- **Internal and economic strain:** Sanctions, internal unrest, and economic failures have cumulatively weakened Tehran's domestic position, potentially making it more vulnerable to external pressure.

This confluence of factors suggests that Israel may have perceived a fleeting window of opportunity to strike while Iran's regional standing was at a nadir, before it could regain strength or achieve a nuclear capability that Israel deems unacceptable. The preemption, whether genuinely necessary or politically expedient, has undeniably reshaped the regional landscape.

The United States: A perilous strategic ambiguity

President Donald Trump's stance has been



characterized by "strategic ambiguity." While deploying military assets and preparing infrastructure, the U.S. has refrained from explicitly committing to direct involvement. Trump's statement, "I may do it. I may not do it," encapsulates a delicate balancing act between deterrence and diplomacy. This ambiguity aims to keep Tehran guessing while allowing Washington to assess the political and strategic costs of full-scale intervention.

However, this hesitation is not without its critics. Influential Republican voices, such as Senator Lindsey Graham, advocate for an "all in" approach, including strikes on deeply buried Iranian nuclear sites like Fordow. The quiet repositioning of U.S. military installations in Qatar and elsewhere underscores the underlying readiness for action, yet the lack of a clear commitment from Washington prolongs uncertainty and raises questions about the efficacy of its deterrence strategy in a rapidly escalating conflict.

India's precarious tightrope walk

India faces a unique and challenging diplomatic tightrope. It maintains a close strategic defense and technology partnership with Israel, while simultaneously relying on vital energy and transit ties with Iran, particularly for trade with Central Asia. The presence of thousands of Indian workers across the Gulf region further complicates matters, making any regional conflict a direct threat to Indian interests and citizens.

New Delhi has adopted a neutral stance, calling for de-escalation from both sides while steadfastly avoiding alignment. This position aligns with India's "strategic autonomy" doctrine, which emphasizes independent foreign policy decisions. However, this neutrality could become increasingly difficult to maintain if global powers like the U.S., Russia, or China become directly involved, potentially forcing India to make a more definitive choice.

Global flashpoint: The risk of wider war

The Israel-Iran conflict has transcended its regional boundaries and now poses a genuine risk of broader global entanglement. Several critical indicators point to this escalating danger:

- **Russian warnings:** Russia has issued thinly veiled threats against targeting Iranian leadership, indicating a potential readiness to intervene to protect its strategic interests and allies.
- **Chinese vigilance:** China is closely monitoring the situation, primarily concerned about the stability of global oil flows and the broader regional instability, which could impact its economic interests.
- **U.S. mobilization:** The U.S. is mobilizing

assets, underscoring its preparedness, even as its public commitment to direct action remains ambiguous.

- **Proxy activation:** The potential activation of a network of proxy actors, including Hezbollah, the Houthis, and various militia groups across Syria and Iraq, threatens to transform the conflict into a multi-theater engagement, exponentially increasing the complexity and potential for miscalculation.

This "multi-theater flashpoint" scenario means that a single misstep by any party could draw major global powers into a direct confrontation, transforming a regional conflict into a global one.

The catastrophic humanitarian toll

The human cost of this conflict is already staggering:

- **Over 600 reported deaths in Iran:** A direct consequence of Israeli strikes, impacting both military and civilian populations.
- **At least 24 dead and over 200 injured in Israeli civilian zones:** Resulting from Iranian retaliatory strikes, highlighting the direct impact on Israeli civilians.
- **Widespread infrastructure damage:** Hospitals destroyed, airports shut down, internet blackouts, and tens of thousands displaced in both nations.

This is not merely military retaliation but a systemic assault on civilian infrastructure and societal well-being, leading to a breakdown of security, healthcare, and civil order.

The road ahead: A call for bold diplomacy

A regional war is already underway, and while a global conflict is not inevitable, it is no longer unimaginable. The ambiguous deterrence currently employed is insufficient.

The international community, particularly the U.S., European Union, Turkey, and other regional powers, must exert strong pressure on both Israel and Iran to de-escalate. Reopening diplomatic backchannels and halting further destruction are paramount. The world cannot afford a war that draws in superpowers, destabilizes critical energy corridors, and plunges an already fractured region into deeper chaos. The next two weeks will be critical, underscoring the urgency for international intervention and a shift from confrontation to containment. History will not be kind to indecision or opportunism in this perilous moment.

Best Regards,

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Florida Panthers dent Stanley Cup during celebrations after historic win

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The Florida Panthers accidentally damaged the Stanley Cup during raucous celebrations after winning their second straight NHL championship. The team clinched the title Tuesday night in Sunrise, Florida, defeating the Edmonton Oilers in six games. The iconic trophy suffered a crack in its bowl and a dented base during the celebrations, which stretched into Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale.

A spokesperson for the Hockey Hall of Fame confirmed that the Cup's caretakers are working on repairs ahead of the official championship parade on Sunday. The 131-year-old silver-and-nickel trophy, weighing 37 pounds, has a long history of wear and tear—from being dropped during Tampa Bay's 2021 boat parade to being dented by the Colorado Avalanche in 2022.

The damage comes as no surprise, given the longstanding NHL tradition of players and staff celebrating with the Cup in ways that test its durability. Despite its battle scars, the Stanley Cup remains one of sports' most beloved and storied symbols of victory.

Israel warns Hezbollah against joining Iran conflict



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Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz on Friday warned Hezbollah to avoid escalating the regional conflict by joining Iran in its confrontation with Israel. The warning came after Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary-General Naim Qassem said the group would respond to what he called "brutal Israeli-American aggression" against Iran.

Katz stated that Israel's patience with threats from terrorist groups had "worn thin" and warned of consequences if Hezbollah escalated tensions. The group, backed by Iran and based in Lebanon, has not officially committed to entering the conflict. A senior Hezbollah official recently told Reuters the group does not plan to initiate attacks on Israel at this time. The statements come amid rising fears that the war between Iran and Israel could broaden, potentially drawing in Hezbollah and other Iranian-aligned forces in the region. Israel's remarks appear to serve as both a deterrent and a signal of preparedness for further military action should Hezbollah become involved.

India, Central American bloc reaffirm South-South cooperation priorities



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India and the Central American Integration System (SICA) held a virtual dialogue reaffirming their commitment to global South-South cooperation. The Indian delegation, led by Additional Secretary Rajesh Vaishnaw, highlighted areas like digital transformation, healthcare, disaster resilience, and renewable energy where India is ready to partner further.

SICA representatives, including Costa Rica's Vice Minister of Multilateral Affairs, appreciated India's ongoing

support, especially during the COVID-19 crisis. Key cooperation areas identified included food security, health, agriculture, connectivity, and trade. India's contributions through programs like ITEC, Quick Impact Projects, and SME grants were also acknowledged.

The meeting emphasized shared democratic values, mutual respect, and sustainable development. Costa Rica currently holds SICA's rotating presidency, which will be handed to Panama later this year. Both sides agreed that consistent political dialogue and regional engagement will deepen future cooperation across critical sectors.

Australian tech trial to block under-16s from social media faces accuracy issues

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A trial of age-verification technologies aimed at banning under-16s from social media in Australia has revealed major flaws, according to a preliminary report released Friday. The study, commissioned by the federal government, tested tools using artificial intelligence, facial recognition, and voice analysis. Results showed that many tools were only 85% accurate, with some misidentifying teens as adults.

Experts leading the trial admitted there is no universal solution and that most systems have an error margin of up to 18 months. Privacy concerns were also raised, as some providers sought to collect excessive personal



data. Despite the limitations, officials insist age assurance can work with improved safeguards and document verification.

The report comes ahead of the law's implementation in December. Critics warn that children may still bypass controls using VPNs or help from older relatives. A final report is expected in July to guide the Albanese government's enforcement approach.

Hurricane Erick weakens after hitting Mexico's coast as Category 3 storm

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Hurricane Erick struck Mexico's southern Pacific coast as a powerful Category 3 storm early Thursday, causing severe flooding, wind damage, and widespread power outages across the state of Oaxaca. It later weakened to a Category 1, with sustained winds dropping to 85 miles per hour. The storm made landfall near Puerto Escondido, where residents and emergency crews scrambled to clear roads, restore power, and repair damaged homes and boats. While no fatalities or serious injuries were reported, heavy rains triggered significant flooding in low-lying areas. Mexican authorities had deployed troops and utility workers in advance and established nearly 2,000 emergency shelters across Oaxaca, Guerrero, and Chiapas. President Claudia Sheinbaum



urged residents to seek safe shelter ahead of the storm. The U.S. National Hurricane Center warned of continued risks from storm surges, flash floods, and mudslides, particularly in steep terrain. With memories of Hurricane Otis in 2023 still fresh, many in Acapulco and surrounding regions prepared early, helping limit casualties and structural losses this time.

SpaceX Starship explodes in Texas during testing, delaying Mars plans



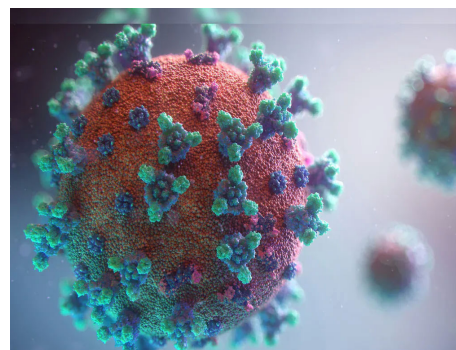
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SpaceX's Starship rocket exploded during a late-night test at its Starbase facility in Brownsville, Texas, dealing another setback to Elon Musk's Mars ambitions. The explosion occurred around 11 p.m. local time on Wednesday while the rocket was on a test stand ahead of its tenth flight. According to SpaceX, a "major anomaly" led to the blast, though no injuries were reported. Initial findings suggest a nitrogen Composite Overwrapped Pressure Vessel (COPV) in the payload bay failed, Musk said on his social platform X. Videos captured at least two explosions lighting up the night sky and sending debris flying.

This marks another blow in a series of failed Starship tests. In May, a Starship vehicle lost control mid-flight, while earlier launches in January and March ended in explosions. In one case, debris rained over Caribbean islands, prompting the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to intervene. Despite the repeated failures, SpaceX continues to press ahead with its Starship program, which is critical to Musk's long-term goal of enabling human missions to Mars.

'Razor throat' COVID-19 variant detected in 15 U.S. states

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A new COVID-19 variant, NB.1.8.1—nicknamed "Nimbus" or "razor throat"—has now been detected in at least 15 U.S. states, including New York, California, and Illinois. Initially reported in China, the variant is known for causing sharp throat pain, along with fever, runny nose, vomiting, and diarrhea. According to CDC estimates, NB.1.8.1 now accounts for 37 percent of cases in the U.S., making it the second-most prevalent strain after LP.8.1. Although symptoms can be severe, the World Health Organization stated there is no evidence the variant causes more serious illness than earlier strains. Experts believe NB.1.8.1 could become a dominant global strain. The WHO currently lists it as a "variant under monitoring," with no change to vaccine effectiveness expected. Doctors in China and the West have also reported fatigue, headaches, and persistent coughing in infected patients.

Brad Lander arrested by ICE while shielding immigrant, slams Trump’s crackdown



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New York City mayoral candidate and current comptroller Brad Lander was briefly detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents while trying to prevent the arrest of an undocumented immigrant outside a Manhattan courthouse. Lander was participating in a monitoring effort with advocates when ICE agents, who failed to present a warrant, forcibly removed both him and the immigrant, Edgardo. Though Lander was released within hours, Edgardo remains in detention. The incident, which drew condemnation from Governor Kathy Hochul and several local leaders, has intensified criticism of the Trump administration’s aggressive immigration enforcement policies. Lander accused Trump of “weaponizing fear” and undermining democratic norms. He is the third Democratic official to be arrested in recent weeks for opposing immigration crackdowns, following Senator Alex Padilla and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka. With the mayoral election days away, the incident has brought new attention to Lander’s progressive campaign, including his cross-endorsement with fellow candidate Zohran Mamdani.

NTSB urges safety action over smoke risk in Boeing 737 MAX engines



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The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has issued an urgent safety recommendation following incidents of smoke entering the cockpit of Boeing 737 MAX jets powered by CFM LEAP-1B engines. The issue was linked to the Load Reduction Device (LRD) activating during bird strikes, including two events involving Southwest Airlines in 2023. The NTSB called on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure flight crews are informed and adequately trained, warning the problem could arise during critical phases such as takeoff and landing. Boeing and the FAA both agreed with the recommendations, and Boeing confirmed that a software update is underway. The NTSB also asked European and Chinese regulators to examine risks with LEAP-1A and LEAP-1C engines used in Airbus A320neo and COMAC C919 aircraft. The FAA had previously considered procedure changes but did not mandate immediate action. The NTSB insists operators must prepare for potential smoke exposure during emergencies and implement long-term fixes once available.

Court allows Trump to keep control of California National Guard amid legal battle

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U.S. federal appeals court has ruled that President Donald Trump can maintain federal control over the California National Guard, despite ongoing legal opposition from California Governor Gavin Newsom. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals extended a temporary stay on a lower court ruling that had deemed Trump’s actions unconstitutional. The panel found it “likely” that Trump lawfully exercised authority under federal law to federalize the Guard.

On June 7, Trump deployed nearly 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines to Los Angeles following mass protests against immigration raids by ICE. U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer later ruled that Trump’s move violated the law, citing a lack of coordination with the state governor.

While that ruling ordered Trump to return control to Newsom, the 9th Circuit temporarily blocked it within hours.



The legal dispute hinges on whether the protests constituted a “rebellion” or met other legal conditions for federalization. Newsom maintains that the deployment infringes on state sovereignty and involved troops in domestic law enforcement—an act barred by law. The Department of Justice argues that presidential judgment in such emergencies is not subject to judicial review. The case may reach the U.S. Supreme Court if California pursues further appeal.

Trump’s Iran strategy sparks MAGA backlash over foreign entanglements

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President Donald Trump is facing growing criticism from within his own political base over the prospect of U.S. military involvement in a potential conflict with Iran. Prominent voices from the “Make America Great Again” movement—including former strategist Steve Bannon, Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, and ex-Fox News host Tucker Carlson—have expressed strong opposition to any escalation, warning that entering another Middle East war would betray Trump’s long-standing America First principles.

The backlash reveals sharp divisions within Trump’s conservative coalition. Greene posted on social media that “anyone slobbering for the U.S. to become fully involved in the Israel/Iran war is not America First/MAGA.” Meanwhile, Bannon called on Trump to slow deliberations and clarify his intentions. Trump, however, appeared unfazed by the dissent, stating



on Wednesday that he remains focused on broader foreign policy goals, including peace in Ukraine and trade negotiations.

Senator Lindsey Graham offered a contrasting view, urging Trump to support Israel fully, calling Iran an “existential threat.” As early debates unfold, Trump must navigate growing tensions within his base, even as he nears the end of his presidency and works to preserve Republican control of Congress in the 2026 midterms.

Judge backs FDA’s decision to remove Ozempic and Wegovy from shortage list

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U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman ruled Tuesday that the FDA properly evaluated market conditions before ending its shortage designation for semaglutide, rejecting a lawsuit by the Outsourcing Facilities Association. The group had argued that the drugs were still in limited supply and that the FDA acted hastily, citing statements by then-Novo Nordisk CEO Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen in late 2024. Pittman disagreed, noting the FDA had accounted for such claims.

The ruling is a setback for compounding pharmacies, which had been producing semaglutide copies during the shortage to meet demand for affordable obesity and diabetes treatments. Larger outsourcing facilities were



told to stop by May 22, while smaller ones were required to halt by April. Pittman had already denied an injunction in April and rejected a similar case involving Eli Lilly’s Zepbound and Mounjaro in May. That case is currently on appeal.

LGBTQ suicide hotline to end amid backlash over mental health cuts



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The LGBTQ-focused “Press 3” hotline option within the 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline will end on July 17, 2025, due to funding cuts under President Trump’s proposed 2026 budget. Since launching in 2022, the service has helped over 1.3 million LGBTQ youth and young adults. Its cancellation has drawn sharp criticism from mental health advocates and members of the LGBTQ community, who say the move will strip critical, identity-affirming support for vulnerable callers. Springfield, Missouri, resident Raylea Crockett said the hotline helped her during a personal crisis and that its loss would leave many feeling isolated, especially in conservative areas. SAMHSA, the federal agency overseeing the lifeline, said it would now focus on general services. Transgender advocate Brandon Gieger emphasized that LGBTQ teens often lack family support and rely on targeted mental health resources. Advocates are encouraging individuals to turn to local centers like GLO and online LGBTQ support networks for help.

New DHS policy restricts congressional access to ICE field offices

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has introduced new guidelines limiting members of Congress from visiting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field offices without prior notice. Under the policy, ICE now holds “sole discretion” to deny, cancel, or reschedule such visits, a shift critics say undermines lawful oversight.

Although federal law guarantees lawmakers access to detention centers without prior approval, ICE argues that field offices do not fall under the same rules. The updated guidelines require lawmakers to provide at least 72 hours’ notice before visiting a field office, even though immigrants are often held at these sites before transfers.

The move follows a string of confrontations between Democratic officials and ICE agents, including the arrest of Newark Mayor Ras Baraka and New York Comptroller Brad Lander. The policy is part of the Trump administration’s intensified immigration enforcement, which includes broader efforts to deport undocumented immigrants and target student visa holders with pro-Palestinian views.

Senate Democrats demand answers from Kennedy over canceled bird flu vaccine deal



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Senate Democrats are calling on Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to publicly release the internal reviews that led to the cancellation of a \$590 million federal contract with Moderna to develop a bird flu vaccine. The deal, awarded in January under the Biden administration, was terminated last month by the Trump administration. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Tammy Duckworth condemned the decision, calling it a “grievous mistake” that could endanger public health and contribute to rising egg prices. They also linked the move to Kennedy’s long-standing skepticism of vaccines, which runs contrary to established science. The lawmakers requested the Department of Health and Human Services provide a detailed briefing and disclose evaluations behind this and another canceled \$258 million HIV vaccine project. HHS said the cancellations followed internal reviews that found the projects fell short of safety and scientific standards. Kennedy recently replaced the CDC vaccine advisory panel with individuals critical of mRNA vaccines.

Supreme Court allows temporary nuclear waste site in Texas to proceed



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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6–3 in favor of allowing a temporary nuclear waste storage facility in West Texas, dismissing the state’s lawsuit against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Writing for the majority, Justice Brett Kavanaugh said Texas lacked standing to challenge the license. The site, situated over the Permian Basin, will house spent nuclear fuel from decommissioned or full-capacity plants. Opponents, including Texas Solicitor General Aaron Nielson, warned the facility places a “terrorist bullseye” on a vital oil region. Justice Neil Gorsuch dissented, arguing that federal law only allows storage at reactors or government sites. Proponents, including nuclear expert Steve Nesbit, emphasized the safety of storing spent fuel in robust containers. The ruling follows decades of federal struggle to find a permanent repository after the Yucca Mountain project stalled. The commission maintains that temporary facilities are essential as nuclear sites run out of room for waste storage.

Social Security and Medicare may face cuts by 2033, trustees warn

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Social Security and Medicare funds are projected to run out of money sooner than expected, according to the latest report from the programs’ trustees. Social Security’s combined retirement and disability trust funds could become insolvent by 2034 if merged, or as early as 2033 if kept separate. Medicare’s hospital insurance fund is also projected to run dry by 2033.

The report highlights mounting pressure on Congress to act. Without intervention, automatic cuts would reduce Social Security benefits by 23 percent and Medicare hospital payments by 11 percent starting in 2033. Approximately 70 million Americans rely on Social Security and 66 million on Medicare.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent emphasized the need for legislative action



to ensure the programs’ sustainability. Although the Trump administration has pledged to protect both, it continues to support efforts to curb fraud and waste. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reported blocking over \$100 billion in suspicious claims in recent months, though that’s only a fraction of annual spending nearing \$2 trillion.

Pentagon prepares options for Trump amid Israel-Iran escalation

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth told Congress Wednesday that the Pentagon has prepared multiple military options for President Donald Trump as tensions rise between Israel and Iran. While Hegseth did not confirm if the U.S. would join Israeli airstrikes, he said “maximum force protection” is in place for American troops in the Middle East.

Trump has not yet announced a decision on a U.S. strike, though Israel has recently bombed several Iranian nuclear facilities. Tehran has warned of retaliation if the U.S. intervenes. One key target, the Fordo uranium site, would require U.S. bunker-buster bombs and stealth bombers.

Lawmakers, including Senator Jack Reed, urged caution to avoid a wider war. Meanwhile, the Pentagon has moved additional refueling and fighter aircraft to



the region, citing evacuation readiness and force protection.

Hegseth also faced criticism over domestic deployments, including the controversial use of Marines and National Guard troops in Los Angeles protests, and was pressed on broader plans for military use in U.S. cities—questions he largely deflected.

Hegseth faces scrutiny over military culture, base renaming, and DEI rollbacks

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is facing mounting criticism from lawmakers over his efforts to reverse military diversity initiatives and restore Confederate-era symbolism. During a Senate hearing, Hegseth defended the Pentagon’s recent decision to rename Fort Gregg-Adams in Virginia back to Fort Lee, now honoring a different figure—Buffalo Soldier Pvt. Fitz Lee—rather than Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Hegseth also confirmed the removal of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, describing a ban on transgender troops as a move to restore the “warrior ethos.” Critics say the changes send a regressive message. Senator Tim Kaine noted that families of Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams—previously honored—were not informed prior to the announcement.



This cultural shift comes as the Defense Department grapples with other controversies, including the deployment of troops during domestic protests and questions over the use of encrypted messaging apps for planning military operations. Lawmakers from both parties expressed concern about the administration’s transparency and direction in defense policy.

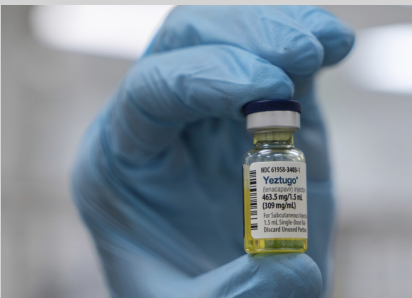
Supreme Court upholds Tennessee ban on gender-affirming care for minors



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In a 6–3 decision, the Supreme Court upheld Tennessee’s law banning gender-affirming medical care for minors, including hormone therapy, puberty blockers, and surgery. The ruling marks a significant setback for transgender rights and signals likely success for similar laws in 24 other states. Writing for the conservative majority, Chief Justice John Roberts said the law does not violate the 14th Amendment’s Equal Protection Clause. Justice Sonia Sotomayor dissented strongly, warning the decision abandons transgender youth to “political whims.” Civil rights advocates fear the ruling opens the door to further restrictions, including on adult care and LGBTQ+ rights more broadly. President Trump has supported such bans, framing them as protection against “junk science.” Major medical organizations have defended gender-affirming care as safe and effective, while critics cite unresolved international debates and emphasize potential long-term effects. The decision leaves open questions about parental rights and legal scrutiny of anti-transgender laws.

FDA approves first twice-yearly shot to prevent HIV



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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first HIV prevention drug that only needs to be taken twice a year. The injectable medication, lenacapavir—sold under the brand name Yeztugo by Gilead Sciences—offers a breakthrough for individuals at high risk of HIV. Clinical trials showed it was 96% effective in protecting cisgender women and 100% effective in men who have sex with men and gender-diverse people. Experts hail it as a major advancement in curbing HIV infections, particularly as adherence to daily PrEP pills remains a challenge. However, global health advocates warn that recent cuts to U.S.-funded HIV programs could limit access, especially in lower-income countries. Lenacapavir must be administered by a health professional, and patients must test HIV-negative before each dose. Gilead is also working on a once-yearly version to further increase access. The shot’s high efficacy may complicate future HIV vaccine trials due to ethical concerns.

Evacuated Indian students recount horrors of missile strikes in Tehran

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A group of 110 Indian students arrived safely in New Delhi on Thursday after being evacuated from Iran amid rising conflict between Iran and Israel. The students, most of whom were from Jammu and Kashmir, had been temporarily relocated to Armenia before being flown back to India under Operation Sindhu.

The students described a terrifying ordeal, witnessing missiles, drone attacks, and buildings shaking from nearby explosions. “It felt like a war zone,” said MBBS student Mir Khalif. “We saw missiles in the sky and heard bombs around us. Our building literally shook.”

Another student, Varta from Kashmir, said, “We were the first to be evacuated. The Indian government and Embassy worked swiftly. When they reached us, it felt like home.”



Ali Akbar, a student from Delhi, recounted seeing a missile and drone crash while traveling in a bus. “Tehran is in ruins. What you see on the news is real,” he said.

Minister of State for External Affairs

Kirti Vardhan Singh welcomed the students at Delhi airport and confirmed more flights are planned. He thanked Armenia and Turkmenistan for their support and said 24x7 helplines remain open for Indian nationals seeking evacuation from Iran.

Indian student dies suddenly in Canada; cause of death unclear

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An Indian student at the University of Calgary has died unexpectedly, the Consulate General of India in Vancouver confirmed on Thursday. The student, identified as Tanya Tyagi, passed away under circumstances that remain unclear. “We are saddened by the sudden demise of Ms. Tanya Tyagi,” the Consulate posted on X. “We are in touch with the authorities and will provide all required assistance to the bereaved family. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers are with her family and friends.”

Further details on the cause of death have not yet been released by Canadian authorities.

Chennai-born Anantha Chandrakasan appointed MIT's new provost



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Professor Anantha Chandrakasan has been appointed as the new provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), making him the first Indian-American to hold the prestigious role. A Chennai native and MIT’s current chief innovation and strategy officer, Chandrakasan will assume the role on July 1. As provost, he will serve as MIT’s chief academic and budget officer, overseeing strategic planning, academic programs, and faculty development. MIT President Sally Kornbluth praised his exceptional record in innovation, fundraising, and academic leadership. Chandrakasan previously served as dean of the School of Engineering and headed MIT’s Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department.

He emphasized the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration, stating that future innovation requires integration between STEM fields and humanities. The Indian Consulate in New York congratulated him, noting his advocacy for India–U.S. technological partnerships. Chandrakasan, who earned his degrees at UC Berkeley, has long supported collaborative research and education initiatives between the two nations.

Ludhiana woman rescued after two months of captivity in Muscat



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A young woman from Ludhiana district has returned home safely after being held captive for nearly two months in Muscat, Oman. Lured by the promise of a clinical job offering Rs 30,000–40,000 monthly salary, she arrived in April on a two-year work visa but was forced into illegal labor under inhumane conditions.

At a gathering in Sultanpur Lodhi’s Nirmal Kutiya, the woman described her ordeal as “hell.” Her passport was

confiscated, she was denied wages, and even the money she had brought was taken. She was reportedly threatened with death or being sold if she resisted.

Her rescue came after Rajya Sabha MP Balbir Singh Seechewal intervened and contacted the Ministry of External Affairs. The Indian Embassy facilitated her safe return.

Seechewal has called for a crackdown on trafficking networks and warned against trusting unverified job agents abroad. The family expressed deep gratitude and urged legal action against those responsible.

Two Indian women sentenced for shoplifting during transit at Singapore airport

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Two Indian women were penalized in Singapore for stealing from stores at Changi Airport during their transit to Bali earlier this month. Goenka Simran, 29, was sentenced to eight days in jail after pleading guilty to theft from the Furla store and a cosmetics shop. The stolen items, including a purse and a perfume bottle, were worth over SGD 500 combined.

Her accomplice, Garg Prasha, 30, received a SGD 700 fine after admitting to stealing a backpack worth SGD 80 from Charles & Keith. She was caught within an hour of her arrival by airport security.



Singapore’s Deputy Principal District Judge noted the offense was committed almost immediately upon arrival and stressed the seriousness of shoplifting in transit zones. Theft in dwelling can carry a sentence of up to seven years in prison, a fine, or both under Singaporean law.

Two Indian students sentenced for multi-million dollar scams targeting elderly Americans

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Two Indian students in the United States have been sentenced to federal prison in separate fraud schemes that targeted elderly Americans, leading to millions in losses. Kishan Rajeshkumar Patel, 20, was sentenced to over five years in prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering. He used phishing scams impersonating U.S. officials to deceive seniors into handing over money and gold. Authorities said Patel defrauded at least 25 victims, with an intended loss of over \$2.69 million. He was arrested in Texas in August 2024 while attempting to collect \$130,000.

In a related case, another Indian student, Moinuddin Mohammed, was sentenced earlier this year to eight years in prison for defrauding elderly victims of nearly \$6 million. Both were on student visas, though their institutions were not disclosed. U.S. officials have emphasized the need for elderly Americans to remain vigilant against such scams, especially those involving impersonations of government representatives.

Italy-based NRI booked in Punjab for immigration scam



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Phagwara police have registered a case against Tersem Chand, an Italy-based Non-Resident Indian originally from Jagatpur-Jattan village, for allegedly duping a local man under the guise of arranging immigration to Italy. The complainant, Arun Kumar of Khera village, stated he paid Rs 16 lakh in installments but received no services or documents. Authorities charged Chand under Sections 420 and 406 of the Indian Penal Code, along with the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act. Preliminary investigations found Kumar’s claims credible, and efforts are underway to trace Chand, who remains at large.

Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Toora has advised citizens to verify the credentials of travel agents and report fraud promptly, noting an uptick in such cases across the region.

Indian-origin man dies in Australia after controversial police arrest



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A 42-year-old Indian-origin man, Gaurav Kundi, has died in Adelaide after an Australian police officer allegedly knelt on his neck during an attempted arrest. Kundi, originally from Modbury North, suffered an “unrecoverable” brain injury and passed away in the hospital days later.

According to 7News Australia, the police intervened in what they believed was a domestic dispute between Kundi and his wife, Amritpal Kaur. Kundi was reportedly intoxicated but non-violent. Footage captured by Kaur showed him protesting his arrest and claiming innocence before becoming unresponsive.

South Australian Police Commissioner Grant Stevens has confirmed an internal and independent investigation into the incident. The case has drawn comparisons to the 2020 killing of George Floyd in the U.S., sparking outrage among civil rights observers. Kundi’s death has renewed calls for stricter oversight of police practices, especially involving minority communities.

Kerala mountaineer rescued after blizzard ordeal on Mount Denali

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Sheikh Hassan Khan, a 38-year-old government employee from Kerala and an experienced mountaineer, was dramatically rescued from a severe blizzard while attempting to summit Mount Denali in Alaska — the highest peak in North America. Khan, along with a fellow climber from Tamil Nadu, became stranded at 17,000 feet after weather conditions rapidly deteriorated on Tuesday.

Isolated and with food and water supplies dwindling, the duo used a satellite phone to issue distress calls. Prompt intervention from the Denali National Park Rangers, supported by the Indian Embassy and coordinated through high-level diplomatic channels, ensured a swift response. According to official confirmation from Denali’s South District Ranger Tucker Chenoweth, both climbers were able to self-extricate and are currently descending under close supervision via phone contact.

The rescue effort gained traction after multiple Indian leaders, including Union Minister of State George Kurian, MP Shashi Tharoor, BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar, and Congress MP Anto Antony, intervened. Alaska Governor’s office also coordinated support through the Chief of Staff.

Khan’s family, in Thiruvananthapuram, expressed immense relief following confirmation of his safety. They credited the successful operation to widespread prayers and the tireless efforts of both Indian and U.S. authorities.

Khan, who had previously summited Denali in June 2023, was attempting to raise a banner in honor of India’s Armed Forces and Operation Sindoor, a tribute to their valor amid the recent India-Pakistan escalation. Although the mission remains incomplete, Khan’s commitment has earned admiration across the mountaineering and defense communities.

On a sabbatical since 2023 to pursue his passion for mountaineering full-time, Khan has scaled six of the Seven Summits — the highest peaks on each continent, excluding Australia. He often says, “While most people take loans to build their dream home, I take loans to climb mountains.”



Chicago doctor sentenced to 10 years for health care fraud scheme

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Dr. Mona Ghosh, a suburban Chicago OB-GYN, has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for orchestrating a massive health care fraud involving false claims and non-consensual procedures. Between 2018 and 2022, Ghosh submitted fraudulent claims to Medicaid, TRICARE, and private insurers for services that were either unnecessary or never performed, including ultrasounds, biopsies, and lab tests.

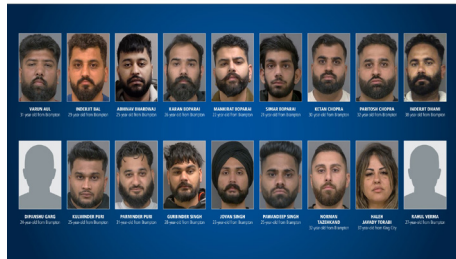


counts of health care fraud and was ordered to pay approximately \$1.5 million in restitution.

Federal authorities described her actions as a grave betrayal of trust, particularly as they endangered patients’ reproductive health. Her conviction marks a significant victory for law enforcement agencies seeking to protect public healthcare resources and uphold patient safety across the U.S. medical system.

Some procedures were done without patient consent, with Ghosh inflating billing codes to claim higher reimbursements. She also falsified medical records to support the fraudulent charges. Ghosh, 52, pleaded guilty to two

Violent extortion gang of Indian descent dismantled by Peel Regional Police in Canada



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Shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit concluded, Peel Regional Police revealed the successful dismantling of a violent extortion gang in the suburbs of Toronto. As part of “Operation Outsource,” authorities arrested 18 individuals—17 of whom are of Indian descent—on 97 charges related to drive-by shootings, arson, extortion, insurance fraud, and violence tied to the local towing industry.

Police recovered over CAD 4.2 million (approximately USD 3.1 million) worth of assets, including firearms, crossbows, bulletproof vests, tasers, and stolen vehicles. Peel Chief Nishan Duraiappah explained that the group preyed on South Asian business owners through threats, staged accidents and towing schemes.

Launched in December 2023, the operation dismantled two connected criminal fronts—extortion and towing-based racketeering—bringing relief to a community long affected by fear and intimidation.

U.S.-based Punjabis to honor Ghadar movement with mural and documentary

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A section of the Punjabi diaspora in North Portland, Oregon, is launching a community-led mural and documentary project celebrating the Ghadar movement and its founder, Baba Sohan Singh Bhakna. The initiative is part of the “Unity in the Community” celebration and aims to highlight Bhakna’s historic resistance against anti-immigrant violence in early 20th-century America.

The mural, to be painted on July 26, will feature Bhakna alongside local civil rights icons such as Hattie Redmond

and Dr. Merriman. The Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge, a historic community hub, is leading the project with support from students, artists, and volunteers.

Oregon Public Broadcasting will document the project, which will also include footage for an upcoming film on Bhakna’s life and the Ghadar movement. Navdeep, a professor and son of Pashaura Singh Dhillon—who was raised by Bhakna—will inaugurate the mural. Organizers aim to inspire younger generations by showcasing North Portland’s multicultural legacy and the enduring relevance of freedom movements led by immigrants.

Cambodia bans Thai produce and entertainment as border dispute intensifies

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Cambodia has banned Thai fruit, vegetables, films, and soap operas amid escalating tensions over a long-standing border dispute. The conflict reignited in May after a fatal clash near the Mom Bei area, where Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos converge. In response, Cambodia imposed trade and media restrictions and shortened visa stays. Tens of thousands rallied in Phnom Penh in support of the Cambodian government's stance. Deputy Prime Minister Hun Many said the people would “stand in united spirit” against threats. Cambodia has asked the International Court of Justice to intervene, though Thailand prefers bilateral negotiations. Prime Minister Hun Manet stressed peaceful resolution but vowed to protect Cambodia's territorial integrity, while Thailand pledged to safeguard its sovereignty amid growing nationalist sentiment on both sides.

Flights to Bali canceled after Indonesian volcano spews 10-kilometer ash plume



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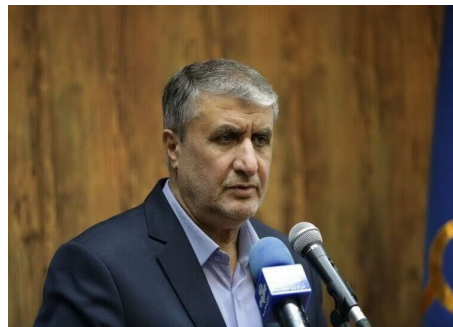
Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki erupted on the island of Flores, Indonesia, spewing an ash column 10 kilometers high and disrupting air travel to and from Bali. The eruption on Tuesday prompted officials to raise Indonesia's disaster alert to the highest level. Virgin Australia, Jetstar, and Air New Zealand were among airlines canceling flights due to hazardous ash conditions. Domestic AirAsia flights were also affected. Authorities advised staying at least 7 kilometers away from the crater and warned of potential lahar floods if heavy rain occurs. The National Disaster Mitigation Agency reported evacuations from nearby villages. Residents were urged to wear masks as ashfall was detected outside the exclusion zone. The volcano last erupted fatally in November 2023.

Iran urges IAEA to condemn Israeli strikes on nuclear sites

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Iran has urged the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to condemn what it called Israeli attacks on its peaceful nuclear infrastructure, following a recent strike on the Arak heavy water reactor facility in Khondab County. Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, sent a formal letter to IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, criticizing the agency's “inaction” and demanding an official response to what he described as violations of international law.

The call comes amid escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran, now entering their seventh day. Israeli airstrikes launched on June 13 targeted several military and nuclear sites across Iran, reportedly killing top commanders and nuclear scientists. In retaliation, Iran launched missile and drone strikes on Israeli targets. A missile struck Soroka Medical Center in



southern Israel on Thursday, injuring at least 71 people. However, Iran's UN mission claimed the intended target was a military telecommunications base, not civilian infrastructure.

Iran insisted it remains committed to international humanitarian law, denying any attacks on non-military sites. The recent attacks have deepened concerns among global observers about the risk of broader regional escalation and the vulnerability of nuclear facilities during conflict.

UK moves to allow drilling at North Sea oilfields after court setback

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British ministers have reopened the possibility of drilling at two controversial North Sea oilfields—Rosebank and Jackdaw—by issuing new guidance on how environmental impacts should be assessed. Energy Security Minister Michael Shanks said the updated framework provides clarity for developers following a 2024 Supreme Court ruling that blocked the projects for failing to include downstream emissions in environmental assessments.

The new guidance applies to already licensed oil and gas projects and outlines how emissions from burning the extracted fuel must be factored in. Shanks emphasized the government's goal of balancing energy security with climate commitments, calling it a “managed and



prosperous transition” for the North Sea.

Despite the government's green ambitions, climate group Uplift warned that the UK will be 94% reliant on imported gas by 2050, even if these fields are approved. Developers Equinor and Shell welcomed the updated rules, signaling plans to comply and reapply. The move puts pressure on Labour to align climate goals with energy needs while under scrutiny from both environmentalists and industry.

UN rights chief urges China to end rights violations in Tibet and Xinjiang

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United Nations Human Rights Commissioner Volker Türk has called on China to end ongoing rights violations in Tibet and align its policies with international human rights law. Speaking at the 59th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Türk highlighted a lack of progress on legal reforms in China and ongoing infringements on cultural and civic rights in Tibet. “I call for the release of all individuals detained for exercising their rights,” he said, stressing the need for urgent legal changes. Türk also voiced concern over violations in Xinjiang, including incommunicado detention and harsh prison terms, as well as Hong Kong's shrinking civic space under



national security laws.

Türk reiterated that his office continues to engage with Beijing but regrets the lack of resolution in individual cases raised. He also warned of a broader erosion of international law, citing the military escalation between Iran and Israel as a growing humanitarian concern requiring immediate diplomatic intervention.

Measles alert issued in Sydney after infected traveler arrives from Southeast Asia



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Health officials in New South Wales have issued a measles alert after a confirmed case arrived at Sydney International Airport aboard Vietnam Airlines flight VN773 on Monday. Passengers and airport visitors between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. are urged to monitor for symptoms over the next 18 days. Acting public health director Mitchell Smith warned that early signs include fever, cough, and sore eyes, followed by a spreading rash. Australia has seen 80 measles cases in 2025, up from 57 last year. Measles is a highly contagious airborne virus that can lead to serious complications. Vaccination remains the most effective prevention method, particularly for children and those traveling to regions with active outbreaks.

United Nations warns of possible famine as hunger deepens in Yemen



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The United Nations has warned that famine hotspots could emerge in Yemen in the coming months, citing widespread acute hunger. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs urged immediate action to prevent a humanitarian disaster. On Wednesday, Yemeni Foreign Minister Shaya Zindani met with UN Resident Coordinator Julien Harneis to seek greater international support. The 2025 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan remains less than 10 percent funded. Yemen's civil war, ongoing since 2014, has displaced millions and collapsed public infrastructure. The Saudi-led coalition's intervention in 2015 worsened the crisis. Despite years of mediation, peace remains elusive, and millions remain at risk of malnutrition, disease, and displacement.

Israel says Hezbollah commander killed in southern Lebanon airstrike



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The Israeli military announced it killed Yassin Abdel Menam Ezz al-Din, a senior Hezbollah artillery commander in Lebanon's Litani sector, in an airstrike near Barish. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said he was responsible for repeated rocket fire on northern Israel and attempts to rebuild Hezbollah's artillery operations.

The strike comes amid ongoing regional tensions linked to the broader conflict with Iran. The IDF said al-Din's actions violated security understandings between Israel and Lebanon.

In a separate operation, the IDF demolished the home of Samer Hussein in the West Bank village of Einabus. Hussein, linked to Hamas, carried out a 2024 shooting that injured nine people—four soldiers and five civilians—at the Gitti Avishar intersection in Ariel. Israeli officials cited the demolition as part of a deterrence strategy.

Argentina's ex-president Cristina Fernández to serve corruption sentence under house arrest



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A federal court in Argentina has allowed former president Cristina Fernández de Kirchner to serve her six-year prison sentence for corruption under house arrest in Buenos Aires. Judges cited her age (72) and security concerns, including a failed assassination attempt in 2022. She must remain at her registered address unless under exceptional circumstances. Fernández, who led Argentina from 2007 to 2015, was convicted in 2022 for fraudulently awarding public contracts to an ally, causing significant financial loss to the state. Last week, the Supreme Court upheld her conviction and banned her permanently from holding public office. The ruling came just days after she launched her legislative campaign, sparking street protests from her supporters. A polarizing figure in Argentine politics, Fernández has denied the charges and accused the judiciary of political bias. She still faces additional trials for other corruption-related offenses.

Russia to exit 1996 defense pact with Germany amid worsening ties

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Russia has announced plans to terminate its 1996 military-technical cooperation agreement with Germany, citing the deal's irrelevance amid rising diplomatic tensions. The Russian Foreign Ministry stated Thursday that the agreement no longer reflects the reality of "openly hostile" German policies and growing militarism from Berlin. Moscow accused Germany of fueling anti-Russian sentiment and warned that internal procedures to exit the agreement are already underway. Russia is also preparing retaliatory measures over what it described as the persecution of a Russian journalist in Berlin. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said German journalists in Moscow are now being reviewed for potential countermeasures.



The agreement, once a symbol of post-Cold War cooperation, has unraveled since the start of the Ukraine conflict. Russia accuses Germany of trying to erase Russian media from its information space and pursuing foreign policy ambitions that undermine Russian security. The fallout reflects the sharp decline in bilateral relations between the two former strategic partners.

North Korea fires multiple rockets after US-South Korea-Japan air drills

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North Korea fired around 10 multiple rocket launcher shells into the Yellow Sea on Thursday morning, South Korea's military said. The launch occurred from the Sunan area near Pyongyang, just one day after trilateral aerial exercises were held by South Korea, the United States, and Japan. The North's 240mm multiple rocket system is capable of striking Seoul and nearby regions. Officials say intelligence authorities are analyzing the test, which follows a pattern of provocative weapons demonstrations in response to joint military drills.

Last month, North Korea also fired cruise missiles after an incident involving a damaged warship launch. The Joint Chiefs



of Staff in Seoul warned Pyongyang not to misjudge the security situation and said South Korea maintains strong capabilities to respond to provocations.

Despite global sanctions banning ballistic missile tests, North Korea continues frequent launches, while cruise missile launches are typically not announced immediately by the South.

Bolsonaro accused of running illegal spy network from palace

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Brazil's former president Jair Bolsonaro has been formally accused of overseeing an illegal spying operation during his presidency. Federal police allege the scheme targeted journalists, politicians, and environmentalists from 2019 to 2022 through a "parallel" intelligence unit embedded in Brazil's official intelligence agency, Abin.

The investigation claims Bolsonaro's appointee, Alexandre Ramagem, led the surveillance effort, which reportedly used hacked data to launch online attacks via a secretive media team inside the presidential palace. Bolsonaro's son Carlos is also among more than 30 individuals implicated.

Victims allegedly included Supreme Court justices, lawmakers, and Ibama officials, such as Hugo Loss, a key



Amazon defender. Bolsonaro, who already faces charges over a coup plot, could be arrested following a Supreme Court ruling. He and Ramagem have denied the accusations. Carlos Bolsonaro dismissed the charges as political retaliation from President Lula's administration.

Czech government survives no-confidence vote over bitcoin donation scandal

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The Czech Republic's coalition government led by Prime Minister Petr Fiala narrowly survived a no-confidence vote on Wednesday. The motion, triggered by opposition party ANO, centered on a controversial Bitcoin donation to the Ministry of Justice and received only 94 votes—seven short of the 101 needed to bring down the government. The scandal involves a billion-crown Bitcoin donation from a man previously convicted of drug trafficking. Though Justice Minister Pavel Blazek resigned over the issue, he claimed no knowledge of illegal activity. Prime Minister Fiala said Blazek acted in good faith but acknowledged the donation was a misstep. Opposition leader Andrej Babis accused the government of losing moral credibility and demanded Finance Minister Zbynek Stanjura's resignation. Despite the controversy, Fiala asserted that his government remains stable and continues to enjoy parliamentary support.

India and Croatia boost ties across trade, tech and defense

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India and Croatia have agreed to strengthen cooperation in key sectors including defense, pharmaceuticals, renewable energy, and digital technology. During high-level meetings in Zagreb, both countries emphasized enhancing trade, cultural exchange, and people-to-people ties.

Leaders also discussed building resilient supply chains and deepening collaboration in areas like shipbuilding, semiconductors, and cybersecurity. The two nations affirmed shared democratic values and a mutual commitment to diplomacy over conflict.

Croatia expressed solidarity with India following the April terror attack, and both sides underscored the importance of peace and territorial integrity in global affairs. The visit marked a major step forward in India's outreach to European partners.

India expands Operation Sindhu to evacuate citizens from Israel as well



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India has extended Operation Sindhu to evacuate its citizens from Israel, amid escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran. Initially launched to bring Indian nationals back from Iran, the operation now includes the evacuation of nearly 38,000 Indian citizens from Israel. The group includes caregivers, diamond traders, IT professionals, students, and workers in construction and agriculture.

As Iranian strikes hit Israeli cities like Tel Aviv, India's Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that the Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv is facilitating evacuations through land routes and airlifts. All Indian nationals in Israel have been urged to register with the embassy.

Meanwhile, the first flight under Operation Sindhu brought 110 Indian students from Iran to Delhi via Yerevan. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh welcomed the evacuees and confirmed that over 350 more have requested assistance from Iran. Additional evacuation flights remain on standby.

Karnataka MLA's audio sparks corruption row in housing allotments



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A leaked audio clip of Congress MLA B.R. Patil has sparked a political uproar in Karnataka, with the BJP demanding a judicial probe. Patil, Deputy Chairman of the State Policy and Planning Commission, is heard accusing Housing Department officials of accepting bribes for house allotments. In a conversation with Minister Zameer Ahmad Khan's secretary, Patil claims 950 houses were distributed through bribery, ignoring his official recommendations. The BJP urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to sack the housing minister and order a probe led by a High Court judge. Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka stated the Congress government stands exposed, citing Patil's warning that the government's foundation could collapse if his information is revealed. Patil has not responded publicly to the controversy. The Congress has yet to issue an official statement. The audio has intensified accusations of corruption in the state administration.

PM Modi begins three-state visit, to launch projects and lead Yoga Day celebrations

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi commenced a two-day tour of Bihar, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh on Friday, focusing on development projects and Yoga Day celebrations. In Siwan, Bihar, he inaugurated the Vaishali-Deoria rail line and flagged off new train services, including the Patliputra-Gorakhpur Vande Bharat Express and India's first export locomotive to Guinea, built at the Marhowra Plant. He also launched six sewage treatment plants under Namami Gange and laid foundations for sanitation and water supply projects worth over Rs. 3,000 crore. Additionally, a 500 MWh Battery Energy Storage System across 15 substations and PMAY U housing benefits were announced.

Later, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Modi chaired the state government's first-anniversary event and unveiled development initiatives exceeding Rs.18,600 crore, spanning highways, health, irrigation, and railway connectivity to Boudh district. He also released the Odisha



Vision Document, launched the 'Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana' to honor eminent Odias, and flagged off 100 electric buses.

On June 21, Modi will lead the International Day of Yoga celebrations from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, joining nearly five lakh participants. This year's theme, "Yoga for One Earth, One Health," underscores wellness through unity. Yoga events will unfold at over 3.5 lakh locations nationwide.

Delhi CM and Tony Blair discuss urban governance and education reforms

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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta met former British Prime Minister Tony Blair on June 19 to discuss innovations in urban governance, education, and digital service delivery. The meeting, held at the Delhi Secretariat, was also attended by Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa. Gupta highlighted her administration's efforts under the "Viksit Delhi" initiative, including reforms in healthcare, women's empowerment, and environmental sustainability.

Blair praised Delhi's digital governance and educational advancements. The two leaders agreed to explore partnerships between the Delhi government and the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change. Gupta called the exchange "enriching," emphasizing the importance of learning from global best practices. Earlier in the day, she promoted the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Yojana, a health scheme for seniors, saying it reflects the government's commitment to dignity and care for the elderly.



Uddhav Thackeray vows to reclaim Mumbai, slams BJP and Shinde faction

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Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray vowed to reclaim control of Mumbai's civic body, accusing the BJP and the Eknath Shinde-led faction of dividing Marathi voters. Speaking at Shiv Sena's 59th Foundation Day, Thackeray said he is ready to face political attacks and hinted at a possible alliance with Raj Thackeray's MNS without directly naming him. He criticized recent political meetings, alleged attempts to impose Hindi in

Maharashtra, and accused the BJP of hypocrisy on Hindutva. Thackeray also condemned corruption, misgovernance, and the politicization of national tragedies, including a recent plane crash and infrastructure failures. He accused the BJP of inducting tainted leaders and suppressing dissent. Referring to central leadership, he said the country needs real governance, not just political theatrics, and took aim at Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Thackeray ended his speech with a call to unite Marathi voters against outside interference.

DNA identification confirms 220 victims in Air India crash; 202 bodies handed over



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Gujarat authorities confirmed that DNA matches have been identified for 220 victims of the Air India Flight AI171 crash, with 202 bodies handed over to families. The June 12 crash involved a Boeing 787 Dreamliner flying from Ahmedabad to London, which crashed shortly after takeoff, killing 241 people on board and several on the ground. Of the victims repatriated, 151 were Indian nationals, along with 34 British, seven Portuguese, one Canadian, and nine ground personnel. While 15 bodies were transported by air, 187 were sent by road. Health Minister Rushikesh Patel said the remaining remains would be released soon. Forensic and disaster response teams continue to assist with the process. Initial findings point to engine failure, though a formal probe by the DGCA and global aviation agencies is ongoing. The crash ranks among India's deadliest air disasters, prompting a national mourning and comprehensive emergency response.

Manish Sisodia slams BJP before appearing in classroom scam probe



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Aam Aadmi Party leader Manish Sisodia appeared before the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) in Delhi on Friday for questioning in connection with alleged irregularities in classroom construction. Before entering the ACB office, Sisodia accused the BJP of using fake cases and investigative agencies for political vendetta. The case involves the construction of over 12,000 classrooms during AAP's tenure, allegedly awarded at inflated costs without proper tenders.

The ACB claims each classroom cost around Rs. 24.86 lakh—nearly five times the standard—benefiting 34 contractors reportedly linked to the AAP. An additional Rs. 326 crore was allegedly added to the project cost without fresh bids. Sisodia defended the initiative, calling it a success in education reform, and dismissed the FIRs as baseless. Former health minister Satyendar Jain was also summoned earlier in June. AAP has consistently denied wrongdoing and labeled the investigation politically motivated.

Karnataka cabinet proposes new law for crowd control after stampede tragedy



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In response to the June 4 stampede that killed 11 during Royal Challengers Bangalore’s victory celebrations, the Karnataka government has proposed a new law to regulate large gatherings.

The draft Karnataka Crowd Control Bill, 2025, was discussed in the cabinet and aims to prevent future tragedies at political events, conferences, or commercial gatherings. Violators could face up to three years in prison and fines of up to Rs. 5 lakh. However, religious and traditional events like chariot festivals and Urs will be exempt.

The proposed law classifies offenses as non-cognizable and non-bailable, to be tried by a first-class magistrate. Event planners who fail to obtain permissions or whose events result in injury or death may be held criminally liable.

The bill is expected to be cleared in the next cabinet meeting. Authorities stress the need for accountability in crowd management and aim to improve safety at mass gatherings statewide.

Tripura considers adding sex education and HIV awareness to school curriculum



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Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha announced on June 19 that the state government is considering including sex education and HIV/AIDS awareness in the school curriculum for students in grades 8 through 12. Speaking at a legislative forum on HIV/AIDS, Saha, who also holds the health and education portfolios, emphasized the growing need to address these issues amid rising cases. He said that open discussions and awareness campaigns are critical to prevention and de-stigmatization. Saha urged leaders to speak on the topic during public events and recommended using MLA funds to support HIV/AIDS patients. He highlighted Tripura’s pioneering work in launching Red Ribbon Clubs in schools and encouraged broader youth participation in sports and cultural activities to combat addiction. The Chief Minister also noted a 106% increase in drug seizures this year, stressing the state’s zero-tolerance policy on narcotics.

Over 200 illegal Bangladeshi immigrants detained in Gujarat, deportation underway

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Gujarat Police have detained more than 200 undocumented Bangladeshi nationals across the state, with deportation procedures now underway. Director General of Police Vikas Sahay confirmed the development, stating that the arrests were made in the last 100 hours. Many of those detained had settled in areas like Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Surat, and Ahmedabad, working in construction and domestic sectors. Most entered India via porous borders in eastern states with the help of trafficking networks. Gujarat’s Anti-Terrorism Squad and Special Operations Groups uncovered widespread use of fake identity documents, including Aadhaar and passports. The state has launched one of its



largest operations against illegal immigration, deploying crime branches, anti-human trafficking units, and local police. Employers are now being asked to verify the legal status of all migrant workers. The government is also coordinating with the Border Security Force and central agencies to track and repatriate infiltrators more effectively.

Foreign universities opening campuses in India reflects rising global academic interest, says Pradhan

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Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, speaking at the 9th Convocation of the Central University of Rajasthan, said India’s growing influence is attracting top global universities, with eight already setting up campuses in the country. He emphasized that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 promotes multidisciplinary, skill-based education aligned with global standards. Praising Rajasthan’s legacy of academic excellence, Pradhan encouraged students to uphold tradition with innovation. At Manipal University Jaipur, he inaugurated a new lecture hall complex and urged institutions



to foster entrepreneurship and establish research parks. He said India must become a global solutions provider, guided by the spirit of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ and the vision of a developed nation by 2047.

Twelve Chhattisgarh Maoists surrender in Telangana amid police efforts

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Twelve members of the outlawed CPI (Maoist) group from Chhattisgarh surrendered in Telangana’s Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Friday, reflecting declining militant activity in the region. The group included two divisional committee members and four area commanders. Police officials credited “Operation Cheyutha,” Telangana’s de-radicalization campaign, for encouraging the surrender. So far in 2025, 294 Maoists have laid down arms in the district, and 1,260 nationwide. The surrendered



individuals cited disillusionment, harsh underground life, and a desire to rejoin families. Each received interim relief of Rs. 25,000 and will receive additional support based on their rank.

Election Commission rolls out new tech tools during assembly by-polls

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The Election Commission of India introduced several new initiatives during recent assembly by-elections to improve transparency and voter convenience. Among the firsts was a mobile phone deposit facility at all polling stations, allowing voters to securely store their phones before casting votes. For the first time in nearly two decades, a Special Summary Revision of the electoral rolls was conducted before the polls. The Commission

also implemented 100 percent webcasting at nearly all 1,354 polling stations across five constituencies in Gujarat, Kerala, Punjab, and West Bengal. A real-time voter turnout reporting system through the ECINET App was also introduced, letting presiding officers update data every two hours. These initiatives were led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and his team. Officials say these measures will be fully deployed in upcoming elections, including the Bihar Assembly polls, to ensure secure, tech-enabled voting experiences nationwide.

IIT Madras enters top 200 in global QS rankings for the first time



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IIT Madras has broken into the top 200 of the QS World University Rankings 2026, ranking 180th globally—its highest-ever position. The institute jumped 47 spots from last year and now ranks third among Indian universities. The rise was driven by strong scores in academic reputation, faculty-student ratio, and sustainability. IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay ranked 123rd and 129th, respectively. This year, 54 Indian institutions made the global list, making India the fourth most represented country after the US, UK, and China. The rankings, published by QS Quacquarelli Symonds, assessed over 1,500 institutions worldwide.

Minister reviews aviation safety and services after Air India crash



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Following the fatal Air India crash in Ahmedabad, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu reviewed safety and passenger service standards with airline and airport officials.

In meetings with Air India, Indigo, SpiceJet, and Akasa, Naidu emphasized clear passenger communication, improved ground coordination, and empathetic customer service. Due to airspace restrictions and fleet issues, Air India is scaling down operations and will offer rebooking or refunds.

The Minister also held a video conference with Airport Directors nationwide, directing them to ensure food, water, and adequate seating during delays. He stressed wildlife hazard control and urged regular reviews with airlines to ensure operational safety and passenger convenience.

Tesla signs \$557 million battery storage deal with Shanghai



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Tesla has signed a \$557 million agreement to build its first grid-scale battery storage station in China, according to local media outlet Yicai. The deal was signed with China Kangfu International Leasing Co and the Shanghai municipal government on Friday. The energy storage site will be powered by Tesla's Megapack battery technology and located in Shanghai. It follows the February launch of Tesla's battery megafactory in the city, which manufactures Megapacks for large-scale energy storage applications. The project highlights Tesla's growing focus on sustainable energy solutions beyond electric vehicles. It also reflects continuing U.S.-China cooperation in the clean tech sector despite broader trade tensions.

Vietnam and U.S. advance trade talks amid tariff concerns

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Vietnam and the United States held online negotiations Thursday to discuss a potential trade agreement aimed at easing tariffs on Vietnamese exports. The talks involved Vietnamese Trade Minister Nguyen Hong Dien, U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer. Dien urged a review of reciprocal tariffs and improved market access for key Vietnamese goods. Vietnam is seeking relief from a 46% U.S. tariff on its exports, imposed largely due to its trade surplus. The Ministry of Industry and Trade described the dialogue as "candid, friendly, and constructive," with Dien supporting proposals from U.S. officials. Vietnam also proposed new, harmonized rules of origin aligned with global supply chains. The two sides are expected to continue discussions in the coming weeks.

German carmakers face \$535 million tariff hit in April



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German car manufacturers incurred approximately \$535 million in added costs in April due to new U.S. tariffs, according to Hildegard Mueller, head of the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA). The tariffs were introduced by President Donald Trump and primarily impacted exports from Germany to the United States. Mueller revealed the estimate in an interview with the Funke media group, saying the levies have created significant challenges for Germany's key auto sector. The VDA has warned that escalating trade tensions could reduce global competitiveness and lead to job losses. The industry has called for negotiations to resolve the dispute and prevent further economic fallout.

Canada threatens higher U.S. steel tariffs if no trade deal by July 21

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Primetime Minister Mark Carney warned Thursday that Canada will increase tariffs on U.S. steel and aluminum imports if no trade deal is reached by July 21. The announcement follows President Trump's recent hike of U.S. metal tariffs from 25 percent to 50 percent. Canada's response includes a proposed quota on foreign steel and the threat of elevated counter-tariffs.

Carney said the Canadian tariff rate will adjust based on progress in negotiations. A

new quota system will cap the amount of foreign steel allowed in duty-free, with higher tariffs applied above that threshold to protect domestic industry. He also pointed to a new bill that would fast-track infrastructure projects requiring steel and aluminum, helping offset the U.S. market loss.

Carney emphasized that Trump's actions are "unjust" and signaled he's prepared to escalate Canada's trade defense if talks stall. The measures aim to support local workers and stabilize the metals sector amid what Carney called a "trade war."



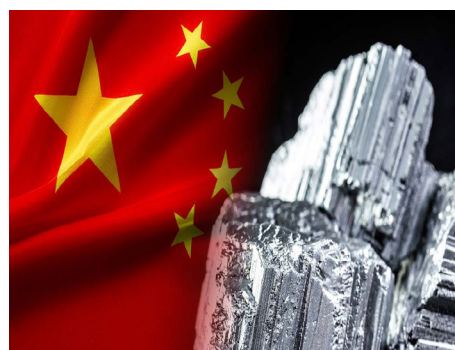
China's rare earth magnet exports plunge due to export restrictions

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China's exports of rare earth magnets dropped to their lowest monthly level in over five years in May, falling 52.9 percent from April to 1,238 metric tons, according to customs data. On a yearly basis, exports plunged 74 percent.

The sharp decline follows Beijing's April move to impose restrictions on seven medium-to-heavy rare earth products and certain magnets, which are critical to sectors like electric vehicles, aerospace, and military technology. China accounts for more than 90 percent of global rare earth magnet supply.

Tight customs scrutiny and classification challenges have led to major shipping delays. Some producers such as JL MAG



and Innuovo have secured limited export licenses, but uncertainty remains. Exports from January through May fell 14.5 percent year-on-year, totaling 19,132 tons.

These restrictions have disrupted supply chains worldwide, just as the U.S. and China were beginning to ease broader trade tensions. Beijing has since promised to accelerate export license approvals.

EU court adviser backs \$4.4 billion antitrust fine against Google

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Atop adviser to the European Union's highest court recommended that Google's appeal against a \$4.4 billion antitrust fine be rejected. The case concerns Google's dominance through its Android operating system, which regulators say gave it an unfair edge by limiting rival access. Juliane Kokott, Advocate-General at the European Court of Justice, said Google's legal arguments were weak and affirmed the European Commission's findings. A lower court had already reduced the original \$4.7 billion fine issued in 2018 to \$4.4 billion in 2022. Kokott noted that Google forced manufacturers to pre-install Google Search and Chrome, paid them to exclude competitors, and restricted alternative versions of Android.



Google, which powers roughly 73 percent of smartphones globally, has called the decision disappointing and warned it could harm open platforms. The court's final ruling, often in line with its adviser's opinion, is expected in the coming months. Google has faced a total of \$8.9 billion in EU antitrust fines so far.

Global IPO market hits nine-year low as tariffs, rates weigh



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Global initial public offerings (IPOs) have fallen to a nine-year low as rising interest rates and U.S. tariff policies dent investor confidence, according to LSEG data. Global IPO proceeds dropped 9.3% year-on-year to \$44.3 billion by June 17, the weakest total since 2016.

The U.S. market declined 12% to \$12.3 billion, and European IPOs dropped 64% to \$5.8 billion. In contrast, Asia-Pacific volumes rose 28% to \$16.8 billion, led by China and Japan.

China's Contemporary Amperex Technology raised \$4.6 billion, marking the year's largest IPO so far.

Despite weak global performance, optimism is emerging in the U.S., with strong listings from fintech Chime and upcoming IPOs from Klarna and Cerebras Systems.

Greenland grants 30-year permit for climate-friendly mining project

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Greenland has granted a 30-year mining permit to Greenland Anorthosite Mining (GAM), a Danish-French group aiming to extract anorthosite—an aluminum-rich rock that could offer a greener alternative to bauxite. The permit allows GAM to mine in western Greenland, with backing from France's Jean Boule Group and public investment funds in Denmark and Greenland.

Anorthosite, similar to moon rocks brought back by NASA, may be used in fiberglass and eventually in aluminum production for industries such as aviation and defense.

Minister Naaja Nathanielsen said the mine could be operational in five years. While the U.S. has shown interest in Greenland, no significant American investments have followed.

In contrast, cooperation with Europe has deepened, she added.



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Shell CEO warns of global shock if Strait of Hormuz is blocked



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Shell CEO Wael Sawan has warned that any blockage of the Strait of Hormuz, a key oil transit route, could cause a major disruption to global energy markets. Speaking at the Japan Energy Summit in Tokyo, Sawan said Shell has contingency plans in place due to rising tensions between Israel and Iran.

The Strait handles nearly 25% of global oil trade and has recently experienced GPS signal jamming. Iran has threatened to block the waterway before and targeted vessels in the past.

U.S. officials are reportedly preparing for potential strikes on Iran, raising fears of a broader conflict. Oil prices climbed, with Brent crude reaching \$77.66 per barrel.

Shell and other companies are exercising caution with shipping in the region.

Ford recalls nearly 200,000 Mustang Mach-E vehicles over back seat safety risk



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Ford Motor Company is recalling 197,432 Mustang Mach-E vehicles in the United States due to a defect that may trap back seat passengers during emergencies, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced Thursday.

The recall affects models manufactured between 2021 and 2025. According to NHTSA, the issue involves a potential failure of the rear door release mechanism, which could prevent occupants from exiting the vehicle if power is lost.

Ford has not reported any injuries related to the defect, but the automaker said it will notify owners and dealers and provide free repairs.

The safety recall comes as automakers continue to face scrutiny over electric vehicle reliability and passenger protection systems.

Nippon Steel finalizes \$14.9 billion US Steel deal under tight U.S. oversight

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Nippon Steel has completed its \$14.9 billion acquisition of U.S. Steel, granting the U.S. government special oversight powers through a “golden share” arrangement. The deal, originally announced in 2023, faced political backlash over national security concerns.

Under the agreement, Washington gains veto rights on key strategic decisions, including capital cuts, and can appoint an

independent director. Nippon Steel has pledged \$11 billion in U.S. investments by 2028 and promised not to outsource jobs or facilities.

CEO Eiji Hashimoto called the terms “fully satisfactory,” saying they maintain corporate independence.

The merger creates the world’s fourth-largest steelmaker, though it faces hurdles from global tariffs and weak demand. The U.S. Steelworkers union vowed to enforce accountability through collective bargaining.



Gold prices ease as Fed signals slower rate cuts and geopolitical uncertainty

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Gold prices declined after the U.S. Federal Reserve held interest rates steady and indicated a more cautious approach to future cuts. Fed Chair Jerome Powell suggested inflation may rise in coming months, reinforcing a wait-and-watch policy. While a September rate cut is still on the table, projections now indicate just 50 basis points of cuts in 2025, followed by 25 each in 2026 and 2027. Market volatility increased amid tensions in the Middle East and Russia-Ukraine conflict. Meanwhile, weekly jobless



claims came in lower than expected. Silver also fell, retreating from recent highs. Indian domestic markets saw gold supported by a weaker rupee. Analysts suggest gold has support at USD 3,340–3,315 and resistance near USD 3,400.

Kerala may sue MSC shipping over sunken vessel and environmental damage

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The Kerala government told the High Court it plans to file an admiralty suit against MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company over the May 24 sinking of the MSC Elsa-3 off Alappuzha. The Liberia-flagged vessel reportedly carried diesel, calcium carbide, and plastic nurdles, sparking fears of coastal pollution.

The court was responding to a public interest plea by Congress leader T.N. Prathapan seeking compensation and cleanup efforts. The state also formed a committee to assess damage to marine ecosystems and coastal livelihoods.

However, the court advised deferring compensation negotiations until legal



proceedings under admiralty law begin. The court stressed that environmental costs must be recovered from the company, not public funds. Next hearing is set for July 2.

Air India to cut flights from June 21 to July 15 due to Boeing safety checks



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Air India announced that several of its international flights will be suspended or reduced from June 21 to July 15 as it undertakes enhanced safety checks on its Boeing 787 and 777 aircraft. The airline cited the need to restore schedule stability and address extended flight times caused by Middle East airspace closures.

Key routes like Delhi-Nairobi, Amritsar-London (Gatwick), and Goa (Mopa)-London (Gatwick) will be suspended. Others, including Delhi-Toronto, Delhi-San Francisco, Delhi-Melbourne, and Delhi-Paris, will see reduced frequency.

Passengers affected will be offered rescheduling, alternate flights, or full refunds. Air India said it is proactively reaching out to customers and updating its platforms to reflect the revised schedule.

South Korea's KOSPI breaches 3,000 mark for first time in over three years



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South Korea’s benchmark stock index KOSPI crossed the 3,000-point level for the first time since January 2022, lifted by strong performances in major tech and biotech stocks. As of late Friday morning, the index was up over 31 points at 3,009.58. Gains were led by Samsung Electronics, SK hynix, and LG Energy Solution, while Kakao and Hanwha Aerospace also advanced. The Korean won strengthened slightly against the U.S. dollar, trading at 1,373.6 won per USD.

Global index provider MSCI noted progress in South Korea’s market accessibility reforms but maintained that operational and regulatory hurdles persist. However, MSCI upgraded its rating on Korea’s short selling environment following recent regulatory adjustments.

Alcaraz survives heat and Munar in Queen's Club marathon



Carlos Alcaraz battled through sweltering conditions and a gritty challenge from fellow Spaniard Jaume Munar to win 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-5 at Queen's Club. The nearly 3.5-hour match was the longest at the venue in 34 years. Alcaraz, down 4-2 in the final set, overcame 50 unforced errors and a misfiring serve to claim his 15th straight win. Munar pushed him throughout, but Alcaraz's timely winners sealed the win. Earlier, Britain's Jacob Fearnley reached his first ATP quarterfinal with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 win over Corentin Moutet, who lost his cool after repeated time violations.

Johnson nears Crystal Palace takeover amid Europa League uncertainty



New York Jets owner Woody Johnson is close to purchasing John Textor's 44.9% stake in Crystal Palace for approximately \$240 million. The move could boost Palace's case to play in the 2025-26 Europa League amid concerns over multi-club ownership. UEFA has yet to confirm Palace's eligibility, as Textor also owns French club Lyon, another Europa League qualifier. Johnson's offer is backed by Palace chairman Steve Parish and could help avoid sanctions. Liverpool, meanwhile, are preparing a bid for defender Marc Guéhi, as Palace explore replacing him with Sporting Lisbon's Ousmane Diomande.

Bumrah threat looms as England and India brace for high-stakes series opener

India and England are set to begin a much-anticipated five-Test series at Headingley on Friday, with Jasprit Bumrah once again emerging as the most feared bowler on either side. Known for his unorthodox slingshot action and surgical accuracy, Bumrah enters the series after an extraordinary Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, where he claimed 32 wickets at an average of just 13. However, India must manage his workload carefully, targeting only three Tests this summer to avoid overburdening their premier pacer.

England captain Ben Stokes acknowledged Bumrah's awkwardness, especially early in an innings. With Virat Kohli now retired, Shubman Gill leads a new Indian generation chasing their first series win in England since 2007. For England, Joe Root—Bumrah's most frequent Test victim—remains central, while Chris Woakes leads a relatively inexperienced bowling unit.

The newly introduced Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy adds historical weight to the contest. As temperatures soar in Yorkshire, the toss could be pivotal, with



recent trends favoring teams bowling first at Headingley. Meanwhile, Jofra Archer will make his first red-ball appearance since 2021 in a county match at Durham, eyeing a potential return for the second Test.

Messi magic lifts Inter Miami over Porto in Club World Cup thriller

Lionel Messi scored a stunning free-kick to lead Inter Miami to a 2-1 win over FC Porto in Group A of the FIFA Club World Cup. Porto opened the scoring with Samu Omorodion's penalty in the 8th minute after a VAR-reviewed foul by Noah Allen. Inter equalized just after halftime through Telasco Segovia, assisted by Marcelo Weigandt. The moment of brilliance came in the 54th minute when Messi, fouled just outside the box, curled in his 68th career free-kick goal. The crowd roared as his shot soared over the wall and into the top corner. Both teams had drawn their opening matches, making this win crucial for Miami. They now head home for a decisive group match against Palmeiras. Meanwhile, Porto will face Al Ahly in New Jersey with their hopes hanging in the balance.

Canada Grand Prix secures Formula 1 calendar spot through 2035



Formula 1 has extended its contract with the Canadian Grand Prix, confirming the race will stay on the calendar until the 2035 season. The agreement, involving the Promoter and the Governments of Canada and Quebec, ensures Montreal's Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve remains a key F1 venue.

Held annually since 1967, the Canadian Grand Prix is the oldest Formula 1 race outside Europe. The track, known for its technical chicanes and the famed Wall of Champions, has seen victories by top drivers including Lewis Hamilton, Max Verstappen, and Fernando Alonso. Hamilton shares the record for most wins at the circuit with Michael Schumacher (seven).

Recent infrastructure upgrades by Octane Racing Group support F1's global growth strategy. Starting in 2026, the race will move to an earlier calendar slot. Formula 1 also confirmed an extended media rights deal with Bell Media as part of the announcement.

Trawlerman dominates Gold Cup with relentless front-running display



Trawlerman produced a commanding performance to win the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, leading from start to finish under William Buick. The seven-year-old gelding, trained by John and Thady Gosden, broke clear with a quarter mile to go and won by seven lengths over Illinois, with Dubai Future finishing third. Buick's bold tactics paid off as Trawlerman maintained a strong pace over the two-and-a-half-mile distance, leaving his younger rivals unable to respond. Trainer John Gosden praised the ride and compared

the victory to legendary stayers like Sagaro, noting, "If they were going to beat him, they had to stay every inch." Trawlerman was second to Kyprios in last year's Gold Cup and seized the opportunity with the champion absent. Gosden hinted the horse may not race again this season, possibly reappearing in May 2026.

The win marked a fifth for the Gosden stable at this year's Royal Ascot, while jockey Ryan Moore surged ahead in the standings with a treble on the day.

Shikhar Dhawan denies link to Super60 USA Legends Tournament

Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan has denied reports linking him to the upcoming Super60 USA Legends Tournament, calling them "entirely inaccurate and misleading." In a statement, Dhawan's office clarified he is not associated with the event in any capacity and urged media outlets to avoid spreading misinformation. Tournament organizers had earlier listed Dhawan among four Indian participants, alongside Harbhajan Singh, Suresh Raina, and Robin Uthappa. The tournament is scheduled to run from August 5 to 16, 2025, in the United States.



Mbappe hospitalized with gastroenteritis, ruled out of Club World Cup opener

Real Madrid forward Kylian Mbappe has been hospitalized with acute gastroenteritis, forcing him to miss the team's Club World Cup opener against Saudi side Al-Hilal. The French international missed training earlier this week with a fever and did not appear in Wednesday's 1-1 draw. The club confirmed his condition on Thursday, stating that Mbappe is undergoing tests and receiving treatment. No timeline has been provided for his return. Mbappe, who joined Madrid on a free transfer from Paris Saint-Germain before the 2024-25 season, has had a strong debut with 43 goals in 56 games across all competitions. His absence was felt as Madrid failed to secure a win in their opening Group H match. Gonzalo Garcia gave Madrid the lead, but Ruben Neves equalized for Al-Hilal. Federico Valverde missed a stoppage-time penalty that could have sealed victory. Madrid's progression now depends on results against RB Salzburg and Pachuca in the newly expanded Club World Cup format.

Chengdu 2025 unveils medals with bamboo, panda and Sun Bird motifs



Organizers of the 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China, have unveiled the official medal design ahead of the August event. Named 'Zhuguang' or "bamboo light," the medal draws on themes of nature, culture, and gratitude. The front features the International World Games Association emblem, surrounded by both Chinese and English text. The back showcases bamboo-inspired patterns and "Shubao," the panda mascot. Also included are the Golden Sun Bird motif and flowing cityscape lines that symbolize Chengdu's history and heritage. A standout feature is the detachable centerpiece — a reversible pin athletes can gift to someone significant. One side shows "Jinzai," a golden snub-nosed monkey; the other displays the Chengdu 2025 logo. The medal's ribbon includes Shu embroidery and elements from Sichuan's cultural icons, like the hibiscus flower and Sanxingdui mask. The 12th edition of the World Games will run from August 7 to 17 and include 34 sports and 60 disciplines, celebrating peace, friendship, and resilience through sport.

Kirsty Coventry pledges humility and collaboration as IOC president

Kirsty Coventry will make history as the first female president of the International Olympic Committee when she officially takes over on June 23. The Zimbabwean, a seven-time Olympic medalist in swimming, emphasized that she will lead with humility and responsibility rather than privilege.

Unlike outgoing president Thomas Bach, who often stayed in luxury suites, Coventry stated her family would avoid such perks, saying, "We won't be staying in the Palace."

I want my kids to grow up grounded." Coventry said the impact of her election has grown clearer after reading heartfelt messages from women around the world. "I've started to understand how meaningful this is," she said.

She plans to foster an open, collaborative leadership style and invited IOC members for a retreat in Lausanne to discuss the future of the movement. "It's not about power or the title," she added. "It's about making the right decisions and improving lives through sport."



Chelsea's Mudryk charged with doping after testing positive for banned drug

Chelsea winger Mykhailo Mudryk has been officially charged with an anti-doping violation by the Football Association (FA) after testing positive for Meldonium. The banned substance was detected in a urine sample collected in November 2024, leading to his provisional suspension. The FA stated that Mudryk's charge falls under its Anti-Doping Regulations 3 and 4 and involves both presence and/or use of a prohibited substance. Meldonium, often used to enhance stamina and recovery, was banned

by the World Anti-Doping Agency in 2016.

Mudryk, who joined Chelsea in January 2023 from Shakhtar Donetsk in a deal worth up to \$113 million, signed an eight-and-a-half-year contract. His form has been underwhelming, with just 10 goals and nine assists in 73 appearances. In a statement, Mudryk said he was shocked and denied knowingly using any banned substance. He continues to cooperate with investigators and hopes to return soon, though a potential four-year ban looms if found guilty.



Kvitova, Evans among Wimbledon 2025 main draw wild card recipients



Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova and British No. 1 Dan Evans are among the notable wild card recipients for the 2025 Wimbledon main draw. Kvitova, now ranked No. 572 after returning from maternity leave, won her comeback match in Rome and will aim to recapture her form at SW19, where she won titles in 2011 and 2014. Evans, competing in his 10th Wimbledon, was granted a wild card following his win over Frances Tiafoe at the HSBC Championships. He joins fellow Britons Henry Searle, Jack Pinnington Jones, and Jay Clarke in the men's draw.

Emma Raducanu, Katie Boulter, and Sonay Kartal earned direct entries. Rising talent Hannah Klugman, fresh off her French Open girls' final appearance, will make her senior Grand Slam debut. Wimbledon qualifying begins June 23, with the main draw starting June 30. Additional wild cards have also been distributed to promising young British players in both singles and qualifying rounds.

Indian junior women's hockey team ends Europe tour with shootout loss to Netherlands

The Indian junior women's hockey team ended its successful Europe tour with a narrow 2-3 shootout loss to the Netherlands in Utrecht after a 0-0 draw in regulation time. India had won four straight matches—three against Belgium and one against Australia—before the final fixture. Both teams displayed strong defensive structure, and despite several scoring chances, neither side could find a breakthrough. In the shootout, India converted through Lalrinpuui and Priyanka Yadav, but the Dutch edged ahead with goals from Imme de Leeuw, Roos Alkemade, and Lotte Rust. India finishes the European leg with four wins out of five and gains valuable experience ahead of the 2025 FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup in Chile. Earlier this year, the team also impressed at the Four Nations Tournament in Argentina, recording wins over Chile and Uruguay.

World Padel League expands with two new teams for Season 3


The World Padel League (WPL) is set to return for its third season from August 12 to 16 in Mumbai, featuring two new franchises. After a successful India debut in February, the league now expands from four to six teams. Hosted at the Nesco Center, WPL will showcase global padel talent. Organizers and the Indian Padel Federation emphasized the sport's rising popularity in India and its potential as a top-tier event. SG Pipers Cheetahs won the previous season's final.



JJ Spaun wins US Open with thrilling birdie finish

JJ Spaun clinched his first major title at the US Open, sinking two late birdies to edge Robert MacIntyre by two shots. Despite five bogeys early on, Spaun rallied after a weather delay, carding a 2-over 72 to finish 1-under overall—the only player under par at Oakmont. His 65-foot putt on the 18th sealed the win. MacIntyre finished second, while Viktor Hovland took third. Indo-British golfer Aaron Rai tied for 33rd. Indian-American Akshay Bhatia missed the cut, and Sahith Theegala did not compete.

Brad Pitt reflects on career lessons and embraces F1 role



Brad Pitt recently revealed the advice he would give his younger self: “Trust your voice.” Speaking to E! News, Pitt admitted that he spent years overthinking decisions that, in hindsight, didn’t matter much. He reflected on the evolving nature of the film industry and how his career mirrored the shift from indie cinema in the 1990s to today’s streaming landscape. Pitt also addressed the end of his divorce proceedings with Angelina Jolie, finalized in December 2024, calling it “just something coming to fruition.” He is now dating Ines de Ramon. On the work front, Pitt stars in ‘F1’, a sports drama directed by Joseph Kosinski, releasing June 27. He plays a former driver returning to the Formula One world, joined by Damson Idris, Kerry Condon, and Javier Bardem. Uniquely, Pitt insisted on driving the high-speed cars himself, with seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton confirming his readiness. The film, shot at real races and circuits, promises emotional depth and authenticity.

Tyler Perry faces \$260 million lawsuit over sexual assault allegations



Hollywood mogul Tyler Perry is being sued for \$260 million by actor Derek Dixon, who has accused him of sexual assault and harassment. Dixon alleges Perry used his influence to create a coercive work environment while Dixon was acting in The Oval and Ruthless, both produced by Tyler Perry Studios. According to the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles, Perry promised career advancement in exchange for a sexual relationship, and retaliated when Dixon rejected his advances. The complaint includes detailed accusations of inappropriate conduct, including a confrontation in a trailer on set. Perry’s attorney, Matthew Boyd, strongly denied the allegations, calling the lawsuit a “scam” and claiming Perry was being targeted unfairly. The suit also alleges Perry implied that Dixon’s character would be written out if he didn’t comply.

The case is ongoing and could have significant implications for Perry, one of Hollywood’s most influential filmmakers.

Gary Oldman says villain roles became tiresome after years of typecasting



Oscar-winning actor Gary Oldman revealed he grew tired of being typecast as a villain, despite early success in roles like Jean-Baptiste Zorg in ‘The Fifth Element’ and Norman Stansfield in ‘Léon: The Professional’. Speaking to Variety, Oldman said he became the industry’s “poster boy for rent-a-villain” but eventually chose to step away from those roles.

“They’re fun to play, but it got old,” Oldman said, adding that characters like Dr. Zachary Smith in ‘Lost in Space’ were examples of comic villains he still enjoyed. He noted that the sci-fi remake was packed with storylines, but playing Smith allowed him to add a twinkle-in-the-eye energy.

His shift to heroic roles began with Commissioner Gordon in Christopher Nolan’s Batman trilogy. Screenwriter David S. Goyer admitted he was surprised at the casting but came to appreciate the excitement of casting against type.

Oldman’s career continues to evolve, balancing dark characters with complex, redemptive roles.

Whoopi Goldberg returns to UK stage after a decade with new live show




Whoopi Goldberg is set to perform in the UK for the first time in ten years with her live tour ‘Whoopi Goldberg: Live’. The legendary actress and comedian will appear at London’s Eventim Apollo on September 4 and Cardiff’s Utilita Arena on September 5. The show will include stories from her groundbreaking career and a candid Q&A with the audience.

“I’ve always loved performing for UK audiences,” said Goldberg, adding she’s excited to return with laughs, stories, and a touch of truth. Goldberg also shared that ‘Sister Act 3’, in which she reprises her iconic role as Sister Mary Clarence, may feature scenes set in Italy in honor of the late Dame Maggie Smith. The script has reportedly been adjusted to pay tribute to Smith’s character, Reverend Mother.

The original ‘Sister Act’ (1992) and its 1993 sequel were global hits, and the upcoming installment is being produced by Disney+.


Nagesh Kukunoor’s political thriller on Rajiv Gandhi assassination to stream in July



A new political thriller series titled ‘The Hunt: The Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case’, directed by National Award-winner Nagesh Kukunoor, is set to release on July 4 on Sony LIV. The series dramatizes the investigation into the 1991 assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by a suicide bomber from the LTTE. Based on Anirudhya Mitra’s bestselling book Ninety Days, the show explores the Special Investigation Team’s intense manhunt to uncover the broader conspiracy behind the attack. The teaser suggests prior intelligence warnings were ignored, and highlights the search for accomplices linked to the bomber.

The ensemble cast includes Amit Sial, Sahil Vaid, Bhagavathi Perumal, and others playing

Ram Charan’s ‘Peddi’ to feature high-stakes train stunt



Ram Charan’s upcoming film ‘Peddi’, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, is shooting a first-of-its-kind train action sequence on a massive set in Hyderabad. Designed by Avinash Kolla, the elaborate railway set will be the backdrop for a high-risk stunt choreographed by Nabakanth Master, known for his work in ‘Pushpa 2’. Ram Charan is performing the stunts himself, making the sequence one of the film’s major highlights. Produced by Vriddhi Cinemas with Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, the big-budget film also stars Janhvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, and Jagapathi Babu. A.R. Rahman scores the music. ‘Peddi’ is scheduled for a theatrical release on March 27, 2026, coinciding with Ram Charan’s birthday.

Anupam Kher overwhelmed as Robert De Niro attends premiere of ‘Tanvi The Great’



Veteran Indian actor and director Anupam Kher was left emotional and stunned after Hollywood legend Robert De Niro and comedian-actress Tiffany Haddish attended the New York premiere of his directorial project, ‘Tanvi The Great’. Sharing images and videos from the event on Instagram, Kher called the moment “unbelievable” and said it was the “highlight” of his career.

In one video, Kher is seen posing with De Niro and Haddish, visibly moved by their support. He also expressed gratitude for meeting De Niro’s wife, Tiffany, and daughter Jia. Kher had earlier posted a heartfelt moment from the Cannes Film Festival where De Niro embraced him and congratulated him warmly. De Niro was honored with the prestigious Palme d’Or at Cannes this year, further adding significance to their reunion. ‘Tanvi The Great’, starring Shubhangi Dutt, Iain Glen, Boman Irani, and others, is set for a theatrical release on July 18.

Katy Perry checked on Benson Boone amid rising fame



Singer Benson Boone shared that Katy Perry recently reached out to express concern over the pressures he faces amid sudden fame. Boone, who left American Idol in 2021 after a brief stint, said Perry told him that quitting the show was the best decision he ever made.

He revealed on BBC Radio 2 that Perry, whom he met at an awards show, was “really worried” about the negativity and demands he might face as a rising star. Boone gained viral success in 2024 with the hit Beautiful Things.

He added that Perry offered heartfelt support and encouragement, showing she continues to care about young artists even after the cameras stop rolling.

Sabrina Carpenter earns first number one debut with ‘Manchild’



Pop star Sabrina Carpenter has earned her first number one debut on the Billboard Hot 100 with her single ‘Manchild’. The track, released on June 5, is the lead single from her upcoming album ‘Man’s Best Friend’, set to release on August 29. ‘Manchild’ garnered 27 million streams, 14 million in radio audience impressions, and sold 20,000 units in the U.S., including 14,000 vinyl copies. It follows her previous number one, ‘Please Please Please’, from her Grammy-winning album ‘Short n’ Sweet’. Carpenter described the track as a playful anthem for young adulthood and co-wrote it with Jack Antonoff and Amy Allen. The vinyl release features an exclusive B-side titled ‘Inside of Your Head When You’ve Just Won an Argument with a Man’.

Shilpa Shetty celebrates 50th birthday with family in Croatia

Actress Shilpa Shetty rang in her 50th birthday with a scenic getaway to Croatia alongside her husband Raj Kundra, sister Shamita Shetty, and their children. Sharing highlights from the trip, Shilpa posted photos of herself on the iconic ‘Game of Thrones’ throne, exploring local sites, and enjoying Croatian cuisine. In one video, she descends grand stairs Bollywood-style, while other posts show her jet skiing with Raj, feeding deer, and dancing to live street music. Captioning her Instagram album as “Game of Sightseeing,” she embraced the mix of fun and reflection. Raj also shared a heartfelt post featuring a butterfly landing on him, calling it a sign from the universe. The couple married in 2009 and have two children.

Prabhas’s ‘The RajaSaab’ aims for blockbuster glory with massive scale and mystery

Director Maruthi is confident that his upcoming horror-fantasy film ‘The RajaSaab’ starring Prabhas will surpass Rs. 1,000 crore (approx. \$120 million USD) in box office collections. Speaking at a teaser launch in Hyderabad, Maruthi recalled the success of his earlier work ‘Prema Katha Chitram’—remade as Tamil hit ‘Darling’—and believes this film too will resonate across languages.

The teaser shows Prabhas in two contrasting avatars—one vibrant and charismatic, the other dark and mystical—hinting at a supernatural twist. The film is set in a sprawling haunted mansion,

touted as the largest horror-fantasy set ever constructed in India.

Alongside Prabhas, the film features Sanjay Dutt, Nidhhi Agerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar. Produced by People Media Factory, the multilingual release hits theaters on December 5 in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam.

Maruthi clarified that despite visual hints, Prabhas plays only one role in the film. The film has already generated strong buzz, promising high-octane thrills with visual spectacle.



Tom Cruise to receive Honorary Oscar for career and cinematic dedication

Tom Cruise will be honored with an Honorary Oscar at the 16th annual Governors Awards, set for November 16 in Hollywood. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is recognizing Cruise’s extraordinary impact on filmmaking, theatrical exhibition, and his dedication to performing stunts that have elevated action cinema.

Academy President Janet Yang praised Cruise for reigniting the box office during the pandemic with ‘Top Gun: Maverick,’ and for inspiring the industry through his passion for the big-screen experience. Cruise has been nominated for three Academy Awards for ‘Born on the Fourth of July,’ ‘Jerry Maguire,’ and ‘Magnolia.’

Also being honored are choreographer-actor Debbie Allen, production designer Wynn Thomas, and country music icon



Dolly Parton, who will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her charitable efforts.

The Honorary Award celebrates lifetime achievement and service to the film industry. Cruise’s recognition reflects his enduring influence on cinema and his unwavering support for theatrical storytelling.

Kiran Rao joins international jury at Shanghai film festival

Filmmaker Kiran Rao has been selected as a jury member for the 27th Shanghai International Film Festival, which runs from June 13 to 22. Attending the opening ceremony in a Payal Khandwala red sari, Rao expressed her excitement to evaluate films in the International Competition section.

She stated, “It’s a joy to join a jury that values bold and original voices,” and reflected on the unifying power of global cinema. The jury is led by Oscar-winning Italian director Giuseppe Tornatore and includes Argentine director Iván Fund, Chinese actor Huang Bo, Greek producer Thanassis Karathanos, and others.



Meanwhile, Rao’s acclaimed directorial ‘Laapataa Ladies’ released in March 2024 and received wide praise for its storytelling and performances.

Diljit and Ahan join ‘Border 2’ cast as filming continues in Pune



Actors Diljit Dosanjh and Ahan Shetty have joined Sunny Deol and Varun Dhawan for the third schedule of Border 2, currently being filmed at Pune’s National Defence Academy. Directed by Anurag Singh and produced by Bhushan Kumar and Nidhi Dutta, the film is a sequel to the 1997 war drama Border.

Sunny Deol shared a behind-the-scenes picture on Instagram featuring the new cast additions and production team. The film is believed to be based on the 1999 Kargil War between India and Pakistan.

Border 2 is scheduled to release on January 23, 2026. Recently, Sunny met Uttarakhand film officials at the Dehradun set to discuss state support for the film industry and regional shooting incentives.

Anurag Kashyap’s ‘Nishaanchi’ to hit theaters on September 19



Director Anurag Kashyap has announced the release of his next film ‘Nishaanchi’ on September 19, 2025. The drama follows the emotional journey of two brothers whose diverging paths reveal themes of love, betrayal, power, and redemption. Starring Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Kumud Mishra, Monika Panwar, and debutant Aaishvarya Thackeray, the film is backed by Amazon MGM Studios in association with Jar Pictures and Flip Films.

Kashyap revealed that the script was written in 2016 and finally found the right support from producers who trusted his vision. He praised the cast and crew, calling the production experience deeply fulfilling. Amazon MGM confirmed that ‘Nishaanchi’ is part of a broader theatrical slate and applauded its emotionally rich storytelling and standout music.

IndoUS Tribune की हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा का 18वाँ और अंतिम पड़ाव श्री श्री माँ आनंदमयी आश्रम एक दिव्य उपस्थिति, जहाँ मौन भी साधना बन जाता है



हरिद्वार (कनखल) –

जहाँ गंगा की लहरों में श्रद्धा बहती है और हर घाट, हर मंदिर एक कथा सुनाता है, वहीं कनखल स्थित श्री श्री माँ आनंदमयी आश्रम आध्यात्मिक साधना और आत्मिक शांति का अद्भुत केंद्र बनकर सामने आता है। IndoUS Tribune की हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा के इस 18वें और अंतिम पड़ाव पर हम पहुँचे हैं इस पावन आश्रम में, जो स्वयं माँ आनंदमयी की दिव्य उपस्थिति से आलोकित है।

दिव्यता का केंद्र: श्री श्री माँ आनंदमयी आश्रम

शांत वातावरण, श्वेत संगमरमर की इमारतें, गंगा का पावन प्रवाह और माँ आनंदमयी का सजीव स्मरण – यह आश्रम केवल एक स्थान नहीं, बल्कि एक अनुभव है। आश्रम का मुख्य आकर्षण माँ आनंदमयी

की समाधि है, जहाँ श्रद्धालु मौन ध्यान में बैठकर उनकी आध्यात्मिक उपस्थिति को अनुभव करते हैं। यहाँ ध्यान, योग और आत्मचिंतन के लिए अनेक साधन उपलब्ध हैं, जो साधकों को भीतर की यात्रा पर प्रेरित करते हैं। आश्रम परिसर में स्थित मंदिर, ध्यान कक्ष और पुस्तकालय सभी आध्यात्मिक जागरूकता के वाहक हैं।

माँ आनंदमयी: एक जीवंत दिव्यता

माँ आनंदमयी केवल एक संत नहीं थीं, बल्कि उन्होंने उस दिव्यता को प्रत्यक्ष रूप से जिया, जिसे अनेक लोग केवल ग्रंथों में पढ़ते हैं। उन्हें विभिन्न रूपों में पूजा गया – मनुष्य काली, देवी नर्मदा, गौरा माँ, और कई अन्य रूपों में। उनका यह सार्वभौमिक स्वरूप सभी धर्मों और परंपराओं को जोड़ता है।

माँ का कहना था:

प्रत्येक व्यक्ति और प्रत्येक वस्तु ईश्वर का रूप है। मैं वही हूँ, जो तुम्हारी अंतरात्मा में ईश्वर की कल्पना है। उनके उपदेश आत्मसमर्पण, सत्संग, और निरंतर ईश्वर-स्मरण पर आधारित थे। आश्रम में आज भी ये परंपराएँ जीवंत हैं – प्रतिदिन की आरती, कीर्तन, ध्यान और साधना सत्र, सभी साधकों को आध्यात्मिक ऊर्जा प्रदान करते हैं।

एक आत्मिक तीर्थ का अनुभव

कनखल में स्थित यह आश्रम न केवल साधकों के लिए एक तीर्थ है, बल्कि उन सभी के लिए भी, जो जीवन में शांति और उद्देश्य की तलाश में हैं। यहाँ आने वाला हर व्यक्ति, चाहे वह भक्त हो या जिज्ञासु, मा की उपस्थिति में आत्मिक विश्रुति का अनुभव करता है।

IndoUS Tribune की ओर से श्रद्धा-सम्मान

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– एक ऐसा स्थल जहाँ श्रद्धा, शांति और साधना का दिव्य संगम होता है। इस यात्रा में आपने जिन तीर्थों के दर्शन किए, वे भारतीय आध्यात्मिक परंपरा की विविधता और गहराई को दर्शाते हैं।

आगे की यात्रा वृंदावन की ओर

हमारी हरिद्वार मंदिर यात्रा यहीं समाप्त होती है, पर हमारी आध्यात्मिक यात्रा जारी रहेगी।

27 जून से शुरू हो रही है IndoUS Tribune की नई श्रृंखला – वृंदावन के मंदिरों की यात्रा, जहाँ हर मोड़ पर राधा-कृष्ण की लीलाएँ, हर कुंज में भक्ति का भाव और हर मंदिर में प्रेम का स्पंदन है।

तब तक के लिए, माँ गंगा और माँ आनंदमयी का आशीर्वाद बना रहे।

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- ▶ Legends and leelas associated with the deity
- ▶ Architectural and cultural insights
- ▶ Travel and darshan tips for pilgrims
- ▶ Reflections on bhakti, seva, and surrender



Our journey begins on June 27 with the world-famous Banke Bihari Temple, where Krishna's divine mischief and sweetness captivate millions.

Whether you have visited Vrindavan before or are dreaming of a future yatra, this series will bring the sacred essence of each temple to your heart, one week at a time.

Let us walk together on this divine path.

Vrindavan calls... will you answer?

Jai Shri Radhe! Jai Shri Krishna!

Bhagvad Gita – As I understand: Chapter four

The fourth chapter of the Bhagvad Gita begins with the revelation of divine knowledge. Lord Krishna tells Arjuna, "The wisdom I am sharing with you is divine and eternal. I first imparted this sacred knowledge at the beginning of this creation cycle to Surya, the Sun God.



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Surya passed it on to his son Manu, and Manu shared it with King Ikshvaku. Thus, this knowledge was passed down through the royal lineage. Over time, however, it was nearly lost. Now, I am reviving it by imparting it to you."

At this point, Arjuna raises a doubt. He asks, "Your birth is in this present age. How could you have shared this knowledge with the Sun God at the beginning of creation?"

To this, Lord Krishna replies, "You have a limited life span, Arjuna. But I am the eternal Brahman. Both you and I have taken many births, but I remember them all—while you do not."

Lord Krishna then reveals a great secret—the reason for His divine incarnations:

**"Yadā yadā hi dharmasya glānir bhavati Bhārata,
Abhyutthānam adharmasya tadātmāna
sijāmyaham."**

Translation:

O Bharata (Arjuna), whenever righteousness declines and unrighteousness rises, I manifest Myself on Earth.

In this shloka, Lord Krishna clearly states for all devotees: whenever righteousness diminishes and chaos from unrighteousness spreads across the world, He incarnates in some form to restore balance and dharma. At such times, His divine mission is to annihilate evil and provide refuge to the virtuous.

This is what He did in the Treta Yuga by

incarnating as Lord Rama, and in the Satya Yuga as Narasimha to protect Prahlad. Similarly, He has appeared in many other ages to protect dharma.

Wise people, free from fear and attachment, recognize this divine form and surrender to Him completely. They dedicate all their actions to Him, live for Him, and at the end of their lives, they attain Him. With complete devotion, they worship Him—which pleases the Lord deeply. He embraces their pure love and accepts them fully.

**"Chāturvarya mayā sia gua-karma-
vibhāgaśa,**

**Tasya kartāram api mā viddhyakartāram
avyayam."** (Verse 13)

**"Na mā karmāi limpanti na me karma-
phale spihā,**

**Iti mā yo'bhijānāti karmabhir na sa
badhyate."** (Verse 14)

Translation:

Based on the three gunas (Sattva, Rajas, Tamas) and corresponding actions, I created the fourfold division of society: Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya, and Shudra. Though I am the creator of this system, know Me to be beyond action and eternal. Actions do not bind Me, nor do I have any desire for their results. Whoever truly understands this is not bound by their own actions either.

Lord Krishna explains that the caste divisions seen in society were created by Him—not to cause inequality, but to allow each individual to serve society according to their innate nature and abilities.

The learned—those who teach and study the Vedas and scriptures—are called Brahmins. Those skilled in warfare

and who protect society are Kshatriyas. The Vaishyas are involved in trade and economic structure. And Shudras support society through essential labor and services. No role is lesser than another. Each deserves equal respect, including those doing humble tasks, who are just as worthy of honor as a warrior or merchant.

**"Sarvāindriya-karmāi prāa-karmāi
chāpare,**

**Ātma-sayama-yogāgnau juhvati jñāna-
dīpite."** (Verse 27)

**"Dravya-yajñās tapo-yajñā yogayajñās
tathāpare,**

**Svādhyāya-jñāna-yajñās cha yataya
sanśita-vratā."** (Verse 28)

Translation:

Some control their senses and offer their vital energies into the fire of self-discipline, kindled by knowledge.

Others perform sacrifices through giving wealth, penance, yoga, or through scriptural study and strict vows.

To attain this divine knowledge, some engage in intense austerities; others immerse themselves in prayer and meditation. Some turn to yoga, while others study scriptures like the Vedas and Puranas. Yet, all strive toward the same goal—union with the Divine.

Sitting at the feet of the Lord, they experience supreme grace and divine bliss.

**"Apare niyatahārā prāan prāeu juhvati,
Sarve'pyete yajña-vido yajña-kapita-
kalmaā."** (Verse 30)

Translation:

Some reduce their food intake and offer breath into breath as a sacrifice. All these practitioners, knowing the meaning of yajña, are purified of sin.

Some choose the path of yajña (sacrifice), which holds immense power. The fire of yajña burns away countless sins. Just like fire can consume anything—good or bad—knowledge, too, is like a flame. It purifies and transforms the devotee, leading them toward divinity.

The path of yajña thus guides the yogi toward the divine realm.

**"Ajñās chāśraddadhānaś cha samśayātmā
vinaśyati,**

**Nāya loko'sti na paro na sukha
samśayātmana."** (Verse 40)

Translation:

One who lacks knowledge, faith, and is full of doubt is surely lost. Such a doubtful soul finds no happiness—neither in this world nor in the next. Here, the Lord also gives a stern warning: those who ignore this sacred knowledge and immerse themselves in worldly pleasures lose the true purpose of human life. Doubt surrounds them, and they descend into lower states of existence. They find no peace—either in this life or the next.

That is why my humble advice to you is: relinquish all doubts. If you still feel uncertain, destroy those doubts with this divine weapon of wisdom. Purify your mind and actions, and with renewed vigor, rise in your natural duty as a Kshatriya. Prepare yourself for battle—and leave the rest to Me. Purity of thought and clarity of purpose will undoubtedly lead you to your ultimate destination. This is My promise to you. Always believe that I am eternally by your side.

Jai Shri Krishna!!



Indian American community in Chicago holds candlelight memorial for Ahmedabad crash victims



By: Dr. Avi Verma

The Indian American community in Chicagoland gathered in solemn unity at the National India Hub in Schaumburg to honor the victims of the tragic Ahmedabad plane crash that claimed over 250 lives, including former Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani.

Organized by the Overseas Friends of BJP (OFBJP) and supported by several leading diaspora organizations, the memorial drew hundreds to

the Indian Cultural Center for an evening of prayer, reflection, and remembrance.

The event opened with a two-minute silence, followed by the chanting of the Mahamrityunjaya Mantra led by Pandit Rohit Joshi. Attendees lit candles and offered flowers in a collective tribute. Speakers including Amar Upadhayay, Rakesh Malhotra, Hemant Patel, and others shared memories of Rupani, recalling his humility, service, and deep-rooted connection to the people of Gujarat.



"This is not just a political loss—it is a loss of a compassionate leader and hundreds of innocent lives," said Rakesh Malhotra, quoting the Bhagavad Gita: "The soul is eternal, but today our hearts are broken."

The event was supported by the Federation of Indian Associations, Indian Council of Niles Township, United Senior Pariwar, Bhartiya Senior Citizen Group, and others. Organizers announced a week-long series of remembrance events and prayer gatherings across the region.

Photos by Arvind Ankleswaria.

Vasad Parivar of Chicago hosts joyful summer picnic in Elk Grove Village

By: Jayanti Oza

The Vasad Parivar of Chicago hosted its annual community picnic for 2025 at the Elk Grove Village, bringing together more than 150 people from across the Chicagoland area. Sponsored by the Daughters of Vasad, the event celebrated unity, culture, and joy in a vibrant outdoor setting.



A large group photo capturing all attendees of the event

Attendees enjoyed a delicious array of

traditional and modern dishes, lovingly prepared by community volunteers. From

savory snacks to full-course meals, the food was generous, well-organized, and a highlight of the day.

first gathering in 1992, he praised the community's dedication to preserving cultural roots while living abroad.



Community members dancing and enjoying the lively atmosphere

The afternoon featured a variety of games and activities for children and adults alike, sparking laughter, dancing, and friendly competition. A special moment came with the presence of chief guest Pravinbhai B. Patel from Canada, founder of the Vasad Parivar Picnic. Reflecting on the

Elders, youth, and volunteers were applauded for their planning, participation, and heartfelt hospitality. More than just a picnic, the event strengthened bonds and cultural pride within the Vasad community. Excitement is already building for future celebrations.



Group photo of the Daughters of Vasad, sponsors of this year's picnic



Participants having fun during one of the picnic games

Congressman Krishnamoorthi denied entry to ICE Facility in oversight attempt amid rising deportation fears

By: Dr. Avi Verma

U.S. Senate candidate and sitting Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi is calling out the Biden-Trump transition administration and ICE leadership after he and Congressman Jonathan Jackson were blocked from conducting an oversight visit to a South Loop Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility on Tuesday. The visit came amid growing alarm in Chicago's immigrant communities following reports that more than 200 individuals received misleading messages instructing them to report to the facility — some of whom were detained upon arrival.

“This deceptive and harmful tactic is sowing fear and panic across Chicago's immigrant communities,” said Rep. Krishnamoorthi. “People deserve transparency, due process, and constitutional protections — not threats, deception, and detention without clarity.”

The lawmakers' concerns were heightened by the current political climate, with President Donald Trump — now the GOP's presumptive nominee — vowing what he calls “the single largest mass deportation program in history,” with cities like Chicago targeted for enforcement crackdowns. According to Krishnamoorthi, the alerts sent to immigrants mimicked routine ICE check-in messages, creating a “trap” that led to immediate detentions and confusion among families waiting outside the facility.

What began as a routine oversight visit turned into a standoff when ICE officials refused entry to the two Congressmen, who are entitled to access federal facilities for oversight purposes. In a startling move, ICE reportedly called the Chicago Police Department to remove the lawmakers,

accusing them of trespassing.

“ICE's actions raise alarming questions about transparency and accountability,” Krishnamoorthi said. “It is unconscionable that elected officials were denied the right to carry out lawful oversight duties.”

He pledged to continue demanding answers from the Department of Homeland Security and pushing for legislative oversight of what he described as “calculated, cruel tactics” being deployed in communities that already feel under siege.

"No Kings" rally: Protests against Trump's return to power

Krishnamoorthi also joined constituents this past weekend at No Kings rallies in Geneva and Arlington Heights, where demonstrators decried President Trump's authoritarian rhetoric and criticized federal spending priorities. The protests coincided with Trump's taxpayer-funded military parade in Washington — an event Krishnamoorthi called “a spectacle to distract from real issues like cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and essential services.”

“Americans want dignity, democracy, and support for working families — not tanks in the streets,” he told a crowd in Geneva.

Krishnamoorthi reacts to being named in Minnesota assassination suspect's notes

In a deeply troubling development, Krishnamoorthi confirmed that his name appeared in the writings of a suspect involved in the recent assassination of a Minnesota elected official and her husband.

“This brutal attack was devastating and terrifying,” he said. “Political violence has no place in America — full stop.”



Calls for oversight after assault on Senator Padilla

Krishnamoorthi and fellow House Oversight Democrats are also demanding that DHS Secretary Kristi Noem testify before Congress following the violent detention of U.S. Senator Alex Padilla by plainclothes agents — an incident that was captured on video. Despite identifying himself, Padilla was allegedly shoved, handcuffed, and removed from a DHS press conference in Los Angeles.

In a joint letter to Oversight Chair James Comer, Krishnamoorthi and colleagues warned of escalating executive overreach:

“The Trump Administration has violently tackled, kneeled on, and

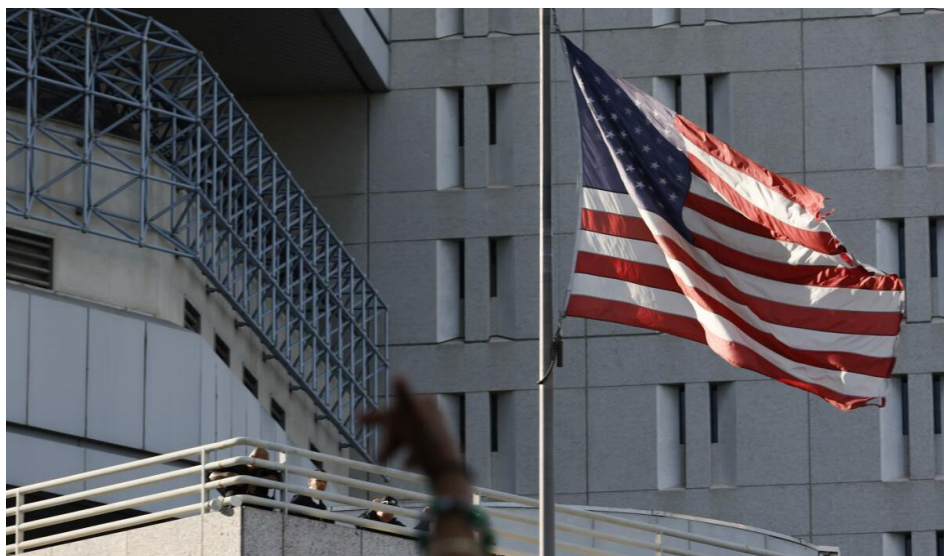
handcuffed a sitting U.S. Senator. Any other American could be next.”

They urged Comer to subpoena Secretary Noem if she does not voluntarily testify by June 21.

Looking ahead: Oversight, accountability, and a fight for civil rights

As Congressman Krishnamoorthi continues his Senate campaign, he says he is doubling down on oversight efforts and protecting the rights of immigrant and marginalized communities.

“I won't stop until we shine a light on these abuses of power,” he said. “Illinois and America deserve leaders who stand for justice — not fear.”





Personal finance insights: News & Features

● Dr. K C Gupta, YBB Personal Finance

SENTIMENTS

AAII Bull-Bear Spread +3.1% (below average)
\$NYA50R, NYSE %Above 50-dMA 68.85% (positive)
\$SPXA50R, SP500 %Above 50-dMA 72.20% (overbought)
Delta MSI 66.2% (positive)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative), 4/30/25

OEFS & ETFs: Stocks 59.51%, Hybrids 4.20%, Bonds 18.28%, M-Mkt 18.00%

INTEREST RATES

CME FedWatch
Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 4.25-4.50%
FOMC 6/18/25+ hold
FOMC 7/30/25+ hold

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.45%, 1-yr 4.09%;
T-Notes 2-yr 3.96%, 5-yr 4.06%, 10-yr 4.41%; T-Bonds 30-yr 4.91%;
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 1.71%, 10-yr 2.13%, 30-yr 2.64%
FRNs Index 4.296%
US SAVINGS I-Bonds rate from 5/1/25 – 10/31/25 is 3.98% (previous 3.11%); the fixed rate is 1.10%, the semiannual inflation is 1.43%.

For current banking rates, see www.depositaccounts.com/

Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 6/1/25
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates
Restricted RC 5.50%, RA 5.25%
Flexible RCP 4.75%, SRA 4.50%, IRA-101110+ 4.75%
TSP G Fund 4.50% (previous 4.250%).

Weekly ETFs INDA -1.58%, EPI -0.90%, INDH -0.23%, SPY -0.36%

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

MARKETS

Oil prices rose due to skirmishes between Israel & Iran with cross-border



deployment of missiles & drones.

ECONOMY

Indian central bank RBI cut rate by jumbo 50 bps to 5.50% on 6/6/25. This was the 3rd time in 2025. Its policy outlook now is neutral.

G-7 rotating Presidency is with Canada this year. The new Canadian PM CARNEY has invited Indian PM MODI to G-7, June 15-17, 2025, in Alberta, Canada. It's seen as an important step in mending India-Canada relations while also recognizing India's role in global economy & supply-chains. Among the G-7, only the US & German economies are now bigger than the Indian economy (2025/Q1).

India may soon complete the first phase of India-US trade deal although the US tariffs remain under a legal cloud.

India's EV policy provides lower tariffs up to import caps in exchange for definitive local production plans. This may be a relief for Indian EV producers (Tata, Mahindra, etc). However, 2 big global EV producers, US Tesla/TSLA & Chinese

BYD/BYDD are unlikely to participate. On the other hand, German & S Korean EV producers with Indian auto market exposures may participate.

Chinese restrictions on exports of rare-earths & magnets are hurting global auto production including in India. China says that it's allowing exports, but the related licensing process is slow & backlogged.

SPECIAL TOPICS

India is a huge importer of pharma APIs (active pharmaceutical ingredients; drug precursors) from China (& elsewhere) that it uses to make generics & brand name drugs for export to the US (& elsewhere). The US FBI claims that fentanyl APIs are following this disguised path: China --> India --> Mexico (fentanyl is made) --> US. Fentanyl itself isn't made or consumed in India.

In tragic Air India crash in Ahmedabad within a minute of takeoff, investigators are looking at engine, wing flap & landing gear issues.

RUPEE - TO HEDGE OR NOT?

The US investors in the Indian market better hedge!

A stronger dollar (or, relatively weaker rupee) cuts into the US returns of the Indian markets. Rupee has been declining vs dollar for decades with little hopes or expectations of catchup.

Now look at the 3-yr StockCharts of the relative performance of (i) the BSE index in rupees (\$BSE) & (ii) the BSE index in dollars (\$BSE:\$RUP); the conversion factor is \$1 = Rs \$RUP.

The currency effect is quite dramatic over time (3-12+ years). For the US investors, the 3-yr unhedged Indian return was +39.64% only vs the hedged

ANNIVERSARY NOTE

It has been 1 year since this Finance Corner series was started. A wide variety of global news, financial data & full-length features have been published. With this issue, a NEW FORMAT is being launched. The old alternating biweekly Personal Finance Insights & biweekly full-length features have been consolidated into a new unified weekly "Personal Finance Insights - News & Features". This will provide more timely news & topical flexibility with mini-features.

return of +53.50%; SP500 (\$SPX) returned +59.40%. This huge discrepancy has frustrated the US investors in the booming Indian market.

How do the US investors use this information?

Unique rupee-hedged WisdomTree ETF INDH (ER 0.63%, 05/2024-) is too new, but over a long-term it should perform closer the BSE Index in rupees (due to rupee hedging). Use smaller lots of a few hundred shares with limit-orders until its liquidity improves. The big unhedged iShares ETF INDA (ER 0.65%, 02/2012-) should perform closer to the BSE index in dollars. INDH & INDA have comparable ERs, so both should have similar ER drags vs indexes.

The unhedged India ETFs are market-cap-weighted INDA, earnings-weighted EPI & equal-weighted NIFTY.

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Chicagoland prepares for grand celebrations of International Yoga Day

● By IndoUS Tribune Staff

As the world prepares to mark the 11th International Day of Yoga on June 21, the Chicagoland area is buzzing with anticipation. A variety of yoga events are being independently organized by Indian-American organizations, with two major gatherings led by the Consulate General of India in Chicago in collaboration with several community partners.

Flagship event at Navy Pier on June 21

One of the most anticipated celebrations will take place on Friday, June 21, 2025, at Polk Bros Park on Navy Pier. Hosted by the Consulate General of India in partnership with Friends of Yoga, the lakeside open-air event is expected to attract hundreds from across the region. Buses have been arranged from surrounding suburbs, and attendees will receive complimentary Yoga Day T-shirts and light refreshments. “This year’s event marks a renewed sense of community and commitment to wellness,” said a consulate representative.

Community celebration in Arlington Heights on June 22

A second key celebration will be held on Saturday, June 22, at Gurukul Swaminarayan Temple in Arlington

Consulate General of India Chicago

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11th International Day of Yoga

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from 10:00 AM
Participants may kindly assemble
by 9:30 AM
Venue:
Polk Bros Park, Navy Pier
600 E Grand Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

(Free Yoga T shirt, Yoga mat and light refreshment will be provided)

Interested participants
may kindly register at

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Indian Community of Niles Township, United Senior Pariwar Chicago, FIA, Chicago, Since 1980 & Gurukul Swaminarayan, Arlington Hts.

In collaboration With **Consulate General of India, Chicago** celebrate

11th International Yoga Day

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Tea / Coffee: 9:30 to 10:00 AM
Yoga Session: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
followed by lunch

Venue: Gurukul, 401 S. Evergreen Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Yoga Instructor: **Jignesh & Hina Dixit and team from HSS, USA**
Please bring your Yoga Mat or chair with you to practice Yoga

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Heights. Organized in collaboration with Indian community groups and local leaders, the session will be led by yoga instructors Jignesh and Hina Dixit. The event continues an 11-year tradition emphasizing yoga as a holistic path to physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Independent celebrations across the region

Beyond these main events, temples, wellness centers, and community hubs throughout Chicagoland—from Naperville to Aurora—are hosting local yoga sessions. The widespread

participation reflects the increasing reach and resonance of yoga across communities. IndoUS Tribune extends its best wishes to all organizers and participants for a meaningful and successful International Yoga Day 2025.

Overseas Friends of BJP convene to boost U.S.-India relations

● By IndoUS Tribune Staff

At a high-profile national convention of the Overseas Friends of BJP-USA (OFBJP-USA), leaders emphasized the growing influence of the Indian diaspora in strengthening ties between the world’s two largest democracies.

Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, who heads the overseas affairs department of India’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said the group’s mission goes beyond politics. “OFBJP-USA is a committed community of volunteers and well-wishers working to build stronger India-U.S. relations at every level,” he said. Dr. Chauthaiwale highlighted the critical role of Indian Americans—describing them as “prosperous, well-educated, and respected”—and reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s belief in the diaspora as “India’s informal ambassadors.”



The convention focused on dispelling misconceptions about India and offering

a balanced, forward-looking perspective on US India comprehensive and strategic partnership , leadership, and global vision said Dr.Adapa Prasad, President of OFBJP USA

Ashwin Johar, OFBJP’s North America coordinator, underscored the organization’s efforts to engage with U.S. lawmakers, policymakers, and Indian American constituents. “These conventions unify our community and strengthen Indo-American ties by promoting mutual understanding and shared democratic values,” Johar said.

Community stalwart and prominent physician Dr. Bharat Barai praised the convention as a “platform for meaningful dialogue and strategic collaboration,”



empowering volunteers to amplify their efforts in fostering cross-border partnership.

As U.S.-India relations continue to evolve, such grassroots efforts may hold the key to enhancing diplomacy through community-driven advocacy.





French manicures get a playful summer makeover

The classic French manicure—once known for its subtle pink base and stark white tip—is experiencing a colorful rebirth this summer. Originally created in 1976 by Jeff Pink, founder of ORLY, the French tip was designed to be versatile and timeless. Now, thanks to celebrity nail artists like Kim Truong and Tom Bachik, this minimalist look has evolved into a vibrant, expressive statement that feels fresh, modern, and perfect for sunny days ahead.

Here are seven summer-forward ways to reimagine the French tip:

1. Multi-color candy tips

Ditch the white and give each fingertip its own personality with a rainbow palette. From soft pastels to bold brights, this playful approach lets you experiment with color without overwhelming your look. Try coordinating the shades with your accessories or a color-blocked outfit.

2. Sunset ombré fades

Gradient tips are having a major moment. Think warm coral melting into peach, or lavender fading into rose gold. The ombré effect gives a dreamy, sun-drenched vibe that feels romantic and effortless. Metallic or pearlized polish can take this look from beach day to evening drinks.

3. Sculpted color blocking

Go architectural with sharp, geometric tips that play with tone and depth. A muted taupe base with a rich chocolate tip adds sophistication, while unexpected pairings—like sage and mint or blush and



terracotta—give it a modern twist. It's minimalism with a creative edge.

4. Pucci swirl revival

Inspired by iconic '70s prints, this psychedelic update blends multiple colors into swirling, marbled tips. The look channels vintage luxury with a carefree spirit—perfect for vacation nails or music festivals. Choose neon brights for a bold statement or muted tones for a wearable twist.

5. Artful negative space

Want something edgy but clean? Try outlining the tip with a crisp border and leaving the interior blank. This negative space mani evokes a sleek, Art Deco aesthetic. It works beautifully in metallics, deep jewel tones, or classic black for a

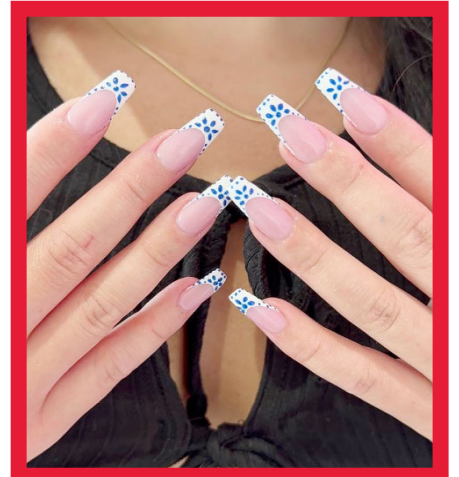
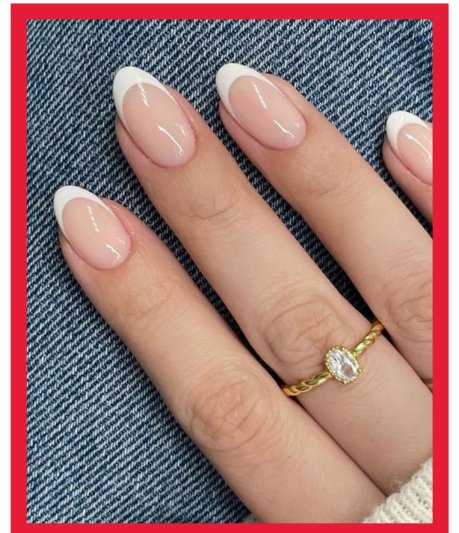
minimalist-meets-modern feel.

6. Chrome-dipped glamour

Reflective chrome finishes are a 2025 nail obsession, and they've landed firmly on the French tip trend. Go for rose gold, deep blue, or icy silver chrome edges that glint in the light and pair well with any skin tone. Perfect for those who love a little drama.

7. Micro French elegance

Sometimes, less is more. The micro French tip—an ultra-fine line painted delicately at the nail's edge—is ideal for short nails or minimalists. Choose a soft white, pale peach, or even a sheer shimmer for a refined, barely-there upgrade that elongates the nails and adds polish without fuss.



Whether you're heading to a garden party or just want your nails to match your summer glow, these elevated takes on the French manicure prove it's still the most versatile nail look of the season. Fresh, fun, and full of personality—it's time to give your fingertips the attention they deserve.

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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.
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ASCO 2025 breakthroughs: Exercise as medicine & immunotherapy’s expanding reach

By: Dr. Avi Verma

The global spotlight on cancer care once again turned to Chicago this June, as over 44,000 oncologists, researchers, and pharmaceutical leaders gathered at McCormick Place for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). This year, two transformative breakthroughs drew standing ovations from medical experts—each one signaling a significant shift in how cancer might be treated in the years to come.

Exercise as a prescribed treatment for colon cancer

In one of the most discussed presentations at ASCO 2025, Canadian researchers unveiled findings from the CHALLENGE Trial, a nearly two-decade-long study involving 889 patients with high-risk Stage II and III colon cancer.

The trial compared two groups of patients who had completed surgery and chemotherapy. One group received standard health guidance. The other followed a structured exercise program with the help of physical therapists and trainers, committing to activities like brisk walking for 45–60 minutes, multiple times a week, over a period of three years.

The results were stunning:

- ▶ 37% lower risk of death in the exercise group.
- ▶ 28% lower risk of cancer recurrence.
- ▶ Five-year disease-free survival: 80% with exercise vs. 74% without.
- ▶ Eight-year overall survival: 90% with exercise vs. 83% in the control group.

As Dr. Christopher Booth, one of the lead investigators, explained:

“For every 14 patients who followed the exercise plan, one life was saved. This is equivalent—or in some cases, better—than the benefits of chemotherapy.”

The trial drew standing applause at ASCO, as it firmly elevated exercise from a general health recommendation to a prescription-level intervention with tangible survival benefits. Experts now call for oncology centers to begin integrating exercise prescriptions into routine cancer care, especially for survivors.

Immunotherapy moves upstream: A new frontier in early-stage cancers

Another paradigm-shifting development at ASCO 2025 came from AstraZeneca, whose immunotherapy drug Imfinzi (durvalumab) showed striking success in the treatment of early-stage gastric and gastroesophageal junction (GEJ) cancers.



Findings from the MATTERHORN trial, a late-stage Phase III study, revealed:

- ▶ When Imfinzi was combined with chemotherapy after surgery, event-free survival rose to 67.4% versus 58.5% in the chemotherapy-only group.
- ▶ That’s a 29% reduction in the risk of cancer progression, recurrence, or death.

Crucially, this was achieved without compromising surgical recovery or safety, making it one of the most promising applications of immunotherapy in early-stage gastrointestinal cancers to date.

With these results, Imfinzi could soon become the first immunotherapy used perioperatively (around the time of surgery) for stomach and GEJ cancers, offering patients a less toxic and more durable treatment alternative.

Why these breakthroughs matter

The two headline findings from ASCO 2025 are significant not just for their individual successes, but for what they represent together—a new era of

Breakthrough	Impact
Exercise Prescription Early Immunotherapy	A cost-effective, side-effect-free strategy that rivals chemotherapy in effectiveness for colon cancer survivors. A powerful complement or potential replacement to traditional chemotherapy, with fewer long-term side effects.

holistic and personalized cancer care. These findings are especially important for younger patients and long-term survivors, where reducing the lifelong damage from toxic treatments (like nerve damage or infertility) is increasingly a top priority.

The future of cancer care is changing

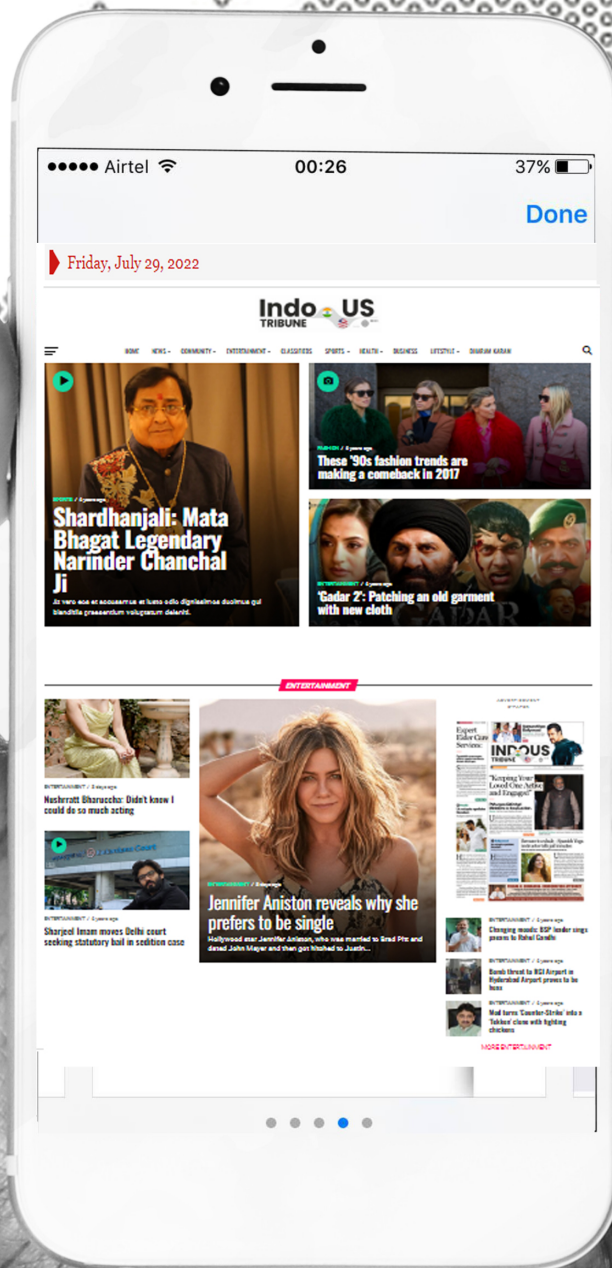
With more focus on quality of life, long-term survivorship, and patient-driven care, oncology is evolving. The future now includes:

- ▶ Exercise physiologists working alongside oncologists.
- ▶ Lifestyle interventions as core components of survivorship programs.
- ▶ Targeted immunotherapies entering earlier treatment windows to

improve chances of cure. As these discoveries begin to shape policy and practice, IndoUS Tribune remains committed to covering innovations that offer hope, dignity, and healing to patients and families facing cancer.

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