

Bangladesh ruling party accuses interim government of enabling attacks on Hindus



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Bangladesh's Awami League this week accused the country's interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, of enabling coordinated attacks on the Hindu community in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila. The party said communal violence has escalated under what it called an illegitimate and extremist regime, blaming it for sheltering radical groups. The statement came after at least 21 homes were looted and vandalized on July 27 and 28, following a blasphemy allegation against a 17-year-old Hindu boy who is now in custody.

Human rights group HRCBM reported that mobs terrorized residents, forcing families to flee. The Awami League warned that Hindus across the country face insecurity and displacement and called on citizens to resist what it described as extremist forces.

Modi and UAE president pledge to deepen ties in call affirming strategic partnership



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan reaffirmed their countries' commitment to advancing their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during a phone conversation on Wednesday. The two leaders praised the rapid progress in bilateral cooperation, especially in energy, trade, fintech, and defense.

Modi expressed appreciation for the UAE's consistent support on regional and global issues, while Sheikh Mohamed congratulated him on becoming India's second-longest serving prime minister.

Their discussion also touched on shared priorities such as sustainable development, counterterrorism, and cultural ties. The call builds on recent high-level engagements, including visits by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and a cross-party Indian delegation in June. New Delhi emphasized the value of the UAE's continued partnership as both nations explore new avenues for investment and regional stability.

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## U.S. cites India's Russia ties, tariffs, and BRICS role as hurdles to trade deal

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India's energy relationship with Russia and its role in BRICS continue to strain its trade negotiations with the United States, senior American officials said this week. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, in a Thursday radio interview, called India's discounted purchases of Russian oil a persistent "irritant," even as the two countries maintain strategic ties. A separate U.S. official emphasized that longstanding market barriers and geopolitical disagreements—especially India's refusal to distance itself from Moscow—have delayed progress on a broader trade pact.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced a 25% tariff on Indian imports, citing trade imbalances and India's alignment with Russian interests. He also criticized India's protectionist trade policies and military ties with Moscow, arguing these



complicate Washington's global pressure campaign on Russia over the Ukraine war. While U.S.-India talks remain active,

officials cautioned that resolving the current disagreements will require sustained diplomatic effort rather than quick fixes.

## Trump imposes wide-ranging tariffs on 68 countries, delays deadline for Mexico and EU

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President Donald Trump has signed an executive order imposing new reciprocal tariffs ranging from 10% to 41% on imports from 68 countries and the European Union. The levies, which affect a broad range of economies including some of the world's poorest, are scheduled to take effect in seven days.

India faces a 25% tariff on exports to the United States, while Taiwan and South Africa were hit with 20% and 30% respectively. Other steep rates include 39% for Switzerland and 40% for Myanmar and Laos. Syria faces the highest rate at 41%. Brazil received a 10% rate, though an earlier order had already placed a 40% tariff on select Brazilian goods, citing political reasons linked to former president Jair Bolsonaro.

Trump also raised tariffs on Canadian imports from 25% to 35%, citing Canada's failure to curb fentanyl flows and its recent recognition of a Palestinian state. Countries like Sri Lanka, Iraq, and Libya were also hit with significant tariffs, while Lesotho, originally threatened with a 50% tariff, received a revised 15% rate.

Mexico was granted a 90-day extension following a call between Trump and Mexican president Claudia Sheinbaum. Mexico will continue to face a 25% tariff during this period, avoiding the previously announced 30% rate. Trump said the extension reflects the complexity of the trade relationship and aims to allow time for negotiations.

The European Union, originally facing a 30% tariff threat, reached a last-minute



agreement to apply a 15% baseline rate. Eight other countries — the UK, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea, Japan, Pakistan, and the EU — have concluded formal agreements. Cambodia and Thailand remain in talks but were each assigned a 19% rate in the executive order.

Australia was spared higher tariffs, maintaining the 10% baseline rate. The White House reportedly confirmed that no country had a lower rate than Australia, a sign of stable trade relations. Australia's recent easing of beef import restrictions from the U.S. may have helped, though Prime Minister Anthony Albanese insisted that decision was unrelated to the tariff discussions.

China's higher tariff rates are expected to be finalized separately by August 12. Trump's administration clarified that countries not explicitly listed in the order will face a default 10% tariff.

The White House framed the tariffs as part of a broader push to rebalance global trade. A senior official said additional deals are forthcoming and will be announced soon.

Canada to recognize Palestinian state, drawing Israeli criticism



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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney announced that Canada will formally recognize the State of Palestine in September at the United Nations General Assembly. Carney said the decision reflects the urgency of ending civilian suffering in Gaza and reviving the two-state solution.

The move follows similar declarations by the United Kingdom and France. Canada's recognition is conditional on governance reforms by the Palestinian Authority and the exclusion of Hamas from future leadership. Israel strongly condemned the announcement, calling it a reward for terrorism.

The decision drew praise from advocates of Palestinian statehood but sparked concern among Israeli officials and hostage families. U.S. President Donald Trump warned this decision could impact trade ties between the two nations. Globally, more than 140 countries recognize a Palestinian state, though the United States does not.



Japan warns Myanmar over elections without political detainee releases



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Japan has expressed serious concern over Myanmar’s plan to hold elections without releasing detained leaders, including Aung San Suu Kyi. Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya warned that the move could deepen public unrest and undermine chances for a peaceful resolution. His statement came after Myanmar’s military formally ended a nationwide state of emergency and transferred authority to a nominally civilian administration ahead of elections scheduled for December and January. Tokyo reiterated its call for an end to violence and the full restoration of democratic governance. Japan, traditionally one of Myanmar’s largest foreign donors, has taken an increasingly critical stance since the 2021 coup, though it still maintains limited diplomatic engagement with the junta.

Iran accuses United States of using sanctions to dominate independent nations



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Iran on Thursday accused the United States of using economic sanctions as tools to pressure countries like Iran and India, calling the measures a modern form of economic imperialism. In a post from its embassy in India, Iran said these coercive actions violate international law and aim to stifle growth in the Global South. The statement followed U.S. President Donald Trump’s announcement of a 25 percent tariff and an additional penalty on India for buying Russian oil, set to begin Friday. Separately, Iran’s Foreign Ministry condemned fresh sanctions targeting its oil and energy sectors, calling them malicious and a violation of national sovereignty. Spokesperson Esmail Baqaei described the sanctions as criminal and harmful to the Iranian people, adding that they reflect Washington’s disregard for international norms and human rights.

# IMF raises India’s growth outlook, keeps it fastest among major economies

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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised India’s growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 6.4 percent, citing strong public investment, resilient consumption, and continued reform momentum. The update reinforces India’s position as the world’s fastest-growing major economy. The IMF also revised next year’s forecast to 6.5 percent.

According to Deniz Igan from the IMF’s Research Department, the improved outlook reflects lower-than-expected inflation—projected at 3.7 percent this year—and the suspension of proposed U.S. tariffs. India’s economic resilience also benefited from a relatively stable global environment and a decline in food prices.



On a calendar year basis, India is expected to grow 6.7 percent in 2025 and 6.4 percent in 2026. By contrast, China is projected to grow 4.8 percent this year and 4.2 percent next year, while the U.S. will see 1.9 percent growth in 2025.

Despite broader global risks, the IMF

raised its global growth projection to 3.2 percent. It warned, however, that unresolved trade disputes and rising tariff pressures could still disrupt recovery. To maintain its momentum, the IMF advised India to focus on job creation, infrastructure, education, and reducing regulatory hurdles.

## Russian airstrikes kill 16 in Kyiv despite Trump’s ceasefire ultimatum

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Sixteen people, including two children, were killed and over 150 injured as Russian drones and missiles struck Kyiv, defying President Donald Trump’s call for a ceasefire by August 8. One strike brought down an apartment block; officials called it the deadliest night in the capital since the invasion began. Ukraine’s interior ministry said multiple districts were hit, including hospitals and schools.



the United Nations reiterated that the U.S. would impose further sanctions on Russia if attacks continue. President Volodymyr Zelensky said the barrage exposed the futility of peace without strength. Despite air defenses downing many drones, Ukraine’s military reported over 300 launched overnight.

## At least 91 killed seeking aid in Gaza as hunger crisis worsens

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Israeli soldiers opened fire on crowds gathered for humanitarian aid at the Zikim crossing in Gaza, killing at least 91 people and injuring more than 600.

The shootings occurred as desperate residents waited near trucks loaded with food. According to Al-Saraya field hospital, over 100 people were brought in dead or wounded, with the toll expected to rise.

Nineteen more people were killed on Thursday morning near distribution points in central Gaza and Rafah. Gaza’s health authority reported seven children died of starvation on Wednesday, raising the total number of malnutrition-related deaths to 154.

As the humanitarian crisis deepens, U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff arrived in Israel for ceasefire talks and is expected to visit Gaza on Friday alongside Ambassador Mike Huckabee. They plan to inspect food distribution points and assess immediate needs.



Despite Israel expanding aid access, the United Nations says deliveries remain “far from enough,” warning that reversing Gaza’s famine will take “months, if not years.” International pressure on Israel continues to mount.

## New Syrian leadership seeks Russian backing in first official Moscow visit



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Syria’s new foreign minister, Asaad al-Shaibani, called for strong Russian support during a visit to Moscow on Thursday, marking the first high-level meeting since the fall of President Bashar al-Assad’s government last year. Al-Shaibani emphasized the need for Russia’s partnership in rebuilding Syria and navigating post-conflict challenges.

In talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to Syria’s sovereignty and discussed cooperation on reconstruction, security, and diplomatic engagement. Al-Shaibani urged Russian backing for Syria’s transitional justice efforts and announced a review of existing agreements. Lavrov reiterated Moscow’s support and invited interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa to a Russia-Arab League summit in October.

While some Russian forces remain at their coastal bases, it remains unclear if the new government will allow their long-term presence. The meeting signals a pragmatic shift in Syria’s foreign policy, even as Russia’s role in the country remains shaped by its prior military backing of Assad.



## Israel hits Hezbollah weapons sites in Lebanon amid rising tensions



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Israeli airstrikes this week targeted Hezbollah weapon manufacturing and storage facilities in eastern and southern Lebanon, including what Israeli officials described as the group's largest precision missile production site. According to the Israel Defense Forces, the attacks on Thursday struck explosive manufacturing sites and an underground facility in the Bekaa Valley, aiming to disrupt Hezbollah's military capabilities.

Lebanese media reported 18 airstrikes in less than 30 minutes, with repeated hits on locations previously targeted. Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said the raids enforce a ceasefire agreement brokered in November 2024. Although that deal ended over a year of cross-border clashes, Israel continues to maintain five positions in southern Lebanon and conducts periodic strikes, citing ongoing security threats from Hezbollah.

## Pakistan jails top opposition leaders in May 9 protest cases



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A Pakistani anti-terrorism court in Faisalabad has sentenced senior opposition leaders, including Omar Ayub, Shibli Faraz, and Zartaj Gul, to 10 years in prison for their roles in the May 9, 2023, protests that followed the arrest of former Prime Minister Imran Khan. Over 100 people were convicted across multiple cases linked to attacks on military installations.

Several others, including Fawad Chaudhry and Zain Qureshi, were acquitted. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party officials condemned the rulings, with party chairman Gohar Khan calling them a blow to democracy. The verdicts come as PTI escalates its anti-government campaign. May 9 is widely seen as a turning point in Pakistan's political crisis, with Khan facing ongoing legal battles since his ousting in April 2022.

# Senate panel backs Ukraine aid despite Trump push to cut funding

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The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday approved a \$852 billion defense spending bill that includes around \$1 billion for Ukraine, defying President Donald Trump's request to cut such funding. The bipartisan vote—26 to 3—signals strong Senate support for Kyiv amid ongoing Russian aggression. The bill allocates \$800 million to the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and \$225 million for Baltic defense. Trump's budget and the House bill excluded Ukraine aid, reflecting his administration's changing stance.

However, Senate Republicans, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, criticized the White House for underestimating global threats and stressed that supporting Ukraine is vital to modernizing U.S. military preparedness. Separately, a new bipartisan bill introduced by Senators Lisa Murkowski and Jeanne



Shaheen proposes \$54.6 billion more in Ukraine aid over two years, though it faces political hurdles. The final funding outcome

depends on reconciliation with the House version and Trump's decision to sign or veto the final law.

## U.S. and Russia discuss future of moon, space station in rare NASA-Roscosmos meeting

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In a rare meeting at NASA's Kennedy Space Center this week, Acting Administrator Sean Duffy and Roscosmos chief Dmitry Bakanov discussed space cooperation, including continued joint work on the International Space Station and potential future collaboration on lunar and deep space missions. The meeting was the first between NASA and Roscosmos leaders since 2018 and came during a delayed launch attempt of a crewed mission to the ISS. While Russia was once slated to join NASA's Artemis moon program, its invasion of Ukraine in 2022 led to isolation from Western space initiatives.

Moscow has since partnered with China on the rival International Lunar Research Station. Despite tensions, NASA and Roscosmos



continue joint astronaut flights and operations on the ISS, which depends on both nations' technical contributions. The two sides also discussed extending the crew exchange agreement and the eventual deorbiting of the station, scheduled for 2030.

## North Korea rules out nuclear talks, despite cordial Trump-Kim ties

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North Korea has dismissed prospects of denuclearization talks, despite acknowledging that relations between Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump remain cordial. Kim Yo Jong, the North Korean leader's sister, said Tuesday that friendly ties should not be mistaken for a willingness to discuss nuclear disarmament. Her comments came after U.S. officials reiterated openness to diplomacy.

However, she emphasized that "2025 is not 2018 or 2019," referencing the failed Hanoi summit. Pyongyang now insists on recognition as a nuclear power and has tightened defense and economic ties with Russia. The White House has not responded directly but maintains that full denuclearization remains the goal. South



Korea continues to support renewed dialogue but warned that growing North Korea-Russia cooperation complicates regional security.

## North Korea accuses United States and South Korea of pushing toward nuclear conflict

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North Korea's top legislator Pak In-chol accused the United States and South Korea of preparing to initiate a nuclear war, calling the threat "grave." Speaking Wednesday at the World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva, Pak said North Korea's nuclear program is a vital self-defense measure against increasing military pressure. He claimed Washington and Seoul are escalating tensions in the region to maintain Western dominance. Pak also said North Korea would not tolerate U.S. "high-handedness" and pledged to protect national sovereignty. South Korea's speaker, Woo Won-shik, also attended the event and called for maintaining open communication channels between the Koreas. The two did not meet during the conference.

## Leaders of Maldives and Sri Lanka shift stance on India after Modi outreach

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Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu and Sri Lankan President Anura Dissanayake—both previously critical of India—appear to have softened their positions following recent diplomatic outreach by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Dissanayake visited the Maldives from July 28 to 30 shortly after Modi's trip to Male for the island nation's independence celebrations. Muizzu had earlier permitted a Chinese research ship to dock and skipped a traditional first visit to India after taking office. But his two trips to India this year, including for Modi's swearing-in, mark a shift. Sri Lankan media noted both leaders now seek stronger ties with New Delhi amid economic pressures and regional balancing.





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Tariffs, trust, and the tightrope of Indo–U.S. trade



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Former President Donald Trump’s abrupt declaration of a 25% blanket tariff on Indian imports has sent ripples through diplomatic circles, financial markets, and strategic corridors alike. For a bilateral relationship long hailed as one of natural allies, the move is less a rupture than a jolt—a stress test of economic trust and long-term resilience.

**A transactional tremor in a strategic tiescape**  
Whether viewed as strategic coercion or economic recalibration, the tariff speaks to Trump’s longstanding preference for pressure diplomacy over multilateral consensus. The message is clear: trade leverage remains central to his foreign policy calculus, even at the cost of unsettling allies.

India’s response so far has been measured but unmistakably firm. The Ministry of Commerce called the move “disproportionate and counterproductive,” underlining India’s role as a strategic defense and technology partner. Behind closed doors, discussions are reportedly underway on potential retaliatory tariffs targeting select U.S. agricultural and tech goods.

**Markets reflect anxiety on both sides**  
**U.S. markets react:**  
The Zeus Index—a composite tracking Indo–U.S. trade-exposed sectors—dropped 2.4% intraday. Major U.S. retailers and pharmaceutical importers that rely on Indian supply chains saw markdowns, while energy and aerospace stocks moved cautiously.

**Indian markets respond:**  
▶ BSE Sensex fell 1.7%, led by slumps in textile and auto stocks.  
▶ Nifty Pharma Index dipped over 3%, as generic drugmakers braced for tighter margins.  
▶ The rupee slid slightly against the dollar amid forex concerns over disrupted trade flow.  
▶ The Scope of the Tariff—and the Stakes

Although Trump’s team has yet to clarify the full list of affected goods, trade analysts believe the net will likely cover key Indian exports such as textiles, auto components, processed



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foods, and select electronics. With Indo–U.S. trade crossing \$200 billion in 2024, such a sweeping action threatens to disrupt critical sectors and stall momentum in joint ventures, including innovation corridors, energy projects, and platforms like iCET (U.S.–India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology).

**A test of maturity, not a breakdown**  
Despite this shockwave, history reminds us that Indo–U.S. relations have weathered more than tariffs—be it H1B visa battles, WTO disputes, or disagreements on climate policy. What has endured is a deeper convergence in democratic values, technological ambitions, and global responsibility.

The question now is whether both governments will escalate tensions or recalibrate through diplomacy, mutual

interest, and economic pragmatism. At IndoUS Tribune, we believe this is not merely about trade—it’s about trust. Tariffs may test the ties, but they do not define them. The true strength of Indo–U.S. relations lies not in the headlines, but in the enduring bonds of commerce, innovation, and shared democratic purpose.

We commend the measured voices on both sides—business leaders, chambers of commerce, and diaspora advocates—who are working to de-escalate and reframe this moment as an opportunity for renewed dialogue.

We also join other Indian-American publications and community platforms in urging the Consulates General across the U.S.—including in Houston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Atlanta—to maintain active outreach to stakeholders, small business owners, and trade associations impacted by these developments.

As always, IndoUS Tribune will continue to monitor, report, and analyze—because behind every policy shift are the lives and aspirations of millions who build bridges across the oceans every day.

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## United Nations report links Kashmir terror attack to Lashkar-e-Taiba proxy



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A new United Nations Security Council report has attributed the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, to The Resistance Front, an offshoot of Pakistan-based group Lashkar-e-Taiba. The attack killed 26 civilians, making it the deadliest since the 2008 Mumbai attacks. Although the group later retracted its claim, the U.N. cited its initial admission and lack of alternative claims. The U.S. designated the TRF as a Foreign Terrorist Organization on July 18. The report sparked political criticism in India, with Bharatiya Janata Party leaders accusing opposition figures like P. Chidambaram of questioning evidence of Pakistan's involvement despite international validation.

## India rejects UK parliamentary report on transnational repression as 'baseless and dubious'



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India has strongly rejected a UK parliamentary committee report that alleged New Delhi's involvement in transnational repression, calling the claims "baseless" and rooted in "unverified and dubious sources." On Friday, the Ministry of External Affairs said the sources cited in the report were mostly linked to banned entities and individuals with a known record of anti-India activity.

The report by the Joint Committee on Human Rights, released July 30, named several countries—including India, China, Iran, Pakistan, and Russia—as allegedly involved in attempts to intimidate or silence people on British soil. The committee urged the UK government to take stronger action to combat such threats.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the report's credibility was undermined by its reliance on discredited sources. The issue has drawn wider attention amid rising concerns over Khalistani extremism in the UK, including multiple attacks on Indian diplomatic sites. During his

## Canadian MP calls for action to protect religious freedom amid rising attacks

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Canadian Member of Parliament Jamil Jivani has submitted a motion urging the federal government to protect religious communities from growing violence and intimidation. The proposal, submitted Monday to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, cites a surge in attacks on Hindu temples, churches, mosques, and synagogues since 2021.

The motion highlights over 100 instances of church desecration or arson, firebombings at synagogues and schools, vandalism at mosques, and targeted violence against Hindu temples. It calls for



two parliamentary meetings to examine

rising threats and for a report to be submitted to the House of Commons.

Jivani's motion urges consideration of new legal protections, including "bubble zone" laws to create safety perimeters around places of worship, and increased penalties for hate-motivated arson and vandalism. Recent high-profile incidents—such as the defacing of the Lakshmi Narayan Temple in Surrey and a violent protest outside the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton—have drawn national and international concern. Jivani said protecting freedom of worship is a core aspect of Canadian identity and heritage. The committee has not yet responded to the motion.

## Russia and North Korea boost ties with minister's visit and new air link

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Russia and North Korea have expanded their bilateral cooperation with a high-level ministerial visit and the launch of a new direct flight. Russian Natural Resources Minister Alexander Kozlov arrived in Pyongyang on Monday, marking the first flight between Moscow and the North Korean capital in nearly 30 years. He met with North Korean counterpart Yun Jong Ho to advance trade and scientific cooperation, following a 2024 agreement.

Both countries praised the resumed air link as symbolic of their deepening partnership amid global sanctions. The monthly service by Nordwind Airlines bypasses traditional Chinese



and Southeast Asian routes, providing Pyongyang with an alternate travel and trade path.

The move comes amid growing military collaboration between the two nations, raising Western concerns over potential arms transfers. The visit signals continued efforts to bypass international isolation through mutual support.

## Jain sites included in India's protected monument list

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On Thursday, Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat told the Rajya Sabha that Jain sites are part of the 3,685 protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). He said the government is conserving Jain heritage through projects at Gujarat University and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya in Indore. These focus on digitizing manuscripts and promoting interdisciplinary studies in Jainism. The Gyan Bharatam Mission aims to digitize one crore manuscripts, including Jain texts. Year-long events are also planned to honor Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj. Shekhawat added that conservation work is carried out regularly following ASI's National Conservation Policy to maintain authenticity and structural integrity.

## Markets tumble as Trump's sweeping tariffs shake investor confidence

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Wall Street faced a jolt on Friday as President Donald Trump's sweeping tariff policy announcement and a dismal jobs report sent shockwaves through global markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell as much as 790 points in early trading, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq posted their steepest declines in months, with losses of 1.97% and 2.6% respectively. The new trade policy, set to take effect August 7, imposes tariffs on nearly all U.S. trading partners. A universal 10% duty applies to countries with trade surpluses, while nations with deficits face a minimum 15% rate. Canada, however, will see tariffs rise to 35%—unless goods meet conditions under the USMCA agreement. Electronics, apparel, and luxury goods are among the categories expected to see price hikes. Adding to investor unease was a sharp slowdown in U.S. job creation. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported only 73,000 jobs added in July, with May and June figures revised down by a staggering 258,000 jobs. The VIX, Wall Street's fear index, surged 22%, and bond yields dropped as investors sought safer assets. Economists warn that the convergence of protectionist trade moves and a faltering labor market could signal deeper economic fragility, even as the White House continues to defend its pivot away from decades of free trade.

## Cambodia denies Thai claims of ceasefire breach along tense border

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Cambodia has rejected Thai allegations that its troops violated a ceasefire shortly after it took effect Monday along their disputed border. Cambodian Defense Ministry spokesperson Lieutenant General Maly Socheata insisted Tuesday that Cambodian forces adhered to the truce, calling Thai claims inaccurate. Thailand earlier reported gunfire in at least two areas, attributing it to undisciplined Cambodian soldiers. However, both sides confirmed that

tensions had eased by Tuesday morning.

The ceasefire was brokered with the support of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and welcomed by the United Nations. Thai and Cambodian military commanders are expected to meet regularly to enforce the agreement. Prime Minister Hun Manet said the border had stabilized, and international observers praised the quick diplomatic intervention. The clashes had raised fears of wider conflict, but the truce is seen as a crucial step toward long-term stability.







## Trump unveils plan for \$200 million White House ballroom funded by private donors

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President Donald Trump has announced plans to build a grand new ballroom at the White House, the first major structural addition since the Truman Balcony in 1948. Estimated to cost \$200 million, the project will be funded entirely by Trump and a group of private donors he called “American patriots.” The 90,000-square-foot venue is expected to replace the East Wing and accommodate up to 650 guests for official events and state dinners.

According to the administration, the ballroom will reduce the need for outdoor tents and provide a permanent indoor space for large ceremonies. Architectural firm McCreery Architects has been tapped to design the facility, while construction giants Clark and AECOM will handle building and engineering. The administration aims to complete the project before the end of Trump’s term in 2029. Critics say the move reflects Trump’s real estate instincts, while supporters call it a legacy-enhancing upgrade to the historic residence.

## Storms bring flash floods, flight chaos to Northeast U.S.



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Powerful thunderstorms swept across the Northeast United States on Thursday, unleashing flash floods, grounding flights, and triggering states of emergency in New York and New Jersey. Governor Kathy Hochul warned residents to stay indoors as up to five inches of rain were expected in parts of New York City, the Hudson Valley, and Long Island. Acting New Jersey Governor Tahesha Way said some areas could see up to seven inches of rain. Flash flood warnings stretched from Washington, D.C. to Boston, with flooded streets and rising rivers creating hazardous conditions.

More than 1,170 flights were canceled across major airports, including Newark, JFK, and LaGuardia. Amtrak also halted train service between Philadelphia and Wilmington due to submerged tracks. The National Weather Service attributed the severe conditions to a slow-moving cold front colliding with warm, moisture-heavy air. Emergency crews were deployed, and officials urged drivers to stay off the roads as water levels rose rapidly in urban areas.

## Biden warns of existential crisis as marginalized groups face rising threats under Trump era

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Former President Joe Biden delivered a forceful speech at the National Bar Association’s 100th Annual Awards Gala in Chicago, warning that the United States is facing an “existential” crisis, as marginalized communities come under renewed attack. Addressing the country’s largest network of Black legal professionals, Biden highlighted the vital role of Black lawyers in America’s civil rights history, urging the legal community to remain vigilant against what he called efforts to “erase history, erase equality, erase justice itself.”

Without naming President Donald Trump, Biden criticized the current administration’s policies and rhetoric, which he said glorify the deportation of legal immigrants and undermine the judiciary. He condemned law firms for capitulating to political pressure and federal judges for facing escalating threats, suggesting the rule of law is under siege.

Biden, who stepped down from reelection due to health concerns, has been fending off



claims of mental decline, including allegations that aides covered up signs of his frailty. He reiterated he personally authorized all clemency decisions during his term.

Though he praised Kamala Harris, Biden avoided mentioning his mid-campaign exit. The speech, one of several recent public appearances, emphasized a call to preserve civil rights amid growing political and legal intimidation.

## Senator proposes national security fix to keep TikTok running

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Democratic Senator Ed Markey on Thursday introduced a new proposal aimed at safeguarding TikTok’s operations in the United States without forcing a sale by its Chinese parent company, ByteDance. Markey’s plan would impose strict transparency and data protection measures to limit foreign access to U.S. user data.

President Donald Trump previously extended ByteDance’s divestment deadline to September 17, despite legal challenges. The Biden-era law mandates TikTok’s sale or shutdown, but Trump has declined to enforce it. Markey argues Congress must act to find a legal solution that protects national security while keeping the platform accessible to its 170 million American users.

## Budget standoff deepens in Congress as shutdown looms this fall

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Tensions are rising in Congress as partisan divides over President Donald Trump’s budget tactics raise the risk of a partial government shutdown ahead of the October 1 funding deadline. Democrats are frustrated by the White House’s efforts to claw back \$9 billion in already-approved funds and threats of further rescissions. Some hardline Republicans are even pushing to bypass Senate rules and pass budget bills without any Democratic support—an unprecedented move.

Senator Elizabeth Warren criticized what she called the Trump administration’s overreach, accusing Republicans of surrendering power to the president. GOP leaders, meanwhile, are preemptively blaming Democrats for any potential shutdown. Trump’s 2026 budget proposes \$163 billion in cuts, while his budget director, Russell Vought, has stalled funding



for Democratic priorities. Discussions are underway among conservative Republicans to use reconciliation—a fast-track process typically reserved for major fiscal legislation—to reopen government agencies in case of a shutdown.

However, experts warn that using reconciliation could take months and undermine decades of bipartisan appropriations. Despite calls for cooperation, both sides appear entrenched, making a shutdown increasingly likely.

## Harvard referred to Justice Department over antisemitism violations

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The Trump administration has referred Harvard University to the U.S. Department of Justice after determining it violated federal civil rights laws by failing to address antisemitism on campus. A federal investigation found that Jewish and Israeli students were subjected to harassment during pro-Palestinian demonstrations, and the university did not take adequate steps to protect them.

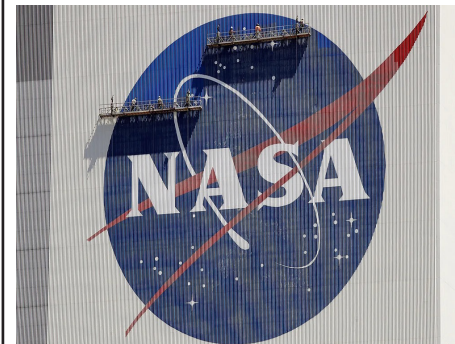
The probe was conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office for Civil Rights, which said Harvard ignored repeated requests for corrective action. The referral follows President Donald Trump’s executive order directing strict enforcement of civil rights laws on college campuses, especially where antisemitism is concerned. Harvard,



which has filed a lawsuit challenging the freezing of its federal funding, declined to comment on the referral.

The university is among several elite institutions facing scrutiny for handling of campus unrest amid the ongoing Israel–Gaza conflict. Advocacy groups welcomed the move, while student protestors defended their actions as political expression.

## NASA to lose nearly 4,000 workers amid agency downsizing



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NASA announced Friday that around 3,870 employees—approximately 20% of its current workforce—are expected to depart the agency in the coming weeks. A NASA spokesperson confirmed the reduction, which will bring the total staff to about 14,000. The cause of the mass exit has not been officially detailed, but the cuts come as the space agency faces shifting priorities and budget constraints under the current administration. The move raises questions about the future of several ongoing NASA missions and projects, particularly in deep space exploration and climate monitoring, where workforce expertise is considered critical to long-term success.

## Judge orders Medicaid funding restored to Planned Parenthood

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A federal judge ruled Monday that the Trump administration must continue Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide. The court decision follows a lawsuit over a 2025 tax law provision that halted one year of Medicaid payments to abortion providers receiving over \$800,000 annually. U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani called the funding cut “harmful,” warning of reduced access to birth control, STI testing, and cancer screenings. Planned Parenthood said it could face clinic closures in 24 states, affecting care for over 1 million patients. The ruling expands an earlier injunction and keeps funding in place as the legal fight continues.



## Justice Department seeks release of Epstein, Maxwell grand jury transcripts



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The U.S. Department of Justice has urged federal judges to unseal grand jury transcripts from the criminal cases against Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. In a court filing, officials disclosed that only two law enforcement witnesses—a single FBI agent and a New York police detective—testified before separate grand juries in 2019 and 2020. The Trump administration hopes releasing the transcripts will calm public pressure for transparency.

Maxwell is currently serving a 20-year sentence for conspiring with Epstein to sexually exploit minors. She recently answered questions about 100 people during interviews with DOJ officials. Epstein died in jail in 2019, but the scandal continues to generate scrutiny due to their ties to high-profile individuals. Maxwell has offered to testify before Congress if granted immunity. The DOJ says releasing the transcripts aligns with growing demands for accountability.

## Bessent walks back ‘privatization’ remarks on Trump newborn savings accounts



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Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is backtracking on his comment that “Trump Savings Accounts” could be a “back door” to privatizing Social Security. In a Breitbart interview, Bessent said the accounts—part of a recently passed Republican bill—would allow newborns to invest in stock-index funds. Democrats and advocacy groups like AARP swiftly criticized his remarks, warning of an attempt to undermine Social Security.

Bessent later clarified on social media that the accounts are meant to “supplement” and not replace Social Security. The White House echoed his statement, emphasizing that Trump remains committed to protecting the program. Critics, however, argue that the administration’s push for alternative savings mechanisms raises red flags. Each account will begin with \$1,000 and allow additional yearly contributions, with funds accessible in adulthood for education or home buying. Democrats say the comments reveal a long-term plan to privatize retirement security.

## Smithsonian quietly drops Trump’s name from impeachment display

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The Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History has removed President Donald Trump’s name from its impeachment exhibit, following months of political pressure and an executive order demanding neutrality in federally funded institutions. The display had previously included a temporary label acknowledging Trump’s two impeachments — one in 2019 and another in 2021 — but this has now been withdrawn.

A Smithsonian spokesperson said the museum will eventually update the section to reflect all presidential impeachments more broadly. The change comes after Trump issued a March 2025 order requiring federally funded cultural institutions to avoid what he described as “anti-American ideology.”

Earlier this year, the administration



also criticized Trump-related content in the National Portrait Gallery, leading to the resignation of its director. While the Smithsonian remains independent in operations, it receives significant federal funding. Critics argue the museum is being politically influenced, while administration officials say the changes restore balance and historical impartiality.

## Judge blocks Trump administration from ending legal status for 60,000 immigrants

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A federal judge in California has blocked the Trump administration’s attempt to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for approximately 60,000 immigrants from Nepal, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The ruling, issued by U.S. District Judge Trina L. Thompson, found that the administration’s decision was legally flawed and possibly motivated by racial and political bias.

The Department of Homeland Security had announced plans to end TPS for the three countries, arguing that conditions had improved. However, the court ruled that no comprehensive reassessment of conditions was conducted and cited internal records that suggested a discriminatory agenda.

The TPS program allows nationals from countries facing humanitarian crises to live and work legally in the United States.



Immigrant rights groups praised the decision, warning that ending TPS would lead to mass deportations and family separations. The ruling keeps protections in place while litigation continues, with the next hearing scheduled for November 18. The administration is expected to appeal.

## Democratic lawmakers sue Trump administration over restricted ICE facility access

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Twelve Democratic members of Congress have filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration for limiting their access to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers. The lawmakers allege the Department of Homeland Security is obstructing their legal right to oversee the conditions of detention facilities.

The lawsuit demands immediate, unannounced access to ICE centers, citing federal appropriations law that prohibits blocking such visits. The move comes amid reports of unsanitary conditions in some facilities and a sharp increase in detainees, now totaling 57,000. DHS insists that prior notice is needed for security and executive authority reasons.



Several lawmakers have recently been denied entry to ICE sites, including in Baltimore and Denver. The administration claims the lawsuit is politically motivated, while plaintiffs argue it’s necessary for oversight and transparency as immigration enforcement intensifies.

## Federal Reserve holds interest rates steady despite Trump’s call for cuts

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The Federal Reserve has kept interest rates unchanged at 4.25% to 4.5%, despite mounting pressure from President Donald Trump to lower borrowing costs. Two Fed officials dissented, favoring a rate cut—a rare sign of growing internal support for easing policy. The decision follows second-quarter data showing the U.S. economy grew 3%, largely due to a drop in imports following Trump’s tariffs.

However, economists warn that the growth may be unsustainable. Inflation remains above the Fed’s 2% target, rising to 2.7% in June. Chairman Jerome Powell said it’s too early to determine the full impact of tariffs on the economy and defended holding steady. Trump continues to push for rate cuts to boost the housing market and reduce government debt costs. He has criticized Powell’s caution, nicknaming him “Mr. Too Late,” but stopped short of calling for his removal.

## Kamala Harris rules out California governor bid, weighs national role

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Former Vice President Kamala Harris announced she will not run for California governor in 2026, ending speculation about her political future. In a statement, Harris said she plans to remain active in public life but outside elected office, focusing on supporting Democrats and exploring new avenues for change. Harris had been seen as a frontrunner, but she expressed concerns about being tied to state politics while national issues require broader leadership. She is considering launching a political organization, supporting down-ballot races, and possibly running for president in 2028. A book tour and more details on her future plans are expected soon.

## FAA admits air traffic controller failed to warn plane before fatal helicopter collision

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The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed an air traffic controller failed to alert a commercial jet about an approaching Army Black Hawk helicopter before a deadly midair collision over Washington, D.C., in January. Sixty-seven people died in the crash.

The controller was overwhelmed, managing 21 aircraft just minutes before the collision. At a National Transportation Safety Board hearing, officials revealed that overloaded traffic, reliance on visual separation, and runway shortcuts contributed to the disaster.

After the crash, the FAA reduced arrival rates and limited the use of visual separation. Staffing shortages and scheduling pressure from airlines remain ongoing safety concerns.



## Indian-origin man brutally attacked with machete in Melbourne, suffers critical injuries



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**S**aurabh Anand, a 33-year-old Indian-origin man, was left critically injured after a violent machete attack in Melbourne's Altona Meadows on July 19. Anand, who had moved to Australia five years ago with his wife and daughter, was walking home from a pharmacy when he was ambushed by a group of teenage boys.

He was punched, knocked to the ground, and slashed multiple times with a machete, nearly severing his left hand. He was rushed to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, where surgeons reattached the hand in a complex emergency operation. He also suffered severe head trauma, broken arm bones, and a spinal fracture.

A 14-year-old boy has been charged, and police have arrested three others. Anand's wife has publicly appealed for justice, saying the attack has left her family traumatized.

Community leaders have condemned the incident, linking it to a rise in youth violence in Victoria. Police say the investigation remains ongoing.

## Indian-origin Delta co-pilot arrested after flight lands in San Francisco



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**R**ustom Bhagwagar, a 34-year-old Delta Airlines co-pilot of Indian origin, was arrested on July 24 immediately after his flight from Minneapolis landed in San Francisco. Homeland Security and San Mateo County deputies boarded the aircraft while passengers remained seated, detaining Bhagwagar in the cockpit. He faces five felony charges for allegedly sexually assaulting a child under the age of ten in Contra Costa County.

The charges relate to incidents that occurred in early 2022, prior to his employment with Delta. The airline has confirmed his suspension and said it is cooperating fully with law enforcement. Bhagwagar is being held in Martinez Detention Facility on \$5 million bail and is scheduled for a court hearing next week. Delta passengers and crew members expressed shock over the mid-air arrest. Officials clarified there was no risk to passengers during the flight. The case has prompted calls for more thorough vetting of airline personnel by regulatory agencies.

# BAPS Sanskrit initiative aims to reconnect children with timeless values

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**T**he BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha has launched a global Sanskrit learning campaign aimed at nurturing traditional values and spiritual depth in the next generation. Under the guidance of Mahant Swami Maharaj, the Sanskrit Shloka Mukhapath Abhiyan encourages children to memorize 315 verses from the scripture 'Satsang Diksha', composed by the spiritual leader himself.

Over 37,000 children worldwide have registered for the program, with a goal of initiating 10,000 into Sanskrit learning by Diwali. In Mumbai alone, 1,000 children have joined, and 400 have already completed the course. Participants, ranging in age from three to fourteen, receive guidance from volunteers and monks dedicated to preserving cultural literacy.

According to child psychiatrist Shreyasetu Swami, the initiative strengthens memory,



focus, and inner resilience—traits often diminished in the digital age. Beyond language skills, it emphasizes discipline, devotion, and character development.

By anchoring young minds in India's

classical wisdom, BAPS hopes to inspire a lifelong connection to dharma, cultural heritage, and moral clarity—demonstrating that Sanskrit can still shape meaningful modern identities rooted in timeless teachings.

## Italy honors Indian heritage with unveiling of Maharishi Valmiki statue in Rome

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**I**n a symbolic gesture of cross-cultural unity, a statue of Maharishi Valmiki — the revered sage and author of the Sanskrit epic 'Ramayana' — was unveiled in Camporotondo, Italy. The ceremony, led by Indian Ambassador Vani Rao and Camporotondo Mayor Massimiliano Micucci, marked a key moment in India's cultural outreach to Europe. Deputy Chief of Mission Amararam Gurjar and members of the Indian diaspora, including representatives of the Balmiki community, were also in attendance.

The installation is part of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations' global initiative Connecting the World Through Ramayana, launched to highlight the epic's universal values of duty, righteousness, and compassion. It aligns with India's 2024 cultural diplomacy theme and broader efforts to deepen historical and people-to-people ties.



India and Italy established diplomatic relations in 1947, but cultural exchanges — including Diwali celebrations, folk performances, and spiritual programs — have grown significantly in recent years.

The statue also reflects the Indian ideal of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family), positioning the 'Ramayana' as a shared heritage of human values beyond borders.

## British Indian billionaire Surinder Arora proposes bold Heathrow expansion with 'Heathrow West'

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**B**ritish Indian entrepreneur Surinder Arora has unveiled a transformative proposal to expand Heathrow Airport through a new initiative called "Heathrow West." Developed by the Arora Group in collaboration with U.S. engineering giant Bechtel, the plan aims to deliver a third runway and two terminals by 2040—faster and more cost-effectively than current proposals.

The vision includes a 2,800-meter shorter runway and phased terminal construction to minimize disruption, especially near the busy M25 corridor. Terminal 1A would open by 2036, followed by Terminal 1B by 2040. The

proposal is designed to reduce risks, enhance passenger experience, and promote sustainability, while creating thousands of jobs in construction and operations.

The move comes after the UK government agreed to accept bids from multiple stakeholders, breaking Heathrow's long-standing monopoly. Arora's advisory board includes industry veterans in aviation, finance, and infrastructure.

"This is an opportunity to reshape Heathrow's future—to match the efficiency of Dubai and Singapore, not just compete with Paris or Frankfurt," Arora said. The proposal is now under review by Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander.

## Anahad Kohli, India-trained teen shooter, climbs U.S. Olympic ranks with quiet precision



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**S**ixteen-year-old Anahad Kohli, a U.S. citizen of Indian origin, is rapidly gaining recognition in American shooting circles, ranking among the top 30 under-18 precision shooters in the U.S. Junior Olympics. Born in Virginia, Kohli spent over a decade in India, where she discovered her passion for shooting by chance during a family trip to Punjab. Her potential was quickly spotted at the Trinetra Shooting Academy in Mohali, where she trained under Coach Archit, refining her focus and technique.

After returning to the U.S., Kohli continued her marksmanship journey under U.S. Navy veteran Jason and coach Mike. She now competes for Tabb High School in Virginia and is associated with the Lafayette Gun Club. Her growing list of accolades includes bronze medals at both the Virginia State Junior Olympics and the U.S. Navy JROTC Nationals in Alabama. She also received a \$1,000 scholarship from the LL Foundation.

Kohli aspires to compete at the Olympics, proudly representing the U.S. while staying rooted in her Indian heritage. "I want to carry the U.S. flag, but I'll always be Indian at heart," she shared.



British Sikh man fatally stabbed in East London, murder suspect charged



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A British Sikh man, Gurmuk Singh, also known as Gary, was fatally stabbed on July 23 at a home in Ilford, East London. Police responded to emergency calls around 4 a.m. and found the 30-year-old with a stab wound to the thigh. He was pronounced dead at the scene despite paramedics' efforts. The Metropolitan Police arrested 27-year-old Amardeep Singh, who was later charged with murder and remanded into custody. He is scheduled to appear at the Old Bailey on January 5, 2026. Three other individuals arrested at the scene were later released on bail. Police said the attack appears to be an isolated domestic incident and there is no wider threat to the public. Gurmuk Singh's family and friends described him as sociable, kind, and deeply rooted in the local Sikh community. The incident has sparked concerns over rising knife crime in London, with community leaders urging stronger preventive measures and justice for Singh's family.

Indian surveyor from Kerala killed in plane crash in Newfoundland



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A n Indian national was killed in a small plane crash in Newfoundland, Canada, on July 26. Gautam Santhosh, originally from Kerala, was one of two people aboard a Piper PA-31 Navajo aircraft operated by Kisik Aerial Survey Inc., based in Delta, British Columbia. The crash occurred near Deer Lake Airport, and both occupants were confirmed dead at the scene, according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Santhosh was employed by Kisik Geospatial and Aerial Survey, whose owner, Andrew Naysmith, expressed deep sorrow, calling the loss "devastating." The Indian Consulate in Toronto extended condolences and assured the family of full support, stating they are in close contact with local authorities. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada has launched an investigation. The aircraft was being used for a commercial survey mission when the crash happened. It was a twin-engine plane that can accommodate up to eight people.

## Singapore immigration officer admits to soliciting sex for visa favors

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A senior Singapore immigration officer of Indian origin has pleaded guilty to corruption charges involving sexual favors from visa applicants. Kannan Morice Rajagopal Jayaram, 55, was an inspector at the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) when he exploited his position between 2022 and 2023.

He was accused of abusing his discretionary authority to approve short-term visit pass extensions in exchange for sexual acts from at least six Indian nationals. On July 30, Jayaram pleaded guilty to three charges, with three additional charges expected to be considered during sentencing on August 18.

Investigators said Jayaram initiated most of the interactions and arranged meetings



with the women outside office premises. He has been suspended since April 2023, and ICA has launched a review of internal processes. The case has sparked concern over the exploitation of vulnerable migrant women. Singapore's Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) emphasized that public officers are held to the highest standards of integrity.

## Khalistani group misrepresents White House letter to spread false narrative

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T he Khalistani separatist group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), led by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, has been accused of spreading false propaganda following the receipt of a routine White House acknowledgment letter. Dated July 24, the letter was part of a standard protocol that responds to public correspondence and does not reflect any endorsement or shift in U.S. policy. Despite this, pro-Khalistani supporters circulated misleading claims suggesting the letter was a statement of support from the President of the United States for their cause. Officials clarified that the letter contained no references to Khalistan, secession, or any political recognition and was consistent with the thousands of similar replies sent annually.

The incident highlights a broader pattern by SFJ of exploiting democratic procedures and institutions to falsely claim legitimacy.



In January 2025, India's Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal upheld a five-year ban on SFJ, citing its links to terror groups like Babbar Khalsa International and the Khalistan Tiger Force, and collaboration with Pakistan's intelligence agency. The ban was extended in July 2024, with India's Ministry of Home Affairs stating SFJ's actions threaten national unity and sovereignty.

## Procter & Gamble names Shailesh Jejurikar as next CEO, starting January 2026

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P rocter & Gamble has announced that Indian-origin executive Shailesh Jejurikar will become its next Chief Executive Officer starting January 1, 2026. Jejurikar, 58, is currently the Chief Operating Officer and has been with the company since 1989.

He will also stand for election to the Board of Directors at the October 2025 shareholder meeting. Current CEO Jon Moeller will transition to Executive Chairman at the same time, continuing to advise the company.

Jejurikar has held senior leadership roles across P&G's global operations, including in North America, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. He is credited with strengthening key segments such as fabric care and home care and contributing to the company's supply chain and IT strategies.



P&G Board Lead Director Joe Jimenez praised Jejurikar's "strong results and global leadership." Despite the announcement, P&G shares dipped 0.75 percent in the last session and are down 6.06 percent over the past year.

## Indian workers honored by Singapore President for heroic sinkhole rescue

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S even Indian migrant workers who saved a woman from a sinkhole in Singapore have been invited by President Tharman Shanmugaratnam to the Istana Open House on Sunday, August 3. The group, led by site foreman Pitchai Udayappan Subbiah, rescued a driver whose car fell into a sinkhole caused by a concrete failure near a sewer construction site last Saturday.

The other rescuers include Velmurugan Muthusamy, Poomalai Saravanan, Ganesan Veerasekar, Bose Ajithkumar, Narayanasamy Mayakrishnan, and Sathapillai Rajendran. Their swift response earned widespread praise, including from the President, who commended their courage on social media.

Singapore's Ministry of Manpower honored the men with ACE Coins—awarded for acts of public spiritedness. Meanwhile, local charity ItsRainingRaincoats raised over SGD72,000 (approximately USD53,000) for the group.

The funds will be divided among the workers and transferred directly to their accounts. A meet-and-greet event is also planned to celebrate the rescue heroes.

## Indian-origin health worker in Arizona arrested for alleged child sexual exploitation



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A n Indian-origin man in Phoenix, Arizona, has been arrested for allegedly possessing and requesting child sexual abuse material. Jaydeep Patel, 31, a former behavioral health technician at Phoenix Children's Hospital, was taken into custody on July 17 after police recovered over 1,200 explicit photos and videos involving minors from his electronic devices.

Authorities charged Patel with nine counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, each classified as a Class 2 felony. The case began in 2024 when law enforcement received tips from an internet service provider about a suspicious social media account tied to Patel. Investigators later discovered disturbing chat logs where Patel had allegedly solicited explicit material for personal gratification.

Court documents suggest some recovered videos show young girls engaging in sexual acts, possibly filmed at Patel's home. Phoenix Children's Hospital confirmed Patel passed standard background checks and is no longer employed there. His bond has been set at \$100,000. A court hearing was scheduled for July 28.



## Trump reaffirms U.S. commitment to Korean Peninsula on armistice anniversary



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President Donald Trump marked the 71st anniversary of the Korean War armistice on Saturday by reaffirming the United States' unwavering support for South Korea. In a statement issued from his office, Trump highlighted the strength of the U.S.–South Korea alliance, calling it “ironclad” and rooted in shared sacrifices made during the 1950–1953 conflict. He honored the more than 36,000 American service members who died in the war and reaffirmed his administration’s dedication to peace and stability in the region. Trump also referenced his historic 2019 meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the Demilitarized Zone, describing it as a milestone in diplomacy and regional security.

Emphasizing the importance of a strong military and continued pressure on adversaries, Trump said the U.S. would never forget the legacy of the Korean War. The statement comes amid ongoing concerns over North Korea’s missile programs and rising tensions on the peninsula.



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Lithuanian Prime Minister Gintautas Paluckas resigned Thursday following mounting pressure over corruption allegations and political tensions. The Social Democratic leader said he did not feel guilty but stepped down to prevent further damage to the ruling coalition. His decision came after coalition partner Saulius Skvernelis threatened to withdraw support if Paluckas stayed. Paluckas is also leaving his role as party chairman. Mindaugas Sinkevicius will serve as interim leader but will not seek the premiership. A new coalition agreement and cabinet must now be formed, as required by the Lithuanian constitution.

## Kamchatka quake triggers tsunami alerts across Pacific, but major damage avoided

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A massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck off Russia’s Kamchatka Peninsula on Monday, prompting widespread tsunami warnings across the Pacific. The quake, centered 125 kilometers southeast of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, triggered emergency responses in Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, and parts of the U.S. West Coast. Japan evacuated nearly 2 million people, with tsunami waves reaching up to 1.3 meters along northern coasts.

In Hawaii, emergency sirens were activated as waves of up to 1.7 meters reached shore, though no significant damage was reported. Russia’s Kamchatka region experienced the largest waves, around 4 meters, causing minor coastal flooding and disruptions to local infrastructure.

Despite the quake’s power, tsunami



impacts were limited. Officials credit effective early warning systems and quick evacuations for preventing casualties. No deaths have been confirmed, though minor injuries and localized flooding were reported. In Kamchatka, a group of surgeons continued a medical operation during the quake, drawing praise from

regional authorities.

Following the tremor, the Klyuchevskoy volcano erupted, raising further geological concerns. Scientists are monitoring the region for aftershocks or additional volcanic activity. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center later lifted all alerts.

## Netherlands bars far-right Israeli ministers over inflammatory Gaza comments

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The Netherlands has banned Israeli ministers Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir from entering the country, citing their incendiary remarks about Gaza and alleged incitement of settler violence. Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp confirmed the entry ban on Saturday, calling their rhetoric incompatible with European values and human rights.

Smotrich, Israel’s finance minister, and Ben Gvir, the national security minister, have faced international condemnation for advocating the displacement of Palestinians and supporting aggressive settler activity in

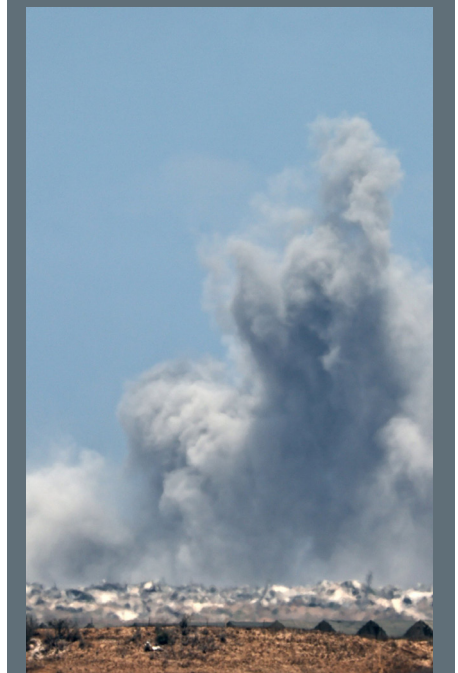
the occupied territories. The decision follows growing pressure from Dutch lawmakers and public figures to take a tougher stance on Israel’s far-right leadership.

Ben Gvir denounced the move as “hypocritical,” accusing the Netherlands of prioritizing terrorists over Israeli officials. The ban coincides with calls from Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof for European Union funding restrictions on Israeli research and deeper scrutiny of Israel’s military actions in Gaza.

The Dutch move marks one of the strongest rebukes from a European country amid growing international concern over Israel’s conduct in the region.



## Slovenia imposes arms embargo on Israel amid Gaza conflict



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Slovenia has announced an arms embargo on Israel, halting all arms exports, imports, and transits, according to state agency STA. Prime Minister Robert Golob said the move follows the declaration of several Israeli ministers as persona non grata. Slovenia, which recognized a Palestinian state in 2024, has repeatedly urged a Gaza ceasefire and increased humanitarian aid. The decision makes Slovenia the first European nation to take such a step. The announcement comes as international pressure grows on Israel over its military actions in Gaza.



## Beijing flood toll rises to 44; nine still missing



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At least 44 people are confirmed dead and nine remain missing after record-breaking rainstorms triggered flash floods across Beijing, officials said Thursday. The deluge, which began July 23, hit mountainous districts hardest, damaging over 24,000 homes and disrupting power and roads. Four missing persons were village leaders aiding relief efforts. Authorities evacuated over 100,000 residents and deployed 6,800 rescue personnel. The Miyun Reservoir received its highest inflow since 1974 but remains stable. Emergency repairs are underway to restore electricity, water, and roads, while search operations and aid efforts continue.

## Bangladeshi officer among four killed in New York office shooting

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A gunman fatally shot four people—including Bangladeshi-American police officer Didarul Islam—before killing himself inside a Manhattan high-rise on Monday. The shooter, identified as 27-year-old Shane Tamura, entered the Park Avenue building with an M4 rifle, targeting individuals in the lobby and on the 33rd floor. Islam, who was expecting his third child, died while protecting civilians, officials said. Tamura had a history of mental illness and drove from Las Vegas before the rampage. Authorities recovered weapons and medication from his car. The motive remains unknown. Mayor Eric Adams called Islam's death a heroic sacrifice.

## Turkey battles multiple wildfires amid deadly heat and arson suspicions

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Fierce wildfires have ravaged parts of Turkey, especially in Bursa province, where thousands have been evacuated. Officials say over 3,000 hectares have burned. Four people, including a firefighter, have died. Investigators suspect arson after finding a gasoline canister in a suspect's vehicle. Fires also rage in Karabuk and Kahramanmaraş provinces, worsened by heat exceeding 50°C in some areas. President Erdogan vowed continued air and ground operations. Experts warn more preventive action is needed. Nearly 85 fires broke out on July 26 alone, straining firefighting resources amid a nationwide heatwave.

## India's South Asia policy seen as model for regional development and resilience

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India's engagement with its South Asian neighbors is increasingly being recognized as a blend of strategic outreach and humanitarian commitment, according to a new report highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Neighborhood First' policy.

The report underscores India's regional initiatives, emphasizing how economic assistance and infrastructure projects have strengthened ties with countries like Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, Bangladesh, and even conflict-affected Afghanistan.

In Sri Lanka, Indian-funded rail upgrades and emergency financial support during the economic crisis boosted public services and restored confidence. In the Maldives, India's largest project in the country—the Greater Male Connectivity Project—is reshaping inter-island travel and trade. During the COVID-19 pandemic, India also rushed medical supplies and vaccines to the archipelago.



India's efforts in Nepal, such as the Motihari-Amlekhgunj petroleum pipeline and post-earthquake reconstruction, along with power and transport projects, were highlighted as transformative. Similarly, Bangladesh has benefited from joint energy ventures like the Maitree power plant and waterway development.

The report also points to India's continued assistance in Myanmar and Afghanistan, showcasing a long-term approach rooted in stability, connectivity, and people-first diplomacy.

## Poland unlikely to face U.S. troop cuts, says defense ministry

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Poland will likely be the last European country to see a reduction in U.S. troops, according to Deputy Defense Minister Pawel Zalewski. He cited strategic reasons for maintaining American forces in Poland, including its proximity to Ukraine and Russia. Poland aims to become a hub for U.S. military operations, offering logistics, upgrades for F-16s, and support for Abrams tanks. With defense spending at 4.7% of GDP and plans to raise it to 5%, Poland is NATO's top defense



spender and the largest U.S. arms buyer in Europe.

## Malaysia urges stronger, united ASEAN amid global fragmentation

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Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim called for a more united and resilient ASEAN during his speech at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta. Emphasizing the bloc's commitment to multilateralism, Anwar warned that global instability, driven by power rivalries and weakened diplomacy, demands regional solidarity.

He stressed that ASEAN must take an active role in shaping global norms while preserving its centrality and autonomy. Referring to Malaysia's mediation in recent Cambodia-Thailand border tensions, he underscored ASEAN's peacekeeping potential.



ASEAN Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn praised Malaysia's leadership, noting progress in regional economic efforts and Timor-Leste's anticipated admission as the 11th member.

## Six killed in Bangkok market shooting; gunman kills himself

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A 61-year-old man opened fire Monday at Or Tor Kor market in Bangkok's Chatuchak district, killing six people—including four security guards—and injuring two women before taking his own life. Police identified the shooter through ID documents found at the scene. Authorities are investigating the motive, which remains unclear.

The area was cordoned off, and residents were advised to stay indoors. The shooting occurred near the Thailand-Cambodia border, where clashes between the two countries had resumed earlier that day. Leaders from both nations were set to meet in Kuala Lumpur to discuss de-escalation.

## Greece seeks EU help as wildfires spread nationwide

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Greece requested six firefighting aircraft from the European Union on Saturday to combat major wildfires burning across the country, including a dangerous blaze near Kryoneri, north of Athens. Fires also erupted on Evia island, in Crete, and in the southern Peloponnese. More than 1,000 wildfires have been recorded since June.

Authorities have arrested nearly 200 people in connection with illegal burns and negligence. Temperatures have soared 6 to 12°C above seasonal norms, fueling the crisis. So far, no fatalities have been reported, but evacuations and fire alerts remain in effect.

## Cambodia confirms 14th human case of bird flu this year



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Cambodia has reported its 14th human case of H5N1 bird flu in 2025 after a 26-year-old man from Siem Reap tested positive, health officials said Tuesday. The patient had symptoms of fever, cough, and breathing difficulties. Authorities believe the infection may be linked to contact with dead chickens near his home. He is currently being treated in isolation. Five people have died from the virus in Cambodia this year. The health ministry has urged the public to avoid contact with sick or dead poultry and is monitoring contacts to prevent community spread.



India's cooperatives push boundaries to become innovation engines, says Amit Shah



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India's cooperatives have moved beyond traditional sectors to drive innovation in digital services, finance, and sustainability, said Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah at a United Nations event marking the International Year of Cooperatives. Shah highlighted cooperatives' contributions in areas such as healthcare, education, energy, and organic farming, emphasizing their growing role in India's economic development.

The event, co-hosted by India, Kenya, and Mongolia, focused on cooperatives and sustainable development. Shah also noted India's plans for the world's largest grain storage program through cooperatives, as well as new multi-state cooperative societies aimed at expanding exports and improving farmers' earnings. India's Permanent Representative, P. Harish, underscored cooperatives' cultural and economic significance in India's history.

Naidu seeks deeper Singapore collaboration on energy, data, logistics



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Singapore's Minister for Manpower and Energy Dr. Tan See Leng this week to explore partnerships in green energy, data centers, logistics, and housing. Naidu invited Singaporean firms to participate in green hydrogen and port development projects, highlighting Andhra Pradesh's infrastructure expansion.

He also requested Singapore's support in logistics management and science and technology collaboration. Acknowledging past challenges faced by Singaporean investors, Naidu assured transparency and a renewed business-friendly environment. He invited Minister Tan to the Global Investors Summit in Visakhapatnam this November. Dr. Tan responded positively, expressing interest in joint work on housing and subsea cables, and praised the evolving bilateral ties.

Opposition uproar over Bihar voter list delays Rajya Sabha proceedings

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Parliamentary proceedings in the Rajya Sabha were halted on Thursday amid vociferous protests by Opposition MPs over the revision of the voters list in Bihar. The session was adjourned until August 4 after repeated disruptions, with members demanding an urgent discussion on the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the electoral roll being conducted in the state. Opposition leaders, including those from the Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal, and Trinamool Congress, accused the Election Commission of rushing the process and risking the disenfranchisement of marginalized voters.

Slogans like "Stop vote theft!" echoed through the House as Congress MP Vivek



Tankha attempted to raise questions. Deputy Chairman Harivansh rejected over 30 notices for discussion under Rule 267, citing procedural grounds and the independence of the Election Commission. Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's statements were also drowned out by continued shouting.

The Opposition is particularly concerned that the SSR is being undertaken before the final delimitation exercise in Bihar is completed, calling it constitutionally questionable. Despite ministerial attempts to proceed with legislative business, including bills on shipping, sports, and tribal representation, the session was ultimately adjourned due to the chaos.

Trinamool plans third rally in North Bengal over alleged harassment of Bengalis

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Trinamool Congress is planning its third protest rally against the alleged mistreatment of Bengali-speaking people in Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled states, this time in North Bengal—a BJP stronghold. Likely to be held in Siliguri between August 17 and 21, the rally follows similar events in Bolpur and Jhargram, both in South Bengal. The protests, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, are part of what she describes as a broader "language movement" aimed at safeguarding Bengali identity.

Political analysts view the choice of Siliguri as a strategic move to challenge the BJP in a region where it won six of seven Lok Sabha seats in 2019. In the 2021 state assembly elections, the BJP also secured a majority of



seats in North Bengal. The proposed rally underscores Trinamool's attempt to regain influence in the region ahead of the 2026 assembly elections. The party aims to highlight what it alleges is systemic targeting of Bengali communities outside the state while also consolidating its base within Bengal.

185 Pakistani refugees granted Indian citizenship in Gujarat under CAA

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A total of 185 Pakistani migrants were granted Indian citizenship in Rajkot, Gujarat, during a special ceremony under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The event, held at Atmiya College on Friday, was led by Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghvi.

Sanghvi highlighted the struggles faced by minority families in Pakistan, including threats to girls' safety and poor law and order. "Many told me their daughters were afraid to attend school," he said, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the CAA for making the transition possible.



The law, enacted in 2019, provides citizenship to non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh who arrived in India before December 31, 2014. Applicants must prove religious affiliation, date of entry, and language proficiency.

ISRO and NASA launch NISAR satellite to monitor Earth in real-time



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The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and NASA successfully launched the NISAR Earth observation satellite on July 30 from Sriharikota, marking a major step in bilateral space cooperation. The \$1.5 billion mission uses dual-frequency radar—NASA's L-band and ISRO's S-band—to capture high-resolution images every 12 days.

Launched aboard India's GSLV-F16 rocket, the 2,392-kilogram satellite was placed in a sun-synchronous orbit at 740 kilometers altitude. NISAR will provide around-the-clock Earth imaging regardless of weather conditions and will assist in tracking natural disasters, climate change, and glacier movements. NASA provided key components including the radar and antenna, while ISRO supplied the satellite bus and launch services.

Telangana High Court quashes defamation case against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy



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The Telangana High Court has dismissed a defamation case filed against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over remarks made during the 2024 general election campaign. The case, initiated by Bharatiya Janata Party leader Kasam Venkateshwarlu, alleged that Reddy falsely claimed the BJP would eliminate reservations if it came to power and showed a doctored video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Chief Minister's legal team argued that the statements were political in nature and not defamatory. Justice K. Lakshman accepted the argument and ruled that the case lacked merit. The complaint cited violations under the Indian Penal Code and the Representation of the People Act. The court had earlier granted interim relief, exempting Reddy from personal appearances. The dismissal of the case offers legal and political relief to Reddy, affirming the court's position on free speech in political discourse.



## CM Rekha Gupta launches Delhi cleanliness drive, proposes new secretariat



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Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched a month-long cleanliness campaign this week at ISBT Kashmiri Gate, aiming to improve sanitation across Delhi. The drive includes civic agencies, schoolchildren, resident groups, and NGOs. While inspecting offices, Gupta noted poor conditions like water leaks and broken furniture, questioning how officials could work in such environments. She announced plans for a new state secretariat to streamline government operations.

The campaign will cover homes, public spaces, and transport hubs. Gupta urged residents to treat cleanliness as a collective responsibility and pledged ongoing monitoring for lasting improvements.

## Supreme Court rejects plea to include political parties under POSH Act

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## Bihar doubles honorarium for school staff ahead of assembly polls

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On Friday, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced a doubling of monthly honorariums for support staff in government schools, including Mid-Day Meal cooks, night watchmen, and physical education instructors. Cooks will now receive \$40 (Rs 3,300) per month, up from \$20 (Rs 1,650), while night watchmen will earn \$120 (Rs 10,000). Physical education and health instructors will be paid \$192 (Rs 16,000), with their annual increment raised to \$5 (Rs 400).

Kumar praised their contribution to the education system, saying the move would boost morale and commitment. He highlighted the rise in the education



budget from \$525 million in 2005 to \$9.3 billion in 2025. This decision is part of a series of welfare measures introduced before the upcoming state elections, including increased pensions and better incentives for ASHA and MAMTA workers, signaling a broad populist strategy.

## Amarnath Yatra remains suspended from Jammu for second day

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The Amarnath Yatra from Jammu to the Kashmir Valley remained suspended for the second consecutive day on Friday due to maintenance work along the Pahalgam route. However, pilgrims were allowed to proceed from the Baltal base camp. Over 400,000 devotees have completed the pilgrimage since it began on July 3. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who heads the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, called it a “divine milestone.”

No helicopter services are available this year due to security concerns. Pilgrims take either a 46-kilometer trek from Pahalgam or a 14-kilometer path from Baltal to reach the 12,756-foot-high cave shrine. The ‘Chhari



Mubarak’ procession will begin its final journey from Srinagar on Sunday, August 4, and reach the shrine on Friday, August 9. The yatra ends that day, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan and Shraavan Purnima. Security has been tightened following a deadly terrorist attack in April.

## Bones found at sixth Dharmasthala site amid growing calls for oversight

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Karnataka’s Special Investigation Team (SIT) has recovered human bones, including a skull and limb fragments, from a forested area near Dharmasthala in Mangaluru district. This marks the sixth suspected burial site in an unfolding case involving serious allegations of sexual assault, murder, and institutional cover-up linked to a religious center. The site was identified by a whistleblower, who earlier told a court on July 11 that eight victims were buried there.

Forensic and DNA tests will now be



conducted on the remains. Earlier, the SIT found a torn blouse and a PAN card belonging to a woman named Lakshmi. Human rights groups have urged court-monitored oversight as nine more officers join the probe.

## Malegaon blast case collapses as court acquits all accused after 15 years

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On Thursday, a special NIA court acquitted all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, including Sadhvi Pragya Thakur and Lieutenant Colonel Shrikant Purohit, citing lack of evidence. The case had been politically charged, with early probes by the Maharashtra ATS linking the accused to ‘Hindu terror’. However, when the NIA took over in 2011, it found critical lapses in the ATS investigation, including

inadmissible confessions under MCOCA. The NIA dropped several charges and found that the motorcycle allegedly used in the blast had changed hands before the incident. As the trial unfolded, over 300 witnesses were examined, many of whom turned hostile, weakening the prosecution’s case. The court ruled that mere suspicion cannot justify conviction and noted no evidence tying Purohit to the RDX or the assembly of the bomb. This ruling effectively discredits the narrative of Hindu terror that had fueled a political and media storm for years.

## Lumpy Skin Disease resurges in cattle across 10 states



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Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) has reappeared in cattle across 10 states, with active cases in Maharashtra and fresh outbreaks in Gujarat, the government told the Rajya Sabha. Union Minister S.P. Singh Baghel said over 28 crore cattle have been vaccinated since 2022. Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh lead vaccination efforts. LSD, transmitted by insect bites, affects milk output and has caused around 200,000 cattle deaths in recent years. The Center has released \$23.6 million to support state containment and vaccination drives under the Livestock Health Program.

## PM Modi invites citizens to share ideas for Independence Day address



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged citizens to contribute ideas for his upcoming Independence Day speech on August 15. In a post on X, he encouraged people to share suggestions through the MyGov platform and the NaMo App. This participatory initiative, part of Modi’s annual tradition since 2014, seeks to reflect public sentiment in the speech delivered from the Red Fort. The Prime Minister has often highlighted grassroots innovations, youth-led achievements, and policy ideas sourced directly from citizens. With India approaching its 80th year of independence in 2026, this year’s address is expected to focus on unity, progress, and the future. Selected public inputs may be featured in the final speech, allowing citizens from all walks of life to shape national discourse on one of India’s most symbolic days.

## EVMs cleared as tamper-proof in Maharashtra, says poll panel

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On Thursday, the Election Commission confirmed that EVMs used in Maharashtra’s 2024 Assembly polls were tamper-proof after detailed checks. The verification followed requests from ten candidates across ten constituencies. Engineers tested 48 Ballot Units, 31 Control Units, and 31 VVPATs. Mock polls showed results exactly matched the paper slips. Eight of the ten complainants were present during the process. The Election Commission said the outcome proves the credibility of EVMs and that no mismatch was found during the entire exercise.



## India launches first indigenously built green hydrogen plant at Kandla Port



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**O**n Thursday, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated India's first domestically developed one megawatt green hydrogen plant at Deendayal Port in Kandla, Gujarat. Built by Larsen and Toubro, the plant can produce up to 140 metric tonnes of green hydrogen annually and is part of a larger ten megawatt facility under development.

The project aims to support India's maritime decarbonization goals and enhance clean energy capacity.

Sonowal praised the rapid completion of the facility and called it a model for other ports under the Maritime India Vision 2030.

The initiative also promotes self-reliance in green technology and contributes to India's climate targets.

## India's Enforcement Directorate summons Anil Ambani in 17,000 crore loan fraud case



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**T**he Enforcement Directorate has summoned Reliance Group chairman Anil Ambani to appear for questioning in a financial fraud and money laundering case involving loans worth 17,000 crore Indian rupees. He has been asked to appear in New Delhi on Monday, August 5.

The case is linked to the Yes Bank fraud investigation, with allegations of fund diversion, use of shell companies, and bribery.

Investigators suspect that nearly 3,000 crore rupees in loans were routed illegally, with possible kickbacks to bank officials. Searches were recently conducted at several locations connected to Ambani's businesses in Mumbai and Delhi as part of the probe.

## Oil prices hold steady as markets weigh tariff fallout and Russian supply risks

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**O**il prices were largely unchanged on Friday after a volatile week dominated by geopolitical tension and trade uncertainty. Brent crude slipped 7 cents to \$71.63 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate fell 10 cents to \$69.16. The pause followed a more than 1% drop on Thursday as investors reacted to new U.S. tariffs that may dampen global fuel demand.

Despite this, Brent is still up nearly 5% this week, and WTI has risen more than 6%, largely due to former President Donald Trump's threat to impose secondary sanctions on buyers of Russian crude—particularly India and China. Analysts warn this could put over 2.75 million barrels per day of Russian oil exports at risk.

Meanwhile, Trump's new executive



order levying tariffs of up to 41% on countries without trade deals—including Canada, India, and Taiwan—has sparked inflation fears and could limit economic growth.

The Federal Reserve may delay interest rate cuts if inflation, fueled by tariffs, remains high. At the same time, Chevron's resumed production in Venezuela and record U.S. output may offset Russian shortfalls, suggesting a complex outlook for global oil supply and pricing.

## Microsoft restores access to Nayara Energy after EU sanctions-related disruption

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**M**icrosoft has restored digital access to Nayara Energy, an Indian oil company partly owned by Russian state-backed Rosneft, after a brief suspension linked to European Union sanctions.

The disruption came earlier this week following new EU rules announced on July 18 targeting refined Russian oil products, even when processed or sold through third-party nations. Microsoft's suspension affected Nayara's critical business operations, prompting the company to seek intervention from the Delhi High Court.

The tech giant has since confirmed that it is working with EU regulators to



ensure compliance while keeping Nayara's services active. The case highlights the growing complexity global companies face when navigating sanctions compliance, particularly when servicing clients with indirect ties to sanctioned entities. Nayara Energy has denied violating any laws.

## Elon Musk confirms Tesla's next AI chips will be made by Samsung in Texas

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**E**lon Musk has confirmed that Samsung Electronics will manufacture Tesla's next-generation artificial intelligence chipsets, known as AI6, at its foundry in Taylor, Texas.

The deal, valued at approximately 16.5 billion United States dollars, marks Samsung's largest-ever semiconductor manufacturing contract. The AI6 chips are designed to power Tesla's full self-driving technology, a central part of Musk's long-term vision for autonomous vehicles.

In a video call with Samsung chairman Lee Jae-yong earlier this week, Musk reportedly discussed plans for chip supply security and performance benchmarks. Lee later traveled to Washington, D.C., likely to hold trade-related talks. Musk emphasized that both Samsung and Taiwan's TSMC remain critical suppliers



in Tesla's artificial intelligence roadmap, underscoring a strategic pivot toward advanced chipmaking amid growing global competition.

## South Korea sees export boost in July as chip demand surges



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**S**outh Korea recorded a 5.9 percent year-on-year increase in exports in July, totaling 60.8 billion United States dollars, driven by strong global demand for semiconductors. The trade ministry reported a 31.6 percent rise in chip exports, the highest figure ever for July, supported by demand for advanced memory products.

Shipments of automobiles and ships also increased, although electric vehicle exports to the United States fell due to a recent 25 percent tariff. A new trade agreement will reduce that rate to 15 percent. Meanwhile, exports of computers, displays, and healthcare products declined. South Korea posted a trade surplus of 6.61 billion dollars for the month.

## Sri Lanka investigates John Keells over alleged tax fraud in electric vehicle imports



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**J**ohn Keells Holdings, one of Sri Lanka's largest conglomerates, is under investigation for allegedly evading taxes worth Rs 3 billion through its import of over 1,000 BYD Atto 3 electric vehicles. The probe centers on whether the vehicles' motor capacities were misdeclared to qualify for lower import duties.

According to Sri Lanka Customs, the importer—JKCG Auto, a subsidiary of John Keells—classified the vehicles as having 100kW motors, placing them in a lower tax bracket. However, technical inspections suggest they may actually be 150kW models, which carry significantly higher duties.

The cars have already been sold and registered, raising concerns that buyers may face retroactive tax bills or recalls. John Keells denies any wrongdoing and maintains that all vehicles match manufacturer documentation. Authorities are now conducting a forensic review of every BYD Atto 3 unit brought into the country since 2023.

Industry observers say the case could set a major legal precedent for Sri Lanka's growing EV market.



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Lord Meghnad Desai, noted economist and peer, dies at 85



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Lord Meghnad Desai, a distinguished economist and member of the British House of Lords, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 85. Born in Gujarat, India, Desai was a professor at the London School of Economics for nearly four decades and authored several influential books on global development, Marxian economics, and Indian policy. He was known for his independent political views and for establishing the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics in Mumbai. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised him as a key intellectual bridge between India and the United Kingdom. Desai's legacy spans academic, political, and cultural contributions.

Panama Ports to engage government over canal port sale

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Panama Ports Company (PPC) said on Friday it will consult the Panamanian government at the appropriate stage in the sale of its two ports near the Panama Canal. The company, majority-owned by Hong Kong-based CK Hutchison, holds a 90% stake in PPC and operates the Balboa and Cristobal ports under a 25-year concession renewed in 2021.

In a statement, PPC emphasized the importance of government engagement to determine the company's next steps. The announcement follows legal action by Panama's Comptroller General, who filed two lawsuits this week with the Supreme Court to nullify the port contract, alleging the 2021 renewal process did not comply with legal procedures.

Southwest Airlines appoints new board chair amid major strategic overhaul



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Southwest Airlines has named Doug Brooks as its new independent board chair, effective Thursday, as part of a broader leadership shakeup. Brooks, a longtime board member and former Brinker International CEO, succeeds Rakesh Gangwal, who stepped down as chair but remains on the board to lead a new Fleet Oversight Committee. The announcement comes amid a significant strategic shift at Southwest, which is moving away from its long-standing low-cost model. Recent changes include dropping open seating, charging for checked baggage, and introducing basic economy fares. The airline has also slashed its full-year profit forecast by over \$1 billion, citing rising costs and weaker demand. Brooks will oversee the airline's efforts to restore profitability and modernize its operations.

Palantir wins \$10 billion U.S. Army contract for long-term AI and data services

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Palantir Technologies has secured a 10-year contract worth up to \$10 billion from the United States Army, marking the company's largest deal to date and a major commitment to long-term artificial intelligence and data integration capabilities. The agreement consolidates multiple existing contracts and establishes a comprehensive software framework for mission-critical operations. The Army said the new deal will reduce procurement delays and allow faster access to AI-assisted targeting and data analytics tools.

This contract follows an earlier \$795 million investment by the military into Palantir's Maven Smart System, a project aimed at automating battlefield decision-making. Co-founded by Peter Thiel and CEO Alex Karp, Palantir has rapidly expanded its government business and now works with multiple federal agencies. The Pentagon's move reflects a broader push by the Trump administration to integrate commercial AI firms into defense operations amid rising global security tensions, including the ongoing war in Ukraine and increased friction in the Asia-Pacific region.



Wells Fargo to name CEO Charlie Scharf as chairman, approve \$30 million equity award

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Wells Fargo's board of directors announced plans to appoint Chief Executive Officer Charlie Scharf as chairman of the board, consolidating his leadership position at the U.S. bank. In recognition of his role in the company's transformation since 2019, the board will also grant Scharf a one-time \$30 million equity award in restricted shares and stock options.

The bank said the move reflects its desire to retain Scharf and recognize his efforts in improving performance and compliance after the 2016 fake accounts scandal that tarnished its reputation.

When Scharf assumes the chairman role,



the bank will appoint a lead independent director to ensure continued oversight.

Wells Fargo was recently released from a seven-year-long \$1.95 trillion asset cap imposed by regulators. The equity award is intended to align Scharf's compensation with peers at major banks such as JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America, where the CEO and chairman roles are often combined.

U.S. tariff could turn Brazilian açai into a luxury item

A new 50% U.S. import tariff on key Brazilian goods, effective August 1, is threatening to make açai—a popular Amazonian superfood—far more expensive for American consumers. The move, part of a broader trade action announced by the Trump administration, targets several Brazilian exports in response to an ongoing aircraft subsidy dispute at the World Trade Organization.

Nearly all açai pulp used in the United States is imported from Brazil, and sellers like Playa Bowls and Oakberry say they may be forced to raise prices or cut offerings. In cities like New York, açai bowls already cost between \$13 and \$18, and businesses warn that the new duty could push prices even higher.



Brazil's açai production has soared over the past decade, rising from about 150,000 metric tons to nearly 2 million tons in 2024. With the U.S. as its biggest market, exporters are concerned the tariff could shift global demand elsewhere. Industry leaders have urged both governments to resolve the trade dispute before it damages the açai supply chain.

U.S. court backs Epic Games, orders sweeping reforms to Google Play Store



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A U.S. federal appeals court on Thursday upheld a major ruling against Google, affirming that its Play Store practices violated antitrust laws. The Ninth Circuit dismissed Google's appeal, siding with Epic Games and allowing a sweeping injunction to stand. Under the order, Google must allow rival app stores and alternate billing systems within Android's ecosystem—threatening its control over app distribution and fees. The decision stems from a 2020 lawsuit filed by Epic, which argued Google abused its dominance. The ruling has been praised by Microsoft, federal regulators, and digital rights groups, who say it will increase competition and benefit developers. Google criticized the outcome and said it plans to continue its legal challenge.

OpenAI to build \$1 billion green-powered AI hub in Norway

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OpenAI is partnering with Norway's Aker and Nscale to build a \$1 billion artificial intelligence data center powered entirely by renewable energy. Announced Thursday, the Stargate Norway facility will be located near Narvik and feature more than 100,000 Nvidia AI chips in its initial phase. The site is designed to scale tenfold, making it one of Europe's largest sovereign AI infrastructure projects. Fueled by local hydropower, the project aims to support European innovation while reducing emissions linked to AI development. The facility marks OpenAI's first Stargate center outside the United States, signaling a global push for sustainable, large-scale AI infrastructure.

Phillips 66 ordered to pay \$800 million in biofuel trade secrets lawsuit

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A California jury has ordered energy giant Phillips 66 to pay \$800 million in damages to Propel Fuels, a renewable energy company, for misappropriating trade secrets. The case centers on confidential business information shared by Propel during acquisition talks in 2018, which were later abandoned. Propel alleged that Phillips used the proprietary data to launch its own competing clean-fuel brand. The court awarded \$605 million in compensatory damages and \$195 million in punitive damages, calling the company's conduct "reprehensible." Propel hailed the verdict as a major win for innovation and ethical business practices. Phillips 66 said it strongly disagrees with the ruling and is evaluating its legal options, including a possible appeal.



## PSG handed heavy fine for fan misconduct at Champions League final

Paris Saint-Germain has been fined nearly €150,000 for fan misconduct during their 5-0 Champions League final victory over Inter Milan on May 31 in Munich. UEFA's disciplinary committee upheld six charges including bringing the organisation into disrepute and displaying an offensive "UEFA mafia" banner with a pig image. The club received a €10,000 fine specifically for the insulting message. Fans also invaded the pitch and tore up turf, resulting in a further penalty of €100,000 and an €8,000 fine for damage. UEFA deferred a one-game ticket ban for PSG fans in European away matches, placing it on two-year probation. The club earned approximately €140 million in prize money from UEFA this season.

## Gilbert Arenas and co-defendants indicted over high-stakes poker games



Former NBA All-Star guard Gilbert Arenas and five others have been federally indicted for operating an illegal gambling business from his Encino, California mansion between September 2021 and July 2022. The 43-year old faces charges including conspiracy to operate an illegal gambling business, running the enterprise, and making false statements to federal investigators.

Co defendant Yevgeni Gershman, 49, is identified by authorities as a suspected Israeli organized crime figure. The indictment alleges Arenas rented the mansion to host high-stakes Pot Limit Omaha poker games, charging fees per pot or hand. Allegedly, servers, valets, chefs, armed security, and women providing drinks, massages, and companionship were hired. Women reportedly paid percentages of their tips to the operators. Arenas's arraignment was scheduled on Wednesday in federal court in Los Angeles. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison for each count.

## Tension off the field as rain halts Oval Test and Gambhir clashes with curator



The fifth and final Test between India and England at The Oval began on a stormy note—both literally and figuratively. Thursday's play was marred by persistent rain, which restricted action to just 64 overs. India reached 204 for six at stumps, with Karun Nair unbeaten on 52 and James Anderson leading England's bowling effort with three wickets.

However, it was an off-field altercation that stole much of the spotlight. Ahead of the match, India head coach Gautam Gambhir reportedly confronted Lee Fortis, the Oval's head groundsman, over access to the pitch during a practice session. Fortis had asked the Indian support staff to maintain a 2.5-meter distance from the playing surface. Gambhir allegedly responded, "You're just a groundsman," a remark that drew criticism from several

quarters of the cricketing world.

While India's batting coach Sitanshu Kotak later described the situation as a misunderstanding, Fortis confirmed the exchange took place but declined to escalate matters. The episode sparked debate over respect for ground staff, with some former players calling Gambhir's tone dismissive and unprofessional.

During Thursday's rain delays, cameras caught Fortis working alone on the pitch while Gambhir watched from the balcony, adding visual weight to an already tense narrative. Despite some lighter moments shared later between Fortis and Indian players, the incident has raised broader questions about the balance of power and courtesy in elite sport. Play is expected to resume on Friday, weather permitting.

## Gauff reverses match to reach Canadian Open round of 16; Medvedev exits

Top seed Coco Gauff staged a strong comeback on Thursday at the Canadian Open, rallying from a set down to beat Veronika Kudermetova 4 6, 7 5, 6 2 in a grueling two-and-a-half-hour match. Gauff praised her mental resilience, responding well to an opponent with a powerful serve. Meanwhile, former U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev was surprisingly eliminated by Australia's Alexei Popyrin in three sets: 5 7, 6 4, 6 4. Other major upsets included Dayana Yastremska defeating eighth seed Emma Navarro and McCartney Kessler ousting fourth seed Mirra Andreeva. In the men's draw, Alex Michelsen upset third seed Lorenzo Musetti in a tight third set, while



Alexander Zverev celebrated his 500th tour level victory by overcoming Matteo Arnaldi. The tournament continues to deliver drama across both draws.

## Laura Dahlmeier dies in mountaineering accident in Pakistan

Two-time Olympic and seven-time world champion biathlete Laura Dahlmeier died on July 28 during a mountaineering expedition on Laila Peak (6,069 m) in Pakistan's Karakoram range. She was caught in a rockfall at around 5,700 m, and although rescue services were dispatched, a helicopter reached her remote location only the following morning. The recovery operation was called off on July 29 and her death was confirmed on July 30. A native of Garmisch Partenkirchen, Dahlmeier made biathlon history at PyeongChang 2018 by winning sprint and pursuit gold—the first woman ever to do so. Tributes poured in globally, including from German President Frank Walter Steinmeier and IOC President Kirsty Coventry. Dahlmeier retired from sport in 2019 to focus on mountaineering and will be remembered as a role model in both athletics and adventure.

## McIntosh and Marchand deliver standout wins at world championships

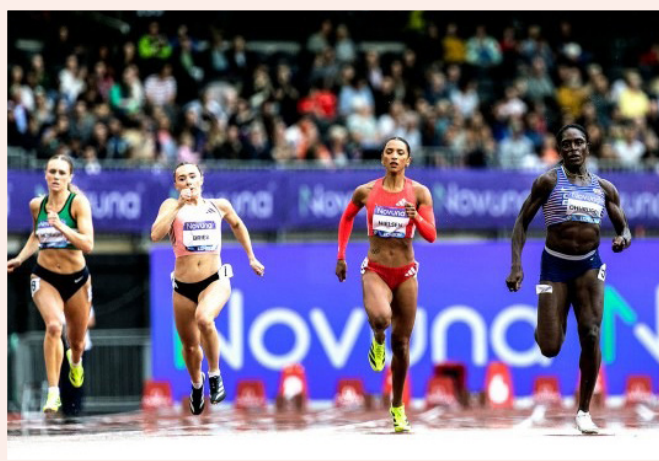


Canadian swimmer Summer McIntosh won the women's 200 meter butterfly on Thursday at the World Aquatics Championships in Singapore in 2:01.99, narrowly missing Liu Zige's 2009 world record of 2:01.81. Her time, the second fastest ever, earned her a third individual gold at the meet. French star Leon Marchand followed up his record breaking 200 meter individual medley in Wednesday's semifinals with a dominant final, finishing in 1:53.68—just shy of his world record. Romanian sprinter David Popovici also impressed, capturing the men's 100 meter freestyle title in 46.51 seconds, putting pressure on the 46.40 world mark. The United States claimed the 50 meter backstroke gold, and Australia secured another women's relay victory, extending its medal tally. The meet continues with events including the women's 800 meter freestyle showdown involving McIntosh and Katie Ledecky.



## Ferrari extends Fred Vasseur's contract amid F1 transition

Ferrari has extended team principal Fred Vasseur's contract, ending speculation about his future. Vasseur joined Ferrari in early 2023 after leading Sauber and has overseen key structural changes to revive the team's competitiveness. Although Ferrari finished second in the 2024 Constructors' Championship, they have since fallen behind dominant McLaren in 2025. Reports linked Ferrari to Red Bull's Christian Horner, but the new multi-year deal confirms Vasseur will lead the team into the 2026 regulation overhaul, alongside drivers Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton.





## Lyles and Richardson shine in 100-meter heats at US championships



Olympic and world champion Noah Lyles delivered a commanding performance in the 100-meter heat at the USA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon, recording a smooth 10.05-second run on Thursday before withdrawing from the semi-finals to focus on the 200-meter event. With a spot in the World Championships in Tokyo at stake, Olympic medalist Kenny Bednarek was the only competitor to dip under ten seconds in the first round, clocking 9.95. On the women's side, Paris silver medalist Sha'Carri Richardson posted a season-best 11.07 seconds to secure her place. Young sprinters Jacious Sears (10.85) and Melissa Jefferson-Wooden (10.86) delivered strong times in preliminary races, positioning themselves well as the championships unfold.

## Rees-Zammit exits NFL to return to rugby union for Wales



Welsh international Louis Rees Zammit has announced he is leaving the NFL to resume his rugby union career ahead of next season. The 24-year-old had previously paused his union career to join the NFL through the International Player Pathway program, signing with the Kansas City Chiefs and later joining the Jacksonville Jaguars' practice squad, though he never played a regular-season snap. Rees Zammit wrote on social media that while the experience was rewarding, it is time to "come home" and prepare for rugby. He predicts he will play his best rugby upon return and is excited to get started. Before leaving union in January 2024, he earned 32 caps for Wales and is expected to rejoin Gloucester for the United Rugby Championship.

## Verstappen confirms 2026 return to Red Bull, ending speculation

Four time Formula 1 champion Max Verstappen confirmed at the Hungarian Grand Prix that he will remain with Red Bull Racing through the 2026 season. Speaking at the Hungaroring on Thursday, Verstappen said it was always clear he intended to stay, dismissing ongoing speculation. His affirmation effectively clears the path for Mercedes drivers George Russell and Kimi Antonelli to remain aboard next season.

Russell said he is not rushing into a new contract and needs assurances from Mercedes before committing. Verstappen's clarification comes amid intense contractual maneuvering in the sport and reaffirms Red Bull's driver stability. The confirmation was widely



welcomed as it settles questions about one of the sport's leading figures and his long-term future.

## Irish court rejects McGregor's appeal over sexual assault verdict

Irish courts this week dismissed UFC veteran Conor McGregor's appeal in a civil case where he was ordered to pay nearly €250,000 in damages to Nikita Hand for a 2018 sexual assault. The Court of Appeal unanimously ruled against McGregor, rejecting arguments that the jury was misdirected and improperly questioned about his decision not to comment in a police interview.



Three judges affirmed the original jury's verdict, which found that McGregor raped Hand on December 9, 2018. Hand, who previously spoke out as a survivor, welcomed the ruling and

urged other survivors to seek justice. McGregor had denied the allegations, claiming the encounter was consensual and contesting that any bruising occurred.

## Russia eyes end to sporting neutrality after swimming return at World Championships

Russia is aiming to end its sporting neutrality after its swimmers returned to elite competition at the World Aquatics Championships, where neutral athletes won gold in the mixed 4x100m medley relay on July 30. Dmitry Mazepin, president of the Russian Aquatic Sports Federation and vice-president of the Russian Olympic Committee, said he hopes Russian athletes can compete under their national flag by the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Russian athletes have been competing as neutrals since the country was banned

from Olympic competition over breaches of the Olympic Charter tied to the 2022 invasion of Ukraine. While swimmers were sidelined, athletes in sports like tennis and ice hockey continued to compete.

Mazepin said negotiations with World Aquatics president Husain Al-Musallam helped secure Russia's return and blamed opposition from certain countries—especially Nordic states—as politically motivated. He also said past doping scandals were no longer a factor and called for an end to what he described as "double standards" in global sports.

## Woad trails Japanese leaders after first round at Women's Open



Lottie Woad posted level-par 72 in the Women's Open first round at Royal Porthcawl to finish five shots behind joint leaders Eri Okayama and Rio Takeda of Japan, both at five under par. Woad, playing only her second event since turning professional, birdied holes 14 and 18 after reaching the turn at even par. Despite mixed momentum, she emphasized her satisfaction at avoiding a slide during changing wind and rain conditions.

Okayama carded six birdies with one bogey for a 67, while Takeda's back-nine surge followed a first-hole double bogey. Mimi Rhodes led the British contingent at three under, while world number one Nelly Korda shot a solid 70. Defending champion Lydia Ko struggled to a one-over-par 73.

## UAE to host Pakistan and Afghanistan for tri-nation T20 series ahead of Asia Cup

The United Arab Emirates will host a T20 tri-series featuring Pakistan and Afghanistan at Sharjah Cricket Stadium from August 29 to September 7. Each team will play the others twice in the group stage, with the top two meeting in the final. The tournament opens with Afghanistan vs. Pakistan on August 29, followed by UAE's first match against Pakistan on August 30. The series offers crucial preparation ahead of the Asia Cup, which begins in the UAE on September 9.

Originally, Pakistan was scheduled to host Afghanistan in a bilateral series during this window. Pakistan, ranked eighth in T20Is, is the highest-ranked team in the series, followed by Afghanistan (ninth) and UAE (fourteenth). While Pakistan and Afghanistan have secured 2026 T20 World Cup spots, UAE must qualify through regional playoffs in October.

## World Athletics sets gene test deadline for female athletes

World Athletics has set a September 1 deadline for female athletes to undergo a gene test to qualify for the 2025 World Championships in Tokyo. The governing body will require a single chromosome test, often via cheek swab, to verify eligibility for the women's category. The rule follows years of legal disputes, including a recent European court ruling in favor of Caster Semenya. While Semenya won on fairness grounds, it did not overturn existing rules. World Athletics will subsidize testing costs for national federations.



## North London derby makes first appearance in Hong Kong

Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur brought their North London rivalry to Asia for the first time, playing a pre-season friendly in front of nearly 50,000 fans in Hong Kong's Kai Tak Stadium. Tottenham won 1-0, thanks to a stunning goal from Pape Matar Sarr. Arsenal's Viktor Gyokeres made his debut, while fans also welcomed the return of the club to Hong Kong after 13 years. Spurs captain Son Heung-min, amid transfer rumors, drew huge cheers. Tickets sold for up to \$318, but fans called it a dream come true.



### Madhur Bhandarkar attends NAFA Marathi Film Festival in San Jose



Award-winning Indian filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar was a featured guest at the North American Film Association (NAFA) Marathi Film Festival held in San Jose, California, from July 25 to 27. Hosted at the historic California Theatre, the three-day event celebrated Marathi cinema and its growing global footprint. Bhandarkar, known for films such as 'Chandni Bar' and 'Page 3', praised the festival for showcasing regional storytelling on an international stage.

He also commended NAFA founder Abhijit Gholap and the organizing team for promoting cultural exchange through cinema. Sharing moments from the event on social media, Bhandarkar called it a “memorable experience,” and highlighted the importance of taking Indian regional cinema to a broader audience.

### Nora Fatehi and Rayvanny revive viral hit with Afro-Desi track ‘Oh Mama Tetema’



Nora Fatehi and Tanzanian singer Rayvanny are set to bring their Afro-Desi synergy back with ‘Oh Mama Tetema’, a revamped version of Rayvanny’s viral hit ‘Tetema’. Released under the T-Series label, the new single blends Afrobeat with Bollywood-style choreography, Hindi and Swahili lyrics, and global production aesthetics. Fatehi, known for her international collaborations and powerful dance presence, features prominently in both the vocals and visuals. A teaser

shows the duo in a vibrant desert setting, hinting at high-energy performances and cross-cultural flair. The original Tetema became a continental hit, and this reimaged version aims to reach an even broader global audience. Fatehi previously appeared in music videos with international artists such as Fnaire, Zack Knight, and Lil Pump, cementing her position as a crossover artist. Fans are already hailing the track as a potential summer anthem blending African rhythms with Bollywood glamor.

### Pamela Anderson reveals jazz roots in upcoming ‘The Naked Gun’ reboot



Actress Pamela Anderson has revealed that she returns to her musical roots in the upcoming reboot of 'The Naked Gun', where she stars alongside Liam Neeson. Speaking on Late Night with Seth Meyers, Anderson said her character has a scene with a jazz band—something she connected with personally, as she once performed scat jazz and played saxophone in school. Anderson described the filming process as “surreal but fitting,” given her early passion for music.

The reboot, directed by Akiva Schaffer, is set to release in 2025 and marks Anderson’s return to mainstream cinema. Anderson plays Beth Davenport, a role originally portrayed by Priscilla Presley in the original 1988 comedy.

### Rebel Wilson sued by UK producer over release of directorial debut ‘The Deb’



Australian actress and filmmaker Rebel Wilson is facing legal action from UK-based production company AI Film over the release of her directorial debut 'The Deb'. Filed in the New South Wales Supreme Court, the lawsuit alleges Wilson made false public statements and interfered with distribution efforts, causing Kismet Films to withdraw from an Australian release.

The producers claim Wilson attempted to pressure them into selling their stake in the film to her company, Camp Sugar. The dispute follows an earlier defamation suit filed in California. Wilson has denied the claims, calling the lawsuit “harassment” and reaffirming her support for the film. 'The Deb', a coming-of-age musical set in rural Australia, has yet to secure a firm release date.

### Karan Aujla announces ‘P Pop Culture’ album, first single drops August 1

Punjabi singer Karan Aujla has announced his new album titled ‘P Pop Culture’, set to release on August 22. The first single, “MF Gabhru!”, will be released on August 1.

Aujla shared the news in Montreal during a themed event with statue installations and exclusive merch. He described the album as a tribute to Punjabi pop culture, stating it “runs

through our blood.”

Fans reacted enthusiastically to the reveal, calling the teaser a guaranteed hit. Known for his fusion of Punjabi lyrics with Western sounds, Aujla continues to push the genre into global territory.

‘P Pop Culture’ follows the success of his previous chart-topping tracks and is expected to feature bold visuals and genre-blending production.



### Beyoncé reunites with Destiny’s Child during final ‘Cowboy Carter’ tour stop

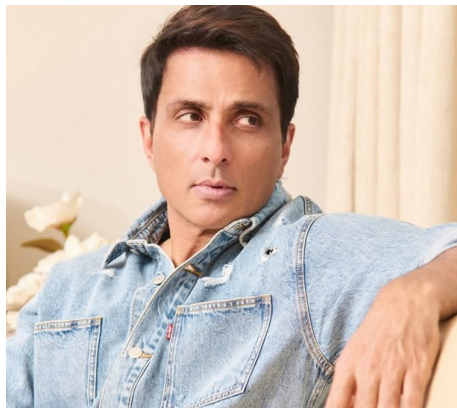


Beyoncé closed her 'Cowboy Carter' tour with a surprise Destiny’s Child reunion during her final show at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas on July 26. Midway through the concert, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams joined Beyoncé onstage, performing hits including 'Independent Women' and 'Bootylicious', sparking a wave of nostalgia among fans. The trio last performed together at Coachella in 2018.

Beyoncé also brought out husband Jay Z and rapper Shaboozey for special segments during the show, and her daughter Blue Ivy made a brief appearance. The Las Vegas concert capped off a critically acclaimed tour inspired by her country-infused album 'Cowboy Carter', which has received widespread praise for pushing genre boundaries.



## Sonu Sood to build old-age home for 500 seniors to mark his birthday



Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood has announced the launch of an old-age home to house 500 destitute senior citizens. The initiative, revealed on his 52nd birthday on July 30, will provide shelter, meals, medical care, and companionship to elders who are without family support. Sood, known for his humanitarian efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, will fund the project himself. While he hasn't disclosed the location yet, the facility is expected to be operational within a year. The announcement earned widespread appreciation, with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu calling it a "noble" gesture and praising Sood as a "real hero." Over the years, Sood has supported thousands of people with free transport, education, and health services. His birthday message emphasized the need to protect elders and give them a sense of dignity and belonging in their later years.

## Salman Khan's blackbuck poaching case to be heard on September 22



The Rajasthan High Court will hear Bollywood actor Salman Khan's plea to transfer his 1998 blackbuck poaching case on September 22, alongside the state government's appeal against the acquittal of other accused.

The state is challenging the 2022 decision that cleared actors Saif Ali Khan, Tabu, Sonali Bendre, Neelam, and Dushyant Singh.

Salman Khan was convicted in 2018 for killing two blackbucks while filming 'Hum Saath Saath Hain' near Jodhpur and was sentenced to five years in prison.

His appeal to transfer the trial is now being heard together with the government's case. The High Court said this joint hearing will help streamline proceedings in one of Bollywood's longest-running wildlife cases.

## 'Made in India – a Titan story' casts Naseeruddin Shah as J. R. D. Tata

Amazon's upcoming drama 'Made in India – a Titan Story' will star Naseeruddin Shah as iconic industrialist J. R. D. Tata. Released on July 29 to mark Tata's 121st birth anniversary, the first look also revealed Jim Sarbh in the role of Xerxes Desai, the founding managing director of Titan.

The series, directed by Robby Grewal and written by Karan Vyas, is based on the book Titan: Inside India's Most Successful Consumer Brand by Vinay Kamath. It explores how the Tata Group created one of India's most recognized watch brands. Produced by Almighty Motion Picture and T-Series Films, the ensemble cast includes Namita Dubey, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Lakshvir Saran, and Kaveri Seth. The series will stream exclusively on



MX Player in 2026.

Shah's portrayal of Tata has already drawn praise for capturing the essence of the visionary businessman who redefined Indian aviation and industry.

## A. R. Rahman visits K. J. Yesudas in Dallas during concert tour

Music maestro A. R. Rahman paid a personal visit to legendary playback singer K. J. Yesudas at his home in Dallas during a break in his ongoing Wonderment Tour. The meeting, which took place in late July, was shared on social media by Rahman, who described it as a moment of great inspiration. Calling Yesudas his "childhood favorite," Rahman said he was moved by the singer's continued engagement with Indian classical music and spiritual learning. Yesudas, who has sung over 80,000 songs in multiple languages, welcomed Rahman warmly and shared insights into his current musical work. The rare meeting between two of India's most celebrated musical figures—spanning generations—was widely shared by fans. Yesudas, now



living in the United States with his family, has largely stepped back from the spotlight, making this visit a poignant moment for the Indian music community worldwide.

## Milind Soman and wife Ankita complete triathlon in Kolhapur

Actor and fitness icon Milind Soman and his wife Ankita Konwar recently completed a grueling triathlon challenge in Kolhapur. The event featured a 3.8 km swim in Rajaram Lake, a 180 km cycling leg, and a 10 km run. Milind celebrated Ankita's achievement of completing her first 180 km ride by sharing photos and

videos from the weekend on Instagram.

The duo previously ran the Tromsø Midnight Half Marathon in Norway. Known for his dedication to fitness, Milind also posted a slow 30-second pull-up in the Mumbai rains earlier this month, highlighting his continuous training even during travel recovery.



## Ed Sheeran says his family needs lifetime security



Singer Ed Sheeran has revealed that his family will need round-the-clock security for the rest of his life.

Speaking to Australia's 60 Minutes, Sheeran cited incidents including kidnap threats, attempted break-ins, and strange items left on his car.

The artist shared that while he's open to fan interactions, he draws a line when his children are involved. "I've had real arguments with fans trying to photograph my kids," he said.

On The Louis Theroux Podcast, Sheeran explained that 24-hour security for himself, his wife, and their children is now part of life, calling it a "different kind of normal."

## 'Bigg Boss 19' to premiere August 24 with new twist



The much-awaited reality show Bigg Boss 19, hosted by Salman Khan, will premiere on August 24 with the theme 'Gharwalon Ki Sarkaar.'

The new season promises a major shake-up—shifting decision-making power from individuals to the entire house. The show will air on COLORS and stream on JioCinema. In the teaser, Salman appears in a Nehru jacket, teasing intense drama ahead.

While the final lineup remains under wraps, rumored contestants include Ram Kapoor, Munmun Dutta, Mr. Faisu, and Raj Kundra. Salman said he's excited to see the chaos unfold with shared control in the house.





# वृंदावन मंदिर यात्रा का छठा पड़ाव श्री राधा मदन मोहन मंदिर

**IndoUS Tribune** की "यात्रा और दर्शन: वृंदावन मंदिर" श्रृंखला में आपका स्वागत है! जहाँ भगवान कृष्ण की बांसुरी की धुन हवा में गुंजती है और हर गली राधा-कृष्ण के प्रेम की कहानियाँ सुनाती है। इस आध्यात्मिक यात्रा के पहले पड़ाव में हमने बांके बिहारी जी के दर्शन किए थे। अब छोटे पड़ाव पर हम चलेंगे वृंदावन के सबसे प्राचीन और श्रद्धेय मंदिरों में से एक श्री राधा मदन मोहन मंदिर की ओर।

## श्री राधा मदन मोहन मंदिर का इतिहास

वृंदावन के आदि मंदिरों में शामिल, यह मंदिर भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के मदन मोहन रूप को समर्पित है। ऐसा माना जाता है कि इस मंदिर की मूल स्थापना भगवान कृष्ण के प्रपौत्र राजा वज्रनाभ द्वारा की गई थी। हालांकि वर्तमान मंदिर का निर्माण 1580 ई. में श्री चैतन्य महाप्रभु के शिष्य श्री सनातन गोस्वामी के मार्गदर्शन में कपूर रामदास, एक व्यापारी द्वारा करवाया गया।

## श्री विग्रह की खोज और प्रतिष्ठा

यह विग्रह एक पुरानी वटवृक्ष (अद्वैत वट) की जड़ में अद्वैत आचार्य को प्राप्त हुआ था। उन्होंने इसकी पूजा का कार्य अपने शिष्य पुरुषोत्तम चौबे को सौंपा, जिन्होंने आगे चलकर इसे सनातन गोस्वामी को अर्पित किया। सनातन गोस्वामी ने इसे द्वादशादित्य टीले पर स्थापित कर पूजा प्रारंभ की।

## औरंगजेब के हमले और विग्रह का स्थानांतरण

1670 ई. में मुगल शासक औरंगजेब के मंदिरों पर हमलों के दौरान, मदन मोहन जी की मूल मूर्ति को जयपुर और फिर करौली (राजस्थान) में स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया। वहाँ आज भी इसे श्रद्धा से पूजा जाता है। वृंदावन में आज जो मूर्ति स्थापित है, वह मूल विग्रह की प्रति-प्रतिमा (प्रतीक रूप) है।

## वर्तमान मंदिर और स्थापत्य

वर्तमान मंदिर की नींव 1819 ई. में बंगाल के जमींदार नंद कुमार बसु द्वारा डाली गई। यह मंदिर नागर शैली में बना है और इसकी ऊँचाई लगभग 50 फीट है। यह कालिया घाट के निकट यमुना तट पर स्थित है। लाल पत्थर से बना यह भव्य मंदिर अर्धवृत्ताकार शिखर के साथ अत्यंत सुंदर

शिल्पकला को दर्शाता है।

## मंदिर में पूज्य विग्रह

इस मंदिर में भगवान मदन मोहन के साथ राधा रानी और ललिता सखी की मूर्तियाँ प्रतिष्ठित हैं। यह राधा जी की मूर्तियाँ ओडिशा के राजा प्रतापरुद्र के पुत्र पुरुषोत्तम जेन द्वारा पुरी से मंगवाई गई थीं।

## विशेषता और महत्त्व

- ▶ यह वृंदावन का सबसे प्राचीन मंदिर माना जाता है।
- ▶ यह श्री सनातन गोस्वामी की साधना भूमि रही है। उनका भजन कुटीर और समाधि स्थल इसी मंदिर परिसर में स्थित है।
- ▶ मंदिर का ग्रंथ संग्रहालय (**Grantha Samagra**) कुछ प्राचीन पांडुलिपियों को संरक्षित रखता है।
- ▶ यहाँ प्रतिदिन भगवान को "अंगा कड़ी" (चना और गेहूँ

के आटे से बना लड्डू) का भोग अर्पित किया जाता है, जो सनातन गोस्वामी की आरंभ की गई परंपरा है।

## दर्शन समय

### गर्भी में:

**सुबह:** 6:00 बजे से 11:00 बजे तक

**शाम:** 5:00 बजे से 9:30 बजे तक

### सर्दियों में:

**सुबह:** 7:00 बजे से 12:00 बजे तक

**शाम:** 4:00 बजे से 8:00 बजे तक

कार्तिक माह में मंगल आरती सुबह 4:00 बजे होती है।

## कैसे पहुँचें

यह मंदिर भक्तिवेदांत स्वामी मार्ग से लौबाजार और कृष्ण बलराम मंदिर के बीच स्थित है। कालिया घाट से मात्र आधा

किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है।

श्री राधा मदन मोहन मंदिर का यह अनुभव **IndoUS Tribune** की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा को एक गहराई प्रदान करता है जहाँ इतिहास, भक्ति और सौंदर्य का संगम होता है।

हमारी अगली कड़ी में हम चलेंगे वृंदावन के एक और पवित्र स्थान श्री राधा दामोदर मंदिर की ओर, जहाँ श्री जीव गोस्वामी और अन्य गौड़ीय आचार्यों की उपस्थिति से इस मंदिर को अद्वितीय बना दिया है। तब तक के लिए, श्री मदन मोहन जी की कृपा आप पर बनी रहे, यही मंगलकामनाएँ।

तब तक के लिए, राधा गोविंद देव जी की कृपा आप पर बनी रहे — जय श्री राधे!





# Shreemad Bhagwat Gita - As I understand

## Chapter Seven: Jnana-Vijnana Yoga (The yoga of knowledge and science)

This chapter begins with Lord Krishna's discourse on the Yoga of Knowledge and Wisdom (Jnana-Vijnana Yoga). That is why it is often referred to as the essence of divine knowledge and realization.



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Lord Krishna tells Arjuna that the knowledge he is about to share leaves nothing further to be known. Among millions, only a few yearn for such truth, and among those rare seekers, even fewer truly come to realize it.

O Arjuna, listen now. My nature is of two kinds—Apara (lower, material) and Para (higher, conscious). The material nature is visible and gross; everyone can see it. But my conscious nature is subtle—rarely perceived or understood. Only blessed devotees, through my grace, come to experience it. My Apra Shakti is divided into eight components: Earth, Water, Ether, Air, Fire, Mind, Intellect, and Ego.

My higher energy—the life force itself—is what animates all living beings. I am the root cause of all existence, and thus I reside in every being as the force of life. Living beings are governed by this force, yet I am not bound by it. Though I remain independent, I permeate every atom of this universe.

(The Lord's Manifestation in Nature)

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praava sarva-vedeu śabda khe paurua nū  
puyo gandha pthivyā ca tejaś cāsmi vibhāvasau  
jivana sarva-bhūteu tapas cāsmi tapasviu  
bija mā sarva-bhūtānā viddhi pārtha sanātanam  
buddhir buddhimatām asmi tejas tejasvinām aham



**Translation:**

O son of Kunti! I am the taste in water, the light in the moon and sun, the sacred syllable Om in all Vedic chants, the sound in space, and the strength of men. I am the pure fragrance of Earth, the heat of fire, the life force in all beings, and the austerity in ascetics. O Partha, know Me as the eternal seed of all creatures. I am the intellect of the intelligent and the brilliance of the brilliant.

Lord Krishna now explains through examples how His presence can be seen in the world around us. O Arjuna, I am present in water as taste, in the sun and moon as their light, in the Vedas as Om, in space as sound, and in fire as heat. I am the strength in the wind, the vigor in manhood, and the wisdom in the wise.

He then introduces the three Gunas (qualities)—Sattva (purity), Rajas (passion), and Tamas (inertia). The world runs on the interplay of these three. Through these, I manifest Maya, the divine illusion, in which the ignorant remain entangled. These Gunas are born of me, but I transcend them. I reside not in illusion but in the hearts of my true devotees.

The wise recognize my true nature and rise above the veil of Maya through realization.

daivī hy eā gua-mayī mama māyā duratyayā  
mām eva ye prapadyante māyām etā taranti te (Verse 14)

**Translation:**

This divine illusion of mine, made up of the three Gunas, is very difficult to overcome. But those who surrender unto Me alone can cross beyond it.

Those who worship Me with unwavering devotion do not get caught in this web of illusion. Maya is formidable, but only those who have surrendered at my feet can transcend it. Others remain entangled

in this cycle of birth and death, caught in worldly delusion.

**The Four Types of Devotees**

catur-vidhā bhajante mā janā suktino 'rjuna  
ārto jijñāsur arthārthī jñānī ca bharatarabha

**In the above verse, Lord Krishna describes four kinds of devotees:**

Arthartha – Seeker of wealth and material benefit

Jijnasu – The inquisitive seeker of truth  
Aarta – The distressed, praying for relief from suffering

Jñani – The wise devotee, seeking nothing but the divine itself

The Arthartha prays for prosperity, the Jijnasu seeks to unravel the mysteries of divinity, the Aarta is in emotional or physical pain, seeking relief. But the Jñani—through knowledge, contemplation, and detachment—grasps the Lord's true nature. Such a devotee remains unaffected by worldly highs and lows and strives ceaselessly toward union with the Divine.

udārā sarva evaite jñānī tv ātmaiva me matam

āsthita sa hi yuktātmā mām evānuttamā gatim (Verse 18)

**Translation:**

All these devotees are noble, but the Jñani is truly My very self. With a steady mind and devoted soul, he sees Me as his supreme goal and dwells in Me alone.

The Jñani bhakta is dearest to me. Why? Because he desires nothing in return—not pleasure, not success. His love is selfless, and so I care deeply for his joys and sorrows. I watch over him, always.

nāha prakāśa sarvasya yoga-māyā-samāvta

mūho 'ya nābhijānāti loko mām ajam avyayam (Verse 25)

**Translation:**

I am not revealed to everyone, being veiled by My divine Yoga-Maya. The ignorant fail to recognize Me as the unborn and eternal Supreme. Here again, Krishna reminds us: I remain concealed by Maya and thus, many do not recognize Me. They mistake My divine incarnation as a mere mortal presence, bound by birth and death. But the Jñani, through wisdom, sees beyond this veil.

The world's joys and sorrows, born of desire and aversion, continue to bewilder the ignorant. But the wise, detached from these dualities, pursue Me with faith, discipline, and unwavering intent. All their actions—be it tapasya, yajna, or any form of spiritual practice—are aimed at attaining Me. And I assist them, step by step, in reaching Me.

To understand this more clearly—just as steam, clouds, and ice are all forms of water, so too do I exist in all aspects of this world: Adhibhuta (material realm), Adhidaiva (divine realm), and Adhiyajna (sacrificial realm). These are all manifestations of Me in different forms. Those who understand this supreme secret, make my Vasudeva form the ultimate goal of their life—and strive tirelessly to attain it. This, then, is the essence of Chapter Seven: The Yoga of Knowledge and Wisdom. It is extraordinary in its depth and clarity. Devotees make many efforts, but until the grace of the Lord descends, the final realization remains elusive.

Let us, like Arjuna, strive to understand the Divine form of the Lord and make every possible effort to attain it. I have full faith that the Lord will surely shower His grace upon us all!

Jai Shri Krishna!!



# Vedic Wellness International University brings cultural and spiritual vibrancy to Streamwood

By: Jayanti Oza

Nestled in the quiet suburb of Streamwood, Illinois, the Vedic Wellness International University (IUVW) has emerged as a vibrant center for wellness, culture, and learning. On July 29, 2025, news media journalist Jayanti Oza toured the institution at the invitation of IUVW Manager Deepti Shah, offering a rare glimpse into the university's unique offerings.

The two-story building stands out in the area for its distinct spiritual and cultural ambiance. Visitors are welcomed by a beautifully crafted lingam of Lord Mahadev at the entrance, setting a sacred tone. Above, the ceiling is adorned with flags from various countries, representing the university's commitment to global unity and inclusivity.

A highlight of the facility is a grand indoor water fountain, whose rhythmic flow creates a calming, almost musical atmosphere. The university features a state-of-the-art auditorium with a seating capacity of over 400, equipped with a sound system and LED screen, ideal for theatrical performances and cultural programs. An adjacent modern kitchen is designed to efficiently serve large gatherings.

The center also offers holistic wellness through Ayurvedic therapy, led by Dr. Pushpa Shah, an expert practitioner. On the second floor, a sprawling yoga hall accommodates up to 400 participants. Dedicated rooms for classical dance forms such as Bharatanatyam, a conference room, and a library housing a diverse range of literature round out the university's wellness and cultural mission.



An award gallery showcases the institution's accolades and milestones over the years. Among its standout programs is a painting class led

by art instructor Eva Contractor, who specializes in working with seniors, offering them a creative and therapeutic outlet.



# FLA, city officials finalize logistics for India Independence Day Parade on Devon Avenue

By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA Since 1980) convened with City of Chicago officials on Friday to finalize preparations for the upcoming India Independence Day Parade on Devon Avenue. The planning session, hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), was held at the 24th District Police Station.

Key attendees included FIA President Hemant Patel, Secretary Dr. Avi Verma, Executive Vice Presidents Amar Upadhyay and Rohit Sharma, along with representatives from Alderwoman Debra Silverstein's office, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), and multiple city departments.

**Final logistics confirmed for the August 24 parade include:**

- Deployment of at least 20 uniformed volunteers for crowd control
- Approximately 30 units comprising floats, decorated vehicles, and walking groups
- Vehicle staging on the west side of Western Avenue (Devon to Pratt); no parking allowed in this zone
- No parking on Devon Avenue from Western to California
- Parade route:** Starts at Devon & Western (2358 W Devon Ave) and ends at Devon & California (2799 W Devon Ave)
- Stage location:** Southwest corner of Devon & Washtenaw; walkways to remain clear
- Stage setup to begin at 8:00 AM; parade kickoff at 11:00 AM.

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# Congressman Krishnamoorthi champions justice, honors veterans, and advances education reform

By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) continued a packed week of legislative and community action with major developments spanning criminal justice, military recognition, and higher education reform. From blocking clemency for a convicted sex trafficker to awarding a Vietnam veteran a long-overdue Purple Heart, and reintroducing a landmark education bill, Krishnamoorthi remains at the forefront of key national issues.

## Krishnamoorthi: 'No pardon. No deal.' for Ghislaine Maxwell

Congressman Krishnamoorthi announced he will introduce a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives formally opposing any presidential pardon, commutation, or clemency for Ghislaine Maxwell, the convicted sex trafficker and associate of Jeffrey Epstein. The move follows reports that Maxwell, who is serving a 20-year sentence for trafficking minors, has offered to testify before Congress in exchange for clemency. In a letter to the House Oversight Committee, Maxwell's attorney suggested she would provide open testimony only if granted immunity.

"Ghislaine Maxwell directly facilitated the sexual abuse of children," said Krishnamoorthi. "The idea that her



freedom could be traded for false testimony is an insult to survivors and a threat to the integrity of our justice system. Justice must never be for sale—especially to those who prey on children." This resolution comes amid continued concern over the Trump administration's refusal to release the full Epstein files, further raising questions about political interference and transparency.

## Purple Heart awarded to Vietnam War veteran Sgt. Joseph Leuze

In a moving ceremony in Schaumburg, Congressman Krishnamoorthi honored Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Joseph Leuze with the Purple Heart—an award long overdue for wounds he sustained during the Vietnam War. Sgt. Leuze, a Bronze Star recipient, served across three major conflicts including Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Afghanistan, with a distinguished 35-year military career. "Sergeant Leuze's decades of service are a testament to his courage and devotion to duty," said Krishnamoorthi. "It was an honor to

finally recognize his sacrifice in front of his family and community."

## Reintroducing the bipartisan College Transparency Act

In a significant move to improve access to higher education information, Congressman Krishnamoorthi joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers in reintroducing the College Transparency Act (CTA)—a bill aimed at providing students and families with critical data to make better-informed decisions about postsecondary education. Joined by Reps. Mike Kelly (R-PA), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), and Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), and co-sponsored in the Senate by Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), the legislation has garnered widespread support across party lines.

"Choosing a college is one of the biggest financial decisions a family will make," said Krishnamoorthi. "They deserve access to clear and accurate information on cost, graduation rates, and post-college earnings. The College Transparency Act empowers them to make that decision wisely." The bill will modernize the national postsecondary data system while safeguarding student privacy. It offers detailed information about enrollment, transfer, graduation rates, and employment outcomes—data that many families currently lack when

navigating college options.

The CTA has gained bipartisan support from over 20 U.S. Senators, including Tammy Baldwin, Shelley Moore Capito, Thom Tillis, Amy Klobuchar, and others, and is endorsed by a wide coalition of education organizations such as:

- ▶ The U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
- ▶ Complete College America
- ▶ Advance Illinois
- ▶ American Association of Community Colleges

"The College Transparency Act will strengthen our education system, enhance workforce competitiveness, and drive economic growth," said Rodney Davis of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

## Tribute to Congressman Danny Davis

Lastly, Congressman Krishnamoorthi responded to the retirement announcement of his longtime colleague Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL), calling him a "mentor, a role model, and a dear friend." "His leadership has left an indelible mark on Chicago, Illinois, and our country," Krishnamoorthi said. "I'm deeply grateful for his service and wish him and his family every happiness in their next chapter."













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# FIA-Chicago and Hindu Mahotsav Group host vibrant summer picnic celebrating Indian culture and unity

By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA-Chicago), in partnership with the Chicago Hindu Mahotsav Group NFP, hosted a joyful summer picnic on a warm Sunday, bringing together over 150 community members for a day filled with cultural celebration, music, food, and family-friendly entertainment.

Held in a festive atmosphere, the event featured traditional games, group karaoke, dance performances, and high-spirited Garba, engaging guests of all ages. The picnic provided a platform for cultural connection and celebration, strengthening bonds within the Indian American community.

Several distinguished guests attended, including Mafatbhai Patel of the iconic Patel Brothers, along with FIA past presidents and trustees such as Bhailalbhai Patel, Kantibhai S. Patel, Kantibhai N. Patel, Rakesh Malhotra, Dr. Rashmi Patel, and Raj Patel.

Spiritual leaders from Harisumiran Mandir — P. Guruprasad Swamiji, P. Harisanmukh Swamiji, and Himanshubhai Sheth — graced the occasion with blessings and invited the community to their August 10 event.

Vineshbhai Virani, President of VHPA, also spoke about the upcoming “Support a Child” fundraiser on August 9, aimed at assisting underserved children in India.

Film producer Abhinav Raina invited attendees to the premiere of The Bengal Files, a feature that explores untold historical narratives with an eye toward justice and awareness.

Musical highlights included soulful Garba performances by Shikha and Tirth and devotional karaoke presented by the Saraswati Singers Group. Angel’s DJ, Chirag Patel, kept



the energy high with crowd-pleasing tracks throughout the day. FIA-Chicago President Hemant Patel expressed gratitude to Shailesh and Bela Rajput of Hindu Mahotsav Group for their leadership in organizing the picnic. He also thanked volunteers and sponsors whose support made the event a success.

## Sponsors included:

Anil Singh (Red Tomatoes Restaurant), Joy Shah (Rapid Rasoi), Vinesh Virani, Rajubhai Shah, Rakesh Malhotra, Rajendra Thakkar, Care for Soul, Dynasty HomeCare, Dr. Nita Patel, Nirav Patel (Attorney), Horizon Accounting, and CHMG-Bela Rajput & team.

## Upcoming FIA-Chicago events:

► August 10: Walk in the ICO

Naperville Parade (10:30 AM)

► August 15: Flag Hoisting at Daley Center (morning) & Patriotic Diaro at Manav Seva Mandir (evening)

► August 16: Tiranga Car Rally at National India Hub (1:00 PM)

► August 22: Patriotic Gala at Manav Seva Mandir (6:00 PM)

► August 24: India Independence

Day Parade on Devon Avenue (10:30 AM)

The IndoUS Tribune commends FIA-Chicago and the Hindu Mahotsav Group for organizing a heartfelt celebration that continues to foster cultural pride and community spirit across the Midwest.





# KADVA Patidar Samaj Chicago hosts spirited 5K Walkathon and family picnic



By: Jayanti Oza

**T**he KADVA Patidar Samaj (KPS) Chicago brought together its members for a vibrant day of fitness, food, and family fun at the scenic Busse Woods Forest Preserve last month.

The day began with a 5K Walkathon at Grove 5, where 45 enthusiastic

KPS youth participated. The walk commenced at 8:30 a.m. and wrapped up by 9:45 a.m., with prizes awarded to the first 21 runners.

The event fostered a spirit of healthy competition and community bonding, with many youths already eager to volunteer and participate again next year. The initiative was further bolstered by generous donations from

the wider KPS community.

Following the walk, the annual KPS picnic unfolded at Grove 6, drawing over 600 members, families, and friends. Guests enjoyed an array of traditional and festive fare, along with scrumptious delicacies.

Children enjoyed a variety of organized games, with 26 young winners receiving gift cards.

The program concluded with a heartfelt arti dedicated to Shree Umiya Mataji, followed by a traditional Gujarati dinner served in the evening concluding the event.

KPS extends its gratitude to all attendees, as well as the Executive Team, Board of Directors, Trustees, Advisory Committee, and volunteers whose efforts made the event a resounding success.







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# Luxury in leather, legacy in every stitch

Why the Birkin and Kelly remain fashion's ultimate icons

**I**n the ever-shifting world of fashion, where trends flicker like candlelight, Hermès bags remain enduring beacons of

sophistication. The French maison's legendary Birkin and Kelly bags are more than accessories—they're heirlooms, investment pieces, and

cultural milestones wrapped in buttery leather and burnished with prestige.

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Each stitch, known as the 'saddle stitch,' is done by hand using a centuries-old technique, reinforcing the brand's heritage and quality promise. What makes a Hermès bag timeless isn't just exclusivity—it's the emotional narrative and craftsmanship behind every piece. While waitlists still run long and prices start upwards of \$10,000, demand remains unshaken. In fact, Hermès bags have outperformed gold in investment circles, often appreciating in value over time.

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\$SPXA50R, SP500 %Above 50-dMA 73.80% (overbought)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative), 5/31/25  
OEFs & ETFs: Stocks 60.61%, Hybrids 4.16%, Bonds 17.70%, M-Mkt 17.54%

## INTEREST RATES

Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%  
Current 4.25-4.50%  
FOMC 7/30/25+ hold  
FOMC 9/17/25+ cut

## Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.42%, 1-yr 4.09%; T-Notes 2-yr 3.91%, 5-yr 3.95%, 10-yr 4.40%; T-Bonds 30-yr 4.92%;  
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 1.48%, 10-yr 1.96%, 30-yr 2.60%  
FRNs Index 4.286%  
US Savings I-Bonds rate from 5/1/25 – 10/31/25 is 3.98% (previous 3.11%); the fixed rate is 1.10%, the semiannual inflation is 1.43%.

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Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 7/1/25  
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates  
Restricted RC 5.25%, RA 5.00%  
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TSP G Fund 4.25% (previous 4.500%).

Weekly ETFs INDA -1.28%, EPI



-1.48%, INDH -0.46%, SPY +1.52%

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

## MARKETS

Several Indian firms offer accounts for Indians to invest in the US markets - Vested, INDmoney, Groww, ICICI Direct, HDFC, etc. There may be extra fees & tax complications. These accounts must be funded in US dollars. Indians can also buy international funds that are available in India.

## IT/TECH

US-India satellite NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) is to launch on 7/30/25. Its dual-band radar instrumentations will use L-band (by JPL) & S-band (by ISRO) for 3D mapping of all earth surfaces

(land, ice, water) once every 12 days.

## ECONOMY

UK-India free trade agreement (FTA) was signed in London on 7/24/25. There are huge reductions in tariffs, some immediate, others phased; UK access to Indian government contracts; exemption from social security payments for 3 years by temporary workers in UK; easier visas for temporary contract workers, etc.

## SPECIAL TOPICS

Small Indian pharma Stallion Labs is moving HQ to Mansfield, TX. It has received several land & tax incentives.

UK Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales' highly advanced supersonic fighter jet F-35B (stealth, STOVL) was stuck in Southern India for 5+ weeks after an emergency landing. Indian media had lot of fun with it. It was finally fixed & flew out to another British carrier in Darwin, Australia. STOVL = short take-off & vertical-landing.

## COMPREHENSIVE PORTFOLIO SOFTWARE (Part II)

These have both transactional & analytics capabilities. There are 2 ways that a portfolio software can get transactional information for buys & sells, & distribution reinvestments. The first way is the manual entry capability that used to be more common. The second way that is more popular now is with link to the brokerage or fund family. Investors may be concerned about security risks of account linking; moreover, evaluating test portfolios isn't possible.

Morningstar Portfolio

This is a rapidly evolving new product at a low-cost; try multiyear

subscription discount to lower costs. It started with very limited manual capabilities, but those are getting better. The portfolio analytics remain weak. The monthly return data are used for analytics. It will eventually replace the old Morningstar Legacy Portfolio (counted as +) that has great manual capabilities including auto-reinvestments (with just a click). Both versions are available for now & all changes made in Morningstar Legacy Portfolios are reflected in Morningstar Portfolio, but not always so for the reverse.

## Stock Rover (SR)

It has a free version, but for portfolio analytics, SR-Premium with low-cost is needed. While feature rich, it isn't very user-friendly & has a steep learning-curve. The manual mode requires manual reinvestments of distributions & that may become a monthly time-consuming chore, but if not done regularly, the portfolio data will drift from true values. A unique feature is that it uses daily return data, so its MPT statistics won't be comparable to those from sites using monthly return data.

The list of portfolio software featured in Part I & II isn't comprehensive. It provides insights into 5+ portfolio software with which the author has direct familiarity - 3 for Analytics (see 7/18/25 issue) & 2+ Comprehensive. Some brokers also have good portfolio capabilities, for example, Fidelity Full View. Experienced DIY investors may develop their own portfolio software using Excel or Google Sheets. Excluded from consideration here were pure charting & family budgeting software.

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# Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

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

## 2. Program Structure & Exams:

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

## 3. Assessments:

- ▶ End-of-block graded exams
- ▶ DxR Clinician virtual patient simulation graded assignments
- ▶ Non-graded DAR exams (at the end of Blocks 3, 6, 9) to identify

knowledge gaps.

- ▶ 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

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

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**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.

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# A gut reaction: Revolutionary discovery links gut bacteria molecule to heart disease

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In a groundbreaking revelation that could reshape cardiovascular medicine, Spanish scientists have identified a simple molecule produced by gut bacteria that directly causes atherosclerosis—a condition responsible for millions of deaths annually due to heart attacks and strokes.

Published in *Nature*, this landmark study shifts the long-standing narrative that atherosclerosis is caused primarily by cholesterol buildup. Researchers now point to a compound called imidazole propionate, produced by certain gut microbes, as a major independent trigger of the disease.

## The study that sparked a medical breakthrough

Fifteen years ago, the National Center for Cardiovascular Research (CNIC) in Madrid launched an ambitious project involving thousands of employees at Banco Santander. The goal? To understand the early development of heart disease in seemingly healthy individuals.

What researchers found was shocking: 63% of volunteers aged 40–55 showed signs of silent atherosclerosis, even with no outward symptoms. Upon further investigation, one molecule consistently appeared in those with active disease: imidazole propionate (chemical formula  $C_6H_8N_2O_2$ ).

## How it works

This microbial molecule, when it enters the bloodstream, interacts with immature white blood cells and triggers a damaging inflammatory response in the arteries—setting off the buildup of fatty plaques.

Experiments in mice confirmed the molecule's dangerous potential. Administering imidazole propionate caused

the animals to develop arterial plaques. But there's hope: a drug developed to block the receptor this molecule binds to completely prevented the disease in treated mice.

## Beyond cholesterol: A new layer in heart disease

This discovery challenges the idea that cholesterol alone is responsible for cardiovascular risk. In fact, one in five human subjects with active atherosclerosis had high levels of imidazole propionate—even if their cholesterol levels were normal.

The study reinforces that atherosclerosis also has an inflammatory and autoimmune component, expanding the focus of both diagnosis and treatment.



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— DR. DAVID SANCHO, CNIC LEAD INVESTIGATOR

## The gut-heart connection: Which bacteria are to blame?

While the specific strains responsible are still under investigation, researchers observed shifts in gut flora associated with harmful levels of imidazole propionate. Increases in genera like *Escherichia*, *Shigella*, and *Eubacterium* were notable.

Conversely, individuals following diets rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fish, and low-fat dairy showed lower levels of the dangerous molecule—reinforcing long-held beliefs about the power of nutrition in preventing heart disease.

## An urgent global impact

Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death worldwide, claiming over 18 million lives annually. This new research could change that trajectory.

“This study could revolutionize how we diagnose and treat atherosclerosis,” stated a press release from CNIC. In the early stages of the disease—when no symptoms are present—measuring levels of imidazole

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propionate might serve as a powerful diagnostic tool.

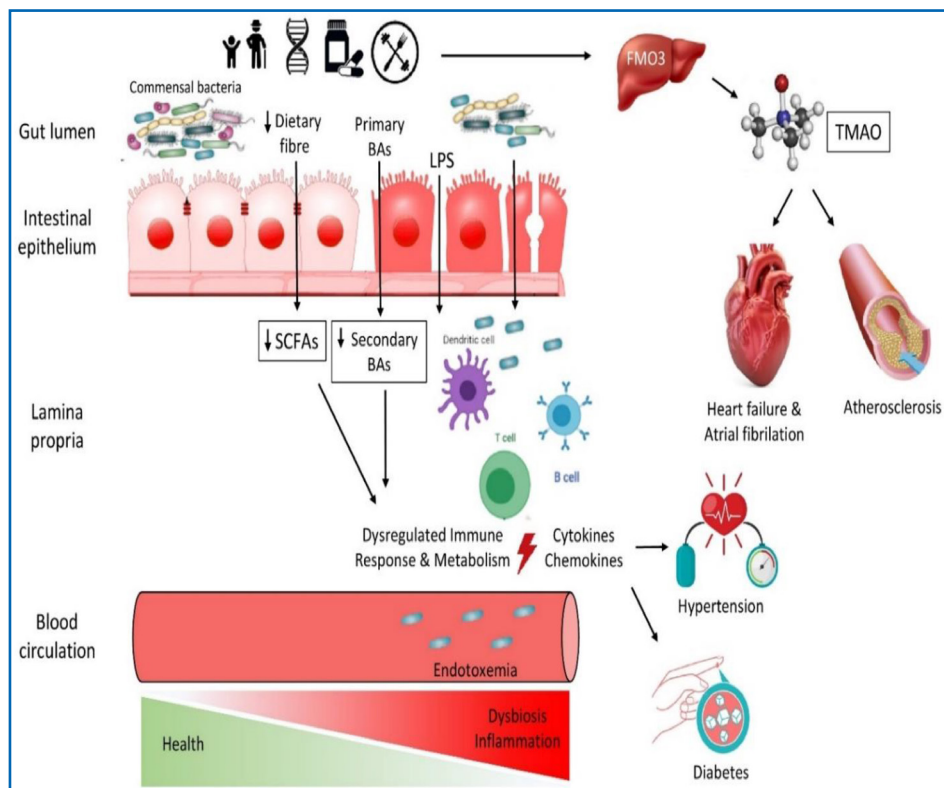
## Looking ahead: A new era in preventive cardiology?

With support from European research agencies and the participation of more than 4,000 volunteers, this study represents a massive collaborative effort. It also adds to a growing body of science uncovering the role of gut microbes in everything from diabetes to cancer.

Just as another recent study linked a bacterial toxin (colibactin) to rising rates of colorectal cancer in young adults, this new research reaffirms the gut as a central player in systemic disease—and a promising frontier for future treatments.”

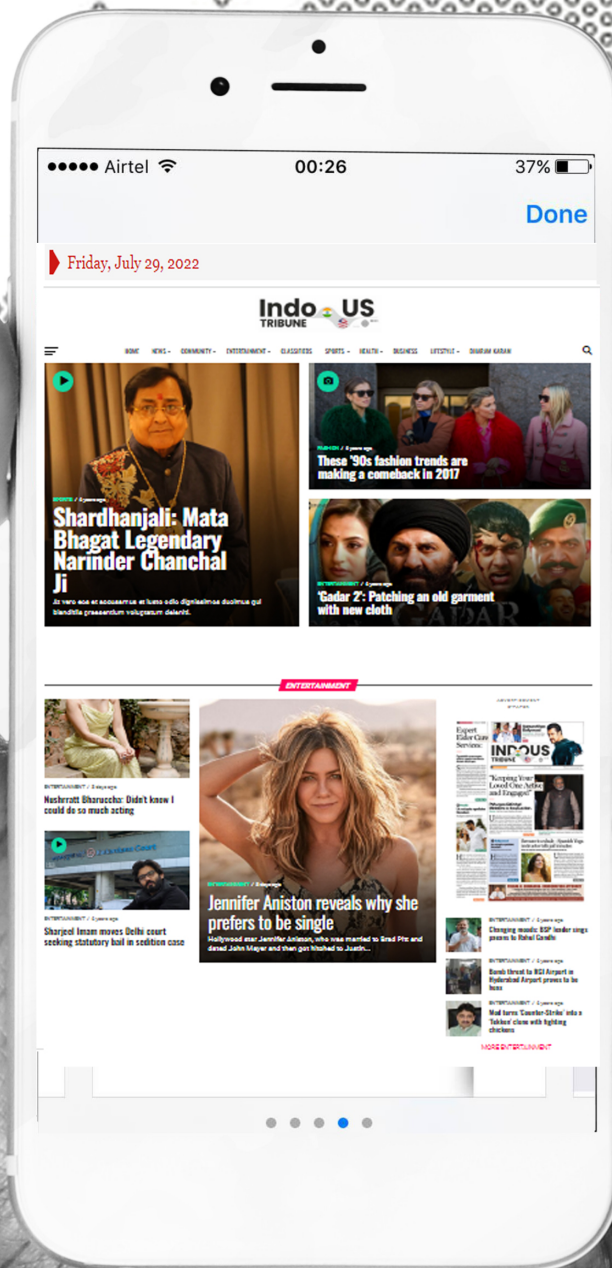
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