

Modi concludes five-nation tour with key honors and global outreach



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to New Delhi on Thursday after concluding a five-nation tour to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia, which the Ministry of External Affairs described as “productive and successful.”

During the trip, Modi addressed Parliaments in Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Namibia, bringing his total number of foreign parliamentary speeches to 17—matching the cumulative record of all Congress prime ministers before him.

Modi was honored with four top civilian awards, including Ghana’s Order of the Star, Brazil’s Grand Collar of the Southern Cross, Trinidad and Tobago’s Order of the Republic, and Namibia’s Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis.

His speeches emphasized South-South cooperation, shared democratic values, and development in health and technology. With India set to lead the BRICS bloc in 2026, Modi’s tour highlighted the country’s expanding diplomatic influence across Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

India steps in to restore Ramayan fresco at Angkor Wat, reaffirming civilizational links with Cambodia



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During a visit to Cambodia, India’s Minister of State Pabitra Margherita praised the Ramayan mural at Phnom Penh’s Royal Palace as a symbol of shared cultural heritage. He confirmed that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will begin restoration work on the murals. The ASI previously restored the Angkor Wat temple from 1986 to 1993 and is currently working on the Ta Prohm temple. Margherita also met Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and King Norodom Sihamoni, reaffirming India’s commitment to cultural ties and developmental cooperation. India’s Ministry of External Affairs said the visit will deepen engagement across key sectors including education, culture, and infrastructure. Margherita interacted with members of the Indian community, as well as alumni of Indian government scholarship programs. His engagements highlight India’s soft power and longstanding dedication to preserving Southeast Asia’s shared civilizational history, while also promoting strategic partnerships in the region.

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Rubio renews Trump’s India-Pakistan mediation claim; State Department calls denial ‘an opinion’

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U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio reiterated President Donald Trump’s claim that the Trump administration helped end hostilities between India and Pakistan. “We prevented and ended a war between India and Pakistan,” Rubio said during a cabinet meeting, listing diplomatic successes under Trump.

At the State Department briefing, spokesperson Tammy Bruce responded to questions from Pakistani media, where one journalist criticized Indian leaders for denying U.S. mediation. Bruce avoided naming Indian officials but stated, “Everyone will have an opinion. Some opinions are wrong.”

India has consistently denied any third-party involvement. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reportedly told Trump directly that no mediation occurred. External Affairs



Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that India and Pakistan handled the ceasefire themselves, pointing to direct military contact between their respective Directors General of Military Operations.

Bruce acknowledged that Trump likely

will not receive the Nobel Prize, despite a nomination from Pakistan’s military chief. Still, she said, “He deserves every prize,” citing the Abraham Accords. She added that his greatest reward remains the presidency of the United States.

Judge blocks Trump’s birthright citizenship order despite Supreme Court ruling



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A federal judge in New Hampshire has blocked President Donald Trump’s executive order aimed at ending birthright citizenship for certain U.S.-born children, allowing a class action lawsuit to proceed. The lawsuit, brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of immigrant parents and their children, challenges the order as unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment.

The judge’s ruling temporarily halts the order’s implementation and permits the case to continue on behalf of the affected infants. The decision follows a recent Supreme Court ruling that restricts universal injunctions but still allows

limited nationwide relief under specific legal conditions.

The Trump administration criticized the ruling, calling it an “unlawful attempt” to bypass the Supreme Court. A White House spokesperson said the administration would appeal, claiming the class certification was improperly used to block national policy.

Trump’s order, originally set to take effect on July 27, would have revoked automatic citizenship for babies born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants and foreign visitors. It was among his early immigration priorities and has faced repeated legal challenges in multiple courts. The judge gave the government seven days to file an appeal.

India abstains from UN vote on Afghanistan, calls for action against terror safe havens and drug trafficking



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India abstained from voting on a UN General Assembly resolution on Afghanistan, citing concerns about excluding counter-terror provisions. India’s envoy P. Harish stressed the need to prevent groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed from exploiting Afghan territory. While backing the resolution’s condemnation of Taliban restrictions on women, he argued that a solely punitive approach was ineffective. India called for engagement that includes both incentives and disincentives, noting recent dialogue with Afghan officials.

The resolution passed with 116 votes; the United States and Israel opposed it, while 12 countries abstained. Germany, which sponsored the resolution, acknowledged that engagement with the Taliban is unavoidable, even as it criticized human rights violations. The resolution is part of the Doha Process, a UN-led effort to normalize Taliban relations. India reaffirmed its commitment to humanitarian assistance, education, and healthcare support in Afghanistan.

Deadly Gaza strike kills children seeking aid, raising pressure on ceasefire talks



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At least 15 people, including 10 children, were killed Thursday in an Israeli airstrike outside a medical center in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, as families queued for treatment and food supplements. The clinic, run by Project Hope, has suspended operations. The group condemned the attack as a “blatant violation of international humanitarian law.”

The Israeli military said it had targeted a Hamas operative involved in the October 7, 2023, attacks, but expressed regret over civilian casualties and pledged to review the incident. Witnesses described seeing parents and children killed instantly.

The attack came amid intensified Israeli strikes that killed at least 82 people in 24 hours. Ceasefire negotiations continue, but major disagreements remain. Israel insists on the right to resume military action after any truce, while Hamas demands guarantees that fighting will not restart. Over 57,000 Palestinians have been killed since the war began.

June 2025 recorded as world's third-warmest June on record



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June 2025 was the third-warmest June ever globally, according to the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service. The average surface air temperature hit 16.46°C, 0.47°C above the 1991–2020 average and 1.3°C above pre-industrial levels. Western Europe recorded its hottest June, with an average of 20.49°C, while global sea surface temperatures reached 20.72°C. An extreme marine heatwave in the western Mediterranean saw sea temperatures peak at 27°C—the highest ever recorded there in June. Experts warned such heat events are becoming more intense and widespread. “Reducing emissions and adapting our communities is critical,” said C3S senior scientist Julien Nicolas. High temperatures were also reported across the U.S., Canada, Asia, and West Antarctica. Scientists emphasized that oceans, which absorb 90% of excess heat, are increasingly under threat, impacting marine biodiversity and global climate systems.

Jaishankar meets Iran's Araghchi at BRICS, discusses regional stability and Indian evacuation efforts

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi on Sunday on the sidelines of the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, with talks focusing on recent developments in West Asia. The meeting came amid rising regional tensions, including the Iran-Israel conflict and U.S. airstrikes on Iranian targets.

Jaishankar posted on social media that their discussion addressed “recent regional developments,” and reiterated India's position advocating de-escalation and a return to diplomacy to ensure peace and stability. He also thanked Araghchi for Iran's assistance in evacuating Indian nationals during earlier hostilities.

India and Iran enjoy deep-rooted historical ties, reinforced through high-level visits



and strategic cooperation in trade, energy, and connectivity. Key milestones in their relationship include the 2001 Tehran Declaration, the 2003 New Delhi Declaration, and the 2016 Chabahar port agreement signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

In October 2024, Modi met Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit in Russia. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar visited Iran in 2024 to convey condolences after the death of President Ebrahim Raisi.

Pakistan and Turkey strengthen defense alliance with focus on technology and trade

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Pakistan and Turkey have reinforced their defense and strategic partnership during a high-level visit to Islamabad by Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Defense Minister Yasar Guler. The delegation met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and Army Chief General Asim Munir to discuss expanded military cooperation, including arms trade, joint air exercises, UAV development, and pilot exchange programs.

The ministers also co-chaired the Joint Commission under the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council framework to assess progress on 12 working committees. Both nations aim to boost bilateral trade to \$5 billion, with Pakistan pledging to support a Turkish Special



Economic Zone in Karachi.

Meanwhile, China's Air Force Chief Lt. Gen. Wang Gang also visited Islamabad, praising Pakistan's air capabilities and discussing regional defense coordination with Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu.

Elon Musk breaks with Trump, forms new political party for 'freedom'



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Elon Musk has announced the launch of a new political party, the America Party, saying it aims to restore democratic freedoms and end what he described as a “one-party system in disguise.”

The Tesla and SpaceX CEO, once a key supporter of President Donald Trump, made the announcement on July 4 via a post on X, claiming that bipartisan corruption and overspending have eroded public trust and bankrupted the nation.

Musk's move marks a sharp break from Trump, especially after tensions rose during Musk's brief tenure as head of the Department of Government Efficiency.

He has since criticized Trump's expansive spending policies and vowed to oppose any lawmaker backing recent budget increases.

Citing a poll with a 2-to-1 margin in favor of breaking the two-party system, Musk declared: “By overwhelming demand, you want a new party. Now, you have it.”

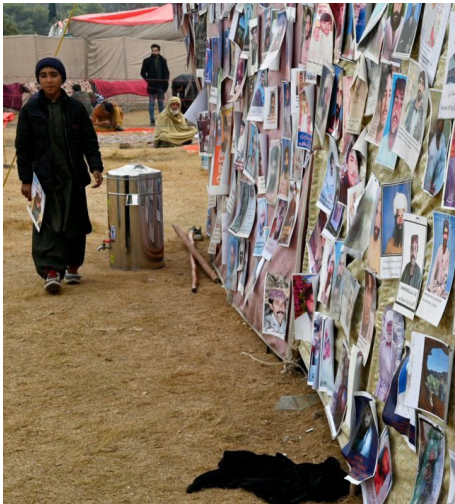
Rights groups condemn abduction of Baloch student by Pakistani forces

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Human rights groups have condemned the alleged abduction of Saeed Ubaidullah, a Baloch student from Quaid-e-Azam University, by Pakistani forces at Islamabad Toll Plaza. Organizations including Paank and Baloch Voice for Justice said the incident fits a disturbing pattern of enforced disappearances in Balochistan.

Activist Abdullah Baloch remains jailed in Gadani after being arrested during a peaceful protest, while student Babul Rehmat was also reportedly abducted on July 6 in Gwadar. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan expressed concern over the arrests of civil society members and demanded the unconditional release of detainees.

Activists accuse the state of violent raids,



false charges, and suppression of dissent under the guise of security operations. Rights groups called for an end to such abuses and emphasized the need to respect constitutional freedoms in Balochistan, including the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.

Norway to adopt EU anti-deforestation rules, aligning climate goals



Norway will adopt key provisions of the European Union's Deforestation Regulation to help curb climate change and biodiversity loss. The policy introduces stricter requirements for high-risk products like wood, palm oil, coffee, cocoa, and rubber. Climate and Environment Minister Andreas Bjelland Eriksen emphasized that nearly 90 percent of global deforestation is due to forest conversion for agriculture. Norway will align with the EU via the European Economic Area agreement but will exclude beef and soy and products exported outside the EEA. The EU regulation, effective December 30, 2025, is part of a broader Green Deal strategy and targets a 32 million metric ton annual reduction in carbon emissions. It bans deforestation-linked imports and classifies countries by deforestation risk. Norway may create national regulations for excluded commodities. The regulation aims to prevent the EU from contributing to global forest degradation through consumption.

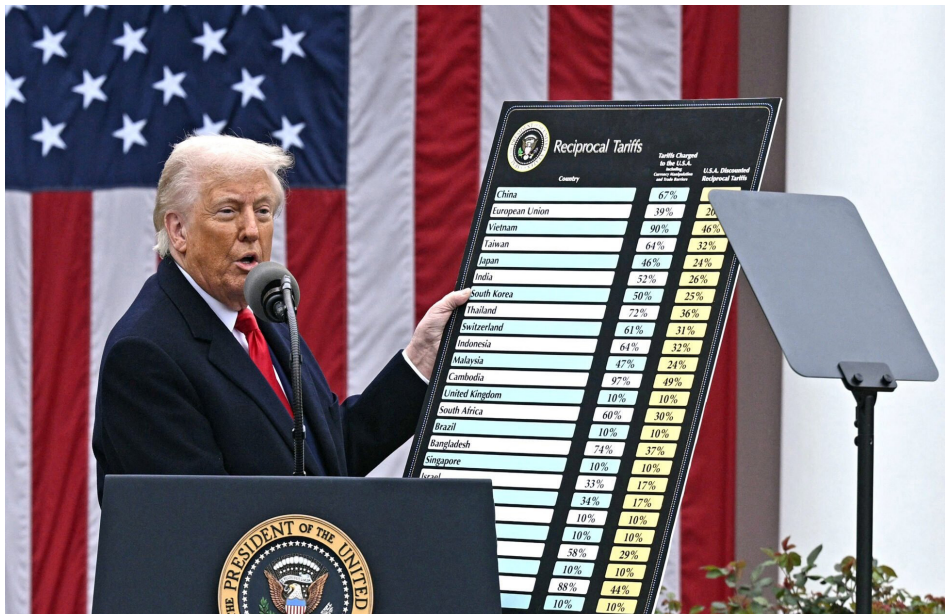
China urges developed nations to fulfill climate commitments



Chinese Premier Li Qiang has called on developed countries to honor their climate-related pledges, including financing and technology transfer, while addressing the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro. He emphasized the need to implement the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. Li stressed maintaining global supply chain stability, resisting protectionism, and reforming global governance. China plans to establish a BRICS research center for new productive forces and launch scholarships to boost talent development. Highlighting China's economic resilience, he advocated peaceful dispute resolution and global inclusivity. BRICS, he said, must lead in shaping fair governance and act as a force for development, justice, and cultural dialogue. Li called for strengthening cooperation in emerging sectors and promoting mutual learning among civilizations. His remarks reflected China's vision for a collaborative and balanced global order amid rising geopolitical tensions and economic fragmentation.

Trump announces sweeping tariffs on Brazil and Canada, escalating global trade tensions

President Donald Trump has announced major new tariffs targeting key U.S. trade partners, Brazil and Canada, intensifying his administration's aggressive economic strategy. In a post on Truth Social, Trump confirmed a 50 percent tariff on Brazilian imports, citing what he called a "witch hunt" trial against former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. Trump, calling Bolsonaro a personal friend, condemned the proceedings and accused Brazil of censoring social media platforms. In response, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva rejected the tariff, defended the independence of Brazil's judiciary, and insisted that all companies—foreign or domestic—must follow national law. Brazil's currency fell over 2% after the announcement.



In a separate move, Trump also imposed a 35 percent tariff on Canadian imports, effective August 1. He accused Canada of maintaining unfair trade barriers and allowing fentanyl into the U.S., claims disputed by Ottawa. Goods

covered under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement will be exempt, but Trump warned the rate could rise if Canada retaliates. Energy and fertilizer tariffs are expected to remain at 10%.

The tariffs are part of a broader push that could see 15–20 percent duties on other U.S. allies, including Japan and South Korea, signaling a major shift in global trade dynamics.

UNESCO rejects South Korea's push to review Japan's wartime forced labor site pledges

In a rare secret ballot vote, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee has rejected South Korea's proposal to reassess Japan's implementation of promised measures related to industrial sites linked to wartime forced labor. The vote, held during the WHC session in Paris, resulted in seven votes for Japan, three for South Korea, eight abstentions, and three invalid ballots—falling short of the majority needed to adopt the motion.



Seoul's proposal aimed to continue evaluating Japan's efforts to reflect the "full history" of sites like Hashima Island, where many Koreans were forced into labor during Japan's colonial rule from 1910 to 1945. Despite Japan opening a museum in Tokyo to

address the issue, South Korea argues it fails to fully acknowledge the historical context.

The outcome represents a diplomatic setback for South Korea's campaign to hold Japan accountable at the international level. Seoul expressed regret and pledged to continue pressing Japan to fulfill its commitments, both bilaterally and in multilateral forums, before the WHC session concludes next week.

Sacked Russian minister Roman Starovoit found dead amid graft probe

Roman Starovoit, Russia's recently dismissed Transport Minister, was found dead from a gunshot wound hours after President Vladimir Putin removed him from office. Authorities suspect suicide, according to Russia's Investigative Committee. Starovoit, who served as Governor of Kursk Region from 2018 to 2024, was reportedly facing a corruption probe related to embezzled defense funds during his governorship. The border region has seen repeated scandals since the Ukraine conflict began in 2022, with over 20 officials detained. His former deputy and successor in Kursk were also implicated. Starovoit had long worked in infrastructure and led Rosavtodor before entering federal politics. Andrey Nikitin, former Governor of Novgorod Region, has been named acting Transport Minister.

Britain restores diplomatic relations with Syria, pledges economic aid

Britain has re-established formal diplomatic ties with Syria, marked by Foreign Secretary David Lammy's visit to Damascus. During the visit, Lammy invited Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani to London and announced plans to reopen the Syrian embassy in the UK and form a joint economic council.



Britain also pledged USD 111.3 million in aid for humanitarian support, education, and refugee assistance. The UK emphasized support for Syria's political transition and economic recovery.

This comes shortly after President Donald Trump lifted U.S. sanctions on Syria and Britain eased its own restrictions, including unfreezing Syrian central bank

assets. Lammy stressed that a stable Syria will help counter terrorism and curb irregular migration.

China to restrict EU medical devices in government procurement

China will impose new restrictions on medical devices imported from the European Union for government procurement projects, effective July 6, 2025. The Finance Ministry announced that if purchases exceed 45 million yuan (about USD 6.29 million), EU companies (excluding EU-funded firms based in China) will be barred from bidding. Non-EU firms must ensure EU-origin devices make up less than 50 percent of contract value. Exemptions apply if only EU imports meet procurement needs. China's decision follows EU restrictions on Chinese firms participating in public procurement. The Commerce Ministry said the move is a reciprocal measure to protect Chinese enterprises and ensure fair competition, while reaffirming openness to future dialogue with the EU.



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Celebrating the

Dalai Lama at 90

A beacon of compassion amidst complexities



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his past Sunday, the world paused to acknowledge a momentous occasion: the 90th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso. While he humbly refers to himself as "a simple Buddhist monk" who shies away from grand celebrations, his nine decades on Earth have undeniably etched an indelible legacy of peace, compassion, and resilience that resonates far beyond the Himalayan foothills he now calls home.

His Holiness's life has been a living testament to the power of a "good heart" and the pursuit of inner peace. From his exile in India since 1959, after Chinese troops moved into Lhasa, he has led a lifelong, non-violent campaign for greater autonomy for Tibet. More profoundly, his teachings on universal responsibility, interfaith harmony, and the cultivation of compassion have transcended religious and cultural boundaries, inspiring millions globally. He has consistently championed human rights and dignity, not just for Tibetans, but for all people. In a world often fractured by conflict, his consistent message of reconciliation and understanding has truly helped to make the world a better place, demonstrating that moral leadership rooted in empathy can be a powerful force for global good.

However, celebrations for this iconic spiritual leader are invariably accompanied by the enduring and sensitive issue of his succession—a major bone of contention with Beijing. China has adamantly insisted that it holds the ultimate authority in approving the next reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, even proposing a selection via "drawing lots from a golden urn." This stance is firmly rejected by His Holiness, who has unequivocally stated that his India-based office alone will "exclusively" identify his successor, and that the next Dalai Lama will emerge from the "free world," outside of China's control. This fundamental disagreement raises the distinct possibility of rival claimants to the spiritual leadership, creating deep concern among Tibetans in exile regarding the future of their cultural



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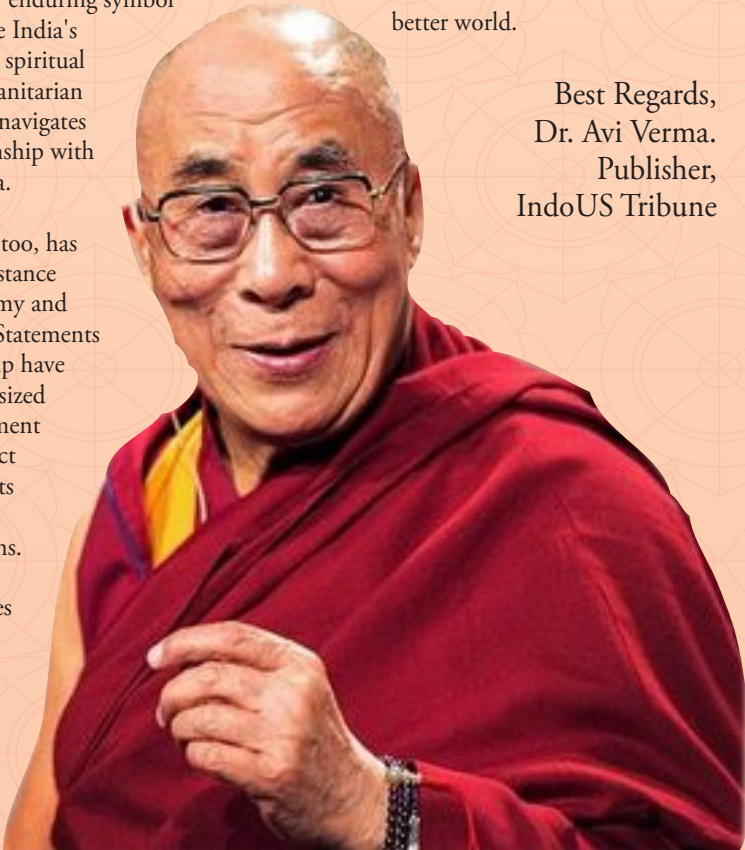
India's position, as the host nation for the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-in-exile, has been consistently one of reverence and support. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's effusive birthday greetings, calling the Dalai Lama an "enduring symbol of love," underscore India's deep respect for his spiritual authority and humanitarian message, even as it navigates its complex relationship with regional rival China.

The United States, too, has maintained a clear stance on Tibetan autonomy and religious freedom. Statements from U.S. leadership have consistently emphasized America's commitment to promoting respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Tibetans. The outpouring of support from figures like Hollywood star Richard Gere and former U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and

Barack Obama – who praised the Dalai Lama for embodying selflessness and speaking up for freedom and dignity – further highlights the international recognition of his unique role and the implicit support for his right to guide the future of his spiritual institution without external imposition.

As His Holiness reflects on his 90 years, expressing no regrets and a peaceful outlook towards his passing, his assertion that the spiritual institution of the Dalai Lamas will continue after him brings both hope and challenges. His life has been a powerful beacon, embodying the very principles he advocates. For the IndoUS Tribune, the Dalai Lama represents not just a religious figure, but a global moral compass whose enduring message of peace, compassion, and advocacy for human dignity remains profoundly relevant in our increasingly interconnected, yet often turbulent, world. His legacy is one that transcends borders and continues to inspire millions to cultivate a better heart for a better world.

Best Regards,
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Flash floods destroy Nepal-China trade route, leave eight dead



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Flash floods in Nepal's Rasuwa district have killed at least eight people and left 19 missing, including six Chinese nationals and two Nepalese police officers. The floods destroyed parts of the Rasuwagadhi-Kerung trade corridor, washing away the Nepal-China Friendship Bridge and newly imported electric vehicles at the dry port. Disruptions are expected to affect Nepal's festive season imports, including electronics, garments, and food. Traders estimate losses could reach billions of rupees. Search and rescue efforts are hampered by bad weather, damaged communication networks, and blocked roads. Authorities say 40 to 50 electric vehicles were submerged, while containers of apples and other goods were swept away. The local business community urged the government to urgently build a temporary Bailey bridge to restore supply routes. Officials have not released full damage assessments due to ongoing rescue operations and difficult conditions in the affected area.

UAE denies lifetime Golden Visa claims, warns against fake news



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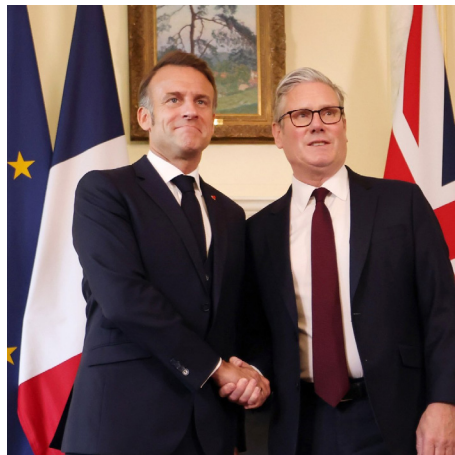
The UAE government has dismissed recent reports claiming it offers a lifetime Golden Visa to select nationalities, calling them false and misleading. The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security (ICP) clarified that all Golden Visa applications must be submitted through official channels. It warned the public against relying on unauthorized advisory firms or real estate offers claiming guaranteed residency. The ICP emphasized that eligibility for the Golden Visa depends on UAE laws and includes categories such as investors, professionals in science or arts, and real estate buyers meeting the AED 2 million threshold. The ICP is pursuing legal action against those spreading misinformation and attempting to exploit individuals' aspirations for a better life. Authorities advised the public to consult only official sources, such as the ICP website or helpline, for accurate and lawful information on immigration and residency processes.

Macron begins UK state visit to rebuild trust and tackle shared crises

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French President Emmanuel Macron began a three-day state visit to the United Kingdom on Tuesday, marking the first such visit by a French leader since 2008. Greeted by Prince William and Princess Catherine, Macron and his wife Brigitte are being hosted at Windsor Castle by King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Macron is expected to meet Prime Minister Keir Starmer and address the British Parliament. His visit focuses on



strengthening cooperation in defense, nuclear energy, artificial intelligence, migration, and space exploration.

Despite past tensions over Brexit and fishing rights, Macron said the visit is a "significant moment" to renew trust and unity in Europe. With small boat crossings on the rise and far-right political pressure mounting in both countries, migration remains a top issue.

The visit also comes amid instability in Ukraine and the Middle East, reinforcing the need for a unified European response to global challenges.

South Korea's ex-president skips trial after arrest over insurrection plot

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Former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol missed his insurrection trial hearing Thursday after being arrested earlier that day for attempting to impose martial law in December 2023.

His legal team cited health reasons for his absence at the Seoul Central District Court, which marked his first missed hearing. Prosecutors accused Yoon of bypassing Cabinet protocols and abusing power. Yoon is currently held at the Seoul Detention Center.

The special counsel team objected to his absence and requested that he be compelled to attend future sessions. Two ex-military officials testified about the attempted coup during the hearing. Yoon was previously arrested in January but released in March. If convicted of insurrection, he could face



life imprisonment or the death penalty. Authorities also notified Yoon's wife, former First Lady Kim Keon Hee, of the arrest. Further questioning is expected in the coming days.

Trump approves more arms for Ukraine, weighs sanctions on Russia

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President Donald Trump has approved sending additional defensive weapons to Ukraine and is considering new sanctions on Russia amid intensifying fighting. Speaking at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Trump said he was "not happy" with Russian President Vladimir Putin and acknowledged rising casualties on both sides. The announcement comes days after the U.S. briefly paused some arms shipments to Ukraine, a move that surprised Kyiv. Trump said he had

recently spoken with Putin but reported "no progress" on resolving the conflict. The Kremlin confirmed the call and said Putin reaffirmed Russia's readiness for talks but would not back down from its strategic objectives.

Trump is also reviewing a bipartisan Senate bill that proposes sweeping sanctions on Russia. The renewed military and diplomatic push highlights Washington's evolving position as Ukraine faces mounting challenges on the battlefield and pressure grows for a negotiated end to the war.



Trump and Netanyahu meet again in Washington as ceasefire talks continue



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President Donald Trump met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for a second day in Washington on Tuesday to discuss ongoing ceasefire negotiations with Hamas. The talks follow Trump's envoy Steven Witkoff's statement that a 60-day ceasefire deal may be near. Netanyahu, however, emphasized that Israel's mission in Gaza is not over until Hamas is dismantled and all hostages are released. The two leaders also reportedly discussed controversial plans to relocate Palestinians from Gaza, which Netanyahu said could offer those who wish to leave a chance at a better future. The United Nations and Arab leaders have condemned such proposals, calling them violations of international law. Qatar, a key mediator, warned that negotiations still need more time. Netanyahu also met U.S. Vice President J.D. Vance and House Speaker Mike Johnson during the visit, while reaffirming Israel's right to defend itself amid mounting international calls for a ceasefire.

Colombia and Uzbekistan join BRICS development bank

Colombia and Uzbekistan have joined the New Development Bank (NDB), expanding its membership to 11 countries. The announcement came during a press briefing by NDB President Dilma Rousseff after the bank's 10th Board of Directors meeting in Rio de Janeiro. Established by BRICS nations in 2015, the NDB funds infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging markets. New members now include Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Colombia, and Uzbekistan. Rousseff emphasized the NDB's commitment to respecting national sovereignty and supporting the Global South in areas like clean energy, infrastructure, and technology, with approved projects totaling over USD 40 billion.

State Department to lay off 15% of domestic staff in sweeping overhaul



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The U.S. State Department has announced plans to lay off nearly 15 percent of its domestic workforce—approximately 1,800 employees—as part of a major restructuring aligned with President Donald Trump’s foreign policy vision. This move follows a Supreme Court ruling that cleared the way for mass federal layoffs previously blocked by a lower court.

The restructuring, described as the most significant in decades, will consolidate or eliminate several hundred bureaus, with officials citing redundancy and misalignment with current priorities. The changes are expected to streamline the chain of command and shift more functions to regional bureaus and overseas embassies. Some offices, particularly those involved in immigration and democracy promotion, will see reduced roles. For instance, the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration may be restructured to focus more on deportation logistics.

The department emphasized that impacted employees will be notified directly and thanked them for their service. Officials say the overhaul aims to modernize American diplomacy for an era of global competition while reducing bureaucratic overlap created in the post-Cold War period.

U.S. measles cases reach highest level in over 30 years

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In 2025, the United States has recorded 1,288 confirmed measles cases—the highest annual total since 1992—across 39 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The surge includes 27 outbreaks, with 88% of cases linked to outbreaks and 92% occurring in unvaccinated individuals or those with unknown vaccination status. Hospitalizations have reached over 150, and there have been three deaths, including two unvaccinated children in Texas and one adult in New Mexico.

Measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000, but this resurgence is largely attributed to falling vaccination rates—some below the 95% threshold needed for herd immunity. Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose, and rash; the disease can cause severe complications and long-term immune damage. Health experts strongly urge that two doses of the MMR vaccine, which offer about 97% protection, remain the best defense. Public health officials warn that continued outbreaks could jeopardize the U.S.’s measles elimination status and call for urgent immunization efforts.

Trump signs ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ into law, hailing a ‘new Golden Age’ for America

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President Donald Trump signed the sweeping “One Big Beautiful Bill” into law during a July 4 ceremony at the White House, declaring it the start of a “new Golden Age” for the United States. The landmark legislation was passed by the Senate earlier in the week and approved by the House of Representatives on Thursday.

The bill combines significant tax cuts, major reductions in federal spending, and the largest investment in border security and military funding in American history. “I’ve never seen people so happy in our country,” Trump said at the signing, emphasizing that the bill benefits “so many different groups of people—military, civilians, and workers of all types.”

Trump praised House Speaker Mike Johnson and Senate Majority Leader John Thune for their leadership in delivering the legislation, calling them an “unbeatable team.”



White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt described the bill as a fulfillment of Trump’s core campaign promises.

In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the bill unites the Republican Party like never before. “The people of the United States will be richer, safer, and prouder than ever before,” he wrote. “Congratulations, America!”

Texas flood death toll climbs to 119, over 170 still missing amid search efforts

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The death toll from catastrophic flooding across central Texas has risen to 119, with more than 170 individuals still unaccounted for, state officials confirmed on July 9. Kerr County has been the hardest hit, recording 95 deaths—including 36 children and 27 individuals from Camp Mystic, a Christian girls’ camp on the Guadalupe River.

Sheriff Larry Leitha stated that over 160 people remain missing in Kerr County alone, many believed to have been swept away by rapid flash flooding over the Fourth of July weekend. Torrential rains caused the Guadalupe River to rise nearly 30 feet in less than an hour, devastating the region.

Search crews, supported by over 2,200 personnel and 1,200 pieces of equipment, have not located any survivors since July 4. Texas



Governor Greg Abbott has declared a disaster across multiple counties, while President Donald Trump approved federal aid for Kerr County and plans to visit the area on July 11.

As families await answers, scrutiny is mounting over whether local authorities did enough to warn the public in this flood-prone area of Hill Country. Sheriff Leitha vowed transparency, stating, “We’re not hiding from anything... those questions must be answered.”

Judge signals halt to immigration stops without cause in Los Angeles

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A federal judge in Los Angeles has tentatively ruled to block indiscriminate immigration stops and arrests by federal agents, a central feature of President Donald Trump’s mass deportation plan. The ruling follows a lawsuit filed by immigrant rights groups alleging that agents were targeting people based on appearance and holding detainees in poor conditions without access to legal counsel.

U.S. District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong indicated she would issue temporary restraining orders to stop unlawful stops and ensure access to attorneys. She criticized federal officials for failing to provide evidence justifying arrests.

The city and county of Los Angeles, along



with several nearby municipalities, joined the lawsuit, arguing the raids are politically motivated and harmful to public safety.

Since June 6, nearly 2,700 undocumented immigrants have been arrested in the Los Angeles area, according to Homeland Security. Plaintiffs argue the actions violate constitutional protections and have destabilized immigrant-heavy neighborhoods.

Senate confirms Jonathan Gould as top banking regulator



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The United States Senate has confirmed Jonathan Gould as head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), with a 50–45 vote. Gould, a former OCC chief counsel, most recently worked as a partner at Jones Day and previously served as chief legal officer for the crypto firm Bitfury. He also held a senior role on the Senate Banking Committee under Republican Chairman Mike Crapo in 2018. As Comptroller, Gould will oversee regulation of the country’s largest national banks and is expected to align with President Donald Trump’s agenda of easing financial oversight to boost economic growth. His appointment was welcomed by the banking industry, with the American Bankers Association praising his experience and signaling interest in collaborating on future regulatory reforms to strengthen the national banking system.

TSA ends shoe removal rule at airport checkpoints



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The Transportation Security Administration has ended its two-decade-old rule requiring most travelers to remove their shoes at airport security checkpoints. The change, announced by Homeland Security officials, follows upgrades in scanning technology that allow for effective screening without shoe removal.

The rule was introduced in 2001 after an attempted shoe bombing on a flight from Paris to Miami. Until now, passengers aged 12 to 75 had to take off their shoes unless enrolled in TSA PreCheck.

The updated policy will now apply to all standard lanes, although shoes may still be screened individually if flagged. The move is part of broader efforts to modernize security and improve the passenger experience at airports nationwide.

FEMA flood response in Texas delayed by new spending restrictions



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Federal emergency response to catastrophic flooding in Texas was slowed after new budget restrictions required all FEMA contracts over \$100,000 to receive personal approval from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. Officials said this delayed the deployment of specialized search and rescue teams for more than 72 hours. Nearly 120 people have died and over 160 remain missing after torrential rains caused rivers to overflow. FEMA's limited response has sparked criticism, with just 86 staffers deployed by Monday night. Noem defended the process, saying it promotes accountability and reduces federal bureaucracy. However, internal FEMA sources expressed frustration, warning that red tape during disasters can cost lives. President Donald Trump has supported scaling back FEMA's role, shifting more responsibility to states. Texas relied heavily on state agencies and interstate partnerships to respond in the critical early hours.

Court overturns conviction of man behind 2016 election memes



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Douglass Mackey, convicted last year for posting deceptive memes ahead of the 2016 election, has had his conviction overturned by a federal appeals court. The memes falsely urged Hillary Clinton supporters to vote via text, an invalid method. The court ruled that the government failed to prove Mackey knowingly conspired with others to suppress votes—an essential element under federal law. Mackey had been sentenced to seven months in prison. The ruling emphasizes limits on prosecuting online speech under conspiracy laws, with the court noting a lack of evidence linking Mackey to any coordinated plan. The Justice Department has not commented on the decision.

Mahmoud Khalil files \$20 million claim over alleged false imprisonment and defamation

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Palestinian activist Mahmoud Khalil has filed a \$20 million claim against the Trump administration, alleging false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and defamation. Khalil, a Columbia University graduate, was held in U.S. immigration detention for over three months due to his role in pro-Palestinian campus protests.

The claim, filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act, names the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the State Department. Khalil was released last month and has not been charged with any crime. His deportation case is ongoing.

He accused the administration of portraying him as a national security threat without evidence, calling the detention a violation of his First Amendment rights. The Department of Homeland Security



rejected his allegations, calling the claim “absurd.”

Khalil stated that any compensation would be shared with others targeted for activism. He said he would accept an official apology and policy change in place of a monetary settlement.

Senate bill seeks to ban masks and require visible ID for immigration officers

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Democratic senators Alex Padilla of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey introduced the “Visible Act” on July 8, aiming to curb the use of face-covering masks and require clear identification by immigration enforcement officers. The proposed bill responds to recent incidents where masked officers, often in unmarked vehicles, detained individuals without clearly identifying themselves, sparking comparisons to abductions.

Under the legislation, officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security, or other agencies involved in immigration enforcement would be required to visibly display their agency name or acronym and either their own name or badge number. Tactical gear or clothing that conceals this information would be prohibited, as would



non-medical face coverings like balaclavas—except in cases where officer safety requires it, such as gas mask use or covert operations.

Padilla argued that the lack of officer identification undermines public safety and trust, especially in immigrant communities. ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons defended mask use, citing officer safety after past doxxing incidents. The bill follows a recent incident where Padilla himself was handcuffed by federal agents during a press conference while questioning Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem.

Six Secret Service agents suspended over Trump assassination attempt

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Six U.S. Secret Service agents have been suspended following the assassination attempt on President Donald Trump during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024. Deputy Director Matt Quinn confirmed the disciplinary actions in a CBS interview, calling the incident an “operational failure.” The agents were suspended without pay for 10 to 42 days and reassigned to less critical roles upon return.

The shooter, firing from a nearby rooftop, grazed Trump's ear. A rallygoer, Corey Comperatore, was killed, and two others were injured. A Secret Service sniper fatally shot the gunman. The attack marked the first time a U.S. president or former president had been wounded in an



assassination attempt since 1981.

A Senate report blamed lapses in planning and intelligence, while a House investigation said the attack was preventable. The incident led to Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle's resignation. Quinn stated the agency has since enhanced security with better drones and mobile command tools.

George Mason University under federal investigation over DEI hiring



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The Department of Education has launched a civil rights investigation into George Mason University's hiring practices, following allegations that the university gave preference to candidates from underrepresented groups. The complaint, filed by faculty members, claims the university's diversity policies violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by creating a racially hostile environment. If found in violation, the school could lose federal funding. This is the second probe against the university in a month. The Trump administration has intensified scrutiny of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs across major campuses, prompting the resignation of University of Virginia's president last month. George Mason officials said they were notified of the investigation at the same time as the media and reaffirmed their commitment to complying with all federal mandates and regularly reviewing university policies for legal compliance.

FDA raises alarm over quality issues in recalled blood pressure drug



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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has upgraded its recall of over 33,000 bottles of metoprolol succinate extended-release tablets due to failed stability testing. Manufactured by Granules Pharmaceuticals in India, the 25 mg tablets—used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure—did not meet dissolution criteria at the six-month mark. The FDA has classified it as a Class II recall, indicating potential but non-life-threatening health risks. While no adverse effects have been reported, the agency previously flagged serious hygiene violations at Granules' Telangana facility, including contamination and bird droppings near ventilation systems. No branded versions of metoprolol, such as Toprol-XL, are affected by this recall.

‘Kap’s Café’ in Surrey targeted in gun attack, Babbar Khalsa claims responsibility

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A newly opened café owned by comedian Kapil Sharma in Surrey, Canada, was targeted in a shocking gunfire attack, just days after its soft launch. The restaurant, named ‘Kap’s Café’, was opened by Sharma and his wife Ginni Chatrath over the weekend in the heart of British Columbia’s South Asian hub.

On the night of July 9, unidentified gunmen opened fire at the establishment. No casualties have been reported, but the incident sparked alarm across the Indo-Canadian community. The banned Khalistani terrorist group Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) has reportedly claimed responsibility. Harjit Singh Laddi, a BKI operative and one of India’s most wanted fugitives, is said to have issued the claim.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has long listed Laddi as a top suspect in multiple terror cases. His connection to the attack is being



investigated further, though official statements from local Canadian authorities and Kapil Sharma’s team are still awaited.

The café had drawn strong attention on social media, with videos showing packed

interiors and fans turning up to support the venture. The attack has raised serious concerns about rising extremist threats in Canada and their impact on Indian-origin public figures. The incident comes amid increasing scrutiny of Khalistani groups operating in Canada.

Indian student pilot among two killed in mid-air crash in Canada



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Sreeshari Suresh, an Indian student pilot, was one of two people killed in a tragic mid-air collision in Manitoba, Canada, on July 9. The incident occurred near Steinbach, about 50 kilometers southeast of Winnipeg, when two single-engine training aircraft collided while practicing takeoffs and landings.

The second victim was identified as 20-year-old Savanna May Royes, a Canadian student who dreamed of becoming a pilot like her father. Both students were enrolled at Harv’s Air, a flight training school based in the area. According to the school’s president, the collision occurred as the students were on approach to a landing strip.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada has launched an investigation and is gathering data on the incident. The Consulate General of India in Toronto is working with local authorities, the flight school, and Suresh’s family to offer support and coordinate further procedures.

Eyewitnesses reported hearing a loud bang followed by black smoke. Both pilots died at the scene. There were no passengers onboard. The incident has renewed calls for increased safety protocols at flight training academies.

Congress urges immediate diplomatic action to save Kerala nurse in Yemen

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With Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya facing execution in Yemen on July 16, the Congress party has called for urgent intervention by the Indian government to save her life. On Thursday, Opposition Leader V.D. Satheesan wrote to President Droupadi Murmu, requesting immediate diplomatic, legal, and financial support. Nimisha, 37, was sentenced to death in 2020 for the murder of her Yemeni business partner, following a dispute in which she reportedly administered sedatives to retrieve her confiscated passport.

Yemen’s legal system allows for ‘diyat’—financial compensation to the victim’s family—which could offer reprieve, but India lacks formal diplomatic ties with the Houthi-led regime in Sanaa. The Supreme Court will hear a plea on July 14 urging the Center to intervene. Meanwhile, Mariamma Oommen Chandy and her son, MLA Chandy Oommen, met the Kerala Governor seeking state support. Nimisha’s mother, with help from NRI activists in Yemen, continues to negotiate with the victim’s family, as public pressure mounts for a last-minute resolution.

Fugitive in gold import scam extradited to India after 23 years



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On the night of July 9, unidentified Monika Kapoor, a key accused in a major gold import fraud case, was extradited from the United States to India after 23 years on the run. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) confirmed that a team had brought Kapoor back to India to face trial in a decades-old scam involving duty-free gold.

Kapoor was part of a conspiracy with her brothers Rajan and Rajiv Khanna to forge export documents and fraudulently obtain six Replenishment Licenses in 1998. These licenses were then sold to an Ahmedabad-based firm, Deep Exports, which used them to import gold without paying duty, causing a loss of over Rs. 1.44 crore (about USD 170,000) to the Indian exchequer.

While her brothers were convicted in 2017, Kapoor evaded justice for years. She was declared a proclaimed offender in 2006, and a Red Corner Notice was issued in 2010. Following her recent arrest in the U.S., Kapoor is now expected to stand trial in India.

Two Indian-origin students selected for prestigious NASA internship

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Two Indian-origin students based in New Zealand have been selected for a prestigious internship at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California, part of a program supported by the New Zealand Space Agency.

Shivam Desai, a master’s student in mechatronics engineering at the University of Auckland, and Taran John, a PhD student at Victoria University of Wellington, are among seven students chosen for the international initiative.

Desai, originally from Ahmedabad and now based in New Lynn, is working on deployment mechanisms for antenna

systems on small satellites. He credited his early fascination with space to watching Neil deGrasse Tyson documentaries in high school. Desai also acknowledged his family’s role in helping him stay connected to his Indian roots.

John, born in Bengaluru and originally from Kerala, is assisting with planetary surface sampling research focused on Mars and the Moon. His PhD centers on improving astronaut-equipment interaction. He said growing up within the Malayali community in Lower Hutt helped him stay in touch with his cultural heritage.

The internship provides hands-on experience in active NASA missions and is aimed at building New Zealand’s future aerospace workforce.

Apple names Indian-origin Sabih Khan as new chief operating officer

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Apple has appointed Indian-origin executive Sabih Khan as its new Chief Operating Officer, following the planned retirement of longtime executive Jeff Williams. The announcement comes amid Apple’s efforts to restructure amid slowing iPhone sales and supply chain challenges.

Khan, who joined Apple in 2019 as Senior Vice President of Operations, has been instrumental in managing Apple’s global supply chain and manufacturing operations. He will now report directly to CEO Tim Cook, taking on broader responsibilities including oversight of AppleCare.

Cook praised Khan as “a brilliant strategist and a key architect of Apple’s supply chain,” noting his contributions in introducing



advanced manufacturing technologies, expanding U.S. production, and leading sustainability efforts that have helped Apple cut its carbon footprint by over 60 percent.

Khan holds degrees in Economics and Mechanical Engineering from Tufts University and a Master’s in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His promotion also comes as Apple works to diversify its manufacturing base by shifting production from China to India.

Indian tourist alleges inhumane treatment during detention in Moscow

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An Indian tourist has alleged that he and eight others were subjected to inhumane treatment by Russian immigration officials after being detained for three days upon arrival in Moscow. Amit Tanwar, who was traveling with a group of 12 Indian nationals, claimed that despite carrying valid documents, only three members of the group were cleared by immigration on July 8. Tanwar detailed the experience in a series of Instagram posts, describing the ordeal as “helpless” and “humiliating.” According to him, Russian authorities confiscated their passports and held them in a corner with other Indian travelers. They were later taken to a separate room, where their phones, photos, search history, documents, itineraries, and cash were checked. Without explanation, the group was told they would be deported and locked in a room with other detainees. “We are being treated like criminals,” Tanwar wrote, describing cramped conditions, minimal food, and no basic assistance. He also expressed fear of mistreatment in Azerbaijan, where they were being rerouted. Tanwar reported that detainees received only two small meals and limited water each day, with no clear communication from Russian officials. He urged Indian authorities, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian Embassy in Moscow, to intervene. In a later update, Tanwar confirmed he had returned to Mumbai on Thursday morning. The Indian government has yet to issue a formal statement on the matter.

Three Indian nationals abducted in Mali amid rising violence; families seek government intervention



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India has expressed serious concern after three of its nationals were abducted in Mali on July 1, following a coordinated attack on a cement factory by armed assailants. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has strongly condemned the incident and urged the Malian government to ensure the safe release of the hostages. One of the abducted individuals is believed to be 28-year-old P. Venkatraman from Odisha’s Ganjam district. His mother, P. Narasama, reported losing contact with him after June 30 and has filed a complaint with local police. A call from Venkatraman’s employer on July 4 claimed he was in police custody, but his family remains deeply concerned he may have been taken hostage. The Resident Commissioner of Odisha in Delhi has contacted the Indian Embassy in Mali, which is coordinating with local authorities. The MEA has confirmed that efforts are underway to secure the safe return of the abducted citizens.

Indian family of four from Texas dies in fiery crash during holiday in Georgia

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A family of four from Hyderabad, India, living in Texas, was tragically killed in a devastating car crash in the United States during a return journey from Atlanta to Dallas. The victims were identified as Venkat Bejugam, his wife Tejaswini Cholleti, and their two children, Siddarth and Mrida Bejugam.

The family, originally from the Suchitra area in Secunderabad, had moved to Sutton Fields near Aubrey, Texas. They were reportedly driving back from visiting relatives when a speeding mini truck driving in the wrong direction collided head-on with their car. The impact caused the vehicle to catch fire, killing all four occupants on the spot.

Due to the severity of the burns, U.S. authorities are conducting forensic examinations, including dental and DNA analysis, to confirm the victims’



identities before handing over the bodies for repatriation.

Non-profit group TEAM Aid is working closely with the family and officials to ensure the remains are returned to Hyderabad for final rites. The tragedy has sparked grief in both Indian and expatriate communities. Officials continue to investigate the circumstances of the crash, which has renewed calls for improved road safety in the U.S.

Nehal Modi arrested in United States on India’s extradition request in PNB scam

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Nehal Deepak Modi, the younger brother of fugitive diamond tycoon Nirav Modi, was arrested in the United States on July 4 following an extradition request from Indian authorities in connection with the Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) had earlier issued a Red Corner Notice through Interpol, leading to his detention by U.S. authorities.

Nehal Modi, 46, a Belgian national, is accused of playing a key role in one of India’s biggest financial frauds, amounting to over Rs. 13,500 crore (approximately USD 1.6 billion). He allegedly helped his brother Nirav destroy evidence, intimidate witnesses, and move illicit funds through offshore shell companies.



The case has seen global interest since 2018, when Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi fled India just before the scam was exposed. While Nirav remains imprisoned in the UK pending extradition, Choksi is currently in Antigua challenging his citizenship status.

Nehal is expected to face his next court hearing on July 17 in the United States. Indian prosecutors are expected to oppose any bail request and seek a speedy extradition.

US-based attorney Jaspreet Singh appointed ‘Professor of Eminence’ at GNDU

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Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) has appointed renowned US-based attorney Jaspreet Singh as a ‘Professor of Eminence,’ recognizing his outstanding contributions to immigration law and public service. The appointment was recommended unanimously by a committee of distinguished legal scholars and endorsed by GNDU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Karamjeet Singh.

Singh, who has over 20 years of legal experience in the United States, specializes in immigration, green card, and deportation law. He operates law firms across New York, New Jersey, California, and Maryland, and has handled more than 10,000 cases, including under the Torture Victim Protection Act.

A prominent figure in the Sikh diaspora, Singh is known for his legal aid to low-income and elderly immigrants and his commitment



to human rights. In support of GNDU, he has donated Rs. 3.5 crore (\$420,000) to establish a Sikh Studies Chair, further strengthening the university’s international academic network.

Singh’s new role will enhance GNDU’s legal education and global engagement initiatives.

Indian-origin man receives life sentence in UK over sexual violence charges

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A 24-year-old Indian-origin man, Navroop Singh, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in the United Kingdom for a series of grave sexual offenses, including the rape of a child and the attempted rape of a woman. The sentencing took place at Isleworth Crown Court in London, where Singh was ordered to serve a minimum of 14 years before being eligible for parole.

Singh had earlier pleaded guilty to three major charges: the rape of a girl under 13, assault by penetration of a girl under 13, and possession of an imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offense. Following a four-day trial, he was also convicted of the attempted rape of a woman in her twenties in Ealing, West London, in October 2024.

The Metropolitan Police described the case as a “significant” investigation, with forensic evidence, CCTV footage, and witness accounts helping to link Singh to multiple offenses. The breakthrough came after a woman reported an attempted rape near Southall Park, where Singh had been waiting with an imitation firearm. Days later, a child was raped in a separate incident, which investigators quickly linked to the earlier case.

UK-based arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari declared fugitive economic offender by Indian court



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Delhi court has declared Sanjay Bhandari, a UK-based arms consultant, a fugitive economic offender under the 2018 Fugitive Economic Offenders Act. The ruling follows a plea by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), which can now initiate the confiscation of Bhandari’s assets in India worth over Rs. 21 crore (approximately \$2.5 million). Bhandari fled India in 2016 after being raided by the Income Tax Department for concealing overseas assets and money laundering. He is also being investigated for his alleged connection to Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra’s husband, Robert Vadra.

The ED claims Bhandari acquired a London property in 2009 and renovated it on Vadra’s instructions using undisclosed funds. Although UK courts recently rejected India’s extradition request, the ED is pursuing other legal routes. Bhandari’s lawyers have argued that his UK residency is legal and that declaring him a fugitive is unjustified. With this ruling, Bhandari joins a list of high-profile fugitives including Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi.



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Delta flight with 300 diverted to Azores after engine issue



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A Delta flight from Madrid to New York was diverted to Portugal's Azores islands on July 7 after a mechanical issue with one of its engines. The aircraft, carrying 282 passengers and 13 crew, made a safe emergency landing at Lajes air base. Passengers spent the night in local hotels while technicians worked on the aircraft. Delta arranged a replacement plane, which flew them to New York's JFK airport the next day. The airline apologized for the disruption and confirmed it will offer compensation to affected travelers.

ICC issues arrest warrants for Taliban leaders over persecution of Afghan women



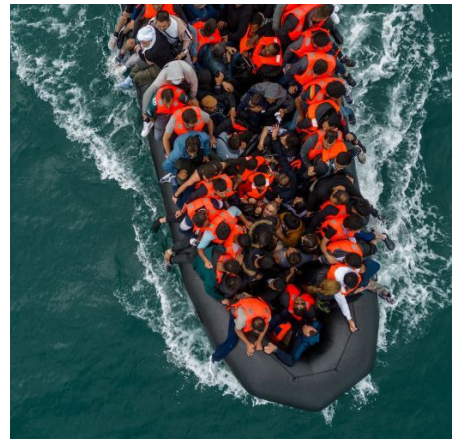
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The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for Taliban Supreme Leader Haibatullah Akhundzada and Chief Justice Abdul Hakim Haqqani, accusing them of crimes against humanity for the systematic persecution of women and girls. The court stated there were credible grounds to believe the Taliban implemented policies denying females basic freedoms, including access to education, work, healthcare, and movement. The alleged crimes span from the Taliban's return to power in August 2021 through January 2025. Human rights advocates have hailed the move as a turning point, with some calling the Taliban's actions a form of gender apartheid. Afghan activist Tahera Nasiri said the warrant affirms that such repression is a global concern. Although arresting Taliban leaders may be difficult, the warrants label them as international criminals. The United Nations and Amnesty International have urged global cooperation in enforcing the warrants. ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan reaffirmed that gender-based crimes remain a top priority. The Taliban has yet to respond, but the action sends a clear message on accountability for gender persecution.

UK and France agree to return small boat migrants under new bilateral deal

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British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron have announced a new agreement to return migrants who arrive in the United Kingdom via small boats back to France. The deal, which Starmer called "groundbreaking," is part of a wider strategy to curb unauthorized Channel crossings. The agreement includes a "one in, one out" policy, meaning for every migrant returned, the UK will accept one refugee through a safe and legal route who has not attempted illegal entry. It marks the first formal arrangement with France on migrant returns since Brexit, which eliminated Britain's access to the EU-wide Dublin Regulation. The UK government hopes this pact will significantly reduce dangerous Channel crossings and discourage



people smuggling. The announcement came during the Northwood military summit, where both leaders emphasized stronger cooperation on border security and migration enforcement. Details on how the process will be implemented are still pending, including how France will manage the returned migrants and how the UK will define the eligibility for legal refugee admissions.

Von der Leyen survives no-confidence vote in European Parliament

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has survived a no-confidence vote in the European Parliament, avoiding forced resignation over allegations of misconduct. The motion, led by conservative MEPs and backed by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, accused von der Leyen of secret dealings with Pfizer's CEO, misusing European Union funds, and interfering in elections. However, it failed to secure the required two-thirds majority, with 360 lawmakers voting against, 175 in favor, and 18 abstaining.

Von der Leyen, who oversaw the EU's COVID-19 vaccine rollout, dismissed the allegations as politically motivated. In a statement, she emphasized the

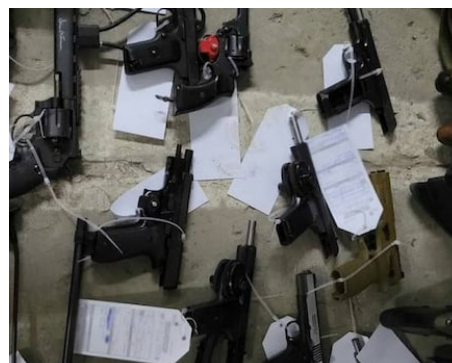


need for unity and resilience in the face of external threats. The failed motion highlights growing divisions in the European Parliament, with critics demanding greater transparency. Despite surviving the vote, von der Leyen faces continued pressure from both allies and opponents as the EU heads into a politically volatile period.

Canadian police arrest four in largest terrorism-related weapons seizure

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Canadian authorities have arrested four men, including active military members, in connection with an alleged anti-government militia plot. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the men were planning to seize land in Quebec and had conducted military-style training. In January 2024, police uncovered 83 firearms, 16 explosive devices, 11,000 rounds of ammunition, and other equipment in searches across Quebec. This marks the largest weapons cache ever seized in a Canadian terrorism probe. Marc-Aurèle Chabot, Simon Angers-Audet, and Raphaël Lagacé were charged with facilitating terrorist activity, while Matthew Forbes faces firearms-related charges. The accused are also suspected of using social



media to recruit militia members. Though investigators have not disclosed the group's ideological motivations or intended targets, experts warn of growing threats from ideologically motivated violent extremism in Canada. The case is being handled by the RCMP-led Integrated National Security Enforcement Team.

Trump threatens BRICS nations with tariffs over anti-U.S. policies



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President Donald Trump has threatened a 10 percent tariff on countries aligning with BRICS, accusing the bloc of pushing anti-American trade agendas. His spokesperson said the group, which includes China, Russia, India, Brazil, and South Africa, is "undermining U.S. interests." The warning came just after BRICS criticized unilateral tariffs and Western protectionism in its latest declaration. Trump had earlier objected to BRICS exploring a shared currency to replace the dollar in trade, a move later dismissed by India. Separate letters were sent to South Africa and Malaysia, proposing steep tariffs unless new deals are made by August 1. Trump's administration is targeting 12 countries in total. While India was not initially named, it could face pressure if tensions escalate.

Poland restores border checks with Germany and Lithuania to curb illegal migration



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Poland has reinstated temporary border checks along its frontiers with Germany and Lithuania to curb illegal migration and strengthen national security. Effective through August 5, 52 checkpoints have been set up along the German border and 13 along the Lithuanian side. Checks will be carried out randomly by the Border Guard with support from police and Territorial Defense units. The move is not expected to affect cross-border commerce significantly, but businesses have been advised to prepare for occasional delays. Officials emphasized that the checks are selective, not full-scale controls like before Poland joined the Schengen Area. The announcement follows recent arrests involving human smuggling attempts from the Lithuanian border, raising concerns over cross-border trafficking routes.

President Trump nominates Nick Adams as U.S. ambassador to Malaysia



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President Donald Trump has nominated Nick Adams, a former Sydney councillor and outspoken conservative commentator, as U.S. ambassador to Malaysia. Adams, a self-described “alpha male” and founder of several advocacy groups, became a U.S. citizen in 2021. He gained attention after Trump endorsed his book ‘Green Card Warrior’ and praised him as an “incredible patriot.” If confirmed, Adams will succeed Edgard Kagan, appointed by President Joe Biden. Adams expressed gratitude on social media, calling the appointment the “honor of a lifetime.” His past includes controversial remarks and public relations stunts in Australia, including proposing the eradication of pigeons to prevent bird flu and verbally abusing a journalist. He has authored several politically charged books and leads organizations that promote civics education and free speech. While Adams’ nomination is symbolic of Trump’s support for loyalists, it may face scrutiny during Senate confirmation.

North Korean defector sues Kim Jong-un for torture and sexual violence

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Choi Min-kyung, a North Korean defector, has filed a landmark lawsuit in South Korea against Kim Jong-un and six officials, seeking \$37,000 in damages for torture and sexual violence she endured in North Korean detention. She also filed a criminal complaint alleging crimes against humanity. Choi, 53, was detained multiple times between 2000 and 2008 after being forcibly repatriated from China. Her allegations include sexual assault during invasive searches, prolonged stress positions, and beatings that caused permanent injuries. Supported by the Database Centre for North Korean Human Rights, the case may set a precedent for similar lawsuits. Though enforcement is unlikely, advocates say it is a vital step for justice. Choi’s legal team includes South Korea’s first North Korean-born lawyer, Lee Young-hyun. The complaint draws from the 2014 UN report documenting systemic abuse in North Korea’s prisons, which hold up to 120,000 people.

Glacier melt and monsoon rains cause deadly floods in northern Pakistan

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Record-breaking heat and intense monsoon rains have triggered deadly flooding across northern Pakistan, killing at least 72 people and injuring over 130 since late June. In Gilgit-Baltistan, temperatures have reached an unprecedented 48.5°C (119.3°F), accelerating glacial melt and forming unstable lakes that burst and caused flash floods and landslides. Villages and roads have been washed away, cutting off communities and damaging vital infrastructure. Officials say evacuations are underway near glacier zones. The region has about 7,200 glaciers that feed Pakistan’s water supply, but many are rapidly shrinking. Experts warn of a



potential repeat of the 2022 floods that killed 1,700 people. Former climate minister Sherry Rehman said Pakistan is the world’s most climate-impacted country in 2025 and criticized the lack of urgent action. Authorities remain on high alert as further heavy rainfall and extreme heat are expected in the coming days.

Rubio faces challenge in Asia as Trump’s tariffs threaten regional ties

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U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio attempted to reassure Southeast Asian nations of American commitment during his first visit to the region, even as President Donald Trump’s aggressive trade policies sparked growing unease. Speaking at a meeting with foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Malaysia, Rubio said countries in the region may secure “better” trade deals than other nations, despite looming tariffs of up to 40 percent.

Trump recently warned that countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Indonesia could face severe levies unless they finalize trade agreements by August 1. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim sharply criticized the tariffs, calling them a new era of economic pressure. Analysts say



Rubio faces an uphill task convincing Southeast Asian leaders of U.S. reliability, especially as China deepens ties with ASEAN by expanding its free trade framework. Japan and Vietnam have also signaled a desire to reduce dependence on the U.S. as economic uncertainties rise. With global supply chains in flux, Southeast Asia may turn toward Beijing for stability, complicating Washington’s strategic goals in the region.

Sheikh Hasina charged with crimes against humanity for deadly protest crackdown

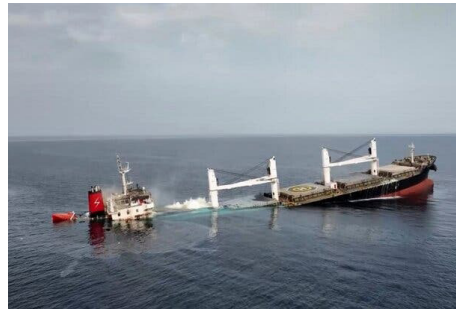
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Former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been formally charged with crimes against humanity over a deadly crackdown on student-led protests in 2024 that left over 1,400 dead. Hasina, who fled Bangladesh in August last year and is believed to be in hiding in India, was indicted in absentia by a three-judge panel of the International Crimes Tribunal. The charges include ordering mass killings and arbitrary arrests in an effort to suppress dissent during her final months in power. Hasina’s former interior minister and police chief were also indicted, with the latter pleading guilty and agreeing to testify. Prosecutors allege Hasina directly ordered the violence, citing



leaked audio files. Her party, the Awami League, condemned the trial as a politically motivated “witch hunt,” despite Hasina having established the tribunal in 2009. Bangladesh’s interim government, led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, has requested India extradite Hasina, but New Delhi has yet to respond. Her trial begins August 3. The Awami League has been banned from contesting future elections.

Four rescued after Houthi attack sinks Greek cargo ship in Red Sea



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Four seafarers were rescued Thursday after spending 48 hours in the Red Sea, following a Houthi attack that sank the Greek-owned cargo ship Eternity C. The vessel, targeted with explosives, sea drones, and rocket-propelled grenades, was the second ship sunk by Houthis this week. Of the 25-member crew, four were killed and 11 remain missing, with six believed kidnapped. The Houthis claim they rescued some crew members and provided them with medical care. The attack marks a break in a ceasefire with the United States and is part of ongoing Houthi actions meant to pressure Israel over the war in Gaza. The Red Sea, a critical global shipping route, has seen a steep drop in traffic since Houthi attacks began in late 2023. Maritime risk experts and the United Nations have warned of the escalating threat to civilian lives and global commerce in the region.

UN’s Francesca Albanese responds to U.S. sanctions, calls them ‘a sign of guilt’

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Francesca Albanese, the United Nations special rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories, has denounced U.S. sanctions against her as “a sign of guilt.” The Trump administration imposed sanctions citing her strong criticism of Israel’s actions in Gaza. Albanese, a human rights lawyer, has accused Israel of genocide and urged international sanctions. In response, she posted on X urging global focus on Gaza’s humanitarian crisis, saying, “Let’s stand tall, together.” UN officials condemned the sanctions, calling them an attack on independent investigators. Albanese has previously issued reports identifying U.S. companies aiding Israeli military actions and supported indictments by the International Criminal Court. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said her “campaign of political and economic warfare” would not be tolerated. Albanese is the latest UN official to be sanctioned amid Washington’s broader crackdown on criticism of Israel’s conduct in Gaza.

Calcutta High Court seeks report from Home Ministry over alleged deportation of Bengal migrants



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The Calcutta High Court has directed the Union Home Ministry to submit a report on allegations that migrant workers from West Bengal living in Delhi were mistakenly deported to Bangladesh. A Division Bench led by Justices Tapabrata Chakraborty and Reetobrata Kumar Mitra also instructed West Bengal’s Chief Secretary to consult with Delhi authorities and present their findings.

The petition, filed by a local advocate, claimed that several Bengali-speaking laborers, including an eight-year-old girl, were identified as Bangladeshi infiltrators and deported. The court has scheduled the next hearing for July 16. The development comes amid a social media spat between BJP leader Amit Malviya and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over evictions in Jai Hind Colony. Malviya cited a court order regarding 26 illegal infiltrators, while Banerjee accused the BJP of targeting Bengalis and pursuing an anti-Bengali agenda in BJP-ruled states.

Death toll in Vadodara bridge collapse rises to 18



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The death toll from the Gambhira Bridge collapse in Gujarat’s Vadodara has reached 18, with two individuals still missing. The 40-year-old bridge, a key link between Saurashtra and South Gujarat, collapsed on July 10, plunging seven vehicles into the Mahisagar River. Rescue teams have recovered bodies and debris from multiple vehicles, while injured victims are being treated at local hospitals. Four Roads and Buildings Department engineers have been suspended, and a high-level technical committee has been formed to investigate negligence in maintenance and oversight.

Ajit Doval slams foreign media over false reporting on ‘Operation Sindoor’

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National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has sharply criticized foreign media for spreading misinformation about ‘Operation Sindoor’, India’s precision military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. Speaking at the 62nd convocation of IIT Madras, Doval challenged the credibility of international outlets, stating, “Show me one image—even a broken glass pane—of damage on Indian soil.”

The operation, launched on the night of May 6–7, targeted nine terror camps, including Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen headquarters, in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Indian forces reportedly destroyed 13 Pakistani airbases in under 23 minutes, according to satellite imagery cited by Doval.

Despite this, some foreign outlets suggested serious damage to Indian infrastructure,



including downed aircraft—claims that lacked visual evidence and were dismissed by Doval as “completely baseless.”

“These satellite images are all over the world,” Doval said. “They only confirm destruction in Pakistan—Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan, Chaklala—not a single scratch on our side.”

Operation Sindoor was conducted in retaliation for the killing of 26 civilians by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists in Kashmir.

Doval praised the armed forces for their speed and precision, emphasizing India’s resolve and capabilities in dealing with cross-border terrorism.

Thousands gather in Dharamsala to mark Dalai Lama’s 90th birthaday amid rain and fog

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Despite heavy monsoon rain and dense fog, thousands of Tibetan exiles, monks, and global well-wishers gathered at the Tsuglagkhang temple in McLeodganj, Dharamsala, on Sunday to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Dalai Lama. Special prayer sessions were held for his health and long life at the hilltop temple, located near his official residence.

Born on July 6, 1935, in Taktser, Tibet, the Dalai Lama—originally named Lhamo Dhondup—was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama in 1937. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, currently in Brazil for the BRICS Summit, extended warm wishes on X, calling the Dalai Lama an enduring symbol of compassion and peace. The U.S. also reaffirmed its support for Tibetan cultural and religious freedoms.

The Dalai Lama confirmed that he will have a successor, easing concerns over the future of the 600-year-old



spiritual institution. The Central Tibetan Administration declared July 2025 to July 2026 as “The Year of Compassion” to honor his legacy. The Dalai Lama reiterated his lifelong commitments to peace, interfaith harmony, and promoting ancient Indian wisdom.

China, which sees him as a separatist, objected to global support, urging countries to refrain from

Japanese Ambassador visits Ayodhya, prays at Ram Janmabhoomi temple

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Japanese Ambassador to India and Bhutan, Keiichi Ono, visited Ayodhya on Saturday, offering prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi and Hanuman Garhi temples. Sharing his experience on X, he praised the spiritual and cultural significance of the holy city and thanked temple authorities for their warm welcome.

The Uttar Pradesh government said the visit highlighted Ayodhya’s global recognition as a cultural and spiritual center. On Friday, Ambassador Ono met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath



in Lucknow, discussing cooperation in investment, technology, human-resource development, and tourism.

Japan and India share a Special Strategic and Global Partnership rooted in cultural ties. Japan remains a key economic ally, with over \$43 billion in investments since 2000.

BJP accuses Opposition of hypocrisy over Bihar voter list revision

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The Bharatiya Janata Party has criticized the Opposition for politicizing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the Bihar voter rolls, following the Supreme Court’s refusal to stay the revision process. BJP national spokesperson Shah Nawaz Hussain called out Opposition parties, particularly the Rashtriya Janata Dal, for questioning the Election Commission’s credibility.

“Whenever they win, the Election Commission is good. When they lose, they blame it,” said Hussain, urging leaders to respect the Supreme Court’s guidance.

BJP MP Praveen Khandelwal emphasized that the Election Commission is operating within its constitutional mandate. “The court’s ruling has made it clear the Commission has full authority to conduct revisions,” he said, adding that the focus should be on protecting the rights of genuine voters.

The Supreme Court advised the Commission to accept Aadhaar cards, ration cards, and EPICs as valid documents for voter verification, noting the existing list of acceptable proofs was not exhaustive.

The petition, filed by RJD MP Manoj Jha, alleged that the revision exercise disproportionately affects marginalized communities in Bihar.



Trinamool leader shot and hacked to death in Bhangar



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Trinamool Congress leader Rezzak Khan was brutally killed late Thursday in Bhangar, West Bengal. According to witnesses, unknown assailants shot him at close range and then attacked him with sharp weapons. He was declared dead at a local hospital.

Khan was a close associate of Trinamool MLA Saokat Molla. The incident has reignited political tensions in the region, long troubled by violent clashes between Trinamool and the All India Secular Front (AISF).

Molla blamed AISF's Nawsad Siddique for the murder, citing Khan's growing influence. Siddique denied involvement, attributing the killing to Trinamool's internal feud.

Devotees throng Shiva temples across India on first day of Sawan



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The first day of Sawan saw a surge of devotion across India, with thousands offering prayers at major Shiva temples in Varanasi, Haridwar, Delhi, and NCR. At the Kashi Vishwanath temple, worship began with the Mangala Aarti, followed by long queues for darshan. In Haridwar, the chants of "Har Har Mahadev" echoed along the Ganga as kanwariyas collected holy water for 'jal abhishek'. Meanwhile, in Ghaziabad and Meerut, temples like Doodheshwar Nath and Augadhnath drew large crowds. Rudrabhishek rituals, involving milk, curd, and Ganga water, were performed with devotion. Delhi's Tughlaqabad temple also saw early-morning worshippers. State governments, including Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, ensured medical camps, resting areas, and heightened security. Chief Ministers Yogi Adityanath and Rekha Gupta extended greetings and pledged smooth arrangements for pilgrims. The Kanwar Yatra also began, symbolizing spiritual fervor and devotion to Lord Shiva.

MEA criticizes Punjab CM for mocking India's Global South diplomacy

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India's Ministry of External Affairs condemned remarks made by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann mocking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits to Global South nations. Without naming Mann, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal called the comments "irresponsible and regrettable," stating they undermine India's foreign policy efforts. Mann had sarcastically questioned Modi's engagements with countries like Ghana and Trinidad, referring to fictional nations such as "Magnesia" and "Galveaisa." Modi's tour included key summits and civilian honors like Brazil's "Grand Collar" and Ghana's "Order of the Star." The MEA emphasized that strong Global South partnerships are critical



to India's defense, digital, and development goals. Analysts warn that domestic ridicule can damage India's diplomatic credibility abroad. The ministry affirmed that India stands united in strengthening ties with all friendly nations and dismissed Mann's remarks as politically inappropriate and diplomatically harmful.

Madhya Pradesh orders probe into faulty bridge designs amid public outcry

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The Madhya Pradesh Public Works Department has launched a statewide inquiry into alleged design flaws in several bridges and roads, including controversial Railway Over Bridges (RoBs). A special committee has been formed to inspect under-construction structures after public criticism and concerns over safety. In Indore, BJP MP Shankar Lalwani raised alarms about a sharp turn in a bridge design, prompting the PWD to review plans. The department claims the designs are technically approved and follow joint surveys with Railways. Earlier, an RoB in Bhopal's Aishbagh area drew ridicule, leading to the suspension of seven engineers.



Another bridge in Subhash Nagar faced backlash after two accidents in heavy rain. The state's opposition and citizens continue to demand accountability and safety reforms in infrastructure planning.

Ganeshotsav officially declared Maharashtra's state festival

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Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar has announced that Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav is now officially recognized as the state festival. The declaration honors the tradition initiated by Lokmanya Tilak in 1893, which symbolized unity and nationalism. Speaking in the Assembly, Shelar said the Mahayuti government will support celebrations through improved infrastructure, security, and financial aid. He criticized previous restrictions on plaster of Paris (POP) idols, highlighting that a scientific study by the Kakodkar Committee led to the lifting of those bans. Shelar encouraged



Ganpati Mandals to adopt themes that reflect patriotism, social awareness, and environmental consciousness. The decision reinforces Ganeshotsav's cultural significance and the government's commitment to preserving Maharashtra's heritage.

Maharashtra Assembly passes amended bill to curb extremist activity

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The Maharashtra Assembly has passed the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, 2024, aimed at preventing illegal activities by left-wing extremist groups. Introduced by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the bill incorporates recommendations from a joint select committee. Fadnavis clarified the law targets extremist organizations, not political

parties or activists, and seeks to protect constitutional institutions. The amended bill defines "unlawful activity" and proposes an advisory board with a High Court judge, retired district judge, and a public prosecutor to classify organizations as unlawful. Investigations must now be led by officers of at least Deputy Superintendent rank. The bill aligns with similar legislation in other states like Odisha and Telangana. Fadnavis assured there would be no misuse and that civil protests will not be penalized.

Sitharaman launches major development push in Meghalaya

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched and inaugurated projects worth INR 1,087.81 crore (approximately USD 130 million) in Meghalaya on Wednesday. Speaking at an event in Shillong, she praised the state for effectively utilizing its INR 5,400 crore allocation under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme. Sitharaman highlighted major developments, including the construction of over 540 kilometers of roads and a fivefold increase in optical fiber coverage since 2014. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma thanked the central government for its continued support and emphasized the importance of the Union Minister's visit. He reiterated Meghalaya's vision of becoming one of India's top 10 states by 2032 and noted that externally aided projects have helped the state secure crores in funding for ongoing projects.

AAP ministers booked over 'doctored' video targeting Congress leader Bajwa

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Punjab ministers Harpal Cheema and Aman Arora have been booked by Chandigarh Police for allegedly circulating a doctored video defaming Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa.

Bajwa claimed the clip distorted his original remarks on the Punjab Vigilance Bureau's raid at MLA Ganieve Kaur's residence, making it appear as if he defended Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

Bajwa filed a police complaint against Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal, and others, accusing them of manipulating the footage. The Cyber Cell registered a case under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Bajwa said his criticism focused on the bureau's conduct, especially toward a woman legislator.

Eastern states agree on 20 issues at zonal council meet in Ranchi

At the 27th Eastern Zonal Council meeting in Ranchi this week, consensus was reached on 20 regional development issues among Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal. Chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the meeting addressed concerns like resource sharing, infrastructure, flood control, and tribal heritage preservation. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren demanded Rs 1.4 trillion in coal company dues and better mine closure protocols. Bihar's Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary stressed the need for a national silt management policy and full central funding for anti-erosion works. Odisha's CM called for expanding banking infrastructure in rural areas. West Bengal urged strict regulation of social media misinformation and timely release of central funds. Shah assured all states of full central support.

Copper traders turn to China as Trump's tariff deadline nears



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Global copper traders are rushing to offload metal to Chinese buyers ahead of a looming 50 percent U.S. tariff set to take effect on August 1. President Donald Trump announced the steep copper duty as part of a broader push to boost domestic manufacturing, but the sudden move has left global suppliers scrambling. With many shipments unable to reach U.S. ports before the deadline, sellers are pivoting to China, the world's largest copper consumer. Brokers in China report a sharp uptick in offers, with some traders trying to reroute cargoes from South America that were originally bound for the U.S. The shift is already affecting global pricing: the Yangshan Copper Premium, which tracks what Chinese buyers pay over London Metal Exchange prices, fell 5 percent Thursday, and Shanghai's futures dropped for a fifth straight day.

Logistics sources say only shipments already en route from Latin America may beat the U.S. deadline—barely. Analysts expect more rerouting to Asia and Europe as sellers seek alternatives to avoid massive tariff costs. With U.S. imports squeezed, major global trading firms are scrambling to rebalance supply chains and limit losses, signaling rising volatility in the global metals market.

Linda Yaccarino resigns as CEO of X after two years at the helm



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Linda Yaccarino has stepped down as CEO of X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, after serving for two years. She joined in May 2023, following Elon Musk's 2022 acquisition of the platform. In her announcement on July 9, Yaccarino praised the X team for turning around the company, enhancing user safety—especially for children—and restoring advertiser confidence. Under her leadership, X launched key features including Community Notes, X Money, and its AI chatbot Grok, which reached 35 million users earlier this year. Despite initial backlash over her appointment, particularly from free speech advocates, Musk defended her tenure. X's ad revenue is projected to reach \$2.26 billion in 2025, still below its pre-acquisition levels of \$4.14 billion in 2022. While Yaccarino did not disclose the reason for her departure, she emphasized that the platform is entering a promising new chapter with X AI. Musk thanked her publicly for her service.

Pentagon becomes top shareholder in MP Materials in push for rare earth independence

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The Pentagon will become the largest shareholder in MP Materials Corp. as part of a major public-private partnership to expand America's rare earth supply chain and reduce reliance on China. Announced on July 10, the multibillion-dollar deal includes a \$400 million preferred stock purchase and gives the Department of Defense (DOD) a 15 percent stake in the Las Vegas-based company.

Central to the agreement is the development of a second domestic manufacturing plant, called the 10X Facility, expected to be completed by 2028. It will boost the United States' magnet production

capacity to 10,000 metric tons annually and provide critical materials for defense and commercial markets. The DOD deal includes long-term offtake and price floor commitments, as well as a \$150 million loan to expand MP Materials' heavy rare earth separation capabilities at its Mountain Pass site in California. Financing support from JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs will provide up to \$1 billion for the new facility.

"This partnership accelerates America's supply chain independence," said CEO James Litinsky. The deal follows China's recent export restrictions on key rare earths and is seen as a decisive move by the Trump administration to secure vital industrial resources for national security and economic resilience.



IMF warns new U.S. tariffs heighten global trade risks

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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised concerns that the United States' latest wave of tariff hikes is deepening global trade uncertainty. In a statement this week, the IMF said it is closely watching the situation after President Donald Trump announced a 50 percent tariff on copper imports and Brazilian goods, effective August 1, along with pending duties on 21 other countries. The IMF urged nations to pursue constructive trade policies and warned that unpredictability is threatening investor confidence and manufacturing recovery worldwide.

The IMF plans to provide further analysis

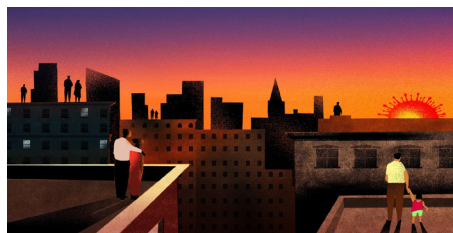
in its updated World Economic Outlook later this month. In April, it had already slashed growth forecasts for the United States, China, and most major economies, citing the impact of protectionist measures. Economists now fear that escalating tariffs could curb industrial output in the second half of 2025.

Trump administration officials maintain that the tariffs will not drive inflation and argue that recent tax cuts will buffer any short-term disruption. However, surveys show declining business sentiment in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. The IMF's caution reflects growing global unease over Washington's aggressive trade realignment.

Southern U.S. cities poised to lead in post-pandemic office rebound

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America's office market is undergoing a geographic reshaping, with Southern cities like Miami, Houston, and Phoenix forecast to dominate commercial real estate recovery through 2029. According to Capital Economics' latest U.S. Office Metros Outlook, Miami is expected to deliver over 15 percent capital growth and annualized total returns of 9.5 percent. Houston and Phoenix follow closely, supported by robust rent growth, falling vacancy rates, and a resurgence in office employment. In contrast, Western and Northern metros like San Francisco, Chicago, and Los Angeles continue to struggle with high vacancy and weak demand. San Francisco's vacancy rate has jumped nearly 14 percentage points since 2019 and is projected to rise further due to persistent remote work



and lagging tech sector hiring. Nationally, office job growth remains flat, and supply is dwindling amid elevated construction costs. Yet, Southern cities are seeing faster tenant absorption, higher utilization rates, and greater rent resilience. Miami, for example, is forecast to experience 3.5 percent annual rent growth through 2029. For investors, developers, and corporate tenants, the report signals a sharp divergence in office market fortunes—one that favors the Sunbelt as the next growth engine for U.S. commercial real estate.

Magnum appoints Jochanan Senf as new Ben & Jerry's CEO amid legal dispute

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Magnum Ice Cream Company has named Jochanan Senf as the new global CEO of Ben & Jerry's, effective mid-July. The move comes during a legal dispute between Ben & Jerry's independent board and its parent company Unilever, which removed former CEO Dave Stever without board approval. The ice cream brand claims the action violated an agreement preserving its operational independence and social mission. Senf previously led Ben & Jerry's Europe and held senior roles at Unilever. Unilever plans to spin off its entire ice cream division—including Ben & Jerry's, Magnum, and Breyers—later this year.

Huawei pursues AI chip deals in Asia, Middle East amid Nvidia dominance

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Huawei Technologies is seeking to sell its older Ascend 910B AI chips to customers in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand, according to Bloomberg News. The move marks China's attempt to compete with Nvidia in key foreign markets. While no deals have been finalized, Huawei is also offering access to its CloudMatrix 384 AI system, though exports are limited due to supply constraints. The company is focusing on regions less impacted by U.S. restrictions, which have sharply limited China's access to advanced American chips. Huawei is also ramping up domestic sales of its newer 910C chips to Chinese firms.

India-Japan ties deepen with focus on semiconductors and Smart City investment in Gujarat



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India and Japan have advanced their industrial cooperation with a focus on semiconductors and Smart City investments during a high-level Japanese delegation's visit to Gujarat's Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR). Led by Japan's Ambassador to India, Keiichi Ono, the two-day visit included site tours of key infrastructure, such as the under-construction Tata Electronics semiconductor plant, water treatment facility, and the Integrated Command & Control Center. The Tata project is part of the Semicon India initiative, in partnership with Taiwan's PSMC, and is included in over \$18 billion in semiconductor-related investments in Gujarat. The visit highlights Dholera's growing global importance as a hub for advanced manufacturing, with strong connectivity, livability, and plug-and-play industrial zones aligned with India's Vision 2047.

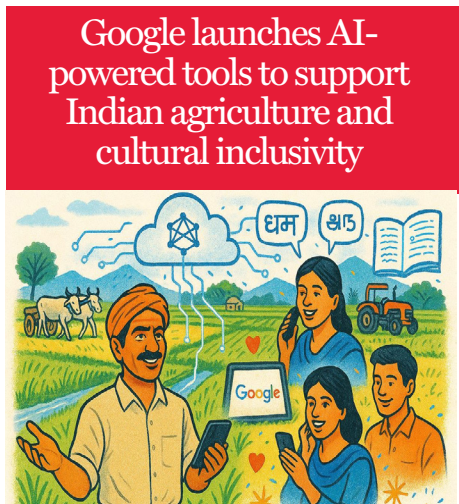


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Tesla is set to open its first showroom in India—branded as an “experience center”—in Mumbai on July 15, marking a key step in its expansion into the country’s electric vehicle market. The 4,000-square-foot retail space is located near Apple’s flagship store and will serve as Tesla’s public introduction to Indian consumers.

Though the company does not plan to manufacture in India for now, it has been securing commercial real estate to support sales and service operations. Tesla has already leased a 24,500-square-foot space in Kurla West for a service center near the upcoming showroom. The lease agreement is valued at nearly Rs. 25 crore (approx. \$3 million), including a Rs. 2.25 crore (\$270,000) security deposit.

Tesla currently holds four commercial properties across India, including an engineering hub in Pune and a registered office in Bengaluru. Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy confirmed Tesla’s current focus is purely on sales, not manufacturing, despite new government incentives to attract global EV production.



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Google has introduced a new AI-based agricultural monitoring and event detection (AMED) API to support India’s farming sector with real-time, crop-level insights. The API provides data on field activity, crop types, sizes, sowing and harvesting dates, along with three years of historical patterns. Designed to help improve resilience and productivity, the tool builds on Google DeepMind’s previous research through the ALU foundation. In parallel, Google is partnering with IIT Kharagpur on the Amplify Initiative to create localized datasets that reflect India’s linguistic and cultural diversity—filling critical gaps in training global Large Language Models. According to Google DeepMind leaders, this initiative aims to bolster India’s climate resilience and ensure AI systems better reflect regional nuances. Experts say these efforts could redefine how AI addresses sector-specific challenges while making India a hub for inclusive technological innovation.

T-Mobile ends DEI programs to align with Trump administration

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T-Mobile has officially ended all diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives to align with the Trump administration’s policies. In a letter to FCC Chair Brendan Carr, T-Mobile executive Mark Nelson confirmed the company was removing DEI-related roles, targets, and language “not just in name but in substance.”

Nelson emphasized a renewed focus on merit, skill, and performance rather than identity-based criteria. The company has reassigned DEI staff to employee engagement roles and eliminated references to DEI across internal materials. It also ended participation in surveys evaluating employees by protected characteristics.

Nelson added that T-Mobile revised its supplier diversity program to support small businesses, regardless of ownership background. The move comes as the company awaits FCC approval for its \$4.4 billion U.S. Cellular deal. Commissioner Carr praised the decision, calling it a step forward for nondiscrimination, while Democratic Commissioner Anna Gomez called it a cynical attempt to gain regulatory favor.



India ranks in top 10 global tech markets, leads in workforce and leasing demand

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India has emerged among the world’s top 10 tech markets for 2025, driven by its vast talent pool and growing commercial real estate uptake, according to Colliers. Bengaluru and Hyderabad lead Asia-Pacific in office leasing by tech firms, accounting for nearly half of all conventional space demand in H1 2025. India’s top tech cities now hold 69 percent of regional talent share. Global Capability Centers (GCCs) remain central to India’s value proposition, with 41 percent of leasing activity tied to tech-based GCCs. The surge in Grade A office space demand reflects India’s expanding role as a strategic innovation and R&D hub. The report positions India as a key player in global technology supply chains amid growing digital transformation.

India-Namibia pacts signal growing South-South cooperation in health and entrepreneurship

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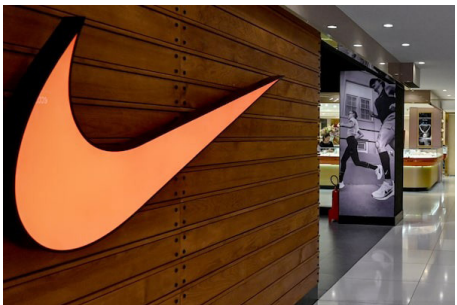
India and Namibia have signed two business-focused agreements to deepen collaboration in healthcare and entrepreneurship during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Windhoek. The deals—on setting up an Entrepreneurship Development Centre and boosting medical cooperation—signal India’s interest in expanding commercial ties across Africa. Namibia also became the first country to adopt India’s UPI digital payments system via a 2024 licensing agreement. The moves come as India seeks new markets for its digital, pharmaceutical, and agritech sectors, with potential for Indian firms to invest in Namibian infrastructure, healthcare, and clean energy. Talks also covered critical minerals, maritime security, and defense, reinforcing economic diplomacy between the two nations. Business leaders see growing potential for trade and tech partnerships.



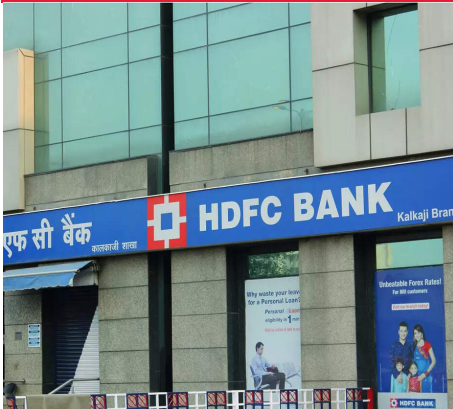
Nike promotes insider Aaron Cain to lead Converse as CEO Jared Carver exits

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Nike announced that Aaron Cain will become the new president and CEO of Converse following the departure of Jared Carver. Cain, currently vice president and general manager of Nike Global Men’s, will relocate to Boston and assume his new role after a transition period through July. Carver, who spent 15 years with Converse in leadership roles across North America and EMEA, is stepping down as Nike restructures its operations by sport across the Nike, Jordan, and Converse brands. The leadership change comes amid Nike’s broader strategy to sharpen its performance focus and address slow growth in a competitive market.



Lilavati Trust scandal puts spotlight on corporate governance at HDFC Bank



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HDFC Bank is facing renewed scrutiny after the Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust alleged that CEO Shashidhar Jagdishan was secretly appointed as its financial advisor without trustee approval. The Trust claims the appointment, dating back to February 2022, was part of a broader strategy to unlawfully control financial decisions. Allegations include a Rs. 2.05 crore bribe, unauthorized fund transfers, and CSR fund misuse. With four Bombay High Court judges having recused themselves from the case, and the Supreme Court declining early intervention, the scandal now raises broader concerns around governance, transparency, and regulatory oversight at one of India’s largest private banks. HDFC Bank has not responded to the latest claims. Investors are closely watching for reputational and compliance fallout.

India and Malaysia move to accelerate ASEAN trade pact review



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India and Malaysia have renewed efforts to fast-track the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITGA), a key framework that underpins trade between India and 10 Southeast Asian economies. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal met with his Malaysian counterpart Tzafrul Aziz to discuss improvements to the 2009 deal, which reached \$121 billion in bilateral trade in 2023–24. India is pushing for fairer access to ASEAN markets and more balanced trade terms. Talks also covered the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). The renewed momentum follows Prime Minister Modi’s recent meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim at the BRICS Summit. With ASEAN representing a critical market for Indian exports and regional supply chains, a revised pact could drive fresh investment and trade flows.

Sabalenka slams Wimbledon exit and Anisimova's sportsmanship

World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka expressed deep frustration after her 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 Wimbledon semifinal loss to Amanda Anisimova, labeling her connection with the tournament a “hate relationship.” The Belarusian, who has now lost three Wimbledon semifinals, criticized Anisimova for allegedly celebrating a point early in the second set and not apologizing for a net-cord winner. Despite commending Anisimova’s aggressive play, Sabalenka admitted the emotional toll of falling short again. The 27-year-old said her anger helped fuel a late comeback, though it ultimately fell short. Anisimova denied premature celebration, saying it was a grunt. Sabalenka, banned in 2022 and injured in 2023, said she still hopes to one day form a “love relationship” with Wimbledon. Anisimova will now compete in her first Wimbledon final.

Joe Root stands tall on 99 as England reach 251/4 against India on Day One

Joe Root played a vintage innings to finish unbeaten on 99 as England closed Day One at 251 for 4 in the third Test against India at Lord’s on Thursday. On a hot, challenging day for batting, Root curbed his natural instincts, facing 191 balls and hitting nine boundaries in a controlled knock that helped England recover from early setbacks in the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy clash.

After electing to bat first, England adopted a slower approach, scoring at just over three runs per over. Root anchored a 109-run third-wicket stand with Ollie Pope (44) and remained unbroken in a 79-run partnership with captain Ben Stokes, who finished on 39 not out despite a groin niggle.

India’s bowlers maintained tight lines throughout the day. Nitish Kumar Reddy impressed early, dismissing Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett, while Ravindra Jadeja



removed Pope with the first ball of the final session. Jasprit Bumrah struck with a superb delivery to bowl Harry Brook. Rishabh Pant left the field with a finger injury, prompting Dhruv Jurel to keep wickets.

Root, now one run shy of his 37th Test century, will resume alongside Stokes on Day Two as England aim to build on a steady foundation at the iconic venue.

India drops to 133rd in FIFA rankings, its lowest in nine years

India’s men’s football team has slipped to 133rd in the latest FIFA rankings, marking its lowest position since December 2016, when it was ranked 135th. The six-spot drop follows consecutive defeats in June—a 0-2 loss to Thailand and a 0-1 defeat to lower-ranked Hong Kong in an Asian Cup qualifier. The results led to head coach Manolo Marquez parting ways with the All India Football Federation. India now has 1113.22 points and ranks 24th among 47 Asian Football Confederation members, with Japan leading Asia at 17th globally. Despite legendary striker Sunil Chhetri’s return, the team has recorded just one win in its last eight matches. India’s next fixture is an away game against Singapore in October, part of the third round of Asian Cup qualifiers.

Spidercam to debut at Open’s 18th green in Portrush



For the first time in golf history, Spidercam will be used at The Open, installed above the 18th green at Royal Portrush. The aerial camera, suspended via four 25-meter pylons, will capture sweeping views and the champion’s final walk. This innovation, supported by the R&A and European Tour Productions, cost approximately \$385,000 and has been in planning for a year. Players have been briefed and raised no formal objections. The R&A aims to enhance the viewing experience with this technology, which complements existing coverage tools like drones and bunker cams. If successful, Spidercam may feature in future events. The system will retract before crucial shots to prevent distractions. The 2025 Open marks a rare moment when a major leads in broadcast innovation, with Sky Sports and NBC set to benefit from the enhanced visuals.

Xhemaili’s stoppage-time strike sends Switzerland into Euro quarterfinals

Riola Xhemaili scored a dramatic 92nd-minute equalizer to earn Switzerland a 1-1 draw against Finland and secure a spot in their first-ever Women’s Euro quarterfinal. Trailing in added time, substitute Geraldine Reuteler delivered a low cross, which Xhemaili turned in from close range, igniting wild celebrations in Geneva. Finland had earlier taken the lead after a penalty by Natalia Kuikka, awarded when Viola Calligaris fouled Emma Koivisto. Despite Switzerland dominating early chances, including a miss from Sydney Schertenleib and a crucial save from Livia Peng, Finland looked poised to win until Xhemaili’s late intervention.



growing belief and home support behind them. Finland’s players were left heartbroken after a spirited performance fell just short. Swiss coach Pia Sundhage praised the team’s fight, calling the match “the most exciting” of her long career.

Ben Healy wins stage six as Van der Poel reclaims yellow jersey

Ben Healy powered to victory in stage six of the Tour de France, breaking away solo with 44 kilometers left on the 201-kilometer route from Bayeux to Vire. The Irish rider, who previously won a Giro d’Italia stage in 2023, used aerodynamic gear and strategy to secure Ireland’s 15th Tour stage win. Mathieu van der Poel reclaimed the yellow jersey by one second from Tadej Pogacar, who chose not to contest the lead and let

breakaways go unchallenged.

The breakaway included top names like Simon Yates, Quinn Simmons, and Michael Storer, but Healy’s decisive move left rivals trailing. Nearly 80 riders finished over 15 minutes behind. Friday’s stage will end on the steep Mûr de Bretagne, where Van der Poel claimed a win in 2021. Pogacar’s strategy raised speculation about his Dauphiné performance being a deliberate bluff.

Carlsen fends off Gukesh in blitz to claim Zagreb chess title



Magnus Carlsen silenced critics by winning the SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz in Zagreb after trailing India’s 19-year-old world champion Gukesh Dommaraju. Carlsen, 35, lost two early games to Gukesh but rebounded with an eight-game unbeaten run in the blitz segment, defeating the teen star with a slow, tactical “old man’s chess” approach. Gukesh collapsed, scoring only 1.5 out of his final 9 games. Carlsen won his fourth title in six events in Croatia, scoring 22.5 points. Gukesh finished third behind Wesley So.

Despite setbacks, Gukesh remains focused on improvement. Meanwhile, Carlsen prepares for the Freestyle Grand Slam in Las Vegas, where rival Hans Niemann has qualified. The Delhi leg of the Grand Slam was canceled due to lack of sponsors, and its CEO has stepped down, raising questions about the format’s future.



Over 2,000 players to compete in Esports World Cup 2025 in Riyadh

The 2025 Esports World Cup kicked off in Riyadh with over 2,000 players competing across 25 tournaments and 24 titles, offering a record \$70 million prize pool. The event runs until August 24 and features the first-ever cross-title Club Championship. S8UL from India qualified for the finals in Apex Legends, MLBB, and EAFC 25. Indian chess players Nihal Sarin and Aravindh Chithambaram, along with fighters in Tekken 8 and Fatal Fury, are also participating in upcoming qualifiers for the global event.



Oman to host ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia and East Asia-Pacific qualifier

Oman will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia and East Asia-Pacific Qualifier in October 2025, with nine teams competing for three spots in the 2026 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. The tournament will feature Kuwait, Malaysia, UAE, Qatar, Japan, Samoa, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and hosts Oman. Group matches will take place from October 8 to 10, followed by the Super Six stage from October 12 to 17. Group 1 includes UAE, Malaysia, and Qatar; Group 2 has Nepal, Kuwait, and Japan; Group 3 features Oman, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa. The top two from each group will advance to the Super Six round. Separately, the ICC Women's T20 World Cup East Asia-Pacific Qualifier will be held in Suva, Fiji from September 9 to 15. Eight teams, including the hosts and Papua New Guinea, will compete for a single spot in the Global Qualifier. Teams will be divided into two groups of four for the women's tournament.

Messi sets new MLS record with brace in Inter Miami win



Lionel Messi scored twice to lead Inter Miami to a 2-1 win over New England Revolution at Gillette Stadium, becoming the first player in Major League Soccer history to score multiple goals in four consecutive regular-season matches. His goals came in the 27th and 38th minutes, taking his season tally to 14 goals and seven assists in just 15 games. Inter Miami head coach Javier Mascherano praised Messi as "the best player in history." The streak began before Miami's FIFA Club World Cup campaign and has continued with braces against CF Montreal, Columbus Crew, and now New England. Messi now holds Inter Miami's all-time goal contribution record with 58 and leads league records for most assists and goal contributions in a single game. In 2024, he was named MLS MVP after helping Miami win its first Supporters' Shield with a league-record 74 points. His latest achievement adds to an already extraordinary list of milestones in American soccer.

Azharuddin calls for HCA disbandment after president's arrest in IPL ticket scam

Former India captain and ex-Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) president Mohammed Azharuddin has demanded a full investigation into the HCA and the immediate disbandment of its current administration. His call follows the arrest of HCA president A. Jagan Mohan Rao by Telangana's Criminal Investigation Department over an IPL ticket scam. Azhar, posting on X, expressed alarm over "rampant corruption" in HCA, stating the current body "has failed its duty."

The state government initiated a probe after Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) accused the HCA of misconduct. Investigators found irregularities, including demands for additional complimentary tickets beyond the 10 percent already provided by SRH. When the franchise declined to give more



tickets, the HCA allegedly retaliated by locking corporate boxes, only reopening them after SRH gave in to demands. The inquiry concluded that HCA officials, including Rao and the secretary, exploited their positions for personal gain, sparking widespread outrage and calls for systemic reform in Hyderabad cricket.

National Karting Championship begins July 12 with 74 young drivers competing

The 2025 MECO-FMSCI National Karting Championship Rotax Max Classes will kick off on July 12 in Coimbatore, featuring 74 participants across 10 teams and four competitive categories. The six-round championship will conclude with a grand finale on November 8-9. Winners in the Senior Max, Junior Max, Mini Max, and Micro Max classes will represent India at the Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals in Bahrain, scheduled for November 29 to

December 6. The newly introduced Mini Max category for racers under age 11 adds an exciting dimension. The Senior Max grid includes 34 racers, with Bengaluru's Rishon Rajeev and Peregrine Racing's Rohaan and Ishaan Madesh seen as top contenders. The Junior Max title fight is expected between defending champion Arafath Sheikh of Pune and Chennai's Eshanth Vengatesan. Racing will begin with official practice, qualifying, and heats on Saturday, followed by pre-finals and finals on Sunday.

John and Jim Harbaugh meet President Trump at White House

NFL coaches John and Jim Harbaugh met President Donald Trump in the Oval Office on Thursday, following an invitation from the White House. The Harbaugh brothers, who famously faced off in Super Bowl XLVII, typically avoid political discussion but have voiced opinions in the past. Ravens coach John Harbaugh previously supported border wall construction, stating in 2015, "If you don't have a border, you're not a country." He also advocated for creating a pathway to citizenship for undocumented workers.

Chargers coach Jim Harbaugh, meanwhile, is known for his staunch opposition to abortion, aligning with the Republican



party's platform. While some criticize athletes and coaches for expressing political views, both brothers continue to engage publicly on issues they care about. The White House confirmed the visit, though no further details were shared regarding the discussion's content or purpose.

Enrique urges PSG to 'make history' after Club World Cup semifinal win



Paris Saint-Germain head coach Luis Enrique has called on his squad to make history after thrashing Real Madrid 4-0 in the FIFA Club World Cup semifinals. Fabian Ruiz scored twice, with Ousmane Dembele and Goncalo Ramos adding one each in a dominant display at MetLife Stadium. With the win, PSG advanced to the final, where they will face Chelsea on Sunday. The French club has already won the domestic double and its first UEFA Champions League title this season. A victory in the Club World Cup would complete a historic quadruple. Enrique praised the team's performance and said they are one step away from accomplishing a season few clubs in history have managed. Ruiz, named man of the match, now has three goals in the tournament and remains in contention for the Golden Boot. He emphasized the team's success over personal accolades, stating his goal is to help PSG win the final and make club history.

James Jones leaves Suns to lead NBA Basketball Operations

James Jones is leaving the Phoenix Suns to become Executive Vice President and Head of Basketball Operations for the NBA, replacing Joe Dumars. The league announced the appointment on Thursday, confirming Jones will oversee game regulations, style of play, and disciplinary decisions. In his new role, Jones will collaborate with players, referees, and executives to guide the NBA's on-court evolution and competition standards.

He had served as Suns general manager since 2019 and was recently reassigned to a senior advisory role following Brian Gregory's appointment by Suns owner Mat Ishbia. Jones called the new position an "exciting opportunity" to channel his passion for the game. NBA operations chief Byron Spruell praised Jones for his leadership and deep knowledge of basketball. As a former player and executive, Jones is now tasked with shaping the present and future of professional basketball.

Asia Cup 2025 in doubt as India and Sri Lanka skip ACC meet

The future of the 2025 Asia Cup remains uncertain after India and Sri Lanka declined to attend an Asian Cricket Council meeting in Dhaka due to political unrest. India, the tournament host, may request relocation to a neutral venue, as Pakistan is not touring India under a prior agreement. The ACC is proceeding with the meeting on July 24, coinciding with a tri-series in Bangladesh. The BCCI has yet to confirm its commitment to host the Asia Cup, adding to ongoing uncertainty.



Sachin Tendulkar's portrait unveiled at Lord's MCC Museum

A new portrait of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has been unveiled at the MCC Museum at Lord's amid the ongoing England-India Test series. Painted by British artist Stuart Pearson Wright, the close-up portrait captures Tendulkar's face in heroic scale with an abstract background. It is the fifth Indian player featured in the MCC's prestigious portrait collection. Tendulkar, who retired in 2013 with a record 34,357 international runs, also rang the iconic five-minute bell at Lord's—a tradition reserved for cricketing greats.

Paul McCartney returns to North America with extended 'Got Back' tour



Paul McCartney is set to return to North America with a new leg of his 'Got Back' tour—his first full tour of the continent since 2022. The legendary Beatle will begin his shows in September, starting in Palm Desert, California, and moving through cities like Las Vegas, Atlanta, Montreal, and Chicago.

The announcement follows his recent sold-out performances at New York City's Bowery Ballroom. Presale tickets go live on July 15, with general sales beginning July 18. McCartney originally launched the 'Got Back' tour in 2022 with 16 sold-out U.S. shows before headlining Glastonbury. Since then, the tour has traveled to Australia, Mexico, Brazil, and Europe.

The tour announcement comes shortly after McCartney was reunited with his stolen 1961 Höfner 500/1 bass guitar, lost since 1972. Thanks to the 'Lost Bass Project', the instrument was recovered and is in mostly good condition, though it requires some repairs.

Preity Zinta thanks spiritual mentor on Guru Purnima



Actress Preity Zinta marked Guru Purnima by sharing heartfelt thanks to her spiritual mentor, Acharya Ashok Diwedi, for guiding her on her inner journey. In a post from Varanasi, Zinta wrote, "Thank you for understanding me, befriending me, and guiding me to seek answers for questions I cannot comprehend."

She expressed appreciation for his wisdom, humor, and support, calling him a key influence in her spiritual evolution. The actress has previously shared glimpses of her personal life, including moments with husband Gene Goodenough and their twins, Gia and Jai, born via surrogacy in 2021.

Zinta is preparing to return to the big screen in Rajkumar Santoshi's film 'Lahore 1947', marking her comeback since 2018's 'Bhaaiji Superhit'. The new film, officially announced last October, has generated buzz for its star-studded cast and compelling storyline.

Guru Dutt centenary to be celebrated at IFFM with screenings of 'Pyaasa' and 'Kaagaz Ke Phool'



The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 will honor the centenary of legendary Indian filmmaker Guru Dutt with special screenings of two of his most celebrated films — 'Pyaasa' (1957) and 'Kaagaz Ke Phool' (1959). These screenings are part of a tribute to Dutt's enduring legacy as a cinematic visionary and pioneer of emotional storytelling.

'Pyaasa,' starring Guru Dutt, Waheeda Rehman, Mala Sinha, and Johnny Walker, follows the journey of Vijay, a disillusioned Urdu poet whose socially conscious work is rejected by publishers. The film explores themes of rejection, idealism, and love,

centering on Vijay's bond with Gulabo, a compassionate sex worker who helps publish his poetry.

'Kaagaz Ke Phool,' India's first film shot in CinemaScope, remains one of the most technically advanced and emotionally complex films of its time. A commercial failure upon release, it is now hailed as a cinematic classic and taught in film schools worldwide. Festival Director Mitu Bhowmick Lange described Guru Dutt's work as "cultural treasures" and said this tribute aims to celebrate his genius and introduce his artistry to a global audience. The festival runs from August 14 to 24.

Matthew McConaughey urges public to support Texas flood victims

Actor Matthew McConaughey has called on the public to aid victims of the devastating floods in Texas that have left at least 78 people dead and many others missing. Taking to social media, the Oscar winner described the tragedy as a time for community action, urging people to "lend a helping hand" amid the shock and destruction.

Born in Uvalde, Texas, McConaughey highlighted the resilience of Texans, saying their generosity could help steady those suffering from the chaos. He joins other celebrities raising awareness and funds, including Jennifer Garner and Shakira. Garner, born in Houston, shared a heartfelt message saying, "Texas. God, be near." Meanwhile,



Shakira announced she would donate part of the proceeds from her San Antonio concert to Catholic Charities, which is actively providing disaster relief in the region. The flash floods have particularly affected Kerr County, prompting urgent humanitarian efforts. McConaughey's call for support adds to the growing list of artists using their platforms to provide relief and solidarity during this crisis.

Kanye West dropped from Slovak festival after backlash over 'Heil Hitler' song

Kanye West has been removed from the lineup of Slovakia's Rubicon hip-hop festival following widespread outrage over his controversial song 'Heil Hitler'. The festival, set to be held in Bratislava from July 18 to 20, was meant to mark West's only confirmed European performance this year. Public backlash erupted after the May release of 'Heil Hitler', which included a 1935 Adolf Hitler speech sample. The track was banned in Germany under hate speech laws and removed from most streaming platforms, though it found support on X.

Following West's announcement as headliner, over 10,000 Slovaks signed a petition condemning his presence, calling it a glorification of Nazi violence and an insult



to Holocaust victims—over 70,000 of whom were Slovak Jews murdered during World War II. Festival organizers cited media pressure and partner withdrawals in their decision to cancel the event. West, who now goes by Ye, was recently barred from entering Australia for the same song, which referenced his personal life and divorce from Kim Kardashian.

Ed Sheeran to exhibit his paintings in London for charity



Ed Sheeran is stepping into the world of visual arts with his debut painting exhibition, titled 'Cosmic Carpark Paintings', set to open at the HENI Gallery in London from July 11 to August 1. The 34-year-old singer began painting during his 2019 'Divide' tour, using it as a creative outlet. Encouraged by friends Damien Hirst and Joe Hage, Sheeran will sell both original paintings and prints, with proceeds supporting the Ed Sheeran Foundation. The foundation promotes music education and funds grassroots projects across the United Kingdom. The artworks were created in a repurposed car park in London's Soho, where Sheeran painted daily between tours. Half the proceeds from each piece will go to his charity, with \$400 from each print sale directly benefiting the cause. According to HENI, this is the public's first chance to own original or edition prints by Sheeran, who is already receiving praise for his artistic leap beyond music.

Shekhar Kapur says AI will dismantle content 'gatekeepers'



Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur has voiced strong support for Artificial Intelligence in the creative industry, calling it the "most democratic technology ever." In a post on X, Kapur argued that AI will eliminate "gatekeepers" in film and content production, allowing individuals—especially youth—to create high-quality content at a fraction of big studio costs. He also dismissed claims that distribution would remain a barrier, citing the explosive success of TikTok as an example. Kapur emphasized that in the evolving digital age, content creation will be led by compelling storytellers, not corporate middlemen. His comments come amid growing controversy surrounding AI's influence on the entertainment industry, including recent backlash over AI-generated art in the style of Studio Ghibli. Kapur's remarks also echoed historical resistance to technological innovation, drawing parallels with the 1980s computer ban in West Bengal. He concluded by acknowledging the inevitability of technological progress and its potential to reshape storytelling for the better.

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Lucy Liu and Justin Theroux join 'The Devil Wears Prada 2' cast



The sequel to the hit film 'The Devil Wears Prada' is gaining star power with new additions to the cast including Lucy Liu, Justin Theroux, B.J. Novak, and Pauline Chalamet. They join returning stars Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, and Stanley Tucci. Also returning are Tracie Thoms and Tibor Feldman, reprising their original roles. The sequel, backed by Disney's 20th Century Studios, is set to release on May 1, 2026. David Frankel and Aline Brosh McKenna, the original director and screenwriter, are also returning, alongside producer Karen Rosenfelt. While the plot is under wraps, the story is expected to follow Miranda Priestly as she navigates the decline of magazine publishing, clashing with her former assistant-turned-executive. The original film, based on Lauren Weisberger's novel 'The Devil Wears Prada', was a critical and commercial success. Streep earned a Golden Globe and an Oscar nomination for her iconic performance as Miranda Priestly.

Alia Bhatt's former secretary arrested for \$92,000 fraud



Vedika Shetty, former secretary to Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, has been arrested for allegedly defrauding the actress of Rs. 7.7 million (approximately \$92,000). Shetty was arrested by Mumbai's Juhu Police in Bengaluru and remanded to custody until July 10. The fraud reportedly involved forging Alia's signature and siphoning funds over a two-year period, from 2021 to 2024. The complaint was filed by Alia's mother, Soni Razdan, and a case was registered under Sections 316(4) and 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Shetty allegedly handled Alia's financial documents and schedules during her employment. The actress has not commented on the case. Meanwhile, Alia is currently shooting for the espionage thriller 'Alpha', alongside Sharvari. She also shared her excitement on social media over the teaser for 'Ramayana', directed by Nitesh Tiwari, which stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. 'Ramayana: Part One' is set to release in Diwali 2026.

Sean 'Diddy' Combs receives standing ovation from inmates after partial acquittal

Rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs received a standing ovation from fellow inmates upon returning to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn following his partial acquittal in a federal trial. The 56-year-old music mogul was found not guilty on charges of sex trafficking and racketeering but was convicted on two counts of transporting individuals for prostitution.

Combs, who has been jailed since September 2024, will remain in custody until his sentencing on October 3. If convicted on the current charges, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

His lawyer, Marc Agnifilo, told People magazine that Combs' fellow inmates expressed hope after seeing someone successfully challenge the government. Agnifilo added that the experience has deeply affected Combs, forcing him to confront personal flaws and the limits of

fame and fortune in shielding him from consequences. Judge Arun Subramanian denied bail again, citing the serious nature of the offenses and the mandatory detention clause under the Mann Act.



Annu Kapoor denounces language-based violence, urges cultural sensitivity

Veteran actor Annu Kapoor has spoken out against the recent wave of language-based violence in Maharashtra, denouncing it as unconstitutional and politically motivated. Addressing media in Chandigarh, Kapoor said that while cultural respect is vital, using violence to enforce language use is unacceptable. His comments come amid rising tensions after the Maharashtra government mandated Hindi as a compulsory third language in schools, sparking protests and incidents in Mumbai and Pune.

Kapoor emphasized that India's unity lies in its diversity, and no single language or culture can dominate. Drawing parallels with global cities like New York and Milan, he said adapting to local culture is a sign of respect—but not doing so should never lead



to assault. He also criticized political groups for using such issues to gain attention, stating, "Politicians want headlines, not solutions." Recalling past threats over one of his films, Kapoor urged that law, not violence, be the recourse for grievances. The government has since rolled back the Hindi language mandate.

Justin Bieber drops seventh studio album titled 'Swag'

Justin Bieber has released his seventh studio album, 'Swag', just hours after teasing it and revealing its 21-track lineup. The album features collaborations with artists like Gunna, Sexxy Red, Druski, Dijon, Lil B, Cash Cobain, Eddie Benjamin, and Marvin Winans. The final track, 'Forgiveness', is a modern rendition of 'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High'.

Bieber co-produced the album alongside Carter Lang, Daniel Caesar, mk.gee, Dylan Wiggins, and others. Rumors of the album began circulating after billboards appeared in Iceland, Atlanta, and Los Angeles. Bieber confirmed the speculation via Instagram and followed up with visuals from the album cover shoot featuring his wife Hailey and their son Jack Blues.

'Swag' marks Bieber's first album since



2021's 'Justice', which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and produced hits like 'Peaches'. Though he started the 'Justice' World Tour in 2022, it was cut short due to health concerns. 'Swag' is seen as a bold new chapter for the pop icon.

Rajkummar Rao and Patralekhaa announce first pregnancy



Actors Rajkummar Rao and Patralekhaa have announced that they are expecting their first child. The couple shared the news via a joint Instagram post that read, "Baby on the way – Patralekhaa & Rajkummar." The announcement quickly drew congratulations from Bollywood celebrities including Sonam Kapoor, Farah Khan, and Neha Dhupia. The couple's love story began in 2014 on the sets of 'CityLights', directed by Hansal Mehta. After several years of dating, Rao proposed to Patralekhaa in October 2021, and the two married a month later in an intimate ceremony. On the professional front, Rao is set to appear in the gangster drama 'Maalik', which also stars Manushi Chhillar and is scheduled to release on July 11. Directed by Pulkit and backed by Tips Films and Northern Lights Films, the film marks Rao's first collaboration with the former Miss World. Patralekhaa, meanwhile, has taken a step back from the screen in recent years.

'Udaipur Files' release clears court hurdle but CBFC orders 150 cuts



The upcoming film 'Udaipur Files', based on the 2022 murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal, has cleared a legal challenge in the Supreme Court but faces significant censorship. The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has ordered over 150 cuts to the film, citing concerns over its sensitive content. Kanhaiya Lal was killed after sharing a post in support of BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. An accused in the murder case had petitioned the Supreme Court to stay the release, but the court refused early hearing and directed the matter to a regular bench. The film joins a growing list of movies subjected to heavy CBFC scrutiny, including 'Punjab 95', 'Phule', and Anurag Kashyap's 'Kennedy'. Filmmakers and actors continue to question the board's influence, especially after similar cases involving 'Udta Punjab' and 'Sitaare Zameen Par'. The ongoing debate highlights the broader issue of censorship versus creative freedom in Indian cinema.



वृंदावन मंदिर यात्रा का तीसरा पड़ाव प्रेम मंदिर के दिव्य दर्शन

IndoUS Tribune की "यात्रा और दर्शन: वृंदावन मंदिर" शृंखला में आपका पुनः स्वागत है!

जहाँ हवाओं में राधे-राधे की पुकार गूँजती है, जहाँ हर वृक्ष, हर कली, हर कुंज गवाही देती है राधा-कृष्ण के अमर प्रेम की—वहीं स्थित है एक ऐसा अद्वितीय मंदिर जो अपने नाम के अनुरूप प्रेम का प्रतीक है।

बांके बिहारी जी और निधिवन की रहस्यमयी दिव्यता के बाद, हमारा अगला पड़ाव है एक ऐसा मंदिर जो श्रद्धालु के हृदय को भक्ति, सौंदर्य और निर्मल प्रेम से सराबोर कर देता है।

प्रेम मंदिर: जहाँ भक्ति और सौंदर्य का मिलन होता है
वृंदावन की बाहरी परिधि में स्थित यह मंदिर, जैसे ही दृष्टि के सामने आता है, श्रद्धालु स्तब्ध रह जाता है संगमरमर की अद्भुत नक्काशी, चमचमाता श्वेत सौंदर्य, और चारों ओर सजे गुलाबों से सुगंधित बगीचे, सब मिलकर मानो स्वर्गिक सौंदर्य की अनुभूति कराते हैं।

रात्रि में जब मंदिर रंग-बिरंगी रोशनियों में नहाता है, तब यह दृश्य किसी चित्रकला के दिव्य कैनवास से कम नहीं होता। फव्वारों की लहरों में प्रतिबिंबित होता मंदिर, और राधा-कृष्ण के झूलते झांझर भक्ति की अमिट छाप छोड़ जाते हैं।

मंदिर की स्थापत्य कला: एक अनुपम कृति
प्रेम मंदिर का निर्माण सफेद इटालियन कैरारा संगमरमर से किया गया है, जिसे कारीगरों ने 12 वर्षों की अथक साधना से आकार दिया। इसकी बेसमेंट 20 फीट गहरी ग्रेनाइट से बनी है, जो इसे सदियों तक स्थायित्व प्रदान करेगी।

इस मंदिर की दीवारों पर राधा-कृष्ण की 84 लीलाओं को इतनी बारीकी और जीवंतता से उकेरा गया है कि लगता है जैसे समय वहीं ठहर गया हो —

श्रीकृष्ण कालिया नाग पर नृत्य कर रहे हों, गोवर्धन पर्वत उठा रहे हों, या रास लीला में राधा जी संग आनंद में मग्न हों।

परिक्रमा पथ में चलते हुए हर झांकी से भक्ति का प्रवाह इतना गहरा होता है कि मनुष्य को अपनी सांसों की गति का भी भान नहीं रहता।

प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य और शांति का संगम

प्रेम मंदिर का परिसर लगभग 55 एकड़ में फैला हुआ है। चारों ओर हरियाली, गुलाब के फूल, कमल के ताल, और संगीत की धीमी धुनें इस स्थान को किसी स्वप्नलोक में बदल देते हैं।

श्रद्धालु मंदिर की सीढ़ियां चढ़ते हुए जैसे-जैसे गर्भगृह के समीप आता है, वह माया, मोह और व्यर्थ के विचारों से स्वतः मुक्त हो जाता है। गर्भगृह में विराजमान श्री राधा गोविंद और श्री सीता राम की मूर्तियाँ इतनी दिव्य हैं कि नेत्रों से अश्रु स्वतः बहने लगते हैं।

दीवारों पर अंकित भक्ति के पद और संत परंपरा

मंदिर के भीतर की दीवारों पर जगद्गुरु श्री कृपालु जी महाराज द्वारा रचित पद-संकीर्तन अंकित हैं, जो हर हृदय को भीतर तक भिगो देते हैं। यहाँ आठ प्रमुख सखियाँ, पाँच जगद्गुरु, और रासिक संतों की भव्य मूर्तियाँ भी स्थापित हैं, जो भक्ति की परंपरा को मूर्त रूप देती हैं।

जगद्गुरु श्री कृपालु जी महाराज: प्रेम के अवतार
इस मंदिर के संस्थापक, भक्ति-योग-रसावतार, जगद्गुरु श्री कृपालु जी महाराज, एक ऐसी दिव्य विभूति हैं जिन्होंने भक्ति मार्ग को सरल, सुलभ और सर्वसुलभ बनाया।

उनका सपना था एक ऐसा मंदिर बनाना, जो भक्ति, दर्शन, और आध्यात्मिक शिक्षा का केंद्र बने। 1946 में जब वे युवा थे, तभी उन्होंने यह संकल्प लिया था। और 2001 से 2012 तक, यह सपना रूपांतरित हुआ एक ऐसे मंदिर में जो युगों तक प्रेम की गाथा कहता रहेगा।

दर्शन समय और जानकारी

प्रातःकाल: 8:30 बजे: 12:00 बजे तक
सायंकाल: 4:30 बजे: 8:30 बजे तक
मंदिर सप्ताह के सातों दिन खुला रहता है।

समापन: भक्ति की निष्कलंक झलक

प्रेम मंदिर, **IndoUS Tribune** की वृंदावन यात्रा का ऐसा पड़ाव है जहाँ सिर्फ दर्शन नहीं, बल्कि आत्मा का साक्षात्कार होता है। यहाँ का हर पत्थर, हर ध्वनि, हर दृश्य भगवान के प्रेम को जीता है।

हम आशा करते हैं कि इस यात्रा ने आपको राधा-कृष्ण के निराकार प्रेम से साक्षात्कार कराया होगा।

अब समय है अगले पड़ाव की ओर बढ़ने का झ्र हमारी अगली कड़ी में, हम आपको ले चलेंगे राधा वल्लभ मंदिर, जहाँ राधारानी की महिमा अपने चरम पर है।

तब तक के लिए —

राधे राधे! प्रेम मंदिर की अनुभूति आपके जीवन में प्रेम, सौंदर्य और भक्ति की सरिता बहाती रहे।





यह अध्याय आत्म संयम योग के नाम से जाना जाता है. आत्म संयम साधारणतः एक संन्यासी या योगी में पाया जाता है. इसीलिए इस अध्याय में, प्रभु कृष्ण ने, अर्जुन को एक संन्यासी के लक्षण बताने का प्रयास किया है.



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संन्यासी का सबसे पहला लक्षण है, वह योगी जो, अपने सब कर्तव्य कर्मों को, सहज भाव से करता हुआ, उनमें आसक्ति भाव नहीं रखता. ऐसा प्राणी एक सच्चा संन्यासी कहा गया है. ऐसे योगी को योगारूढ़ भी कहा जाता है. एक ऐसा संन्यासी, जिसने योग को पूरी तरह से जीत कर, उस पर पूर्ण काबू पा लिया हो. ऐसे योगी के लिए अपने मन को पूर्णतया, अपने वश में करने की, महत्ता पर बड़ा जोर दिया गया है. दूसरी ओर अगर कोई भक्त योग करता जा रहा है, और साथ ही साथ उसके मन में वासनाओं का उद्वेग भी चल रहा है तो, वह उद्वेग उसे अपने सही उद्देश्य तक नहीं पहुँचने देगा. मन के वशीकरण के बिना, किसी भी योगी की साधना अधूरी है. यही मन की दुर्बलता, उसे अधोगति की ओर ले जा सकती है. अर्जुन भी इसी मानसिक दुर्बलता का शिकार था. उसी के परिणाम स्वरूप, वह अपने आप को लड़ने में असमर्थ महसूस कर रह था.

आत्म संयम योग:-

बन्धुरात्मात्मनस्तस्य येनात्मैवात्मना जितः ।
अनात्मनस्तु शत्रुत्वे वतेतात्मैव शत्रुवत् ॥ (६)

भावार्थ: जो मनुष्य मन को वश में कर लेता है, उसका वह मन ही परम-मित्र बन जाता है, लेकिन जो मनुष्य मन को वश में नहीं कर पाता है, उसके लिए वह मन ही परम-शत्रु के समान होता है।

इस श्लोक में प्रभु स्पष्ट करते हैं कि, मन ही हमारा सबसे बड़ा मित्र है और मन ही सबसे बड़ा शत्रु. हम मन की इस गति या चंचलता को कैसे नियंत्रित करते हैं, यह योगी के योगाभ्यास पर निर्भर करता है. जो योगी, यह जान कर, मन पर काबू पा लेते हैं, वह आसानी से प्रभु से सहज ही जुड़ जाते हैं और परम शांति को प्राप्त कर लेते हैं. लेकिन जो मन को नियंत्रण में लाने में असमर्थ होते हैं, वह काम वासनाओं के अधीन हो, न तो इस लोक में सुख पाते हैं और न ही परलोक में उन्हें कोई सुख प्राप्त होता है.

योगी का आचरण:-

योगी युञ्जीत सततमात्मानं रहसि स्थितः ।
एकाकी यतचित्तात्मा निराशीरपरिग्रहः ॥ (१०)

भावार्थ: ऐसा मनुष्य निरन्तर मन सहित शरीर से किसी भी वस्तु के प्रति आकर्षित हुए बिना तथा किसी भी वस्तु का संग्रह किये बिना परमात्मा के ध्यान में एक ही भाव से स्थित

रहने वाला होता है।

शुचौ देशे प्रतिष्ठाप्य स्थिरमासनमात्मनः ।
नात्युच्छ्रितं नातिनीचं चैलाजिनकुशोत्तरम् ॥ (११)
तत्रैकाग्रं मनः कृत्वा यतचित्तेन्द्रियक्रियः ।
उपविश्यासने युञ्ज्याद्योगमात्मविशुद्धये ॥ (१२)

भावार्थ: योग के अभ्यास के लिये मनुष्य को एकान्त स्थान में पवित्र भूमि में न तो बहुत ऊँचा और न ही बहुत नीचा, कुशा के आसन पर मुलायम वस्त्र या मृगछाला बिछाकर, उस पर हड़ता-पूर्वक बैठकर, मन को एक बिन्दु पर स्थित करके, चित और इन्द्रियों की क्रियाओं को वश में रखते हुए अन्तःकरण की शुद्धि के लिए योग का अभ्यास करना चाहिये।

योगी का समय प्रभु चिंतन में बीतता है. इसलिए उसे एकांत बड़ा प्रिय लगता है. वह शारीरिक भोगों से कोसों दूर रहता है. वह अपनी सारी आकांक्षाओं से ऊपर उठ जाता है. उसका किसी प्रकार के भौतिक संग्रह में रुझान नहीं होता. वह एकांत में मृगशाला बिछा, उस पर आसान जमा, अपने मन को प्रभु चिंतन पर एकाग्र कर, ध्यान में लगा रहता है. मन में उठते विचारों के उद्वेग को रोक, आँखें बंद करके, नासिका के अग्र भाग पर, ध्यान केन्द्रित किए, ब्रह्म ध्यान में लगा रहता है. ब्रह्मचर्य का पालन कर, काम आदि वासनाओं से दूर रहता है. कन्दमूल का सेवन कर, जिह्वा के स्वादों से, अपने आप को दूर रखता है. उसकी इस साधना से, उसे प्रभु प्राप्ति के परम उद्देश्य की, प्राप्ति अवश्य होती है. फिर वह सांसारिक भौतिक सुखों से दूर रह, स्थिर मति से, सदा प्रभु चरणों में, परम सुख का अनुभव करता है. इस अनुभव से बड़ा कोई दूसरा आध्यात्मिक अनुभव हो नहीं सकता.

यो मां पश्यति सर्वत्र सर्वं च मयि पश्यति ।
तस्याहं न प्रणश्यामि स च मे न प्रणश्यति ॥ (३०)

भावार्थ: जो मनुष्य सभी प्राणीयों में मुझ परमात्मा को ही देखता है और सभी प्राणीयों को मुझ परमात्मा में ही देखता

है, उसके लिए मैं कभी अदृश्य नहीं होता हूँ और वह मेरे लिए कभी अदृश्य नहीं होता है।

इस श्लोक में प्रभु कृष्ण अर्जुन को बताते हैं कि, जब योगी मुझ में पूर्ण रूप से तल्लीन हो जाता है तो, उसे दुनिया के हर कण में, मैं ही दिखाई पड़ता हूँ. वह अपना आपा, यानि अपना अस्तित्व खो कर, हर जगह केवल और केवल मुझे ही देखता है. पशु पक्षी, हर पुरुष नारी में, उसे मेरे दिव्य स्वरूप के दर्शन होते हैं. गरीब अमीर, मूर्ख और बुद्धिमान, उसे सब समान दिखने लगते हैं. वह कोई भेदभाव न करता है, न ही कर सकता है. कहा जाता है कि, संत कबीर अपनी बड़ी उमर में पहुँच, इस अवस्था में आ गए थे. तभी उन्होंने एक बार गाया:

लाली मेरे लाल की, जित देखूँ तित लाल
लाली देखन मैं गई, तो मैं भी हो गई लाल
ऐसे भक्त, विरागी योगी, प्रभु को बड़े प्रिय लगते हैं.

चञ्चलं हि मनः कृष्ण प्रमाथि बलवद्दृढम् ।
तस्याहं निग्रहं मन्ये वायोरिव सुदुष्करम् ॥ (३४)

भावार्थ: हे कृष्ण! क्योंकि यह मन निश्चय ही बड़ा चंचल है, अन्य को मथ डालने वाला है और बड़ा ही हठी तथा बलवान है, मुझे इस मन को वश में करना, वायु को वश में करने के समान अत्यन्त कठिन लगता है। अर्जुन प्रभु की बात सुनकर कहता है, हे मधुसूदन, आपने जिस योग और संन्यास की बात की है, वह सुनने में बहुत अच्छ लगता है, लेकिन उसे व्यवहार में लाना उतना ही कठिन है. क्योंकि जिस मन को आप वश में लाने की निरन्तर बात करते हैं, वह करना अत्यंत कठिन है. क्योंकि मन बहुत चंचल है. वह आसानी से काबू में नहीं आता. उसे नियंत्रण में लाने का कोई सरल सा उपाय बताओ.

असंशयं महाबाहो मनो दुर्निग्रहं चलम् ।
अभ्यासेन तु कौन्तेय वैराग्येण च गृह्यते ॥ (३५)
असंयतात्मना योगो दुष्प्राप इति मे मतिः ।
वश्यात्मना तु यतता शक्योऽवाप्तुमुपायतः ॥ (३६)

भावार्थ: श्री भगवान ने कहा, इसमें कोई संशय नहीं है कि चंचल मन को वश में करना अत्यन्त कठिन है, किन्तु इसे सभी सांसारिक कामनाओं को त्याग (वैराग्य) और निरन्तर अभ्यास द्वारा वश में किया जा सकता है। जिस मनुष्य द्वारा मन को वश में नहीं किया गया है, ऐसे मनुष्य के लिये परमात्मा की प्राप्ति (योग) असंभव है लेकिन मन को वश में करने वाले प्रयत्नशील मनुष्य के लिये परमात्मा की प्राप्ति (योग) सहज होती है - ऐसा मेरा विचार है।

अर्जुन का प्रश्न सुन, भगवान कृष्ण कहते हैं कि, तुम बिल्कुल ठीक कह रहे हो. यह मन बहुत ही चंचल है. लेकिन ऐसा नहीं कि, इसे वश में किया नहीं जा सकता. इसे वश में करने के लिए, बहुत ही अभ्यास और साधना की आवश्यकता है. इसे इंद्रियों के सुखों एवं भोग विलासों से मुक्त करने के लिए बार बार अभ्यास करना पड़ता है. अभ्यास तथा ध्यान की एकाग्रता से इसे निश्चित रूप से वश में किया जा सकता है, यह मेरा अनुभव है. आगे प्रभु अर्जुन को समझाते हैं की, जो कोई संन्यासी, जो सदा शुभ कर्मों में लगा, मुझे निरंतर भजता रहता है, वह कभी पथ भ्रष्ट नहीं होता. ऐसे शुद्ध आत्मा योगी बड़े संस्कारी घरों में जन्म लेते हैं. इससे उस कुल का भी उद्धार हो जाता है. ज्ञानियों के यहाँ जन्म ले, वह अपनी, प्रभु प्राप्ति की अधूरी यात्रा को सहज ही पूरा कर लेते हैं. लेकिन एक बात सत्य है कि, इस प्रकार का जन्म अति दुर्लभ है. लेकिन जब मैं ऐसे भक्तों पर प्रसन्न होता हूँ, तो मेरी कृपा से इस प्रकार का जन्म, जो अति दुर्लभ है, वह भी आसानी से संभव हो जाता है.

इसलिए हे अर्जुन, तू हर प्रकार का संशय त्याग कर, ऊपर कहे गए लक्षणों वाला संन्यासी बनने का प्रयास कर. मन को नियंत्रित कर, हानि लाभ की चिंता से ऊपर उठ, अपना हर कर्तव्य कर्म कर. और अपने द्वारा किए गए हर कर्म को मुझे समर्पित करता चल. आलस्य और संशय को त्याग, एक वीर योद्धा की तरह, इस युद्ध के लिए तत्पर हो जा. मैं तुझ जैसे संन्यासी के साथ हमेशा खड़ा रहूँगा, मुझ पर अपना अटूट विश्वास बनाये रख.

जय श्री कृष्ण!!!



'FLAVORS OF INDIAN MANGOES'

celebrated in Seattle as exports to U.S. grow by 19%

Seattle witnessed a flavorful celebration of India's famed mangoes as the Consulate General of India, in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), hosted a special mango promotion event on July 10.

By: Vandana Jhingan

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he event was part of the Consulate's ongoing efforts to boost trade promotion and expand market access for

Indian agricultural products in the United States.

Titled 'Flavors of Indian Mangoes,' the showcase brought together a curated tasting experience featuring five of India's most beloved mango varieties: Dussehri, Chausa, Langra, Mallika, and Totapuri. The event was attended by leading Seattle-based importers and select members of the



media, offering them an opportunity to sample the unique textures, aromas, and flavors of each variety.

Washington State Attorney General Nick Brown served as the Guest of Honor, accompanied by State Senator Manka Dhingra and Seattle Port Commissioner Sam Cho.

The dignitaries praised the rich heritage and exquisite taste profiles of the showcased mangoes, underscoring

the potential of Indian fruit exports in the U.S. market.

Industry experts presented insights into the cultural significance of mangoes in India—often referred to as the 'King of Fruits'—and highlighted their growing popularity globally.

According to trade data, Indian mango exports to the U.S. grew by 19 percent in 2024, reinforcing America's role as a key destination for premium





Indian produce. As part of the larger outreach initiative, another promotional session was held on the evening of July 9 in Redmond, Washington.

This event was attended by Washington State Representative Alex Ybarra, prominent Indian American community members, and local media.

In addition to the tasting, B2B meetings were held between Indian exporters and U.S. retail and distribution representatives to explore expanding the availability

of high-quality Indian mangoes in the Pacific Northwest region. The Consulate General of India in Seattle continues to work closely with trade partners and government agencies to deepen economic and cultural ties between India and the United States, with Indian mangoes serving as a sweet symbol of that growing partnership.

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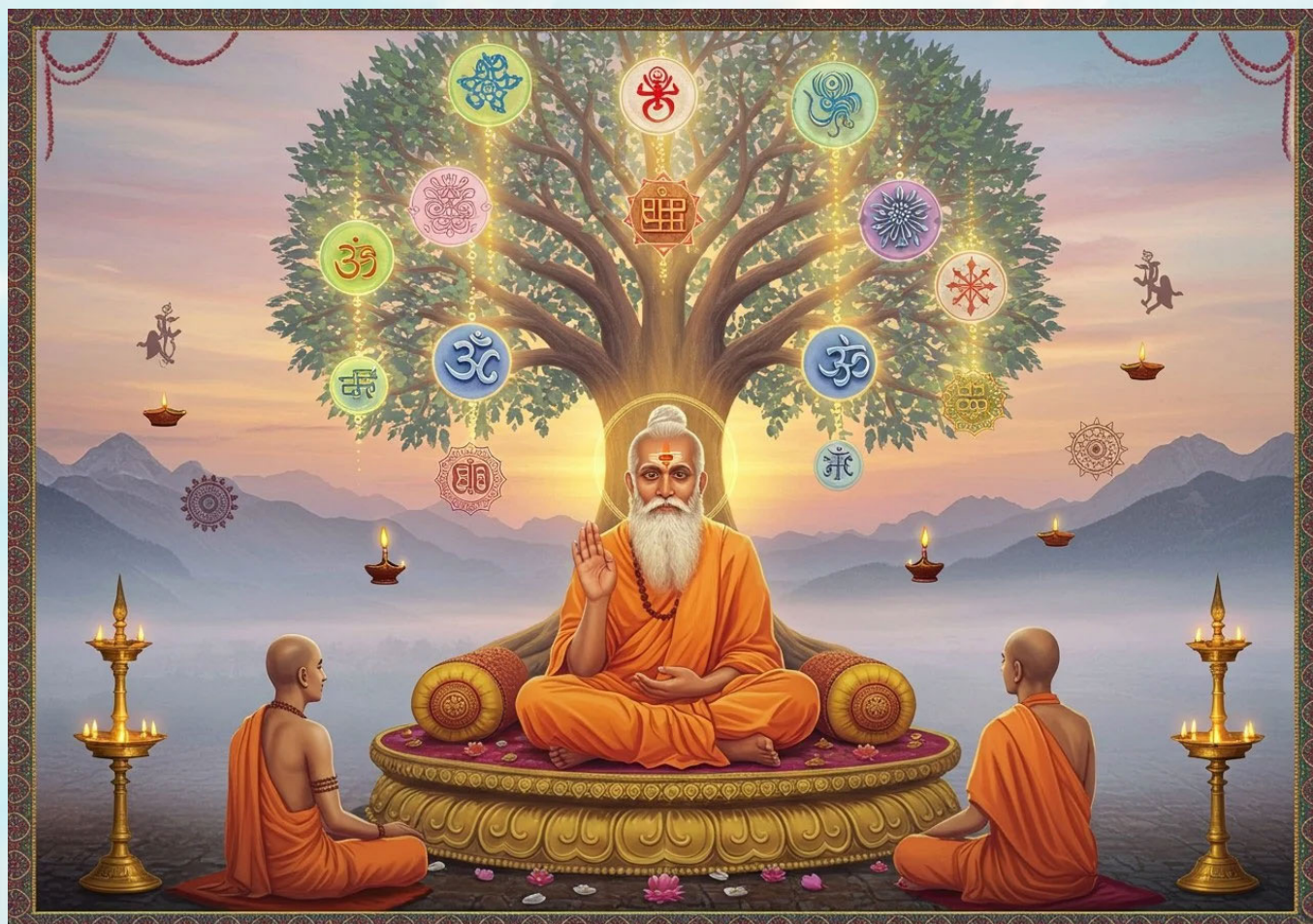
Honoring the Guru – A timeless tradition in a modern world

Happy Guru Purnima!

By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Though the full moon of Guru Purnima has now set, its light continues to illuminate our hearts. Observed this year on Thursday, July 10, Guru Purnima offered a moment of collective pause—a time to honor the guiding figures in our lives who lead us from darkness to light, from confusion to clarity.

It is a day rooted in reverence, reminding us that true learning is not merely about knowledge, but about transformation. To truly appreciate the depth of this observance, it is essential to understand the rich history and spiritual meaning that give Guru



Purnima its enduring significance.

The history and why we celebrate Guru Purnima

Guru Purnima is not merely a festival; it is a sacred observance steeped in both history and spiritual significance. The word "Guru" itself beautifully captures its essence, with "Gu" symbolizing darkness and

"Ru" representing the light that dispels it. We celebrate this day to honor those who, through their guidance and knowledge, lead us from ignorance to enlightenment.

In the Hindu tradition, the day is also known as Vyasa Purnima, commemorating the birth anniversary of Maharishi Ved Vyasa. He is revered as the Adi Guru, the first and foremost teacher, who compiled the Vedas and authored the epic Mahabharata, providing the world with a timeless guide to life, duty, and dharma.

The reverence for Guru Purnima extends across other faiths and traditions as well:

- ▶ In Buddhism, it is believed that Lord Buddha gave his first sermon on this very full moon day in Sarnath, setting in motion the Wheel of Dharma.
- ▶ In Jainism, the day is dedicated to honoring.

Lord Mahavira and his chief disciple, Gautam Swami, in recognition of their invaluable transfer of spiritual wisdom.

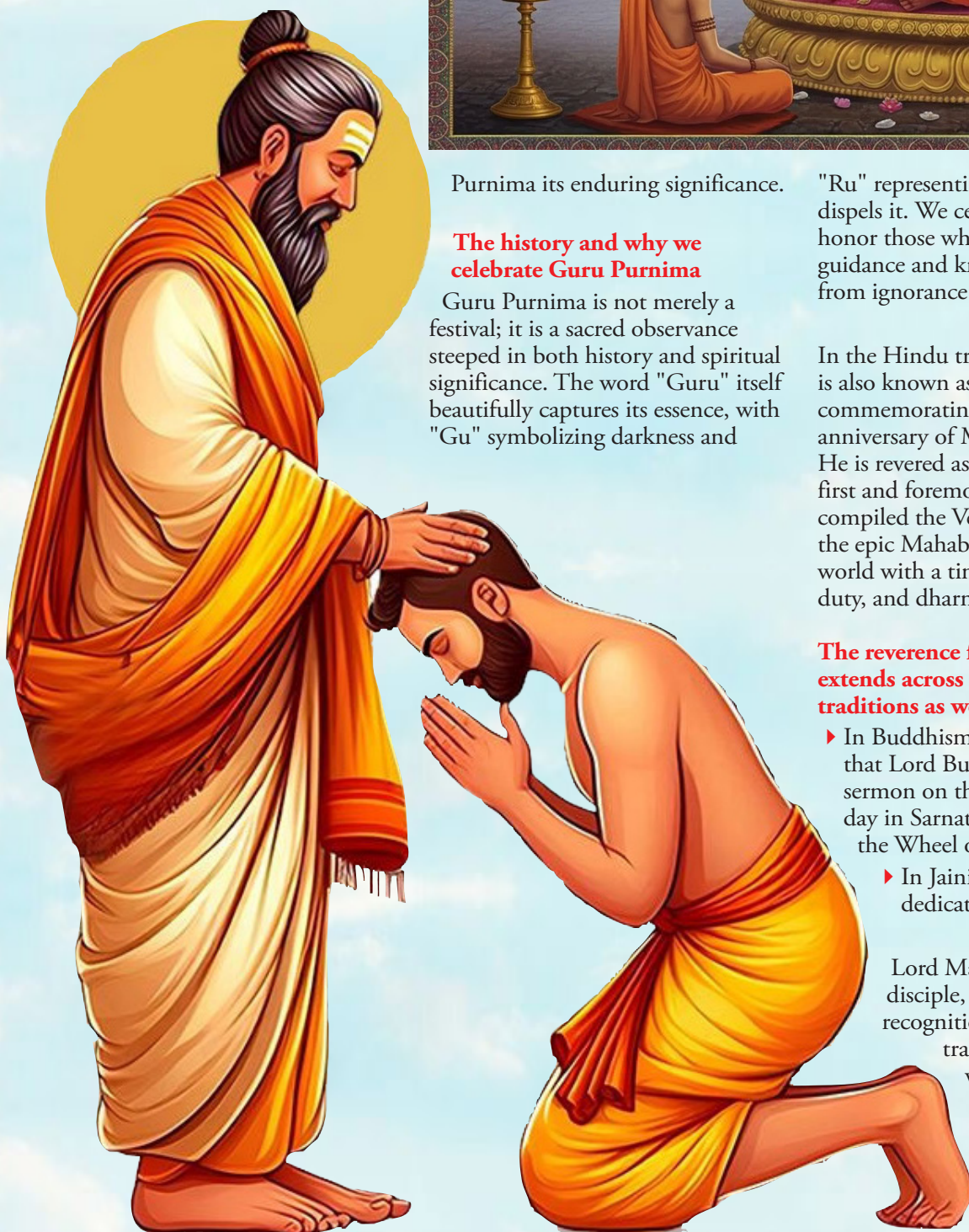
A legacy of guidance for a better world

The tradition of Guru Purnima is a powerful reminder of the value of true guidance in an age overflowing with information but often starved of wisdom. The legend of the guru is one of selfless dedication—a teacher who nurtures not just for knowledge, but for life itself. This day is a collective salute to every individual who has played this pivotal role in our lives, from the spiritual guru who guides us toward inner awakening to the parents and mentors who taught us life's most fundamental lessons.

As we join in traditional observances like Guru Puja, chanting, and seeking blessings, let us reflect on the profound impact of this relationship. The Guru's influence is a timeless gift, one that illuminates our path and helps us to become better human beings.

The IndoUS Tribune and Jagran TV Chicago are proud to join you in this day of gratitude. On this sacred occasion, we extend heartfelt gratitude to all who walk the path of wisdom—gurus, mentors, parents, and teachers—whose presence shapes not just minds, but lives.

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed Guru Purnima, filled with reflection, peace, and renewed commitment to the path of knowledge and virtue.



Is living in a relationship a social evil?

An evolving social reality in India



By: Ashwani Mahajan

The concept of live-in relationships, also known as cohabitation, has become an increasingly debated subject in modern India. While some view it as a natural extension of personal freedom and individual choice, others regard it as a deviation from traditional Indian values. The question remains: Is living in a relationship truly a social evil, or is it simply a misunderstood evolution of society?

Cultural context and traditional outlook

In India, marriage is traditionally regarded as a sacred institution, deeply rooted in religious, social, and familial values. Most Indian families, especially in conservative and rural areas, emphasize marital commitment and view marriage as the only legitimate platform for a couple to live together. As a result, live-in relationships often carry a social stigma and are seen by many as immoral or unacceptable. This stigma can lead to ostracism, family conflict, and societal rejection.

Legal recognition and constitutional perspective

Despite social resistance, the Supreme Court of India has acknowledged the legitimacy of live-in relationships. The Court has ruled that such arrangements fall under the ambit of the right to life and personal liberty, as enshrined in Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The judiciary has clarified that consensual adult relationships are not illegal, and in certain cases, couples living together for a prolonged period may be considered akin to married under law.

However, full legal protections—such as those concerning inheritance, property rights, or maintenance—remain underdeveloped. While the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (2005) does provide limited security for women in live-in relationships, many rights still hinge on judicial interpretation

and are not codified comprehensively in Indian law.

Rise of individual autonomy

In recent years, Indian society—particularly in urban areas—has witnessed a growing emphasis on personal freedom, autonomy, and choice. Influenced in part by globalization, education, and exposure to Western cultures, young Indians are increasingly exploring alternative lifestyles that prioritize compatibility, understanding, and emotional connection over formal legal binding.

For many, cohabitation offers a practical and emotional testing ground before entering the responsibilities of marriage. It reflects a shift from rigid social frameworks to more flexible, individual-centric values.

Global comparison: India vs. Western societies

In many Western countries—such as the United States, Canada, and much of Europe—live-in relationships are commonplace and widely recognized by law. Governments often provide legal protections in areas like taxation,

inheritance, healthcare access, and parental rights. These societies tend to adopt liberal and individualistic approaches, allowing adults to make personal relationship choices without state or societal interference.

India, in contrast, is still transitioning between traditional collectivism and modern individualism. The lack of clear legislation and societal acceptance results in ambiguity and stress for many couples who choose this path.

The real challenges

Couples in live-in relationships in India may face:

- ▶ Social stigma and community backlash
- ▶ Parental and familial pressure to marry
- ▶ Legal ambiguity regarding property, custody, and separation
- ▶ Lack of formal financial and social security protections

Despite these hurdles, it is important to note that living in a relationship is not a criminal act, nor is it inherently a social evil. It is simply a lifestyle choice—one that is slowly gaining visibility and, in

some pockets of society, acceptance.

Conclusion: Evolution, not evil

Labeling live-in relationships as a social evil oversimplifies a deeply nuanced and evolving issue. While cultural traditions must be respected, it is equally vital to recognize that societies grow and transform with time. The right to choose how and with whom one lives is a fundamental human liberty.

As India continues to modernize and urbanize, the outlook towards live-in relationships is also likely to shift. With thoughtful legislation, awareness, and dialogue, the balance between tradition and modernity can be achieved—where respect for cultural values coexists with the right to personal choice.

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Krishnamoorthi and Garcia demand CDC briefing over RFK Jr's politicization of vaccine advisory panel

● By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

In a sharply worded letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Representatives Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Robert Garcia (D-CA) have demanded an urgent briefing over what they call the dangerous politicization of the CDC's vaccine advisory body under Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The lawmakers, both Ranking Members in key House committees, cited the June 25–26 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as evidence that the panel—once regarded as a science-led, apolitical body—is now advancing anti-vaccine narratives and undermining long-standing childhood immunization guidelines.

Experts replaced with ideologues?

According to the letter, Secretary Kennedy removed all 17 previous ACIP members and replaced them with individuals allegedly associated with conspiracy theories and misinformation. At its first meeting, the reconstituted panel reportedly declined to endorse certain flu vaccines, questioned combination vaccines like MMRV, and



failed to vote on updated COVID-19 booster guidance.

“In the United States, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has long served as a trusted, science-driven body

guiding vaccine recommendations to protect public health,” the lawmakers wrote. “Secretary Kennedy's reckless decision... is irresponsible and dangerous.”

They also warned that the shift could

restrict vaccine access, especially for vulnerable populations, as CDC guidelines heavily influence insurance coverage decisions.

Krishnamoorthi and Garcia have requested documents related to the appointment process for the new members and any potential conflicts of interest.

Krishnamoorthi honors Dalai Lama, condemns China's repression

In a separate statement, Rep. Krishnamoorthi joined Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI), Chairman of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), in celebrating the 90th birthday of the 14th Dalai Lama.

“We join with Tibetan Americans and Tibetans around the world in wishing a very happy birthday to His Holiness,” the bipartisan statement read. “He remains a global icon of peace, compassion, and wisdom.”

The leaders condemned the CCP's actions in Tibet as “cultural genocide,” citing surveillance and religious interference. They reaffirmed that the Dalai Lama's succession must remain a decision for the Tibetan people alone.

New Justice Department directive on denaturalization sparks backlash

● By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

A controversial new directive from the Department of Justice (DOJ) is drawing intense criticism from legal experts and immigrant rights groups for its sweeping approach to civil denaturalization. The internal memo, issued June 11, instructs federal attorneys to prioritize civil proceedings over criminal prosecution for revoking U.S. citizenship obtained through alleged fraud—prompting concerns over due process and constitutional rights.

Civil denaturalization raises legal alarms

Unlike criminal cases, civil denaturalization proceedings do not guarantee a right to government-appointed counsel, and the standard of proof is significantly lower. The DOJ listed ten targeted categories—ranging from war crimes to serious fraud—but critics argue that vague language allows excessive discretion.

“This raises the specter of a two-tiered citizenship system,” warned Georgetown law professor Emily Patel.



Civil rights organizations including the ACLU and NACDL are preparing legal challenges, citing violations of the Fifth Amendment.

Political fallout and selective enforcement

The directive is already embroiled in political controversy. Rep. Andrew Ogles (R-TN) recently called for an investigation into NYC mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani. Even

President Donald Trump weighed in, suggesting that Elon Musk—also a naturalized citizen—should be investigated.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in New Hampshire issued a nationwide injunction against a separate executive order limiting birthright citizenship, signaling growing judicial resistance to the administration's aggressive citizenship agenda.

First case sparks further debate

The DOJ cited the case of Elliott Duke, a UK-born U.S. military veteran whose citizenship was revoked after he failed to disclose prior convictions for child sexual abuse material. The case was expedited under the new directive, intensifying debate over retroactive enforcement.

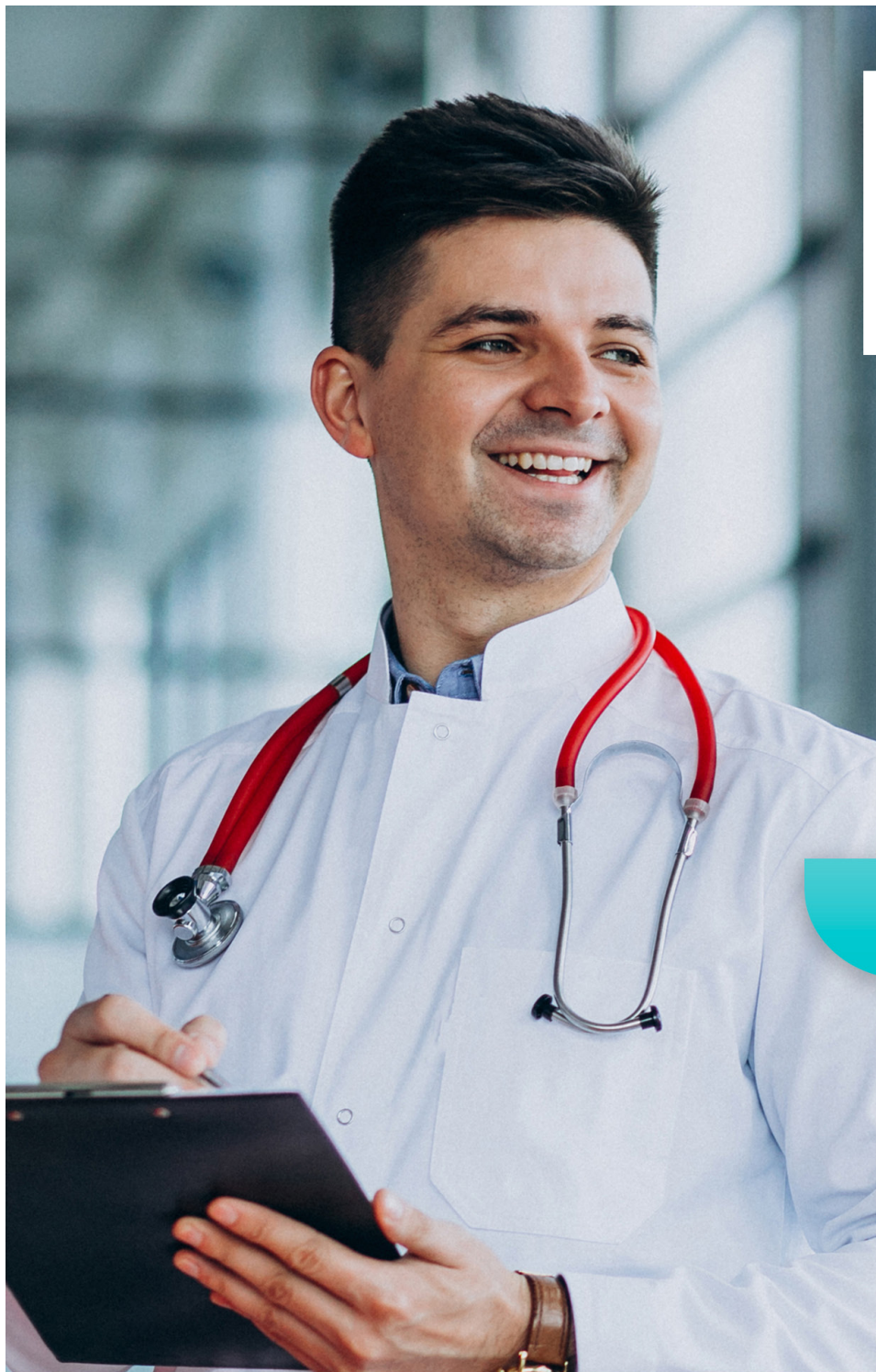
Civil Rights Division in turmoil

The Civil Rights Division, now leading broader investigations—including into university diversity programs—has seen several resignations, raising further concerns about politicization.

Looking ahead

With lawsuits imminent and congressional oversight on the horizon, the DOJ's directive is quickly becoming a flashpoint in the broader debate over immigration, due process, and the definition of American citizenship.

As legal and political battles intensify, the future of naturalized citizenship in the United States hangs in the balance.




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Fireworks, Flags, and Freedom

How America celebrated July 4th with unity and pride—Indian Americans join the festivities

● By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

From dazzling fireworks over the National Mall to spirited neighborhood parades, the 249th anniversary of American Independence was celebrated across the United States with fervor, inclusiveness, and pride. This year's July 4th festivities once again highlighted the diverse and dynamic fabric of American society, with Indian Americans playing a vital role in celebrations from New Jersey to California and Illinois to Texas.

Jersey City: Seniors lead with blessings and pride

In Jersey City, the Indo American Senior Citizens Association (IASCA) gathered over 300 Indian-American seniors to salute the flag and chant "God Bless America." The national anthem, performed by young singers Durga Aindiri Ankum and Vaibhav Ankum, added a multigenerational touch to the event.

Presided over by IASCA Chairman Jatinder Bakshi, and supported by Dipak Valsadia, Haren Acharya, and Rashesh Shah, the event featured cultural performances, including by visually impaired artists. Dignitaries such as NJ State Senator Raj Mukherji, Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla, and Sheriff Frank Schallari also attended, emphasizing the community's strong civic presence.

Chicago: FIA and ICNT bring patriotism to the streets

In Illinois, FIA-Chicago and the Indian Community of Niles Township (ICNT) turned the Skokie Independence Day Parade into a vibrant showcase of unity.

The day began with a ceremonial flag hoisting at Shree Jalaram Mandir, followed by a colorful parade featuring American and Indian flags, patriotic chants, and community pride.

ICNT extended special thanks to:

- ▶ Mr. & Mrs. Jadishbhai Hingu
- ▶ Jyoti and Dinesh Dalia
- ▶ Arvindbhai Ankleswariya
- ▶ Pramodbhai for coordination and support

FIA-Chicago President Hemant Patel stated, "We must stay vigilant and protect the world's oldest and largest democracies—America and India."

New York: Dual celebrations and shared pride

From Times Square to Queens,



Indian Community of Niles Township (ICNT) Celebrating 4th of July in Skokie

Indian-American organizations joined in citywide celebrations. Events included a cultural evening at Madison Square Park, and children singing both Indian and U.S. national anthems as a symbol of dual heritage.

The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA NY-NJ-CT) also honored U.S. veterans and promoted civic unity through community messages.

Bay Area: Civic engagement meets cultural pride

Across Fremont, Sunnyvale, and San Jose, Indian-American families celebrated with barbecues, parades, and cultural festivals. At Fremont Central Park, the Bay Area Telugu Association partnered with civic bodies for a program blending Bollywood and classical dance with booths for voter registration and education outreach.

Texas: From Dallas to Houston, pride runs deep

In Dallas, Austin, and Houston, Indian-American communities celebrated with parades and fireworks. At India House Houston, a flag-raising ceremony welcomed city officials and reflected on immigrant journeys and the American dream.

In Plano, children dressed as American founding fathers and Indian freedom fighters, symbolizing shared democratic values.

Michigan: Detroit and Troy emphasize unity

Organizations like the Maharashtra Mandal of Detroit and the Indian American Association of Michigan (IAAM) hosted joint picnics, fireworks, and cultural shows. City council members joined in, while young Indian Americans recited

excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, affirming their connection to American ideals.

Other leaders echoed the call to uphold freedom, justice, and equality—values shared by all Americans.

Looking ahead to 2026: A deeper commitment

As America prepares for its 250th Independence Day in 2026, Indian Americans across the country are not just celebrating—they are helping shape the American story.

From Jersey City's flag salutes to Houston's unity picnics, July 4th, 2025, was more than a celebration.

It was a reaffirmation of the core values that bind the nation: freedom, diversity, and democracy.



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From Kolhapuris to Kanjeevaram

How luxury fashion is finding inspiration in Indian traditions

When Prada debuted its India-inspired Kolhapuri chappals, the fashion world took notice. The Italian luxury house, known for its minimalist precision and utilitarian aesthetic, offered a sleek reinvention of the iconic Indian flat—complete with elevated materials and a high-fashion finish. But Prada isn't the only brand looking eastward. In recent years, global fashion has increasingly turned to India's rich sartorial traditions, reimagining them through a luxury lens.

Take Dior, for example. Creative Director Maria Grazia Chiuri's 2023

pre-fall show in Mumbai paid tribute to Indian craftsmanship with a stunning display of embroidery, mirror work, and Banarasi-inspired textiles—handcrafted in collaboration with the Chanakya atelier. The show was not just a collection, but a conversation: between Parisian couture and Indian artisanship.

Louis Vuitton, too, has flirted with Indian silhouettes. Their capsule collections have occasionally included tunic-inspired dresses and wrap skirts that echo the structure of sarees and dupattas, translated into luxe fabrics like silk jacquard and organza. Meanwhile, Hermès has revived its affinity

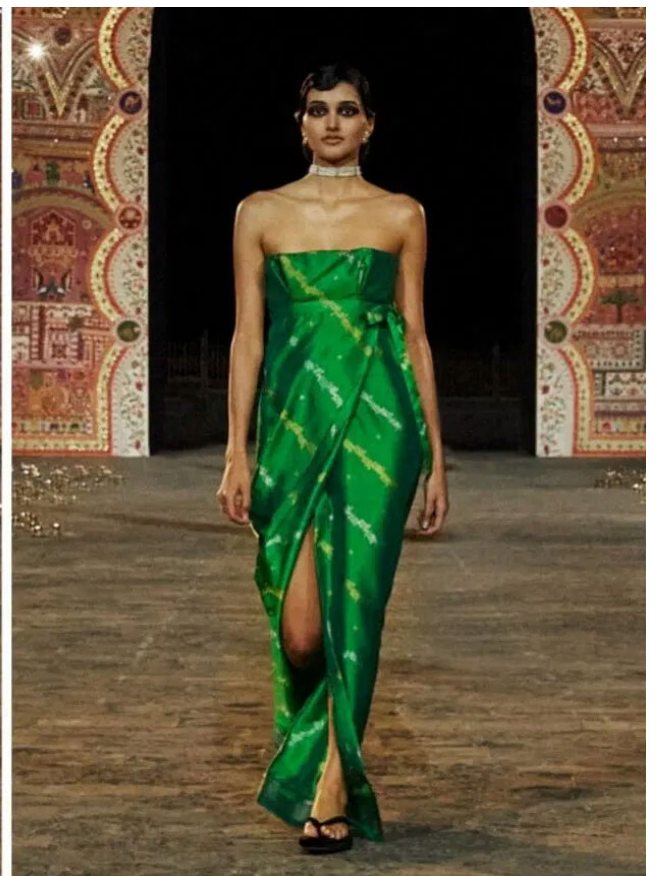
for Indian block prints and paisleys, incorporating them subtly in their scarves and ready-to-wear pieces.

Even footwear labels are leaning into Indian heritage. Christian Louboutin—long celebrated for his love affair with India—has released capsule shoes featuring Zari embroidery, velvet juttis, and mojaris adorned with crystals. Each pair balances his signature red soles with unmistakably Indian flourishes.

But perhaps what makes these reinterpretations resonate is the care taken to honor the origins. Brands are

moving beyond aesthetic borrowing—they're collaborating with Indian artists, weavers, and artisans, acknowledging the cultural legacy behind the motif. In doing so, they're not only expanding their design vocabulary but also spotlighting a long-overlooked wellspring of design inspiration.

Fashion is cyclical, but this wave feels more meaningful. As the global style conversation becomes more inclusive, Indian elements are no longer exoticized—they're being celebrated. And from Kolhapuris to Kanjeevarams, they're walking runways around the world.



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ECONOMY



US tax on foreign remittance by noncitizens is only 1% in the new budget. Specialized O-1 visas for extraordinary abilities in arts & sciences are gaining popularity as H-1 alternatives.

Jio-BlackRock joint-venture (JV) got the SEBI approval for brokerage services in India. Recently, it got approval for mutual funds.

Reliance Industries (Ambani) may buy Russian PJSC Rosneft Oil's 49.13% stake & half of Russian UCP Investment Group's 49.13% stake in Indian Nayara Energy. Western sanctions on Russia have created difficulties for this old investment. Other parties considered were Adani Group, state-owned ONGC & IOC, Saudi Aramco, but Reliance has emerged as the likely buyer.

Jio-bp (JV of Reliance/Ambani & British BP; petrol & diesel) & Adani Total Gas Ltd (JV of Adani Group & French Total Energies; natural gas - PNG, CNG) have joined hands for integrated retail fuel distribution. Previously, Reliance bought a stake in

Adani's power project in MP (Madhya Pradesh).

SPECIAL TOPICS

AI 171 (Boeing 787-8, Dreamliner) black-box data recovery is being done at AAIB, New Delhi. Beyond physical causes (engines, flaps, landing gear), also being considered are software issues & sabotage (contaminated or damaged fuel lines).

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Crypto wallets may be hot (active, online) or cold (passive, offline). For transactions, you have to move cryptos from a cold to hot wallet.

BLOCKCHAIN is the distributed ledger technology (DLT) software that keeps track of validated crypto transactions. While basic transaction information is visible, it's difficult to trace the originating & receiving parties or the purpose of transactions. This privacy feature may have a legitimate or illicit/criminal purpose, but a significant % of crypto transactions are for illicit purposes.

Cryptos don't fall under the authority of central banks, so crypto supply &

demand cannot be adjusted like for money (through overnight rates, repos, QE/QT). This may be different for evolving central bank digital currencies (CBDCs; e.g. digital-yuan).

Crypto TOKENS may have any reference - money (stablecoins), art, collectibles, real estate, etc. Almost anything of value can be tokenized.

BITCOIN (2009-) is the most popular crypto. Its total supply is fixed, so its value changes with demand.

Most other cryptos have limited or at-will creation, so their values don't change as much with demand. ETHER (2015-) is a well-known example with limited creation.

MEMECOINS are literally joke coins that start trading & have some trading value associated with them. An example is Dogecoin (2013-), that stands for dog-e-coin, a joke by Elon MUSK, who cleverly also called his budget slashing unit DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency; 01/2025-) & even used a similar logo.

STABLECOINS try to maintain value at \$1 on best-efforts basis. Some stablecoins have collapsed because their sponsors went bankrupt & people lost money. Some regulations are coming for reserve requirements for stablecoins.

Cryptos trade 24/7 on crypto exchanges such as Binance, Coinbase, Kraken, Uniswap, dYdX, etc. You can check crypto quotes when some important news breaks. Cryptos seem to correlate well with Nasdaq stocks..

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Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

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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.

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

Key Features:

- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers

preclinical and clinical subjects aligned with USMLE, NBME, and other global medical exams.

- ▶ High-Quality Video Lectures – Taught by expert professors from leading medical institutions.
- ▶ AI-Powered Adaptive Learning – Personalized study recommendations based on student performance.
- ▶ Question Banks & Clinical Case Scenarios – USMLE-style questions, explanations, and performance tracking.
- ▶ Spaced Repetition & Smart Recall – Helps reinforce learning and improve long term retention.

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

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

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

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

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Gene therapy brings new hope to restore hearing in children and adults



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In a groundbreaking clinical study, researchers have demonstrated for the first time that gene therapy can restore hearing in children and young adults born with congenital deafness. The therapy, which targets a rare genetic condition called OTOF-related deafness, marks a major milestone in the treatment of inherited hearing loss.

Understanding OTOF-related deafness

Hearing loss affects up to 3 in every 1,000 newborns. While cochlear implants have offered partial solutions, they involve invasive surgery and cannot fully replicate the intricate detail of natural hearing.

OTOF-related deafness is caused by

mutations in the OTOF gene, which encodes otoferlin, a protein essential for transmitting sound signals from the inner ear to the brain. Though the ear's physical structures remain intact, the absence of this protein disrupts neural communication—resulting in profound hearing loss from birth.

The promise of gene therapy

This condition is uniquely suited for gene therapy: the hardware of hearing is present, but the software—the gene—is missing. Researchers designed a solution by inserting a healthy copy of the OTOF gene into inner ear cells using a harmless, modified virus.

This synthetic virus serves as a molecular courier, delivering corrected genetic instructions to the hair cells of the inner ear. Once inside, the virus releases the code, enabling the cells to produce otoferlin and restore hearing function.

Breakthrough results across ages

In a multi-center clinical trial involving ten participants aged one to 24, the modified virus was injected into the ear. Over the following 12 months, participants underwent a battery of hearing tests, including brainstem response evaluations and behavioral assessments.

Results included:

- ▶ 62% improvement in brainstem response tests
- ▶ 78% improvement in behavioral hearing assessments
- ▶ Some participants began hearing within days of treatment
- ▶ Two participants reached near-normal speech perception
- ▶ No serious side effects were observed; a temporary drop in white blood cell count was the most common issue

Parents and physicians were amazed—

particularly in children aged five to eight, who showed the most significant progress. One mother reported her 7-year-old child began responding to sound just three days after the injection.

Why age matters

Interestingly, older children responded better than toddlers, challenging previous assumptions that younger patients would benefit the most. The findings suggest that the brain's readiness to process new auditory input may vary with age, opening up new avenues for research in neurodevelopmental response to sound.

A milestone in medical science

This trial marks the first successful use of gene therapy to restore hearing not only in infants, but also in older children and adults. It also sets the stage for treating more prevalent forms of genetic hearing loss.

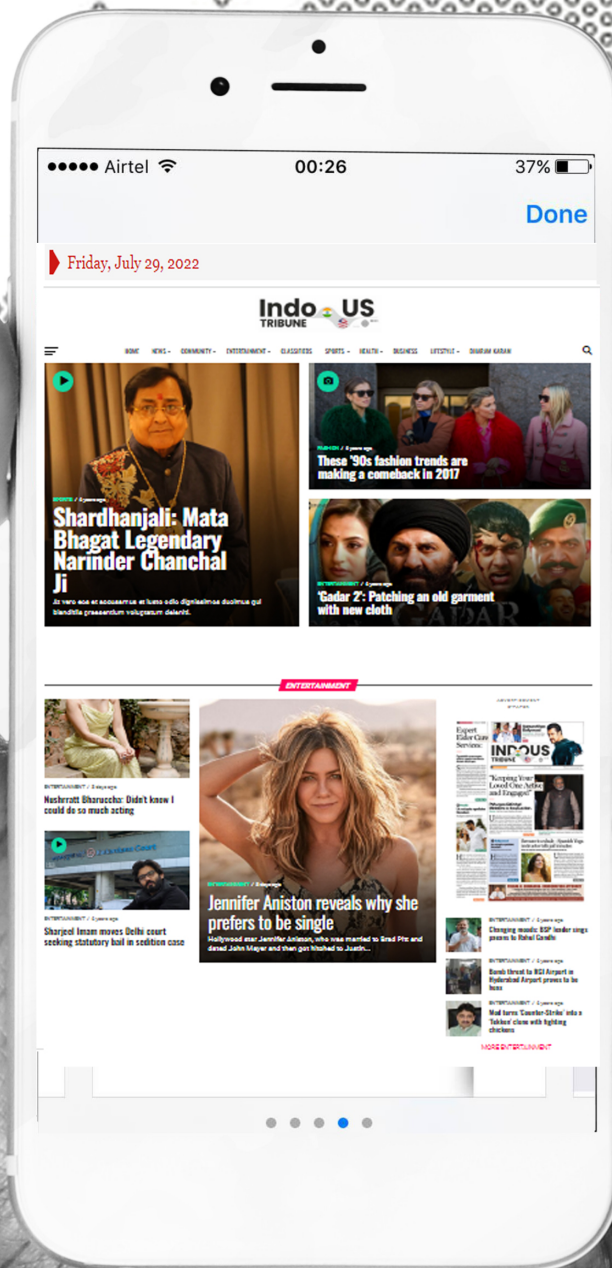
While the long-term durability of the treatment remains under review, this success has catalyzed global efforts to develop therapies for other, more complex forms of deafness. With each breakthrough, the dream of curing—not just managing—deafness becomes more achievable.

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