

India clinches ninth Asia Cup title with thrilling win over Pakistan



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India lifted the Asia Cup 2025 on Sunday after a nerve-wracking chase, defeating Pakistan by five wickets in a match that went down to the final over. Chasing 147, India faced early setbacks as Abhishek Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav fell cheaply, leaving the team at 20/3 inside the fourth over.

Shubman Gill and Tilak Varma steadied the innings, but Gill's dismissal once again tilted the momentum. Sanju Samson joined Varma, building a 57-run partnership before Abrar Ahmed's strike brought Pakistan closer to a comeback. Shivam Dube then arrived and, alongside Varma, guided India home, scoring crucial runs in the final overs.

Varma remained unbeaten on 69 off 53 balls, anchoring India's chase, while Dube contributed vital support. Earlier, Pakistan's strong start of 113/1 was dismantled by Indian spinners, led by Kuldeep Yadav, who triggered a nine-wicket collapse, restricting them to 146. India's victory extended their unbeaten record against Pakistan in the Asia Cup and secured a record ninth title.

Jaishankar calls Pakistan epicentre of terrorism, urges UN reform at General Assembly



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At the United Nations General Assembly in New York, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed world leaders on Saturday, calling India's neighbor an "epicentre of global terrorism" and highlighting the April Pahalgam attack. He carefully avoided naming Pakistan, prompting the country to admit the label "Terroristan" during its right of reply, leading India to stage a walkout. Jaishankar also emphasized the importance of deeper international cooperation against terrorism and condemned state-sponsored terror.

On Friday, he warned that the UN is "in crisis," urging Security Council reform and a permanent seat for India while stressing the need for the Council to be representative and address historical injustices. He highlighted rising protectionism, tariff volatility, and supply chain manipulation without naming the United States or China, calling for de-risking strategies and fair trade. His speech, rich with symbolism, invoked Bharat seven times and underlined India's principles of self-reliance, security, and self-confidence in global affairs.

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World leaders and Indian missions worldwide honor Gandhi on his 156th birth anniversary

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Mahatma Gandhi's 156th birth anniversary on Thursday was marked globally with tributes, celebrations, and calls to uphold his timeless message of peace, non-violence, and social justice. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the world to draw strength from Gandhi's principles to confront injustice without hatred, advance diplomacy, and build a just, sustainable, and peaceful world amid "dangerous and divided times." India's Permanent Representative to the UN, P. Harish, highlighted the universal relevance of non-violence, linking Gandhian values to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and noting that peaceful dialogue remains essential even in today's complex global challenges.

Indian missions and diaspora communities worldwide organized floral tributes, hymn renditions, and public events. Ambassadors and officials paid homage at statues and



embassy premises in Finland, Romania, Turkey, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, and Nepal.

Celebrations included unveiling busts, singing Gandhiji's favorite bhajans, and engaging in Swachhata drives under the 'Swachhata Hi Seva 2025' initiative, reflecting Gandhi's vision of a clean and sustainable environment. Speakers emphasized that non-

violence is not the absence of action but the strength to resist oppression with moral courage.

Gandhi's legacy, from his early activism in South Africa to India's independence and global movements for justice, continues to inspire leaders and communities to promote empathy, dialogue, and ethical leadership worldwide.

US government shuts down as budget dispute leaves hundreds of thousands furloughed

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The US federal government has shut down after Republicans and Democrats failed to agree on a budget, leaving roughly 40 percent of the federal workforce, or about 750,000 employees, on unpaid leave. The impasse began at 00:01 EDT on Wednesday, marking the first shutdown in nearly seven years.

The shutdown stems from disagreement over funding priorities. Democrats seek extensions for expiring tax credits that make health insurance more affordable and oppose cuts to Medicaid and federal health agencies. While Republicans

control both chambers of Congress, they lack the 60 votes in the Senate needed to pass a spending bill, giving Democrats leverage. A stopgap bill passed in the House failed to clear the Senate.

Essential services, including law enforcement, air-traffic control, in-hospital medical care, Social Security and Medicare payments, will continue. Non-essential employees and contractors will be furloughed, and services like federally funded pre-schools, museums, and some research programs may be suspended. Analysts warn that prolonged closure could slow economic growth, though previous shutdowns have shown much of the impact can be temporary.



Putin praises PM Modi as balanced leader, backs India's oil trade with Russia



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has strongly defended India's decision to continue importing Russian crude oil, while praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "balanced and wise leader." Speaking at the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi this week, Putin highlighted the unique bond between the two countries and dismissed claims that India's oil purchases were politically motivated, emphasizing that they are driven purely by economic considerations.

"If India refuses our energy supplies, it will face losses of around \$9-10 billion, but accepting them also carries domestic political costs," Putin said, adding that the Indian people and Modi would not allow humiliation from external pressure.

The remarks come after US President Donald Trump criticized India at the United Nations for supporting Russia financially through oil imports, leading to a 25 per cent additional tariff on Indian goods in August. Putin also stressed expanding bilateral trade in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and other sectors as India-Russia ties approach their 15th anniversary.

Gold prices hit record highs amid U.S. government shutdown



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Gold prices soared to record levels as the U.S. government entered its first shutdown in nearly seven years. New York spot gold closed Tuesday at \$3,858.45 per troy ounce, while futures climbed toward \$3,900 on Wednesday. Silver futures rose more than 59 percent this year.

Analysts attribute the surge to economic uncertainty, including tariffs, inflation, and a weakening job market, as investors seek safe-haven assets. The shutdown, which furloughs approximately 750,000 federal workers, may delay key economic reports and adds further market anxiety.

Experts caution that gold is volatile and advise careful investment practices. Central bank demand and ongoing geopolitical conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine also contribute to rising prices.

World leaders back Trump's Gaza peace plan



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World leaders welcomed U.S. President Donald Trump's plan to end the Gaza conflict, unveiled Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The 20-point proposal calls for an immediate end to hostilities, the withdrawal of Israeli forces, the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, and a surge of humanitarian aid, contingent on both sides agreeing.

The plan requires Hamas to surrender and disarm. It also establishes temporary governance under a transitional committee of Palestinian and international experts, overseen by a "Board of Peace," chaired by Trump and including figures such as former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Key Arab and Western nations, including Qatar, Egypt, France, the UK, and Canada, expressed support. Hamas is reviewing the plan before issuing a formal response.

Nine killed in violent protests in Pakistan-administered Kashmir amid internet blackout

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At least nine people, including three police officers, have been killed during anti-government protests in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, officials confirmed on Wednesday. The demonstrations, organized by the Awami Action Committee (AAC), erupted on Monday amid an internet and mobile blackout, which limited independent reporting.

Thousands of protesters gathered in Muzaffarabad, demanding an end to political privileges such as free electricity and official vehicles. Security forces responded with tear gas and live fire, leaving streets littered with spent bullets, glass, and stones. Over 170 police personnel and 50 civilians were injured, while protest organizers reported more than 100 civilian injuries.

AAC leader Shaukat Nawaz alleged police fired on demonstrators, while



protesters accused authorities of restricting media coverage. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi blamed "miscreants under enemy instigation" for unrest.

Amnesty International called for an

immediate, impartial investigation into the clashes and warned that the ongoing communications blackout was fueling panic and misinformation. Protests and funerals continued on Thursday, with markets and schools remaining closed.

UN reinstates sanctions and arms embargo on Iran

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The United Nations reinstated an arms embargo and other sanctions on Iran Saturday after concerns over its nuclear program. The move, initiated by Britain, France, and Germany, follows allegations that Tehran violated the 2015 nuclear agreement intended to prevent weapons development. Iran denies pursuing nuclear bombs.

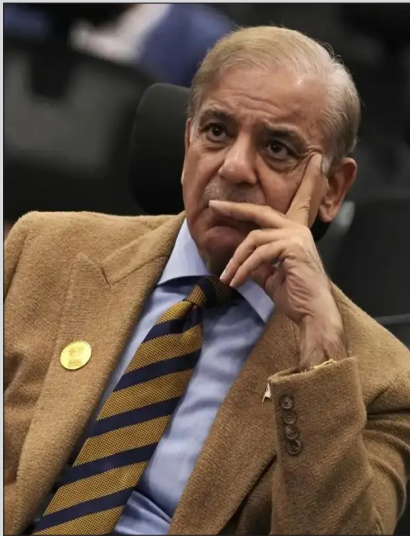
The sanctions, originally adopted between 2006 and 2010, bar certain economic and military activities. European and U.S. officials emphasized that diplomacy remains possible if Iran resumes compliance with inspections and talks.

Israeli authorities welcomed the measures, while Iran vowed a harsh response, recalling ambassadors for consultations. Russia criticized the



sanctions as unlawful. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the reimposition is intended to pressure Iran until a new agreement can be reached.

Amnesty report exposes mass surveillance in Pakistan



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A report released Wednesday by Amnesty International claims Pakistan is spying on more than 4 million citizens through advanced surveillance systems. The Web Monitoring System can block internet access, VPNs, and websites, while the Lawful Intercept Management System allows authorities to monitor calls, texts, online activity, and location data.

Technology suppliers include Germany's Utimaco, the UAE's Datafusion, and China's Geedge Network. Critics say surveillance mainly targets journalists, activists, and opposition politicians, with private recordings sometimes leaked for political gain.

Despite a 1997 Supreme Court ruling against state surveillance, authorities cite security and morality concerns to justify monitoring. Amnesty warns that the absence of strong data protection laws leaves Pakistanis vulnerable to repression, online restrictions, and arbitrary abuse.

Germany proposes \$164 billion Russian asset loan for Ukraine

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz called on the European Union to unlock 140 billion euros (\$164 billion) in frozen Russian assets to support Ukraine's war effort. Announced Thursday, the plan would provide Ukraine with an interest-free loan repaid only when Russia compensates for war damages. Merz said the move would initially require guarantees from EU member states, later replaced by collateralized EU guarantees in 2028.

The proposal aims to increase pressure on Moscow and strengthen Ukraine's defense and reconstruction capabilities. German Finance Minister Lars Klingbeil supported the idea,



citing the need to end Russia's war. So far, the EU has used only interest from frozen Russian assets, which have been restricted since Moscow invaded Ukraine in 2022.

Tech giants face court battle over casino-style apps



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Apple, Google, and Meta on Thursday asked a federal judge in San Jose to dismiss a case accusing them of profiting from social casino apps. The lawsuit alleges that the companies enabled gambling-like apps such as ‘Infinity Slots’ and ‘Lots of Slots’ to target vulnerable users by providing data and charging up to 30 percent commission on downloads.

The firms argue they only process transactions under existing fee models, not profit-sharing. Plaintiffs counter that billions in virtual chips make the apps equivalent to real gambling. Judge Edward Davila has not yet ruled on the dismissal request. A decision against the companies could open the door to lawsuits against other payment processors, including MasterCard and Visa.

Kremlin blames Europe for prolonging Ukraine war



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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said this week that European nations are preventing Ukraine from entering negotiations by encouraging Kyiv to continue the conflict.

He accused Europe of escalating tensions, promoting militarism, and planning to boost defense spending while portraying Russia as an adversary. Peskov added that Europe is obstructing peace efforts led by US President Donald Trump, though Moscow values Washington’s willingness to pursue diplomacy.

He reiterated that Russia will continue its “special military operation” while keeping the door open to talks. In August, Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin met in Alaska but failed to reach an agreement. Peskov said Sunday that Putin is ready to meet Trump in Moscow if Washington agrees.

IndiGo to restart flights between India and China

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Low-cost carrier IndiGo announced Thursday it will resume flights between India and China after more than five years. Daily nonstop flights from Kolkata to Guangzhou will begin on October 26, with Airbus A320neo aircraft.

Subject to approval, a Delhi–Guangzhou route will also be added. IndiGo said the services will boost trade, tourism, and business ties, helped by its prior experience in China.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs recently confirmed that direct flights between designated cities would restart this month.

No direct flights have operated since 2020, despite China remaining India’s largest trade partner. The decision follows



Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to China in September, where he and

President Xi Jinping discussed trade cooperation and easing tensions.

Former South Korean president skips insurrection trial again

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Former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol skipped his insurrection trial for the 13th consecutive session on Thursday, the first hearing broadcast online. The Seoul Central District Court allowed the broadcast to begin before witness questioning, citing the public’s right to know.

Yoon, arrested in July, faces charges of leading an insurrection and imposing martial law in December. His lawyers say health issues prevent attendance, but prosecutors argue he is avoiding accountability.

Earlier Thursday, the court rejected Yoon’s bail request, citing risks of evidence destruction. Yoon had argued detention makes it difficult to prepare his defense. Prosecutors are also pursuing additional charges of obstructing investigators and violating the rights of Cabinet members during his martial law attempt.



Sheikh Hasina’s son says Hindus fear persecution in Bangladesh

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Sajeeb Wazed, son of former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said Wednesday that Hindus in Bangladesh celebrated Durga Puja under fear due to rising extremism under the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus. He alleged that temples were attacked and worshippers intimidated, blaming extremists who once opposed the country’s Liberation. Wazed said the Awami League has historically protected minorities, rebuilding temples and enacting measures against communal violence.

He pledged that if the party returns to power, minorities will once again celebrate their faith without fear. Stressing secularism as central to Bangladesh’s founding, he said the current wave of persecution undermines the spirit of the 1971 Liberation War.

Hungary’s Orban accuses EU of planning war with Russia

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Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Thursday accused the European Union of adopting a war strategy against Russia at an informal summit in Copenhagen. He criticized EU support for projects such as a “drone wall” and proposals to use frozen Russian assets for loans to Ukraine, calling the plans dangerous for Hungary and Europe.

Orban vowed to launch a campaign against the measures and opposed changing EU enlargement rules to advance Ukraine’s membership talks. He instead proposed a strategic partnership for Kyiv. Russia also condemned the EU’s plans, with Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova warning that seizing Russian assets would be “theft” and pledging a strong response. She said European taxpayers would ultimately bear the cost.

Former US official urges Rahul Gandhi to focus on Indian values

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Former US government official Raymond Vickery responded Thursday to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s criticism of India’s democracy, urging political leaders to prioritize national values regardless of party affiliation. Speaking to IANS, Vickery compared India’s growing political divide to that in the United States, warning that bipartisan consensus on core values is weakening in both countries. He advised Indian leaders to adopt a broader outlook that promotes unity. Gandhi, speaking Wednesday at EIA University in Colombia, accused the Narendra Modi government of undermining democracy and said India’s diversity requires a system that allows multiple voices to flourish. He contrasted India’s decentralized structure with China’s centralized model, warning that authoritarianism cannot succeed in India’s design.



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Government shutdown 2025 – Smart politics or sheer arrogance?



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Washington has done it again. The federal government has shut down, leaving the American public to bear the brunt of political gridlock. Paychecks for federal workers are frozen in limbo, small businesses face delays in accessing loans, national parks and museums shut their doors, and countless services that ordinary Americans rely on are suspended. Families, already grappling with inflation and uncertainty, now wonder: was this shutdown unavoidable, or simply an exercise in arrogance?

The cost of dysfunction

Shutdowns are not abstract political maneuvers. Each day costs the economy billions in lost productivity, damages America’s credit rating, and erodes public trust in government. The longest shutdown in U.S. history—2018–19 under President Donald Trump—lasted 35 days and left lasting scars, from unpaid federal employees lining up at food banks to disruptions in air travel safety. Similar stories are now resurfacing. Once again, political gamesmanship has translated into real hardship for ordinary people.

History of compromise

Yet history shows us that such crises can often be avoided when leaders choose pragmatism over pride. Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O’Neill sparred over budgets in the 1980s, but neither allowed prolonged shutdowns; they compromised to

keep the country moving. Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich, after testing the limits in the bitter 1995–96 standoff, ultimately forged agreements that reassured both Wall Street and Main Street.

When the government came close to shutdowns under Barack Obama in 2011 and 2013, last-minute deals were struck to restore services, even as Republicans pushed for spending cuts tied to the debt ceiling. The country paid a price in uncertainty, but the damage was contained by a willingness to negotiate.

Even Donald Trump, despite presiding over the longest shutdown, eventually bowed to public pressure and reopened the government without securing his border wall funding. His miscalculation underscored a key lesson: shutdowns rarely strengthen a leader’s hand—they expose their political vulnerability.

In more recent memory, President Joe Biden’s administration managed to avert shutdowns in both 2021 and 2023 by negotiating stopgap funding bills with congressional leaders. Critics derided these as “kicking the can down the road,” but they demonstrated a willingness to govern through compromise rather than plunge the nation into chaos. Biden’s strategy may not have been bold, but it was responsible: he prioritized stability over brinkmanship.

Today’s crisis, by contrast, reeks of ego-driven arrogance. The White House insists it cannot give in to what it calls “hostage politics,” while congressional leaders accuse the administration of stonewalling. Instead of sitting down at the table, both sides are doubling down. The result? A nation held hostage by pride.

Smart politics or sheer recklessness?

Supporters of the shutdown frame it as a necessary stance—a bold refusal to compromise on “principles.” But in truth, shutdowns rarely achieve long-term policy victories. What they do achieve is erosion of public faith in government. To the average

citizen, this is not about ideology; it’s about survival—whether their paycheck arrives, their benefits continue, or their services remain available.

The arrogance of brinkmanship is bipartisan. Republicans have historically used shutdown threats to force spending concessions, while Democrats have occasionally dug in their heels to defend social programs. Both parties claim to be standing on principle. But history is clear: principle without pragmatism leads only to paralysis.

At what cost?

The question is not just whether this shutdown is necessary—it is at what cost. How long will federal employees be asked to work without pay? How long will national security operations be weakened by budget freezes? How much will America’s global credibility suffer as allies watch the world’s largest democracy stumble over its own divisions?

Shutdowns may win headlines, but they do not win the hearts of a weary public. They are not demonstrations of strength—they are admissions of dysfunction.

A call for leadership

From Reagan to Clinton, from Obama to Biden, leaders in both parties have recognized that governing requires compromise. The current refusal to even negotiate is not strategy—it is arrogance masquerading as politics. The American people deserve better than being collateral damage in a contest of egos.

The essence of democracy is not in proving who can shout louder but in proving who can lead smarter. If today’s leaders fail to remember this, history will not remember their “principles”—it will remember their failures.

Best Regards,

Dr. Avi Verma.

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US Army secretary calls China and North Korea regional threats



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US Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll said Wednesday that both North Korea and China are “basic threats” to regional security, suggesting possible adjustments to the role of US forces in South Korea. Speaking at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, Driscoll stressed the importance of the alliance with South Korea and highlighted plans to deploy advanced weapons, including drones and the US Iron Dome air defense system. He warned that drones pose one of the biggest global threats, urging deeper cooperation with South Korean forces and technology firms. Acting Eighth Army commander Maj. Gen. William Taylor echoed the need to modernize and strengthen the alliance to counter evolving Indo-Pacific threats.

DJI remains on Pentagon’s Chinese military company blacklist



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China-based drone maker DJI will stay on the Pentagon’s list of companies contributing to Beijing’s military after a federal judge dismissed its lawsuit on Thursday. U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman ruled that the Pentagon provided “substantial evidence” that DJI’s technology serves both civilian and military purposes, even though the court could not confirm any direct ownership by the Chinese Communist Party.

DJI argued its technology should not be labeled military, noting its policies prohibit such use. The company sells over half of commercial drones in the United States. Being on the Pentagon list restricts access to U.S. grants, contracts, and loans. DJI said it was disappointed by the ruling and is reviewing its legal options.

Trump offers Qatar unprecedented military protection amid Israeli attack

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President Donald Trump has extended an unprecedented security guarantee to Qatar, pledging US military protection against attacks following Israel’s strike on Doha. The executive order, signed on Monday while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was at the White House, treats any assault on

Qatar as a threat to the United States.

Trump unveiled the move alongside a Gaza peace plan reportedly supported by Qatar and other Arab states. Israel had targeted a building hosting Hamas leaders in Qatar on September 9, killing a Qatari security staffer. The attack embarrassed Washington, as Doha was mediating peace talks, and drew criticism for bypassing US consultation.



Common anxiety and sleep medications linked to higher ALS risk

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A Swedish study finds that commonly prescribed anxiety, antidepressant, and sleep medications may increase the risk of developing amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) by up to 34 percent. Researchers analyzed health data from over 1,000 ALS patients diagnosed between 2015 and 2023 and compared them to matched controls.

Risk was highest in people under 65 and persisted even when medications were taken more than five years before diagnosis. The study also found faster disease progression and shorter survival among exposed patients.



While not proving causation, the findings highlight the need for careful monitoring of long-term psychiatric medication use.

Ebola outbreak in Congo shows early decline but funding gaps remain

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The Ebola outbreak in Kasai Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is showing early signs of decline, health officials said Thursday, though logistical hurdles and funding shortages continue to challenge response efforts. WHO acting regional emergency director Patrick Abok said new cases have begun to fall nearly 30 days into the response, with 64 cases reported so far, including 42 deaths and 12 recoveries. More than 8,000 frontline workers and



contacts have been vaccinated, and a new campaign launched Thursday aims to deliver 18,000 additional doses. Only 21 percent of the \$20 million response budget has been secured.

Moroccan Gen Z protests over health, education turn violent

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Unauthorised protests demanding public health and education reforms in Morocco entered their fifth day on Wednesday, leaving 263 police officers and 23 protesters injured. More than 400 individuals were arrested across multiple cities, with large-scale clashes in

Oujda and Inzegane. Demonstrators from the online collective GenZ 212 criticised billions spent on 2030 FIFA World Cup preparations while schools and hospitals face funding gaps. Security forces reported protesters threw stones, Molotov cocktails, and knives, damaging over 140 police vehicles and 20 private cars. Prosecutors have charged 37 people, and GenZ 212 expressed regret over the violence.

Papua New Guinea approves defense treaty with Australia



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Papua New Guinea’s Cabinet has approved a bilateral defense treaty with Australia, clearing the way for a formal alliance aimed at strengthening regional security and countering China’s influence. Prime Minister James Marape confirmed the agreement, which allows Papua New Guineans to serve in the Australian Defense Force and recognizes an attack on either nation as a threat to both. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the treaty will elevate their relationship. China criticized the pact, warning it should not restrict cooperation with other nations. The leaders had hoped to sign on Wednesday but instead endorsed the treaty’s principles.

World’s most damaging wildfires now four times more frequent than 1980s

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A new study shows the world’s most destructive wildfires are four times more frequent than in the 1980s due to human-caused climate change and population expansion near wildlands. Researchers analyzed the 200 costliest fires globally, accounting for economic damage, fatalities, and societal impact. Nearly 43 percent of these fires occurred in the last decade. Europe, the Mediterranean, and Western United States are hotspots. Extreme weather conditions, driven by fossil fuel emissions, amplify fire risk, while human settlement patterns and fuel accumulation worsen the impact. Scientists warn the trend is likely to continue without stronger preparation and climate action.

AOL shuts down dial-up internet, ending an era

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AOL has officially retired its dial-up internet service, marking the end of an iconic era. The company confirmed on Tuesday that it would discontinue dial-up and related software for older operating systems. Dial-up, which introduced many households to the internet in the 1990s and early 2000s, will no longer be advertised or supported. While broadband and wireless have replaced it, a small number of U.S. households still relied on the service. AOL continues to offer free email and tech support subscriptions under Yahoo, its current parent company. Nostalgic users shared final goodbyes on social media.

Trump administration warns Minnesota over transgender athletes in girls' sports



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The Trump administration has issued a warning to Minnesota over alleged violations of Title IX for allowing transgender-identifying males to compete in girls' sports. On Tuesday, September 30, the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services notified the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State High School League that they must comply with federal law within 10 days or face legal action. Officials cited several cases where transgender athletes joined girls' teams, including softball, skiing, and lacrosse. One athlete reportedly dominated a state softball championship. The administration's proposed resolution would require Minnesota to separate athletics strictly by biological sex, rescind existing guidance, and restore titles and records to female athletes. Federal officials said the policy ensures fairness and safety in competition.

Trump nominates Gen. Wilsbach as next Air Force chief of staff



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President Donald Trump has nominated Gen. Kenneth "Cruiser" Wilsbach to serve as the next chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon announced on Monday, September 29. Wilsbach, 61, is a four-star general and fighter pilot with 71 combat missions to his name. If confirmed by the Senate, he would succeed Gen. David Allvin, who announced plans to retire once a replacement was chosen. Wilsbach previously led Air Combat Command and commanded Pacific Air Forces during a period of heightened tensions with China. In a statement, he pledged to build a more lethal and ready force while supporting airmen and their families. As chief of staff, he would oversee more than 689,000 service members and civilians worldwide.

Former FBI Director James Comey indicted on two counts

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Former FBI Director James Comey was indicted last week by a federal grand jury in Virginia on charges of making false statements to Congress and obstruction. The charges relate to testimony he gave during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in September 2020 about politically sensitive investigations, including Hillary Clinton's private email server and alleged Trump campaign ties to Russia.

Prosecutors allege Comey lied when he said he had not authorized others to serve as anonymous sources for news reports. He faces two felony counts under federal statutes covering false statements and obstruction of congressional inquiries. One additional charge sought by prosecutors was rejected by the jury.

Comey has declared his innocence, posting a video message saying he was "not afraid" and was prepared to defend himself in court.

Trump threatens cuts to Democratic priorities as shutdown deepens

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President Donald Trump escalated the government shutdown on Thursday by threatening sweeping cuts to what he described as "Democrat agencies" and projects. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said he had met with budget director Russ Vought to discuss "temporary or permanent" reductions, including mass firings of federal employees and the cancellation of funding for Democratic-backed initiatives. Vought confirmed that \$18 billion for the Hudson River rail tunnel and Second Avenue subway in New York, as well as \$8 billion in green energy projects, were being withheld. The White House also signaled plans for layoffs, rather

than furloughs, during the shutdown. Press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters that thousands of jobs were at risk.

Trump framed the standoff as an opportunity to advance the conservative Project 2025 blueprint, which aims to restructure the federal government. Democrats, led by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House leader Hakeem Jeffries, dismissed the threats as intimidation and warned they would challenge the firings in court. With the shutdown in its second day, about 750,000 federal workers face unpaid furloughs, with economists warning of broader damage to the U.S. economy if the impasse continues.

White House presses universities to adopt Trump compact for federal funds

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The Trump administration is pressuring nine leading universities to sign a compact pledging to adopt President Donald Trump's higher education agenda in return for preferential access to federal funding. Letters sent Tuesday outlined a 10-point "compact for excellence in higher education," requiring schools to freeze tuition for five years, cap international undergraduate enrollment at 15 percent, and reinstate mandatory standardized testing. The compact also calls for bans on race and gender as admissions criteria, strict "institutional neutrality"

on political debates, binary definitions for sports and facilities, and prohibitions on campus demonstrations that disrupt events. Universities that sign would be prioritized for federal grants and access to White House events, though funding would not be cut off for those that refuse. The initiative, criticized as government overreach, drew sharp opposition from higher education leaders. Ted Mitchell, president of the American Council on Education, warned it undermines academic independence and free speech. California Governor Gavin Newsom said state schools that comply would lose billions in state funding, directly targeting the University of Southern California.

California law banning masks for federal agents sparks safety concerns

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Federal law enforcement officers in California say a new state law banning them from wearing masks on duty threatens their safety and that of their families. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the measure on Saturday, September 20, making it a misdemeanor for officers, including Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to conceal

their faces while working. The law will take effect on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Newsom said the legislation was aimed at ending what he called "secret police" tactics. However, U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli directed federal agencies to ignore the law, citing the Constitution's Supremacy Clause. Federal agents argue that masks are necessary to avoid being doxxed, as recent incidents have included assaults, online targeting, and threats against families.

Private payrolls fall sharply in September, ADP reports



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Private employers cut 32,000 jobs in September, according to payroll processor ADP, marking the steepest drop since March 2023 and raising concerns about the labor market. The report, released on Wednesday, October 1, also revised August figures from a gain of 54,000 jobs to a loss of 3,000. Economists had expected a 50,000-job increase in September. The service sector shed 28,000 positions, led by declines in leisure, business services, and finance.

Small and mid-sized companies accounted for most of the losses, while large firms added 33,000 jobs. Wage growth slowed, especially for job changers. Analysts said the results highlight employer caution and come as the government shutdown delays key federal data releases. The Federal Reserve is expected to weigh the figures at its October policy meeting.

Bondi sends federal agents to ICE facilities after Dallas attack



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Attorney General Pam Bondi announced on Friday that Justice Department agents will be deployed to Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities nationwide after a shooting at an ICE office in Dallas on Wednesday left one detainee dead and two others injured. The gunman, later found dead from a self-inflicted shot, fired from a nearby rooftop. Bondi said federal task forces would pursue those committing violent acts against ICE officers, labeling such actions as domestic terrorism. The Department of Homeland Security also reported that protests at ICE centers have grown increasingly violent, with assaults on ICE officers rising by more than 1,000 percent this year.

United States clears possible \$2.4 billion rocket system sale to Canada

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The United States State Department approved on Wednesday a possible \$2.4 billion sale of 26 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) to Canada. The proposed deal also includes rocket launch pods, training equipment, and technical support. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency said the sale would strengthen Canada's role as a NATO ally and bolster hemispheric defense. The agreement still requires approval from Congress, which has 15 days to object. If finalized, the purchase will add to Canada's growing list of U.S. defense acquisitions, including the F-35 fighter jet program, creating political challenges for Prime Minister Mark Carney's government.

Boeing expands hiring plans as strike continues in St. Louis



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Boeing said on Thursday it will expand recruitment of replacement workers at its St. Louis plant as a strike by more than 3,000 union members enters its third month. In a memo, Boeing executive Dan Gillian told staff the standoff could last weeks or months, prompting the company to hold more job fairs and advertising campaigns. The first group of replacement workers will begin training on Friday. Union leaders dismissed the plan as unrealistic, citing the long training period and security clearance requirements for defense jobs. Lawmakers, including Senator Josh Hawley, criticized Boeing for executive pay increases while labor talks stall.

Judge rejects Musk's bid to move SEC case out of Washington

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A federal judge in Washington on Thursday rejected Elon Musk's attempt to move a Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit to Texas, ruling that his wealth and frequent travel undermine claims of inconvenience. The SEC sued Musk in January, alleging he delayed disclosing his 5 percent stake in Twitter in 2022, allowing him to buy more than \$500 million in shares at unfairly low prices. The agency seeks a civil fine and \$150 million in restitution. Musk argued his workload made defending the case in Washington burdensome, but the court found no grounds to relocate the trial.

Chicago archbishop's honor for Durbin reignites abortion rift

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A decision by the Archdiocese of Chicago to honor Sen. Dick Durbin has revived divisions within the Catholic Church over abortion and politics.

Cardinal Blase Cupich announced last week that Durbin would receive a lifetime achievement award for his work supporting immigrants at a November fundraiser. The move drew immediate criticism from Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Durbin's home diocese, who said he was "shocked" and warned it risked scandal by undermining church teaching on abortion.

Durbin, a Catholic and the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, has long supported abortion rights while saying he personally disapproves of the practice. He was barred from Communion in Springfield in 2004, though he



worships in Chicago.

Cupich defended the honor, saying Catholic teaching on dignity cannot be reduced to a single issue and pointing to Durbin's decades of public service. The clash underscores an enduring struggle between church leaders and Catholic politicians who back abortion rights.

Trump and Hegseth outline reforms in address to military leaders

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President Donald Trump and War Secretary Pete Hegseth outlined sweeping military reforms during an address to top generals, admirals, and senior enlisted leaders at Marine Corps Base Quantico on Tuesday. Trump announced plans for new weapons programs, including the F-47 stealth fighter and a "Golden Dome" missile defense system, along with the construction of 19 new Navy warships.

He also highlighted increased recruiting, higher defense spending, and new deployments to crime-plagued U.S. cities. Hegseth, focusing on military culture, pledged to eliminate lowered standards and said all combat troops must meet the



highest physical requirements. He rejected what he called "woke cultural agendas" and emphasized merit-based promotions. The administration recently renamed the Pentagon the Department of War, a move Trump said better reflects its mission.

FDA clears generic abortion pill, sparking backlash

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The Food and Drug Administration approved a generic version of the abortion pill mifepristone on Tuesday, drawing sharp criticism from conservative groups and lawmakers.

The agency informed Evita Solutions that its application met federal standards and that its 200-milligram tablets are equivalent to Mifeprex, the brand made by Danco Laboratories. Mifepristone, combined with misoprostol, is used for medication abortions, which account for nearly two-thirds of all abortions in the United States.

The approval comes as Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F.



Kennedy Jr. and FDA Commissioner Marty Makary said the agency would review safety protocols in light of recent studies.

Anti-abortion activists condemned the decision. Marjorie Dannenfelser of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America called it "unconscionable," while Sen. Josh Hawley said on social media that the drug is unsafe.

Trump declares armed conflict with drug cartels after strikes



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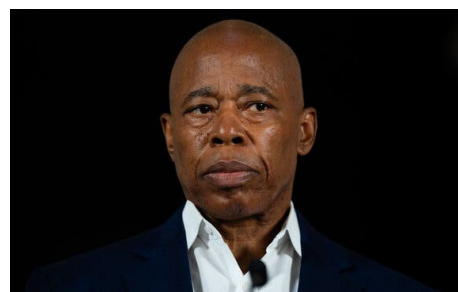
President Donald Trump has declared that the United States is engaged in an armed conflict with transnational drug cartels, following a series of military strikes in the Caribbean last month.

In a memorandum sent to Congress this week, the administration described cartel members as "unlawful combatants" and designated groups such as Venezuela's Tren de Aragua as terrorist organizations. Officials said the strikes, which began in early September, targeted vessels smuggling narcotics. One attack killed 11 cartel members, according to U.S. officials.

The White House said the actions were necessary to protect Americans from narcotics traffickers and were consistent with the law of armed conflict. Critics in Congress, including Sen. Jack Reed, argued the president lacks authority to launch such operations without explicit approval.

Supporters, such as Rep. Carlos Giménez, pledged backing for Trump's efforts. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the U.S. will not allow cartels to operate freely in the Caribbean.

Eric Adams ends mayoral campaign citing financial strain



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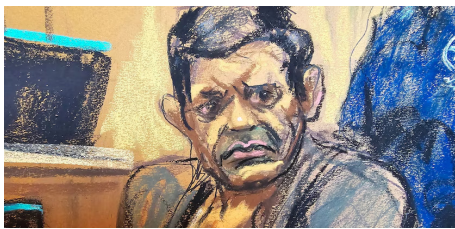
New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced on Sunday that he is dropping out of the mayoral race, citing lack of funds and growing political pressure. In a video statement, Adams said the Campaign Finance Board's decision to withhold millions made it impossible for him to continue. Polls showed Adams trailing far behind Democratic contenders Zohran Mamdani and Andrew Cuomo, and Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa. While he did not endorse anyone, Adams urged candidates to continue his policies on crime reduction, cost of living, and community investment. He pledged to serve out his term and continue his public service beyond it.



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Nikhil Gupta faces fresh US charges in murder-for-hire plot



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The US government has filed additional charges against Indian national Nikhil Gupta, including money laundering, drug and weapons trafficking, credit card fraud, and conspiracy to commit murder in Nepal or Pakistan. Gupta is accused of planning a murder-for-hire plot targeting Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, allegedly alongside Vikas Yadav, a former CRPF officer on deputation to India's external intelligence agency. Gupta, arrested in the Czech Republic and extradited to the US in June last year, will face trial in November at the US District Court, Southern District of New York. The prosecution has requested the inclusion of evidence showing Gupta solicited murders beyond Pannun, as part of a broader conspiracy. Authorities say the plot began in May 2023, and Gupta is also charged with trafficking narcotics and firearms from 2013 to 2023, along with international money laundering.

NRI and caretaker found murdered in Punjab village

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Panic erupted in Moranwali village, Hoshiarpur, on Friday when the bodies of Canadian NRI Santokh Singh, 65, and his caretaker Manjit Kaur, 50, were discovered inside Singh's home. Police said the deaths appeared to have occurred several days earlier and involved sharp-edged weapons. The bodies were found when Manjit Kaur's daughters climbed a wall and entered the locked house. Local authorities, including SP Dr Mukesh Kumar, DSP Jaspreet Singh, and SHO Gagandeep Singh Sekhon, conducted a preliminary investigation. The incident has created fear in the village, and police are investigating the motive and circumstances surrounding the double murder.

Canadian theaters halt Indian film screenings after arson attacks

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Several Canadian theaters have paused screenings of Indian films following a series of arson and shooting incidents over the past week. York Cinemas announced on Friday that it will not show Indian movies until further notice, citing the safety of staff and guests. Film.Ca Cinemas in Toronto also canceled South Asian film screenings after a suspect fired multiple rounds at its Oakville location on the night of October 2. Last week, the theater had faced an arson attempt, though the blaze caused minimal damage. Similar incidents have been reported across the Greater Toronto area and British Columbia. Some South Indian film distributors suggest these attacks may be part of a campaign to influence the market.

SGPC opens first overseas coordination centre in Birmingham to support Sikh diaspora

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The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) inaugurated its first overseas coordination centre in Birmingham, England, on Tuesday to serve the Sikh communities in the UK and Europe.

The centre, established through the efforts of SGPC members Gurinder Singh Bawa and Harjinder Kaur with support from the Birmingham-based Khalsa Panth Academy, aims to strengthen connections between overseas Sikhs and Takht Sahibs, as well as leading panthic institutions.

SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami joined online, stating the centre responds to repeated requests from the diaspora. It will also assist Sikh pilgrims



visiting Punjab by helping with travel, accommodation, and

logistical arrangements.

The inauguration followed panthic traditions and was attended by Mahinder Singh, head of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha Birmingham, and SGPC chief secretary Kulwant Singh Mannan.

Bawa, also a member of Takht Sri Hazur Sahib and Takht Sri Patna Sahib boards, has been entrusted with coordinating operations.

The centre received support from gurdwaras and Sikh organizations across the UK and Europe, including London, Manchester, Leicester, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Italy, and Austria.

Officials highlighted that it will also organize cultural and educational programs to engage younger Sikhs abroad and strengthen global panthic unity.

Canada designates Lawrence Bishnoi gang as terrorist entity

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Canada on Monday officially designated the Lawrence Bishnoi gang as a terrorist organization under its criminal code, citing its violent activities, intimidation tactics, and threats to diaspora communities. The announcement was made in Ottawa by Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree, just days after India and Canada's National Security Advisers met in New Delhi to discuss issues of gangsterism and extremism.

The Bishnoi gang, led by jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi who is currently lodged in Sabarmati Central Jail in Gujarat, has been accused of extortion, targeted killings, and high-profile assassinations, including the murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala.

Canadian officials said the gang has extended its operations into areas with large diaspora populations, using murder, shootings, arson, and extortion to spread fear.



Under the designation, all assets linked to the gang in Canada can be frozen or seized, and it is now a criminal offense to knowingly provide funds or resources to the group. With this move, the Bishnoi gang becomes the 88th entity listed as a terrorist organization in Canada.

Indian graduate leaves US after failed job search, social media divided

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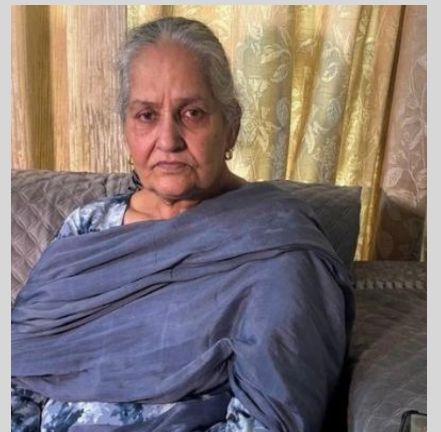
Aanya Joshi, a 2024 Northwestern University graduate, shared an emotional farewell video on September 29 as she prepared to leave the United States after months of unsuccessful job hunting. Joshi, who earned a master's in Biotechnology, called the US her "first home as a financially independent adult" and expressed gratitude for the opportunities and experiences she gained there.

Joshi had documented her journey on social media, highlighting the challenges of finding work under the STEM OPT

program after being laid off during a company-wide downsizing. In a LinkedIn post months earlier, she had appealed for job opportunities, citing urgency to maintain her visa status.

While many sympathized with her situation, others criticized her for flying business class on her departure. Comments ranged from derision to support, underscoring debates about privilege and the realities of leaving a country where one has lived independently for years. Joshi has not publicly responded to the criticism, but her video has sparked conversations on the challenges faced by international graduates navigating career, visa, and emotional hurdles.

73-year-old Harjit Kaur recounts US detention ordeal, seeks reunion with family



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Harjit Kaur, 73, deported from the US after 33 years, described her harrowing experience on Tuesday in Mohali. She was handcuffed, denied proper food, and kept in cold conditions during eight days in detention.

Harjit had moved to California in 1992 with her two young sons and worked in a saree store. She applied for asylum but her request failed, and an immigration judge had ordered her removal in 2005.

Now staying with a distant relative in Mohali, she remains separated from her children and grandchildren in Hercules, California. She shared that her grandchildren repeatedly call to check if she has food, clothes, or a bed, reflecting her emotional distress.

Harjit described detention conditions: sleeping on aluminum foil with only two bedsheets, receiving inadequate vegetarian meals, and being denied essential medicines.

She said she has been unable to sleep properly since her return. Harjit urged the Punjab and Central governments to facilitate her reunion with her family, while Punjabi expat communities in the US continue to rally for her cause.

Indian-origin couple charged with toddler's murder in UK



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An Indian-origin woman and man appeared in a west London court on Friday, charged with the murder of three-year-old Penelope Chandrie. Manpreet Jatana, 34, and Jaskiret Singh Uppal, 36, were arrested on Thursday after a nearly two-year investigation into the child's death on December 17, 2023.

Emergency services found the toddler deceased at a residence on Pennine Way in Hayes. The Metropolitan Police said the case is ongoing, and the Crown Prosecution Service approved the murder charges.

Court proceedings will continue under criminal law, with reporting restrictions in place. The investigation has sparked concern in the community and highlights ongoing efforts to ensure justice for children in the UK.

Indian Overseas Congress delegation meets Himachal CM in London



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The Indian Overseas Congress (IOC), UK, led by president Kamal Dhaliwal and vice president Gurminder Randhawa, met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu in London on Wednesday evening. The delegation included IOC officials and state representatives.

Sukhu briefed them on initiatives in health, education, tourism, and environmental conservation. He highlighted that Himachal Pradesh had risen from 21st to fifth in providing quality education due to the government's sustained efforts. Sukhu also discussed climate change measures and support for disaster-affected families.

Dhaliwal praised the state government's vision for sustainable growth and prosperity. Other attendees included Dehra MLA Kamlesh Thakur, IOC general secretary Vikram Duhan, and members Sandeep Soni, Mohammed Khaleelullah, Yash Solanki, Rupinder Gill, and Pammi Cheema.

Souza's 'Houses of Hampstead' sets record at Sotheby's London auction

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Glean artist Francis Newton Souza set a new auction record on Tuesday when his landscape 'Houses of Hampstead' sold for over USD 7.5 million at Sotheby's London, nearly seven times its guide price. Another Souza painting, 'Emperor,' sold for USD 6.9 million, while five of his works in the sale fetched a total of over USD 14.6 million.

The 'Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art' auction included works by M.F. Husain, Vasudeo Gaitonde, Ganesh Pyne, Jagdish Swaminathan, and Narayan Shridhar Bendre, with an overall total of USD 25.5 million. Manjari Sihare-Sutin, co-worldwide head of the sale, said it was the department's highest total in 30 years, with seven new world records achieved, including two for Souza.

Souza, a founding member of the Bombay Progressive Artists' Group, is known for



his expressionist style blending European modernism and Indian themes. Sotheby's noted that the sale highlighted the vitality and diversity of South Asian art, spanning geographies, mediums, and themes. Buyers were also advised to check recent US-India cultural property import regulations affecting certain artworks before bidding.

Over 2,400 Indians deported from US since January, MEA urges legal migration

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India has repatriated 2,417 nationals from the United States since January, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday, highlighting the government's push for legal migration channels. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said New Delhi works closely with Washington to verify nationality before accepting deportees.

He warned that visa fraud, illegal agents, and unsafe migration routes continue to lure Indians abroad. Jaiswal urged citizens to use the government's e-Migrate portal, which lists approved recruitment agencies and legal procedures.

Jaiswal also flagged a trend of Indians being trafficked to Iran under false job promises, with some falling prey to criminal gangs. The MEA stressed that cases such as Punjab resident Harjit Kaur's



deportation reflect a broader pattern and reinforced India's stance against illegal migration, aiming to protect citizens from exploitation while promoting safer, lawful migration pathways.

Indian driver taken into custody after crash injures 5-year-old in California

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An Indian national who entered the United States illegally has been arrested for causing a multi-vehicle crash in California last year that left five-year-old Dalilah Coleman critically injured. Partap Singh, arrested last month by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, remains in custody pending immigration proceedings.

The California Highway Patrol report states that Singh drove a commercial 18-wheeler at unsafe speeds and failed to stop in a construction zone.

The crash caused severe injuries to the child, including skull fractures and a broken femur, leaving her with diplegic cerebral palsy and global developmental delays. Singh had obtained a commercial



driver's license despite lacking legal status.

DHS officials condemned the incident as preventable and emphasized the dangers posed by unauthorized foreign drivers operating large trucks on US roads.

US sanctions two Indians over fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills



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The US Department of the Treasury has sanctioned two Indian nationals, Sadiq Abbas Habib Sayyed and Khizar Mohammad Iqbal Shaikh, along with Shaikh's India-based online pharmacy KS International Traders, for trafficking fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills across the United States. The pills, marketed as Oxycodone or Xanax, contained fentanyl, analogues, or methamphetamine.

US authorities said the men used encrypted platforms and coordinated with traffickers in the US and Dominican Republic. Both were indicted in September 2024. The sanctions freeze their US assets and bar Americans from business dealings. Officials cited this action as part of efforts to make America fentanyl free.

Indian among seven monks killed in Sri Lanka monastery accident

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Seven Buddhist monks, including an Indian, were killed and six others injured when a cable-operated rail cart overturned at Na Uyana Aranya Senasanaya monastery in northwestern Sri Lanka on Wednesday night. The monastery, located in Nikaweratiya about 125 km from Colombo, hosts meditation retreats attracting global practitioners.

Among the deceased were an Indian, a Russian, and a Romanian national. Of the six injured monks, four are reported in critical condition. Police are investigating the accident, which has shocked the international Buddhist community and raised questions about safety measures at monastery facilities.

Sirsa youth dies in road accident in Australia

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Parbhjot Singh, 27, from Haripura village in Sirsa district, died in a road accident in Melbourne on Friday last week. He was working at a recycling plant when a loader reversed and crushed him between two vehicles while he secured a truck latch, causing severe chest and abdominal injuries.

Rushed to a hospital by Australian police, Singh was declared dead on arrival. He had moved to Australia on a student visa four years ago and worked as a truck driver. His family, informed by friends, is in shock. Funds raised by friends and an NGO will bring his body to Delhi this week.

Kenyan activists abducted in Uganda after attending Bobi Wine rally



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Two Kenyan activists were abducted in Uganda on Wednesday after attending a presidential campaign rally for Bobi Wine, the reggae musician-turned-politician. Bob Njagi, chair of Free Kenya, and Nicholas Oyoo, the group's secretary general, were detained by armed security operatives at a petrol station near Kampala.

The activists had crossed from Kenya on Monday to support Wine at rallies in eastern Uganda. Their whereabouts remain unknown. Wine condemned the abductions as unlawful and called for their immediate release. Njagi was previously abducted in Nairobi last year. Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, 81, has led the country since 1986.

Venezuela warns of state of emergency if US attacks



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Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez said on Monday that President Nicolás Maduro is prepared to declare a state of emergency if the United States launches a military attack, warning of "catastrophic" consequences. Rodríguez, a close ally of Maduro, dismissed US claims that recent strikes on Venezuelan vessels targeting drug trafficking were legitimate, calling them "a big lie" aimed at seizing the country's oil, gas, gold, and mineral resources. She said a state of emergency would allow Maduro to mobilize the armed forces, seal borders, and place the military in charge of key infrastructure. Legal experts and analysts have condemned the US strikes as unlawful, while reports suggest further drone operations could target alleged traffickers in Venezuela in the coming weeks.

Israeli navy intercepts Gaza-bound flotilla, detains hundreds of activists

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Israeli naval forces intercepted the Global Sumud Flotilla attempting to break Israel's blockade of Gaza on Wednesday, detaining roughly 450 international activists, including Greta Thunberg, former Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau, and European Parliament member Rima Hassan.

Hundreds of Israeli police were deployed Thursday at the southern port of Ashdod to process the detainees, who were reportedly in good health and expected to be deported.

The flotilla, the largest yet to attempt breaking the blockade, set out with over 40 boats carrying a symbolic amount of humanitarian aid. Live broadcasts showed activists wearing life jackets as Israeli forces boarded their vessels.

The interception sparked protests across Europe on Thursday, including in Milan, Paris, and Barcelona, with demonstrators denouncing Israel's actions



and the ongoing Gaza offensive. Turkey, Colombia, and Pakistan condemned the operation, while several European nations coordinated with Israel to ensure safe deportation of their citizens. Israeli authorities described the operation as necessary for security, while critics called it a collective punishment.

Thousands protest labor law changes in Greece, halt nationwide services

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Thousands of protesters marched through Athens on Wednesday as part of a nationwide general strike that disrupted services across the country. Ferries remained docked, taxis and trains did not operate, and buses, subways, trams, and trolleys ran on a limited schedule. Schools, courts, public hospitals, and municipal offices were also affected.

Civil servant and private sector unions called the strike to oppose labor law changes allowing shifts up to 13 hours, with weekly work capped at 48 hours and a maximum of 150 overtime hours per year. Many demonstrators waved Palestinian flags and chanted slogans



in support of Gaza. The General Confederation of Workers of Greece demanded a 37½-hour workweek and the restoration of collective bargaining rights, warning that the new rules could expose employees to labor abuses.

Britain vows to tackle anti-Semitism after Manchester synagogue attack

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The British government pledged on Thursday to step up efforts against anti-Semitism after a deadly attack outside the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue. On Wednesday, two men, Adrian Daulby, 53, and Melvin Cravitz, 66, were killed when a man drove a car into pedestrians and began stabbing them on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. The attacker, Jihad al-Shamie, 35, a British citizen of Syrian descent, was shot dead by armed police at the scene.

Interior Minister Shabana Mahmood promised increased police presence at synagogues and other community sites to ensure safety. The attack follows a surge in anti-Semitism across Britain, with Jewish leaders citing large pro-Palestine



demonstrations as contributing to fear. Hours after the incident, protests erupted in several cities, including outside Downing Street, resulting in 40 arrests. Mahmood described the protests as "un-British" and urged the public to show compassion toward the grieving community.

Syria to hold first post-Assad parliament amid inclusivity concerns



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Syria will establish its first parliament since Bashar al-Assad was ousted, with an indirect vote scheduled for Sunday. Regional electoral colleges, made up of 6,000 electors, will choose two-thirds of the 210 seats, while President Ahmed al-Sharaa will appoint the remaining third. Authorities cite a lack of reliable population data and displacement caused by 14 years of war as reasons for the indirect system, and elections will be postponed in Kurdish-controlled northeast regions and Druze-majority Sweida, leaving 19 seats vacant.

Analysts warn that Sharaa's appointments could centralize power and allow laws to be issued by decree, potentially undermining the fragile transition from Assad's rule and fueling public cynicism about inclusivity.

UN Security Council transitions Haiti mission to Gang Suppression Force



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The UN Security Council approved the transition of Haiti's Multinational Security Support mission to the Gang Suppression Force for an initial 12 months this week. Resolution 2793, supported by 12 of 15 members, authorizes a personnel ceiling of 5,550, including 50 civilians. The force will conduct counter-gang operations, secure critical infrastructure, support Haitian police and armed forces, and help create conditions for safe elections and humanitarian access. Participating states are allowed to take necessary measures while respecting Haitian sovereignty and international law. The resolution also requests the UN secretary-general to establish a Support Office in Haiti within six months to provide logistical assistance. Cooperation from all local parties is urged.

Philippines ends search and rescue after powerful Cebu earthquake



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The Philippine government on Thursday ended search, rescue, and retrieval operations in the four municipalities hardest hit by Tuesday's 6.9-magnitude earthquake in Cebu province. Authorities confirmed all reported missing persons were accounted for, and no further signs of trapped individuals were found. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council reported 72 fatalities and nearly 300 injuries, with Bogo City hardest hit. Nearly 48,000 families were affected, and the provincial government declared a state of calamity. Efforts will now shift to relief, recovery, and rehabilitation activities to support affected communities and rebuild infrastructure damaged during the quake.

BNP criticizes Yunus remarks as destabilizing ahead of elections



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Bangladesh's Nationalist Party criticized Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus this week for comments they said could destabilize the country ahead of February elections. Yunus reportedly suggested some citizens wished for the government to remain in power for five years. BNP advisor Zainul Abedin Farroque said the remarks, made during the UN General Assembly in New York, threatened political stability amid deteriorating security and economic conditions. BNP leader Fazlur Rahman expressed doubts about elections under Yunus, advocating for a caretaker government to ensure fairness. Tensions are escalating between parties previously aligned with Yunus, raising concerns over the credibility of the upcoming vote.

Study shows Switzerland's glaciers shrink by 25 percent in a decade

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Switzerland's glaciers have lost a quarter of their volume in the last ten years, with over 1,000 small glaciers disappearing, authorities said on Wednesday. In 2025 alone, almost three percent of glacier volume was lost, marking the fourth largest annual shrinkage recorded. Low

snow in winter and heat waves in June and August accelerated melting, particularly at glaciers below 3,000 meters. Experts warned that the continued loss of ice destabilizes mountains, contributing to avalanches such as the recent disaster in the Lotschental valley. Officials stressed that urgent climate action is needed to protect remaining glaciers and prevent further environmental damage.



Over nine million Afghans face acute food insecurity: UN

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The United Nations warned on Thursday that over nine million people in Afghanistan face acute food insecurity, with children and vulnerable families at greatest risk. The World Food Programme said recent earthquakes have worsened conditions, particularly in Kunar and Nangarhar provinces. WFP has provided emergency aid to 58,000 people, but funding shortages limit relief to under one million per month, leaving a \$622 million gap over six months. Harsh terrain, poor infrastructure, and suspension of UNHCR cash assistance further hamper aid. Officials warned millions could face catastrophic hunger without urgent international funding.



African tourism leaders call for digital transformation

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Tourism executives on Thursday urged Africa to embrace digital technologies to boost sector growth at the Magical Kenya Travel Expo. Speakers highlighted innovations like big data, AI, and Internet of Things to improve bookings, customer experience, and sustainability. Clara Chinwe Okoro from Nigeria emphasized leveraging digital tools to showcase destinations, while Ethiopian tech expert Kalkidan Mulugeta noted their role in enhancing resilience and competitiveness. Kenya Commercial Bank's Francis Muriithi advocated for digital payments and micro-insurance to protect the sector from shocks. The expo, running until Friday, hosts over 6,500 delegates from



40 countries, featuring panel discussions, business matchmaking, and exhibitions.

Tributes pour in after primatologist Jane Goodall passes away



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Tributes poured in on Thursday after the death of legendary primatologist Dr Jane Goodall at age 91 in California. The Jane Goodall Institute confirmed she passed from natural causes while on a speaking tour. Goodall, known for her pioneering chimpanzee research in Tanzania, revolutionized ethology and championed environmental protection. Leonardo DiCaprio called her a "true hero for the planet" and praised her work for connecting humans with nature. The United Nations and Encyclopaedia Britannica also honored her legacy, noting she earned a Ph.D. without an undergraduate degree. Goodall remained active in research and advocacy until days before her death.

Munich airport resumes flights after drone sightings halted operations

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Munich airport resumed operations on Friday morning after drone sightings forced a suspension late Thursday night. Flights were restricted from 10:18 pm, with 17 flights canceled or delayed and nearly 3,000 passengers affected. Authorities said passenger safety was the top priority. The incident follows a series of drone disruptions across Europe. Airports in Denmark, Norway and Poland recently halted flights, while Estonia and Romania reported airspace violations and accused Russia, which denied involvement. Denmark's defense minister said a "professional actor" was behind the incursions, calling it a systematic threat that requires stronger measures to protect critical infrastructure.

Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki erupts, aviation alert issued

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Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki in Indonesia erupted on Wednesday, sending ash up to five kilometers into the sky and prompting a red-level aviation warning. Flights below 6,000 meters near the volcano are restricted. Authorities advised residents and tourists to avoid the six-kilometer radius and warned of potential lava floods during heavy rain. The volcano, located on Flores Island, has erupted twice before this year, most recently in August. Ash fall poses respiratory hazards, and local authorities urged protective measures. Standing at 1,584 meters, Mount Lewotobi is among Indonesia's 127 active volcanoes, in a region prone to frequent seismic and volcanic activity along the Pacific Ring of Fire.

First Rajdhani to Mizoram receives overwhelming response



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Mizoram's newly inaugurated Bairabi-Sairang railway line and freight operations from Molvom in Nagaland have drawn strong demand from passengers and businesses. Northeast Frontier Railway officials said the Sairang-Anand Vihar Rajdhani Express reported 162.5 percent occupancy, while its return service recorded 158.3 percent, and other services to Kolkata and Guwahati also achieved near-full occupancy.

The 51.38-km Bairabi-Sairang line, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, makes Aizawl the fourth Northeast capital connected by rail.

Jaishankar meets Airbus, IndiGo leadership to boost India-Europe aviation ties



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu met the Board of Directors of Airbus and senior management of IndiGo on Thursday to discuss strengthening India's civil aviation sector and deepening economic ties with Europe. The ministers highlighted India's infrastructure, governance, and economic reforms, emphasizing opportunities for global aviation stakeholders. Discussions included technology transfer, manufacturing partnerships, and sustainable aviation goals, supporting India's push for self-reliance and green aviation. Officials said India's growing passenger traffic and expanding airport network position it as one of the fastest-growing aviation markets, with Airbus and IndiGo expected to play a central role in the country's aviation growth.

Sonam Wangchuk's wife approaches Supreme Court over activist's detention

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Gitanjali J. Angmo, wife of Leh-based climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, has filed a Habeas Corpus petition in the Supreme Court challenging his detention. Angmo said on social media, "It is one week today. Still I have no information about Wangchuk's health, the condition he is in, nor the grounds of detention."

The Ministry of Home Affairs accused Wangchuk of inciting violence in Leh. He had been on a hunger strike since September 10 and broke his fast amid unrest before being detained under the National Security Act and transferred to Jodhpur Jail in Rajasthan.

The Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance, advocating for statehood and inclusion in the Sixth Schedule, have demanded his unconditional release and accountability for the September 24 firing that killed four civilians: Jigmet Dorje, Rinchen Dadul, Stanzin Namgail, and Tsewang Tharchin.



The administration claimed security forces acted in self-defense after protesters set fire to a CRPF vehicle and local offices. Civil society groups continue to call for Wangchuk's release and a peaceful resolution to Ladakh's political demands.

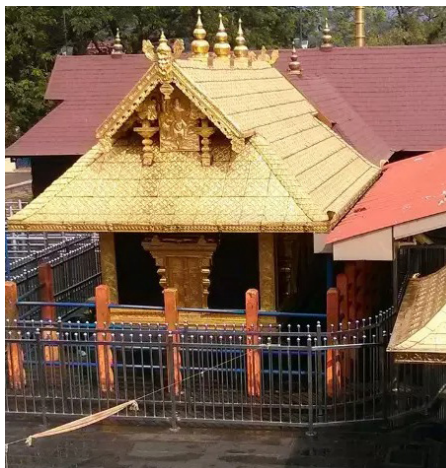
Travancore Board seeks detailed probe into Sabarimala gold plating scandal

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Travancore Devaswom Board president P. S. Prasanth announced that the Kerala High Court will be apprised of all developments in the Sabarimala gold plating controversy, with a request for a comprehensive investigation covering events from 1999 onwards.

The controversy involves Unnikrishnan Potti, accused of raising large sums under the pretext of gold-plating temple idols, and irregularities in handling the dwarapalaka (guardian deity) idols. Records indicate that gold sheets removed on July 20, 2019, were sent to Chennai only after 40 days, with four kilograms missing upon return.

Investigations suggest Potti may have transported gold to Bengaluru and conducted extensive fundraising, with possible involvement of a former



Devaswom contractor. The Devaswom Vigilance plans to question Potti on Saturday. Prasanth emphasized accountability for employees and a thorough review of financial and administrative lapses over the past two decades, signaling a wider scrutiny of temple management under previous Left and Congress-led administrations.

BJP criticizes Rahul Gandhi for Colombia remarks



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The Bharatiya Janata Party criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi this week for remarks he made during his visit to Colombia, accusing him of defaming India abroad and praising China.

Senior BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad said Gandhi's comments on India's democracy and freedom of speech were "baseless" and undermined the country's global standing.

Prasad said Gandhi consistently criticizes Prime Minister Narendra Modi while enjoying free speech at home, adding that his admiration for China was inappropriate.

The BJP emphasized India's global rise as the fourth-largest economy and condemned repeated attempts to belittle India internationally, urging leaders to project the country positively abroad instead of making politically charged statements.

Union minister congratulates RSS on centenary celebrations



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Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday congratulated the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh on its 100th anniversary, marking a century of work dedicated to India and its people. Founded on Dussehra in 1925 by K.B. Hedgewar, the RSS has focused on nation-building, character development, and promoting Indian civilization, culture, and heritage.

Puri hailed the organization's growth, describing it as a "sapling that has become a philosophical banyan tree," with branches spreading nationalist consciousness while its roots remain firmly grounded. He highlighted the dedication of countless Swayamsevaks, noting their motto "Nation First", and praised the RSS's role in education, social service, and civic initiatives that continue to influence Indian society and public life.

Afghanistan's foreign minister to visit Delhi next week

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Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi will visit Delhi on October 9-10, marking a significant step in India-Taliban relations, sources said on Thursday. Muttaqi, who has led the Taliban foreign affairs ministry since 2021, will meet Indian officials amid heightened tensions between Kabul and Islamabad over cross-border security issues. The visit follows other Taliban officials' trips to Delhi in recent months, including representatives in health, pharmaceuticals, and security. India has not formally recognized the Taliban regime but maintains regular engagement, including humanitarian aid and managing Afghan



consulates in Mumbai and Hyderabad. The visit could lead to Taliban officials assuming responsibility for the Afghan embassy in Delhi, currently managed by Charge d'affaires Muhammad Ibrahim Khil.

CM Yogi performs Kanya Pujan of nine girls on Maha Navami in Gorakhpur

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath performed Kanya Pujan on Wednesday at the Gorakhnath Temple on Maha Navami of Shardiya Navratri, honoring nine girls symbolizing the nine forms of Goddess Durga. Following traditional rituals, CM Yogi washed their feet, draped them with 'chunari', performed aarti, served food, and offered gifts while seeking their blessings. He also performed Batuk Pujan of young boys and worshipped a six-month-old girl and a boy dressed as Hanuman. The event, attended by Jagadguru Swami Santoshacharya, reflects his faith in women's power and underscores his commitment to women's dignity, safety, and empowerment through various women-centric schemes. Morning rituals included worship of Goddess Siddhidatri at the temple's Shaktipeeth.

Naveen Patnaik criticizes Odisha government over CPSE 2024 cancellation

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Odisha Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday slammed the state government over the cancellation of the Combined Police Service Examination, 2024, calling it a failure of governance. Patnaik highlighted that this marks the fourth recruitment exam scrapped since July, following irregularities and leaks in previous examinations. The Odisha Police Recruitment Board canceled the CPSE, scheduled for October 5 and 6, after over 100 candidates traveling to Hyderabad were intercepted. Patnaik urged the government to fix systemic issues to restore public trust in Odisha's recruitment process.

Maharashtra cabinet approves cancer treatment policy, proposes MAHACARE Foundation



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The Maharashtra cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday approved a comprehensive cancer treatment policy and proposed the establishment of the MAHACARE Foundation. The initiative will provide specialized cancer care in 18 hospitals across the state through a three-tier system and include radiotherapy, chemotherapy, surgery, research, and psychological support. The foundation will also coordinate day-care centers, collaborate with NGOs, and raise funds through clinical trials, donations, and corporate social responsibility initiatives. An initial fund of Rs 100 crore will support its activities, aiming to improve treatment access and raise awareness statewide.

Centre may double Vijay's security as BJP, AIADMK recalibrate Tamil Nadu politics after Karur tragedy

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In the aftermath of the deadly stampede at actor-turned-politician Vijay's rally in Karur that claimed 41 lives, the Union government is reportedly considering doubling the security detail for the Tamil star, including additional Central Industrial Security Force personnel.

The tragedy has intensified political recalculations in Tamil Nadu, where Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam has emerged as a disruptive force in a state long dominated by the DMK and its allies. Senior BJP leaders are exploring ways to court Vijay into the National Democratic Alliance ahead of the next Lok Sabha elections, viewing his mass appeal and anti-DMK stance as a potential game-changer.



The Karur incident has also fueled calls for a CBI probe into the stampede, with BJP and AIADMK suggesting DMK involvement in the chaos. Analysts say the developments are shaping strategies to consolidate anti-DMK sentiment while maintaining channels with Vijay. Home Minister Amit Shah has reached out to the actor, signaling possible coordination in the evolving political landscape.

Amit Malviya calls Congress' Bihar voter list campaign a sham

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BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya on Wednesday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his recent Bihar campaign, calling the party's "Vote Chori" narrative a political stunt. The remarks came after the Election Commission completed the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, finalizing a list of 7.42 crore voters.

Malviya wrote on X that Congress had not filed any formal complaints or objections during the revision, exposing what he called Gandhi's "disingenuous politics." He alleged the campaign aimed to shield illegal migrants and undermine national security. Rahul Gandhi had conducted a 1,300-kilometre "Voter



Adhikar Yatra," claiming deletions targeted poor, backward, and minority communities, which the Election Commission described as a comprehensive and transparent exercise.

BJP demands Congress apology over Chidambaram's 26/11 revelation on US pressure

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BJP leaders demanded an apology from Congress leaders P. Chidambaram and Sonia Gandhi after Chidambaram revealed that the UPA government had considered military retaliation following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks but refrained due to US pressure and diplomatic advice. Senior BJP figures, including Ravi Shankar Prasad, Arun Sao, Rameshwar Sharma, and Asim Arun, criticized Congress for policy paralysis and weak national security decisions.



They contrasted it with Prime Minister Modi's decisive strikes against cross-border terrorism, asserting that strong leadership cannot be influenced by external pressure and condemned Congress for failing to act post-26/11.

Kerala Police search for BJP worker after death threat to Rahul Gandhi

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Kerala Police launched a search on Tuesday for BJP worker Pintu Mahadevan, who allegedly threatened Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi during a private television debate. The Peramangalam Police registered a case after a complaint by KSU District President Gokul Guruvayoor.

Mahadevan reportedly said that "a bullet would pierce Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's chest." Police also raided residences of BJP district office-bearers. Mahadevan is booked for issuing death threats, incitement, and promoting communal hatred. Congress condemned the remarks and held the BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh responsible, while protests were staged in front of Mahadevan's residence.

Karnataka CM conducts aerial survey of flood-affected districts

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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah conducted an aerial survey on Tuesday of four districts affected by floods in North Karnataka. He inspected Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Bidar, and Yadgir to assess crop and infrastructure damage. The Chief Minister held meetings with district officials to plan compensation and relief distribution, emphasizing a joint survey to avoid confusion. He directed temporary and permanent retaining walls where needed and ordered inspections of school buildings in flood-hit villages. The CM stressed immediate scientific surveys and relief operations, noting that unprecedented rains and upstream flooding worsened the situation across the region.

Bihar publishes final voter list with 7.42 crore electors



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The Election Commission of India announced the completion of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar this week, finalizing a list of 7.42 crore voters. The draft rolls had seen 65 lakh deletions and 21.53 lakh additions after objections. The EC credited Chief Electoral Officer, district officers, Booth Level Officers, volunteers, and political party representatives for the transparent exercise. Eligible voters who were not included can still apply up to ten days before nomination deadlines. Appeals against electoral roll decisions may be filed first with the District Magistrate and then with the CEO, according to the Representation of the People Act.

Punjab CM seeks special flood relief package from Amit Shah

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann met Union Home Minister Amit Shah this week to request a special package for the state after unprecedented floods affected over 20 lakh people. Mann said Rs 1,600 crore central aid was insufficient for the losses, which included 4.8 lakh acres of crops, over 17,000 damaged houses, 2.5 lakh livestock, and extensive infrastructure damage. He proposed raising compensation for crop losses and houses and flagged pending reimbursement of rural development and market fees. Mann highlighted that the state had already enhanced compensation from its budget to support victims more fairly.

EU financial watchdog calls for safeguards on stablecoins



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The European Systemic Risk Board on Thursday demanded urgent safeguards for stablecoins issued both inside and outside the bloc, warning of risks to financial stability. The board, led by European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde, said that “multi-issuer” stablecoins expose the European Union to liquidity shocks if investors rush to cash out in the region.

EU law already requires issuers to maintain sufficient reserves in liquid assets and to establish crisis management tools. However, regulators warned that issuers based abroad face looser rules, creating vulnerabilities. Lagarde said all issuers should be held to the same prudential standards. Officials also said discussions on a digital euro are advancing, with a decision possible by year’s end. If approved, the digital currency could launch by 2029 as a secure alternative to cash.

Stellantis and Volvo see share gains after strong US sales



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Shares of European automakers Stellantis and Volvo Cars rose on Thursday after reporting stronger than expected U.S. sales, easing concerns over tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump. Stellantis said its third-quarter U.S. sales grew 6 percent, marking its first quarterly increase this year. The carmaker, which owns Jeep, Chrysler, Ram, and Fiat, saw its shares climb as much as 7 percent.

Volvo Cars reported a 3 percent rise in U.S. sales during the quarter, boosting its shares by 5 percent. Nearly 70 percent of its September sales came from hybrid and internal combustion engine models, while production of its XC60 plug-in hybrid is set to begin in South Carolina in 2026.

Analysts said the results showed that carmakers are adapting to tariffs by emphasizing high-margin vehicles such as SUVs and trucks.

India-EFTA trade pact promises \$100 billion investment and 1 million jobs

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India’s first trade agreement with a group of developed European nations came into force on Wednesday as the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) took effect.

To support its rollout, the government inaugurated the India-EFTA Desk, a single-window platform aimed at attracting investment in renewable energy, life sciences, engineering, and digital transformation.

Under TEPA, EFTA has pledged \$100 billion in investments over 15 years, expected to generate 1 million direct jobs. The pact lowers tariff barriers, expands India’s market share in key sectors, and strengthens intellectual property protections. Sensitive areas such



as pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and agriculture have been safeguarded.

India’s exports to EFTA in 2024 stood at \$72.37 million, accounting for just 0.41 percent of the bloc’s imports. Officials said the deal will open opportunities in IT, education, and cultural services while reinforcing the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.

Microsoft appoints Judson Althoff to lead commercial business

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Microsoft said on Wednesday that Chief Commercial Officer Judson Althoff has been promoted to Chief Executive Officer of its commercial business, allowing Satya Nadella to focus more on technology leadership.

Althoff will head a new organization combining sales, marketing, and operations while overseeing a commercial leadership team spanning engineering, finance, and business units.

Nadella said the reorganization would help him and other leaders concentrate on technical priorities such as artificial intelligence, data center infrastructure, and systems architecture.

Althoff, who joined Microsoft in 2013, has previously led its North America



operations and global sales network.

The move comes as Microsoft intensifies its efforts to dominate the AI market. In September, the company said it would merge separate marketplaces for AI tools into a single Microsoft Marketplace, aiming to boost adoption of AI-powered business services.

South Korea awaits US response on trade deal proposals

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South Korea said on Thursday that it is still waiting for the United States to respond to its trade proposals, including a request for a currency swap line. The proposals were delivered to Washington after both countries had reached a rough agreement on security cooperation earlier in the week.

Officials said the U.S. had already agreed to cut tariffs in exchange for a \$350 billion South Korean investment package, but details of its structure remain unresolved.

Seoul hopes to finalize the deal before the Asia-Pacific summit in late October, where President Donald Trump is expected to attend.

South Korean Foreign Minister Cho



Hyun said progress has been quicker in defense cooperation, with both sides agreeing to boost Seoul’s military spending. He also confirmed that discussions on industrial nuclear fuel access are underway as part of broader talks.

LG Energy Solution to restart US business trips after visa clarifications



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LG Energy Solution announced on Thursday that it will gradually resume official trips to the United States later this month, nearly a month after 47 employees and 250 subcontractor workers were detained in Georgia during an immigration raid on September 4. The decision follows a working group meeting earlier this week where South Korea and the United States clarified that B-1 business visas and ESTA entries can be used for installation, servicing, and equipment maintenance. The company said it will prioritize employee safety while normalizing construction at its joint battery plants. The United States has also agreed to set up a visa support desk at its embassy in Seoul starting next month.

BSNL launches pan-India eSIM services with Tata Communications support

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Tata Communications announced this week that its MOVE platform is powering Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited’s new eSIM services across India. The service allows subscribers to activate connectivity through a secure QR code without the need for a physical SIM, enabling flexible and secure access to 2G, 3G, and 4G networks. BSNL said the eSIM launch marks a major step in improving customer convenience while preparing the network for next-generation applications. Dual-SIM devices can now combine physical and eSIMs, offering easier connectivity when traveling abroad. Tata Communications said the system is designed to scale for future enterprise applications, including Internet of Things, while strengthening India’s digital infrastructure.

Maruti Suzuki posts record exports, Nissan sales boosted by GST relief

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Maruti Suzuki reported on Wednesday that total sales in September rose 3 percent year-on-year to 1,89,665 units, led by record exports of 42,204 units, even as domestic volumes fell to 1,35,711 units. Sales to other manufacturers increased to 11,750 units, while customer demand picked up during the Navratri festive period. Nissan Motor India also recorded strong growth, with September sales reaching 10,500 units, supported by revised GST slabs that cut prices of its Magnite by up to \$1,200. Exports for Nissan touched 8,872 units, its highest ever to South Asia. The company also introduced a 10-year warranty and new variants, which it said received strong customer response.

OpenAI seeks dismissal of Musk's xAI lawsuit



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OpenAI has asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Elon Musk's artificial intelligence startup xAI, which accused OpenAI of luring away staff to steal trade secrets. In filings on Thursday, OpenAI rejected the claims as false and described the case as part of Musk's "ongoing harassment." The company said xAI employees were leaving voluntarily and had every right to choose new employers.

The lawsuit, filed in San Francisco last week, alleged that OpenAI recruited staff to gain access to technology behind xAI's chatbot Grok, which Musk has claimed is more advanced than ChatGPT. OpenAI countered that xAI is losing talent due to its own shortcomings, not misconduct by rivals.

The dispute adds to a series of legal clashes between Musk and OpenAI, including lawsuits over its for-profit shift and separate claims that Apple and OpenAI conspired to suppress competitors.

GoodRx expands partnership with Kroger to offer branded drug discounts



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GoodRx said on Tuesday that it has expanded its partnership with Kroger's healthcare division to provide prescription discounts on branded medications at nearly 2,200 pharmacies across the United States.

The initiative, called RxSmartSaver, covers treatments such as Novo Nordisk's Wegovy, Sanofi's insulin Lantus, and Dexcom's glucose monitor G7. GoodRx said patients can now access savings directly at pharmacy counters, with discounts tied to its platform.

The company also collaborates with manufacturers to expand direct-to-consumer programs. Earlier, GoodRx partnered with Kroger in 2024 for lower-priced generic drugs. The new tie-up will broaden access to branded medicines and strengthen GoodRx's role in the prescription savings market.

Brazil set to overtake Vietnam in robusta coffee production

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Brazil is on track to surpass Vietnam as the world's largest producer of robusta coffee, according to a Rabobank report released on Thursday. Production is projected to reach 24.7 million 60-kg bags in 2025, up sharply from 19 million in 2020, while Vietnam is expected to produce about 30 million bags in 2025–26.

Robusta, valued for its stronger taste and higher caffeine, is more resilient to heat, drought, and disease than arabica. With climate change affecting traditional growing regions, Brazil has turned to irrigation, with 71 percent of robusta farms now equipped, a figure expected to grow significantly by 2040.

Although planting costs are high, robusta's yield is nearly 170 percent greater



than arabica, with payback in about four years. Brazil also has millions of hectares of degraded pastureland suitable for conversion, allowing expansion without deforestation.

Musk's trillion-dollar pay plan faces investor pushback

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Tesla's proposed \$1 trillion pay package for CEO Elon Musk has drawn opposition from a coalition of shareholders and state officials ahead of the company's November meeting. On Thursday, the group, which includes SOC Investment Group and treasurers from Nevada, New Mexico and Connecticut, urged investors to reject the plan and vote against directors Ira Ehrenpreis, Joe Gebbia and Kathleen Wilson-Thompson. New York City Comptroller Brad Lander also voiced opposition.

Critics accused Tesla's board of prioritizing Musk's retention over addressing strategic goals, citing weak oversight, falling performance, and stalled progress on promises made at the last annual meeting. Despite Tesla's report of record vehicle deliveries on Thursday,



analysts warned that the expiry of U.S. electric vehicle tax credits could dent future sales. The plan, billed as the largest corporate compensation package in history, sets ambitious performance targets while granting Musk greater control of the company.

Telstra fined \$12 million for misleading broadband customers

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Australia's top telecom provider Telstra was fined \$12 million on Friday for failing to inform nearly 9,000 customers that their internet upload speeds had been cut in half. The Federal Court issued the penalty following an investigation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The regulator said the company migrated customers of its budget brand Belong to slower plans during October and November 2020 without notification. Each affected customer will receive compensation of about \$15 per month for the period they were misled.

ACCC Commissioner Anna Brakey said



Telstra's conduct deprived customers of the ability to choose whether the altered plan suited their needs. The ruling comes as Australian telecom firms face greater scrutiny, particularly after Optus suffered two major emergency call outages last month.

PhonePe and Mastercard introduce tap and pay feature for Indian users

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PhonePe announced on Monday that it has partnered with Mastercard to roll out a new tap and pay feature for Mastercard cardholders in India. The service allows users with NFC-enabled Android smartphones to make in-store payments by tapping their phones at retail terminals through the PhonePe app. Cardholders can also use tokenized transactions for safer online shopping. Mastercard's expertise in tokenization combined with PhonePe's base of more than 600 million users is expected to expand secure contactless payments across India and abroad. The feature will be rolled out gradually and aims to enhance convenience and safety for customers while supporting the country's growing digital economy.

First 'Made in India' Airbus H125 helicopter expected in 2027

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Airbus announced on Wednesday that the first H125 helicopter manufactured in India is expected in early 2027. The Final Assembly Line, to be set up by Tata Advanced Systems Limited in Karnataka, will produce the H125 for domestic use and export across South Asia. The program will support both civil and defense markets, including a potential military version, the H125M. Airbus said the project will help meet India's demand for light helicopters in sectors such as disaster relief, tourism, law enforcement, and high-altitude operations. Tata said it was proud to be the first private Indian company to build helicopters, reinforcing its partnership with Airbus.

Cisco to expand Webex services in India with new data centers



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Cisco announced on Tuesday that it is expanding its Webex Calling and Webex Contact Center services in India with new data centers in Mumbai and Chennai. The move will improve call quality, reduce latency, and meet local compliance requirements, the company said. Businesses will now be able to connect Webex Calling to the public telephone network through local telecom providers. Cisco also plans to launch its cloud-based Webex Contact Center in Mumbai by mid-2026. The center will feature AI-powered assistants, integration across digital channels, and workforce optimization tools. Cisco said the expansion reflects India's growing demand for secure and reliable cloud communication solutions.

Rahul, Jurel and Jadeja centuries put India in control against West Indies

India tightened their grip on the first Test against the West Indies on Friday, finishing Day Two at 448/5 with a commanding lead of 286 runs. Centuries from KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, and Ravindra Jadeja powered India into dominance at the Narendra Modi Stadium. Jurel struck his maiden Test century, scoring 125 before edging Khary Pierre to the keeper, while Jadeja remained unbeaten on 104 at stumps. Their 206-run stand for the fifth wicket proved decisive, frustrating a West Indies attack that struggled to capitalize with the second new ball. Washington Sundar, batting on nine, will resume alongside Jadeja on Day Three. With India's middle order in strong form and more batting depth to come, the West Indies face an uphill battle to stay competitive in the contest.

Namibia qualify for 2026 T20 World Cup with big win over Tanzania



Namibia secured their place at the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup on Thursday after defeating Tanzania by 63 runs in the semifinal of the Africa qualifiers. Namibia posted 174/6 in 20 overs, led by captain Gerhard Erasmus' 55 and JJ Smit's unbeaten 61. Despite early batting struggles in the Powerplay, the pair steadied the innings and built momentum. Tanzania's chase faltered under Namibia's disciplined bowling attack. Smit starred with 3/16, while Ben Shikongo added 3/21, ensuring Tanzania never came close to the target. Namibia, who previously played in the 2021, 2022, and 2024 editions, confirmed their fourth World Cup appearance. They join South Africa, already qualified directly, while either Kenya or Zimbabwe will take the final African spot when they meet in the second semifinal on Friday.

PGA of America president apologizes for fan abuse at Ryder Cup

PGA of America president Don Rea Jr has issued a formal apology after initially downplaying the abuse European players faced during the Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black in New York last week. In an email to members on Thursday, Rea admitted that "fan behavior clearly crossed the line" and was "disrespectful, inappropriate, and not representative" of the PGA of America.

Europe's players and families endured verbal abuse throughout the tournament, with chants targeting Rory McIlroy, homophobic slurs from the crowd, and even McIlroy's wife Erica being struck by a beer on Saturday. The atmosphere forced McIlroy to lash out at spectators during his match. Europe went on to win the Ryder Cup on



Sunday with a 15-13 victory.

Rea faced criticism for comparing the abuse to behavior at "a youth soccer game" in a Sunday interview. PGA CEO Derek Sprague confirmed on Tuesday he

would personally apologize to Rory and Erica McIlroy. Rea later acknowledged his comments reflected poorly on the organization, writing, "What makes our sport great is that we own our bogeys. We certainly own this one."

PCB chief rejects reports of apologizing to BCCI over Asia Cup trophy row

The Asia Cup 2025 trophy controversy deepened on Wednesday after Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) president Mohsin Naqvi rejected reports that he had apologized to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Calling the claims "fabricated propaganda," Naqvi wrote on X that he had "done nothing wrong" and would "never apologize."

The row erupted on Sunday after India defeated Pakistan in Dubai to claim a record ninth Asia Cup title. The Indian players refused to accept the trophy and medals directly from Naqvi due

to strained relations, insisting that the Emirates Cricket Board's vice-chairman conduct the presentation instead. Naqvi denied the request, and after a delay, Indian players received only individual awards from other dignitaries. When Naqvi later appeared on stage, the Indian side made clear they would not take the trophy from him, which was then quietly removed from the venue.

Reports later claimed Naqvi demanded captain Suryakumar Yadav travel to Dubai to collect the trophy, a claim he has dismissed. Naqvi reiterated, "If they truly want it, they are welcome to collect it from the ACC office."



FIA declares Singapore Grand Prix first 'heat hazard' race



Formula 1's governing body declared this weekend's Singapore Grand Prix a "heat hazard" race, the first since new safety rules were introduced this year. The decision followed forecasts of temperatures above 31°C in the city's humid conditions. Teams must install cooling-vest systems in cars, though driver use is optional to avoid competitive imbalance. Singapore has long been considered one of the most demanding races due to its heat, humidity, and nearly two-hour duration. The move comes after last year's Qatar Grand Prix, where extreme heat forced drivers to retire or seek medical attention. Carlos Sainz, representing the Grand Prix Drivers' Association, welcomed the rule as fair, noting the evolving effectiveness of cooling systems. George Russell also praised the technology after testing it in Bahrain earlier this year.

Afridi urges Mohsin Naqvi to quit one of his roles

Former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi urged Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday to step down from one of his two roles, either as Pakistan Cricket Board chairman or as Interior Minister. Afridi said both jobs demand full attention, and Naqvi's advisers were "taking him nowhere." Naqvi also serves as Asian Cricket Council president. The criticism follows the Asia Cup final on Sunday, when India refused to accept the trophy from him. Afridi said Pakistan cricket urgently needs dedicated leadership.



Gauff beats Lys to reach third straight China Open semifinal



Coco Gauff advanced to the semifinals of the China Open for the third consecutive year, defeating Eva Lys 6-3, 6-4 in their quarterfinal clash. The second seed improved her Beijing record to 14-1, becoming the first player since Jelena Jankovic in 2006–2008 to reach three straight semifinals at the event. It marked her fourth semifinal of 2025 and her first outside clay since winning last year’s WTA Finals in Riyadh. Gauff handled Lys’ aggressive play, which produced 14 winners but also 48 unforced errors. The American stayed composed during multiple service breaks, keeping control throughout both sets. Gauff, who is aiming to defend her Beijing title, will next face either Amanda Anisimova or Jasmine Paolini in the semifinals as she seeks her second successful title defense.

Messi recalls India memories ahead of December ‘GOAT Tour’



Lionel Messi expressed excitement on Thursday about his upcoming three-day “GOAT Tour of India 2025,” which begins on Saturday, December 13. The Argentine star will appear in Kolkata, Mumbai, and New Delhi, with a fourth city to be announced. This will be Messi’s first visit since 2011, when Argentina played a FIFA friendly against Venezuela at Kolkata’s Salt Lake Stadium. Reflecting on that trip, Messi said India is a “very special country” and praised fans for their passion. Highlights of the December tour will include stadium events, a statue unveiling in Kolkata, and the launch of a new charitable initiative. Messi will also meet dignitaries, athletes, and entertainers. Before the tour, Argentina’s World Cup-winning squad will play international fixtures in Kochi and Angola during November’s FIFA window.

US basketball player faces possible execution in Indonesia over cannabis gummies

American basketball player Jarred Shaw is fighting for his life in Indonesia after being arrested in May for importing cannabis gummies worth about \$400. Shaw, a 35-year-old former Utah State center who played for Prawira Bandung and helped them win the Indonesian Basketball League title in 2023, was caught by undercover officers when he collected a package containing 132 gummies at his Jakarta apartment.

Shaw, who suffers from Crohn’s disease,

insists he uses cannabis only for medical purposes. Speaking from prison this week, he said, “There’s no medicine apart from cannabis that stops my stomach from aching. I made a stupid mistake, but I’m not a drug dealer.” He has been banned for life from the league and remains in pre-trial detention, where he shares a cramped cell with a dozen men. Indonesia enforces some of the world’s strictest drug laws and has carried out executions for narcotics crimes, with more than 500 inmates on death row.



‘Chess Messi’ Faustino Oro, 11, sets records with grandmaster norm and 2500 rating

Faustino Oro, the 11-year-old prodigy from Argentina known as the “chess Messi,” achieved historic milestones last week by winning the Legends and Prodigies tournament in Madrid with an unbeaten score of 7.5 out of 9. The victory earned him his first grandmaster norm and pushed his FIDE rating above 2500, making him the first player under 12 ever to reach that mark.

Oro’s achievement puts him on track to break Abhimanyu Mishra’s record as the

youngest grandmaster, possibly within the next four months, if he secures two more norms. His upcoming schedule includes the World Cup in Goa, the European Club Cup in Greece, and a tournament in Argentina.

Oro has already built a reputation for his universal playing style, blending endurance in long endgames with sharp tactical attacks. Chess observers say his rise could position him as the sport’s next global icon, especially with Magnus Carlsen expected to step back from competition in the future.



Praggnanandhaa dazzles at Grand Chess Tour Finals exhibition in Sao Paulo



India Grand Master R Praggnanandhaa showcased his chess skills during an exhibition ahead of the Grand Chess Tour 2025 Finals at the World Trade Center in Sao Paulo on Sunday. The exhibition featured all players making a few moves in an interactive session. Praggnanandhaa, runner-up at the 2025 Sinquefeld Cup, will face Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France in the semi-finals, while Fabiano Caruana plays Levon Aronian. Each semi-final includes two classical, two rapid, and four blitz games, with Praggnanandhaa and Caruana taking white in the first classical match. Legendary champion Garry Kasparov and Superbet Brazil CEO Alexandre Fonseca made the ceremonial first moves, marking an exciting start to the tournament. Praggnanandhaa called the event “fun and a different experience over the board.”

Martinelli scores early as Arsenal maintain perfect Champions League record



Gabriel Martinelli’s early goal set Arsenal on course for a 2-0 victory over Olympiacos on Wednesday, keeping the Premier League side unbeaten in the UEFA Champions League group stage. Martinelli scored in the 12th minute after Viktor Gyokeres’ shot hit the post, building on his contributions from Arsenal’s opening win over Athletic Club. Manager Mikel Arteta rotated six players from the weekend clash with Newcastle. Olympiacos threatened, with Daniel Podence forcing a strong save from David Raya and Francisco Chiquinho’s goal disallowed for offside. Bukayo Saka sealed the win in stoppage time. Arsenal return to Premier League action on Saturday against West Ham before the international break. Newcastle also recorded a 4-0 win over Union Saint-Gilloise, with Anthony Gordon scoring twice.

Gnezdilov sets world record to win Para Athletics gold

Denis Gnezdilov won gold at the World Para Athletics Championships on Monday with a record-breaking throw of 11.92 meters. The Rustavi-born athlete, who missed the podium at the Paris Paralympics last year, said he reinvented his technique by switching to a rotational style. His third-round throw already broke the previous world record of 11.85 meters held by Miguel Monteiro. The Tokyo 2020 Paralympic champion, now 38, secured his third world title, calling the victory a lesson in resilience.



India sweep air rifle mixed team medals as Croatia and Czechia strike trap gold

India clinched both gold and silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team final at the ISSF Junior World Cup in New Delhi on Tuesday. Isha Anil Taksale and Himanshu staged a stunning comeback to defeat compatriots Shambhavi S. Kshirsagar and Naraen Pranav 17–15. In trap, Croatia’s Toni Gudelj and Czechia’s Lea Kucerova won gold, while India’s Vinay Pratap Singh Chandrawat secured bronze. India leads the tally with 23 medals, including seven gold.

'Peaky Blinders' sequel confirmed with Cillian Murphy as executive producer



The world of 'Peaky Blinders' is set to return with a sequel series created by Steven Knight. Netflix and the BBC have ordered two seasons, each with six hour-long episodes, set in 1953 Britain. On Tuesday, Knight revealed that the new series will focus on Birmingham's postwar reconstruction and the Shelby family's role in a brutal contest for power. While the cast remains under wraps, original star Cillian Murphy will serve as an executive producer. Filming will take place at Digbeth Loc Studios in Birmingham. Fans can also expect the upcoming film 'The Immortal Man', scheduled for release in early 2026.

'Patriot' teaser unveils thriller starring Mammooty and Mohanlal



On Thursday, the teaser for Mahesh Narayanan's much-anticipated film 'Patriot' was released, bringing together Malayalam cinema icons Mammooty and Mohanlal. The clip teases political intrigue, with Mohanlal appearing as an army general and Mammooty warning of state surveillance. The film also stars Fahadh Faasil, Kunchacko Boban, Nayanthara, and Revathy. Mammooty recently returned to the sets after an eight-month health break, with nearly 60 percent of the movie already filmed. Originally slated for release this month, production delays mean the premiere is likely to be rescheduled. With its star-studded cast and timely theme, 'Patriot' has sparked major anticipation among fans.

Taylor Swift reclaims spotlight with bold new album 'The Life of a Showgirl'

Taylor Swift's 12th studio album, The Life of a Showgirl, arrives with a confident declaration: she has no plans of stepping aside. Building on the legacy of her record-breaking Eras Tour and following 2024's The Tortured Poets Department, the new record leans into vibrant, uptempo pop while weaving in the wit, self-awareness, and literary flourish that have long defined her artistry.

Across 12 tracks, Swift explores love, reputation, and cultural legacy, themes she has revisited throughout her career but with renewed boldness. Songs like CANCELLED! and Elizabeth Taylor directly confront her place in Hollywood's ever-shifting spotlight, while Wi\$h Li\$t and Opalite capture her knack for mixing suburban romance and dreamlike imagery with playful hooks.

One of the most notable collaborations is with Sabrina Carpenter on the closing track, which carries country undertones



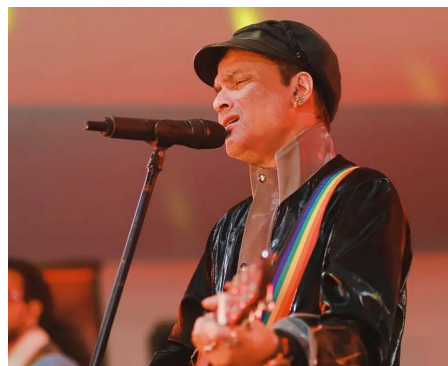
that nod to Swift's early sound while spotlighting a rising star. For production, Swift returns to Swedish hitmakers Max Martin and Shellback, reviving the team that shaped 1989 and Reputation.

If Showgirl does not completely redefine pop music the way her earlier projects did, it still delivers an album brimming with quotable lyrics, theatrical energy, and clever reinvention. With humor, sensuality, and plenty of swagger, Swift makes clear that the stage is still hers.

Zubeen Garg case takes major turn with arrest of manager and festival organizer

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the death of Assamese singer Zubeen Garg arrested his manager Siddhartha Sharma and North East India Festival organizer Shyamkanu Mahanta this week, marking a major development in the high-profile case. Sharma was taken into custody late Tuesday night from Gurugram, while Mahanta was detained at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport upon returning from Singapore. Both were flown to Guwahati early Wednesday for interrogation.

Garg died in Singapore on September 19 after developing complications while swimming during a yacht outing. Authorities there listed "drowning" as the preliminary cause of death, but public outcry in Assam and allegations of a possible conspiracy prompted the



government to form a 10-member SIT. Notices had earlier been served to Sharma and Mahanta, but their failure to cooperate led to lookout notices and involvement of Interpol. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has assured a thorough probe, and investigators say further arrests are possible as the case unfolds.

Film on Punjab's stubble burning crisis wins national award

A short documentary highlighting the challenges of stubble burning in Punjab has won national recognition at the 'Breath of Change' CMS Vatavaran Short Film Competition held earlier this week in Delhi. Titled Beyond Stubble, the 13-minute film was directed by Dharmik Patel and produced by Bangalore-based development startup Asar in collaboration with Clean Air Punjab. The award was presented by Rajesh Verma, Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM).

The documentary tells the story of Punjab's farmers and the dilemmas they face with crop residue burning, weaving in real-life experiences while also spotlighting practical alternatives that protect livelihoods. Patel dedicated the recognition to the farmers, noting that their stories are central to building sustainable solutions. Sanam Wazir, Director of State Climate



Action at Asar, said the film aims to inspire dialogue, peer learning among farmers, and collective action for cleaner air. The recognition underscores how storytelling can amplify grassroots voices in the fight against air pollution.

YouTube channel with AI-generated Bollywood content removed after Bachchan lawsuit



A YouTube channel hosting hundreds of AI-generated Bollywood videos has been deleted by its creator, following a lawsuit by Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Reuters reported on Friday. The couple filed the suit to stop the spread of videos misusing their likenesses, voices, and personas without consent. Before removal, the channel had over 16 million views and featured content cited in the Bachchans' legal petition. YouTube confirmed the deletion was voluntary, not a direct platform action. The case underscores growing concerns in India's entertainment industry about AI misuse and could set a precedent for handling intellectual property rights amid the rise of AI-generated media globally.

Lady Gaga promises fans two more decades of music

During her 'Mayhem Ball' concert at London's The O2 on Monday, Lady Gaga promised fans she would continue performing for another 20 years. The 39-year-old singer vowed to return to the same stage in two decades, thanking the audience for their loyalty since her rise in the late 2000s. Gaga admitted she still feels grateful when fans buy tickets and praised their support throughout her career. However, earlier this month she had to cancel a Miami show due to vocal strain, apologizing to fans and citing her doctor's advice to protect her voice from long-term damage.

Ajay Devgn and Kajol unveil Devgn CineX on Maha Navami



Bollywood stars Ajay Devgn and Kajol marked Maha Navami by launching Devgn CineX, the new identity of NY Cinemas, in partnership with Vishwa Samudra Group on Tuesday. The announcement was made during Durga Puja celebrations in Mumbai, where the couple unveiled the brand's new name at a festive pandal. Devgn said the initiative aims to enhance moviegoing with cutting-edge technology and luxury seating. Kajol highlighted the brand's focus on bringing stories to life for audiences across India. Devgn CineX will expand nationwide, with new multiplex projects planned in several cities over the next two years.

Gary Oldman says knighthood surpasses Oscar in significance



Veteran actor Gary Oldman expressed deep emotion after receiving knighthood from Prince William. The 67-year-old Oscar-winning actor said in an Instagram video that the honor moved him profoundly, adding that it “pales in comparison” to his Academy Award. He credited luck for his career success, recalling years in theater and television before breaking into film. Prince William, a self-professed fan, praised Oldman’s roles in ‘The Fifth Element’ and ‘Darkest Hour’. The London-born actor described himself as “humbled and flattered” and emphasized that recognition is “a bonus” in what he considers the greatest job in the world.

Ranbir Kapoor reflects on turning 43 and growing grey hair

Ranbir Kapoor candidly reflected on turning 43, noting his increasing grey hair while expressing gratitude for his family, friends, work, and fans. In a heartfelt video, the ‘Rockstar’ actor said, “I’m 43 years old today. A lot of greys in my beard, but a lot of gratitude in my heart for my family, friends, work, and mostly for all of you.” The video features the sweet voice of little Raha in the background. Kapoor’s mother, Neetu Kapoor, shared a birthday message on Instagram, while his sister, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, posted childhood photos, calling him “the rockstar of our family.” The family returned to Mumbai recently from a brief vacation.

Court denies Diddy’s request for new trial ahead of sentencing



The court rejected Sean “Diddy” Combs’ request for a new trial or acquittal in his federal case ahead of his sentencing on Friday. Judge Arun Subramanian ruled that Combs failed to show “spillover prejudice” from RICO and sex trafficking counts, for which he was acquitted, to the Mann Act charges. Combs’ attorneys argued his recordings with male escorts were protected under the First Amendment. Prosecutors have recommended a sentence of at least 11 years, citing his “unrepentant” attitude, while his team requested a maximum of 14 months. Support letters were submitted by former associates and fans of his prison rehabilitation course.

Diljit Dosanjh unveils ‘Rebel’ song from ‘Kantara: Chapter 1’ ahead of release



Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh released his new track ‘Rebel’ from the upcoming Kannada film ‘Kantara: Chapter 1’ on Wednesday, elevating anticipation for the movie. The song highlights Dosanjh’s vocals and presence, reflecting the film’s intense and thrilling world.

Makers shared on social media that the

track “roars rebellion and shakes your soul.” The film, directed, written, and starring Rishab Shetty, explores mythological spirits Panjurli Daiva and Guliga Daiva, pre-colonial forest-tribal conflicts, and ancient rituals. Shot over 250 days with 3,500 extras, it releases worldwide on October 2 in multiple languages including Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali, and English.

John Mayer to make India debut with Mumbai show on January 22

Grammy-winning musician John Mayer will make his India debut with a one-night-only performance in Mumbai on January 22, 2026, at Mahalaxmi Racecourse. Mayer promised a mix of beloved tracks and spontaneous live moments that have defined his concerts worldwide. “India has long been on my list of places to play, not just for the vibrancy of its culture but for the way music lives in everyday life here,” he said. Mayer, known for blending pop, rock, and blues, has sold over 20 million albums globally and collaborated with artists including Ed Sheeran, Eric Clapton, B.B. King, and Alicia Keys. Tickets go on pre-sale October 12, with general sales starting October 14.



Emraan Hashmi resumes shooting for ‘Awarapan 2’ in Bangkok

Actor Emraan Hashmi has reprised his role as Shivam for the sequel ‘Awarapan 2’, kicking off the first shooting schedule in Bangkok following a mahurat puja ceremony. Announcing the start, producer Vishesh Bhatt shared a clapboard on Instagram, celebrating the reunion of Hashmi with Vishesh Films, whose past hits include ‘Jannat’, ‘Murder’, and ‘Awarapan’.

Directed by Nitin Kakkar and written by Bilal Siddiqui, ‘Awarapan 2’ continues Shivam’s journey with nostalgic elements and a fresh storyline, and is set to release on April 3, 2026.

Hashmi was last seen in the Telugu



action thriller ‘They Call Him OG’, portraying the antagonist Omi Bhau alongside Pawan Kalyan.

Shah Rukh Khan officially joins billionaire club with \$1.4 billion net worth



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has entered the billionaire club with an estimated net worth of \$1.4 billion, according to the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025. His wealth surpasses global stars including Taylor Swift, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Jerry Seinfeld. SRK’s empire includes Red Chillies Entertainment, which produces films such as ‘Chennai Express’, ‘Raees’, and ‘Pathaan’, manages VFX and content rights, and co-owns Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League. His portfolio also spans real estate, luxury cars, and lifestyle investments, making him one of the world’s wealthiest entertainers. Juhi Chawla and Hrithik Roshan rank second and third among Indian actors.

A R Rahman gifts nephew G V Prakash white piano after National Award win



Oscar winner A R Rahman gifted his white grand piano to nephew G V Prakash Kumar to celebrate the music director’s second National Award for the Dhanush-starrer ‘Vaathi’. G V Prakash shared photos on X, calling it “the best ever gift” and noting the piano was used by Rahman himself. He had previously won a National Award for ‘Soorai Pottru’. The music director dedicated his second award to fans who supported him through 20 years and over 110 films. He explained that scoring a film’s background music, which can span two to three hours, differs greatly from composing individual songs.

Bombay HC orders NCB to return Rhea Chakraborty’s passport

The Bombay High Court directed the Narcotics Control Bureau to return Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty’s passport in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case. Rhea, arrested in 2020, had submitted her passport as a bail condition. Her lawyer argued that its absence delayed work and travel for professional commitments. The court noted her full compliance with bail conditions and cooperation throughout the trial. The passport will be returned with conditions: notifying NCB of travel plans, providing full itineraries, maintaining an active phone, and appearing in court as required. The ruling aligns with similar relief granted to other accused in the case.

वृंदावन मंदिर यात्रा का 15वां पड़ाव राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर

IndoUS Tribune की "यात्रा और दर्शन: वृंदावन मंदिर" श्रृंखला में आपका पुनः स्वागत है। वृंदावन की हर गली में श्रीराधा-कृष्ण की लीलाओं की झलक मिलती है। यहाँ हर मंदिर का अपना विशिष्ट इतिहास और आध्यात्मिक महत्व है। इस श्रृंखला के पंद्रहवें पड़ाव पर हम आपको ले चलते हैं राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर, जहाँ अनेक महान संतों द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित विग्रह और स्मृतियाँ एक साथ पूजित हैं।

मंदिर का इतिहास और विशेषता

राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर वृंदावन के केशी घाट और राधा-रामन मंदिर के बीच स्थित है। यह मंदिर विशेष इसलिए है क्योंकि यहाँ एक ही स्थान पर कई विख्यात आचार्यों द्वारा पूजित विग्रहों की स्थापना है।

- ▶ **राधा-विनोद जी:** लोकनाथ गोस्वामी द्वारा किशोरीकुंड (उमराया) से प्राप्त।
- ▶ **राधा विजया गोविंद जी:** बलदेव विद्याभूषण द्वारा पूजित।
- ▶ **राधा-गोकुलानंद जी:** श्री विश्वनाथ चक्रवर्ती ठाकुर द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित।
- ▶ **महाप्रभु गौरांग (श्री चैतन्य महाप्रभु):** जिनकी सेवा श्री नारोत्तम दास ठाकुर ने की।

मंदिर का निर्माण श्री विश्वनाथ चक्रवर्ती ठाकुर ने कराया। पहले प्रत्येक विग्रह अलग-अलग स्थानों पर प्रतिष्ठित थे, लेकिन जब लोकनाथ गोस्वामी का राधा-विनोद मंदिर जीर्ण हो गया, तो सभी विग्रहों को एक ही स्थान पर स्थापित कर दिया गया।

गौरवपूर्ण धरोहर- गोवर्धन शिला

इस मंदिर में एक अद्वितीय गोवर्धन शिला भी है, जिसे स्वयं श्री चैतन्य महाप्रभु ने तीन वर्षों तक अपने हृदय से लगाकर पूजा। इस शिला पर उनके अंगूठे का निशान अंकित है और यह सदैव उनके आँसुओं से सिन्धु रहती थी। बाद में यह शिला श्री रघुनाथ दास गोस्वामी को प्रदान की गई। आज भी भक्त थोड़े से दान के उपरांत इस शिला का दर्शन कर सकते हैं।



संतों की समाधियाँ

मंदिर परिसर में कई महान संतों की समाधियाँ भी स्थित हैं, जिनमें लोकनाथ गोस्वामी, नारोत्तम दास ठाकुर और विश्वनाथ चक्रवर्ती ठाकुर की समाधियाँ प्रमुख हैं। यह स्थान न केवल भक्ति का केंद्र है बल्कि वैष्णव परंपरा की विरासत का जीवंत प्रतीक भी है।

आध्यात्मिक वातावरण और अनुभव

इस मंदिर की विशेषता है इसका आध्यात्मिक वातावरण। जब भक्त मंदिर प्रांगण में प्रवेश करते हैं तो सबसे पहले उन्हें यहाँ का अद्भुत शांत वातावरण महसूस होता है। मंदिर की दीवारों पर अंकित सुंदर शिल्पकला और विग्रहों के दर्शन भक्तों को भक्ति और श्रद्धा में डुबो देते हैं।

वृंदावन से लगभग 12 किमी दूर है। वहाँ से ऑटो या टैक्सी द्वारा मंदिर पहुँचा जा सकता है।

सड़क मार्ग से: दिल्ली से वृंदावन लगभग 160 किमी की दूरी पर है। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे के माध्यम से यह यात्रा सुविधाजनक और तेज हो जाती है।

स्थानीय परिवहन: वृंदावन में ई-रिक्शा और ऑटो रिक्शा से मंदिर तक पहुँचना आसान है।

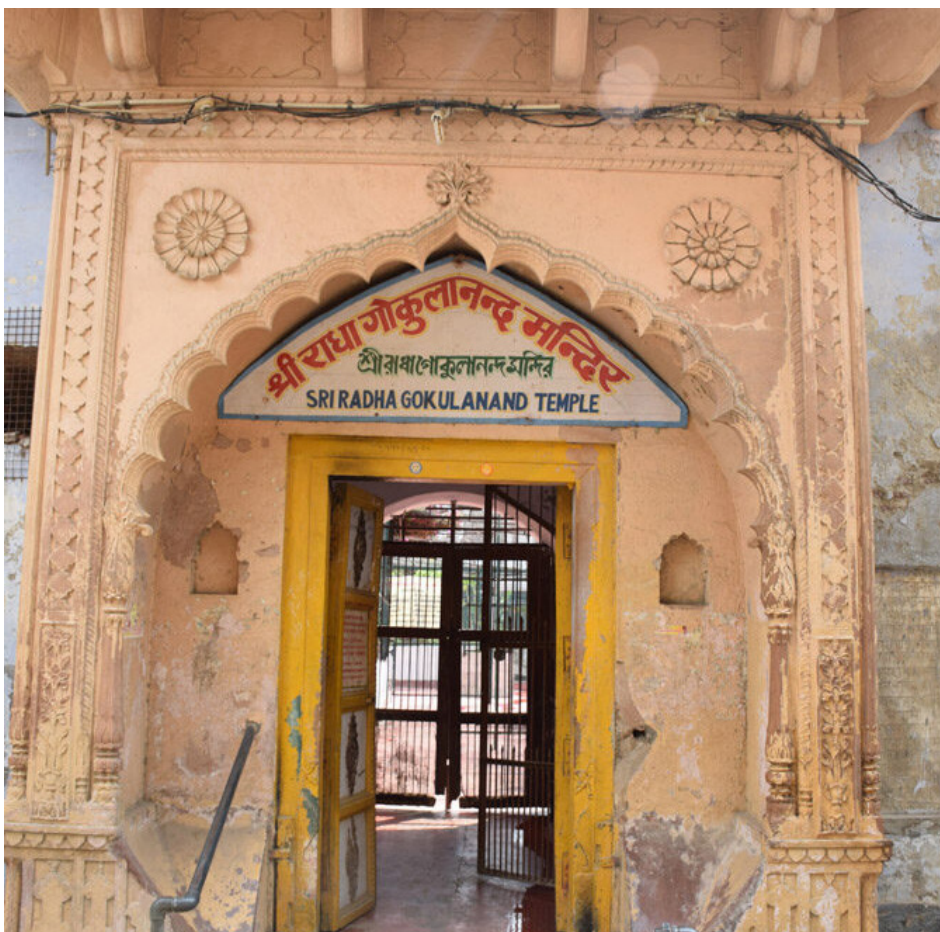
आध्यात्मिक महत्व

राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर वह स्थान है जहाँ विभिन्न महान आचार्यों की भक्ति का संगम होता है। यहाँ आने वाले भक्त न केवल विग्रहों का दर्शन करते हैं, बल्कि उस दिव्य ऊर्जा का अनुभव भी करते हैं जो इन संतों ने अपनी साधना से यहाँ संचित की है।

निष्कर्ष

राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर का दर्शन हमें वैष्णव संतों की तपस्या, भक्ति और राधा-कृष्ण के प्रेम की अनूठी अनुभूति कराता है। यह स्थल एक ऐसा संगम है जहाँ भक्ति, इतिहास और आध्यात्मिकता एक साथ मिलते हैं। **IndoUS Tribune** की ओर से हम आशा करते हैं कि इस पड़ाव ने आपको वृंदावन की वैष्णव परंपरा से गहराई से जोड़ा होगा।

हमारी अगली कड़ी में, हम आपको वृंदावन के गोपेश्वर महादेव मंदिर के दर्शन कराएँगे। तब तक के लिए, श्री राधा-कृष्ण और वैष्णव आचार्यों की कृपा आप पर बनी रहे।



मंदिर दर्शन का अनुभव और भी गहरा हो जाता है जब यहाँ संकीर्तन गुंजता है। हर सुबह और शाम मंदिर परिसर में कीर्तन और भजन का स्वर वातावरण को भक्तिमय बना देता है। भक्त एक साथ हरिनाम संकीर्तन करते हैं, जिससे न केवल मंदिर प्रांगण बल्कि आसपास की गलियाँ भी कृष्ण-राधा के नाम से गुंजायमान हो उठती हैं।

परिक्रमा का माहौल भी अद्भुत होता है। भक्त श्रद्धा से मंदिर की परिक्रमा करते हुए प्रभु के चरणों में अपना मन समर्पित करते हैं। परिक्रमा मार्ग पर भजन, शंख और घंटियों की ध्वनि मिलकर ऐसा अनुभव देती है मानो स्वयं वृंदावन की दिव्यता आत्मा को स्पर्श कर रही हो।

दर्शन और आरती समय

- ▶ **प्रातः दर्शन:** 8:00 बजे से 12:00 बजे तक
- ▶ **संध्या दर्शन:** 5:20 बजे से 8:00 बजे तक
- ▶ **ग्रीष्मकालीन मंगल आरती:** प्रातः 5:00 बजे
- ▶ **शीतकालीन मंगल आरती:** प्रातः 6:00 बजे

कैसे पहुँचे

राधा गोकुलानंद मंदिर, वृंदावन के केंद्र में स्थित है और यहाँ पहुँचना सरल है।

रेल द्वारा: निकटतम रेलवे स्टेशन मथुरा जंक्शन है, जो

जय श्रीराधे!

गीता स्वाध्याय- मेरी समझ से, बारहवाँ अध्याय

भगवद् गीता का बारहवाँ अध्याय भक्ति योग के नाम से प्रसिद्ध है। भगवद् प्राप्ति के दो प्रमुख मार्ग बताए गए हैं। एक को कहते हैं, ज्ञान मार्ग या ज्ञान योग और दूसरे को कहते हैं, भक्ति मार्ग या भक्ति योग।



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ज्ञान मार्ग सुबुद्ध योगियों का मार्ग है, जो वेदों पुराणों के अध्ययन के बाद, ब्रह्म तत्व को जान कर, प्रभु का सामीप्य प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं। इसमें अध्ययन है, मनन है, और ध्यान उपासना है। कठोर तपस्या है। इसी लिए इसे कठिन मार्ग भी कहा गया है।

दूसरा मार्ग है, भक्ति योग का मार्ग। इस मार्ग में भक्त, केवल श्रद्धा और प्रेम में डूब कर अपने प्रभु का सिमरन करता है। सिमरन के हजारों तरीके हैं, और सभी सहज एवं सरल हैं। यह मार्ग बहुत सरल मार्ग है। न अधिक अध्ययन, मनन और चिंतन। न कठोर तपस्या। न ध्यान की कठिन प्रक्रिया। इसी लिए करीब पाँच सौ साल पहले यह, भारत में बहुत ही प्रचलित हो गया। तुलसीदास जैसे संत महाकवियों ने इसे, गीता से निकाल, अपनी रचनाओं के माध्यम से, जन जन तक पहुँचाया। तुलसीदास जी के निम्न दोहे इसकी महत्ता को प्रतिपादित करते हैं।

निज अनुभव अब कहऊँ खगोसा,
बिनु हरि भजन न जाहि कलेसा
राम कृपा बिनु सुनु खगराई,
जानि न जाइ राम प्रभुताई

बिनु बिस्वास भगति नहीं, तेहि बिनु द्रवहि न राम
राम कृपा बिनु सपनेह, जीव न लह विश्राम
यह तुलसी बाबा का उद्धोष है कि, विश्वास के बिना भक्ति हो नहीं सकती। उसके बिना रामजी की दयालुता नहीं बरसेगी, और भक्ति के बिना जीव को सपने में भी मानसिक शांति नहीं मिल सकती। भक्ति में डूबा भक्त, प्रभु के चरणों में अपना सर्वस्व लुटा देता है। दीवाना होकर, नाचता है, गाता है, और झूम झूम कर गाता है:

पायो जी मैंने राम रतन धन पायो या फिर,
मेरे तो गिरधर गोपाल, दूसरो न कोई, जाके सिर मोर
मुकुट मेरो पति सोई

इस मधुर भक्ति योग को गीता के इस अध्याय में भी प्रतिष्ठित किया गया है। इस अध्याय का आरम्भ, अर्जुन के एक प्रश्न से होता है। हे माधव, जो अनन्य भक्त आपको सगुण रूप में निरन्तर भजते हैं तथा जो योगी आपके निराकार स्वरूप का चिन्तन ध्यान आदि करते हैं, इन दोनों प्रकार के भक्तों में से श्रेष्ठ कौन है? प्रभु कहते हैं, हे अर्जुन, जो भक्त एकाग्र मन से मेरे साकार रूप को भजते हैं, वह निश्चित रूप से श्रेष्ठ हैं।

मय्यावेश्य मनो ये मां नित्ययुक्ता उपासते ।



श्रद्धया परयोपेतास्ते मे युक्ततमा मताः ॥ (२)

भावार्थ: श्री भगवान् कहा – हे अर्जुन! जो मनुष्य मुझमें अपने मन को स्थिर करके निरन्तर मेरे सगुण-साकार रूप की पूजा में लगे रहते हैं, और अत्यन्त श्रद्धापूर्वक मेरे दिव्य स्वरूप की आराधना करते हैं वह मेरे द्वारा योगियों में अधिक पूर्ण सिद्ध योगी माने जाते हैं।

ज्ञान मार्ग कठिन है, इसमें बहुत परिश्रम है। इसको करते करते भक्त में, सूक्ष्म देह अभिमान हो जाता है।

क्लेशोऽधिकतरस्तेषामव्यक्त्यासक्तचेतसाम ।
अव्यक्ता हि गतिर्दुःखं देहवद्विरवाप्यते ॥ (५)
ये तु सर्वाणि कर्माणि मयि सन्नयस्य मत्पराः ।
अनन्येनैव योगेन मां ध्यायन्त उपासते ॥ (६)
तेषामहं समुद्धर्ता मृत्युसंसारसागरात् ।
भवामि नचिरात्पार्थ मय्यावेशितचेतसाम ॥ (७)

भावार्थ: अव्यक्त, निराकार स्वरूप के प्रति आसक्त मन वाले मनुष्यों को परमात्मा की प्राप्ति अत्यधिक कष्ट पूर्ण होती है क्योंकि जब तक शरीर द्वारा कर्तापन का भाव रहता है तब तक अव्यक्त परमात्मा की प्राप्ति दुःखप्रद होती है।

परन्तु हे अर्जुन! जो मनुष्य अपने सभी कर्मों को मुझे अर्पित करके मेरी शरण होकर अनन्य भाव से भक्ति-योग में स्थित होकर निरन्तर मेरा चिन्तन करते हुए मेरी आराधना करते हैं। मुझमें स्थिर मन वाले उन मनुष्यों का मैं जन्म-मृत्यु रूपी संसार-सागर से अति-शीघ्र ही उद्धार करने वाला होता हूँ।

ज्ञानी मुझ निराकार ब्रह्म के लिए घोर तपस्या करते हैं। इसके लिए ऐसे योगियों को, अपनी इन्द्रियों को साध कर, मनको वश में करके, ध्यान चिन्तन करना पड़ता है। जब वह अपनी इन्द्रियों पर विजय पा लेते हैं, तो उन्हें अपने शरीर की इस सफलता पर देह अभिमान हो जाता है। उस अभिमान को त्यागना आसान नहीं है। लेकिन श्रद्धा युक्त योगी, मेरे पारायण हुए, मेरे भजन कीर्तन में लगे रहते हैं। वह अपने तन मन की सुध बुध खो बैठते हैं। मुझ में इतने तल्लीन हो जाते हैं कि, अपना आपा भूल, मुझ में आत्मसात हो जाते हैं। उन्हें

दीन दुनिया का होश नहीं रहता। वह बिना किसी मान सम्मान की चिन्ता किये बिना बस हरि सुमिरन में मस्त रहते हैं। इसी को बाबा नानक ने यूँ कहा:

नाम खुमारी नानका चढ़ी रहे दिन रात

इसलिए मेरे प्यारे सखा अर्जुन, तू मुझ में अपने मन प्राणों को लगा। अपनी बुद्धि को पूर्णतया मुझे समर्पित कर, तू निश्चय ही मुझ को प्राप्त होगा। इसमें किसी प्रकार का कोई संशय नहीं है।

अथैतदप्यशक्तोऽसि कर्तुं मद्योगमाश्रितः ।
सर्वकर्मफलत्यागं ततः कुरु यतात्मवान् ॥ (११)
श्रेयो हि ज्ञानमभ्यासाज्ज्ञानाद्ध्यानं विशिष्यते ।
ध्यानात्कर्मफलत्यागस्त्यागाच्छान्तिरनन्तरम् ॥ (१२)

भावार्थ: यदि तू मेरे लिये कर्म भी नहीं कर सकता है तो मुझ पर आश्रित होकर सभी कर्मों के फलों का त्याग करके समर्पण के साथ आत्म-स्थित महापुरुष की शरण ग्रहण कर, उनकी प्रेरणा से कर्म स्वतः ही होने लगेगा। बिना समझे मन को स्थिर करने के अभ्यास से ज्ञान का अनुशीलन करना श्रेष्ठ है, ज्ञान से ध्यान श्रेष्ठ समझा जाता है और ध्यान से सभी कर्मों के फलों का त्याग श्रेष्ठ है, क्योंकि त्याग से शीघ्र ही परम-शान्ति प्राप्त होती है।

इस प्रकार प्रभु की, भक्ति को प्राप्त भक्त, एक सुखद शान्ति को प्राप्त होता है। उसका मन क्षीर समान निर्मल हो जाता है। वह किसी से द्वेष नहीं करता। वह बड़े ही निस्वार्थ भाव से, सदा सबका भला ही चाहता है, और भला ही करता है। ऐसा भक्त, समस्त प्राणियों से सहज प्रेम एवं दयालुता का व्यवहार करता है। उसमें ममता का मोह और बन्धन नहीं होता। वह अहंकार से कोसों दूर रहता है। अगर कोई दूसरा उसके प्रति कुछ अनिष्ट या अपराध कर भी दे, तो भी ऐसा भक्त उस अपराधी को क्षमा कर, अपना और अपराधी का मन हल्का कर देता है। ऐसे भक्त के लिए, एक कवि ने कुछ इस प्रकार भी कहा है।

रहे सदा तुष्ट संतुष्ट खुद, करे न कुछ परवाह
जिससे भगति दृढ़ ज्ञान की, रहती हर क्षण चाह
अर्जुन ऐसे जन सदा, प्रिय लगते अति मोहि
धराधाम संसार में, सत्य बताऊँ तोहि

नीचे दिए गए श्लोकों में, भगवान् कृष्ण ने, एक भक्ति मार्ग के योगी के, लक्षणों का वर्णन, बड़े विस्तार से किया है। इसमें स्पष्ट कहा गया है कि, भक्त संसार के मान अपमान की चिन्ता किए बिना, केवल प्रभु की मस्ती में डूबा रहता है।

यो न हृष्यति न द्वेष्टि न शोचति न काङ्क्षति ।
शुभाशुभपरित्यागी भक्तिमान्यः स मे प्रियः ॥ (१७)
समः शत्रौ च मित्रे च तथा मानापमानयोः ।
शीतोष्णसुखदुःखेषु समः सङ्गविवर्जितः ॥ (१८)
तुल्यनिन्दास्तुतिमौनी सन्तुष्टो येन केनचित् ।
अनिकेतः स्थिरमतिर्भक्तिमान्मे प्रियो नरः ॥ (१९)

भावार्थ: जो मनुष्य न तो कभी हर्षित होता है, न ही कभी शोक करता है, न ही कभी पछताता है और न ही कामना करता है, जो शुभ और अशुभ सभी कर्म-फलों को मुझे अर्पित करता है ऐसी भक्ति में स्थित भक्त मुझे प्रिय होता है। जो मनुष्य शत्रु और मित्र में, मान तथा अपमान में समान भाव में स्थित रहता है, जो सदी और गर्मी में, सुख तथा दुःख आदि द्वंद्वों में भी समान भाव में स्थित रहता है और जो दूषित संगति से मुक्त रहता है।

जो निंदा और स्तुति को समान समझता है, जिसकी मन सहित सभी इन्द्रियाँ शान्त है, जो हर प्रकार की परिस्थिति में सदैव संतुष्ट रहता है और जिसे अपने निवास स्थान में कोई आसक्ति नहीं होती है ऐसा स्थिर-बुद्धि के साथ भक्ति में स्थित मनुष्य मुझे प्रिय होता है।

इस प्रकार भगवान् कृष्ण ने, इस अध्याय में, अपने प्रिय मित्र अर्जुन के लिए, तथा अर्जुन जैसे सभी भक्तों के लिए, भक्ति योग का सरल स्पष्टीकरण किया। सभी को विश्वास दिलाया की, जो भक्त मुझे परम आश्रय मान, अपनी सारी पूजा अर्चना कर, मुझे पूर्ण रूप से समर्पित रहते हैं, ऐसे निस्वार्थ एवं निष्काम भक्तों को मैं अपना धाम सहज ही प्रदान करता हूँ, वह निस्संदेह मुझे प्राप्त होते हैं, और मैं उनका अपने बच्चों की भाँति, हर प्रकार से ध्यान रखता हूँ। ऐसे अत्यंत दयालु भगवान् कृष्ण को मेरा श्रद्धा भाव से, कोटि कोटि प्रणाम।

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Members of the Indian American Community with Consul General Somnath Ghosh at the Viksit Bharat Run 2025.

Viksit Bharat Run 2025 celebrates unity, culture, and community service in Chicago

By: Dr. Avi Verma

The Twin Lake Golf Course turned into a vibrant hub of cultural pride, environmental awareness, and community spirit as hundreds of Indian Americans came together for the Viksit Bharat Run 2025. Organized by the Global Indian Diaspora Foundation (GIDF) with the support of the Consulate General of India in Chicago, the event blended fitness with heritage, highlighting the diaspora's growing role in shaping India's vision of Viksit Bharat while contributing to their adopted homeland. Consul General Somnath Ghosh congratulated attendees on Navratri and Durga Puja, calling the run a symbol of "development, friendship, and inclusivity—honoring both our ancestral roots and our shared future." Deputy Consul General Kriti Das and Consul Sanjeev Pal also joined the festivities, running alongside community members.

Rakesh Malhotra, President of GIDF, described the event as a living expression of Atmanirbhar Bharat: "This run embodies our commitment to inclusivity, selfless service, and transformative development. It's about uniting for a peaceful and prosperous world." General Secretary Abhinav Raina thanked participants and partners, emphasizing that "the energy of our vibrant diaspora—leaders, families, and volunteers—is what makes such positive change possible, both in our Matrabhoomi and Karmabhoomi."

The morning opened with soulful renditions of the national anthems of India and the United States, performed by Soham and Saha Kothari. A symbolic



The winner Soham Kothari receiving the certificate from Consul General Somnath Ghosh, Abhinav Raina and Rakesh Malhotra, Global Indian Diaspora Foundation.



Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam – Planting for prosperity.



Prominent community leaders of the Chicago representing Indian Diaspora greeted the participants and highlighted the significance and purpose of Viksit Bharat Run.



Consul General of India Somnath Ghosh addressing the Indian Diaspora during Viksit Bharat Run 2025.

tree-planting ceremony, themed Maa Ke Naam and led by Consul General Ghosh, underlined the community's commitment to environmental stewardship and a greener future.

Leaders from more than a dozen Indian American organizations joined the run, reflecting unity in diversity. Among them were Shirani Nayar (Lake County Indian Association), Namita Vedak (Maharashtra Mandal Chicago), Hemant Patel (Federation of Indian Associations), Dipti Desi (SEWA Chicago), Nirav Patel (AASOA), Amar Upadhyaya (OFBJP Chicago), Ram Saina (Rajasthan Association), Anand Tiwari (Friends of Madhya Pradesh), Nagesh Rai (HUM), Anurag Awasthi (Hariom Gurukul), and Urvashi Kav (Overseas Kashmir Association).

Participants of all ages took part in the run, with special recognition given to the youngest and eldest runners, reinforcing the theme of cross-generational involvement. The event also drew strong media coverage from various Indian media, amplifying its message of unity, sustainability, and cultural pride.

By combining health, heritage, and service, the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 set a powerful precedent for future initiatives, showcasing how the Indian American diaspora continues to bridge cultures, nurture traditions, and contribute to both India's progress and America's civic life.

Krishnamoorthi blames GOP for shutdown, vows to defend affordable health care

● By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08) sharply criticized what he calls “Republican-driven chaos” in Washington that led to a federal government shutdown, threatening millions of Americans with higher health care costs.

Krishnamoorthi said he and fellow Democrats worked across the aisle to prevent the shutdown and protect Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies, which lower premiums for millions, including tens of thousands in Illinois. He accused Republican leaders of refusing to extend these tax credits, choosing brinkmanship over compromise.

“President Trump and Washington Republicans—who control the White House and Congress—have forced a government shutdown,” he said. “They allowed critical ACA tax credits to expire, saddling millions of households with skyrocketing premiums.”

Impact on families and services

The expiration of ACA subsidies could result in steep premium hikes, forcing some families to delay medical care. Federal services are also affected, with delays in passport appointments, Social Security, Medicaid, IRS inquiries, and Veterans Affairs support.



Krishnamoorthi pledged his offices in Schaumburg and Washington, D.C. will continue assisting constituents despite delays. Local leaders echoed his concerns, warning of financial strain on households and businesses.

Looking ahead

He urged Republicans to return to the negotiating table, reaffirming his commitment to protect affordable health care, lower prescription costs, and expand

preventive care access.

“I will keep fighting to end the shutdown and protect families. Americans deserve stability, not shutdowns,” he said.

India successfully launches e-Arrival Card system, easing entry for international travelers

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

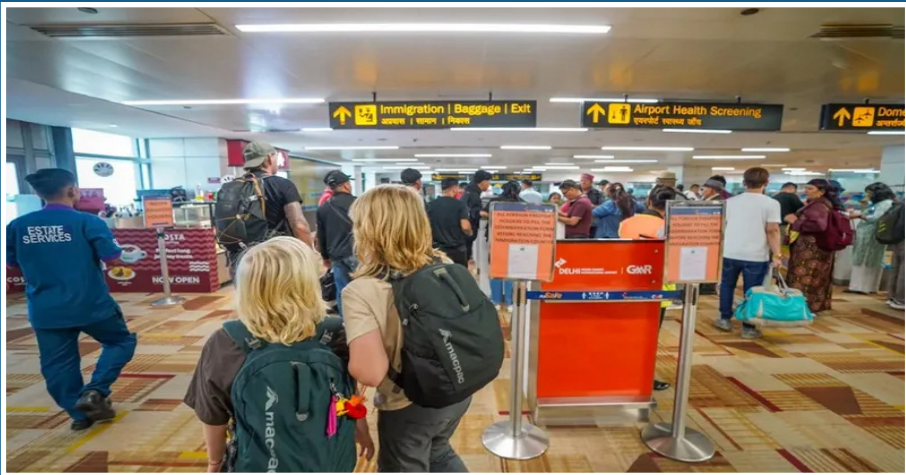
India has rolled out its new e-Arrival Card system for international travelers, replacing paper disembarkation forms and streamlining immigration processing at airports nationwide. The digital system launched October 1, 2025, across major airports including Delhi, Mumbai,

Bengaluru, and Hyderabad, reducing queues and improving convenience for families and frequent travelers.

How the system works

Travelers can submit the e-Arrival Card up to five days before travel via the government portal: indianvisaonline.gov.in/earrival. Required details include:

- ▶ Full name, nationality, passport



- number
- ▶ Date of arrival and purpose of visit
- ▶ Countries visited in the past six days
- ▶ Address in India, email, and emergency contacts

Passengers receive a digital preview to show immigration officials if requested.

Positive reception and benefits

The Indian-American community has welcomed the system, citing

easier travel for families and elderly passengers. Officials reported faster processing and shorter wait times on day one, with pre-submitted cards cleared in minutes.

Part of India's digital transformation

The e-Arrival Card aligns India with global best practices, enhancing efficiency, data accuracy, and security at ports of entry, while strengthening the country's broader push toward digital services and improved travel infrastructure.



Viksit Bharat Run 2025 unites Washington DC community in spirit of service and sustainability

By: Vandana Jhingan

The Embassy of India in Washington, DC, in collaboration with MY Bharat and under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, hosted the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 on Sunday in Maryland. Part of a historic global initiative, the event was held simultaneously in over 150 locations worldwide, celebrating fitness, sustainability, and the collective spirit of service.

The Washington DC edition saw enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora, students, professionals, local communities, and friends of India, all rallying in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047—a roadmap toward a developed India.

A run with a purpose

Organized as part of Seva Pakhwada (September 17–October 2), the run was more than a fitness activity; it was a public statement of shared responsibility. Under

the theme “Run to Serve the Nation”, participants highlighted values of Seva Bhav (spirit of service), inclusivity, and sustainability, reaffirming their connection to India's growth story. Community leaders noted the event reflects India's transformative progress in infrastructure, healthcare, technology, and education, while promoting self-reliance (Swadeshi ethos) and environmental responsibility.

“Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” – a green pledge

Adding a symbolic dimension, participants planted a tree at the Jain Temple in Maryland as part of the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign, dedicated to honoring mothers. The initiative connected environmental stewardship with personal responsibility, emphasizing that small acts can contribute to a greener, more sustainable planet.

A global movement

The Viksit Bharat Run 2025 highlighted the power of the Indian diaspora as cultural ambassadors, building bridges with local communities. By uniting in fitness and service, Washington DC and DMV area



participants joined millions worldwide in reaffirming their commitment to a peaceful,

prosperous, and sustainable future for both India and the world.



Gates Foundation hosts India Day celebration on Gandhi Jayanti



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The Gates Foundation, in partnership with the Consulate General of India in Seattle, hosted a vibrant celebration of Indian culture, arts, and cuisine on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The event was attended by Bill Gates, Chair and Board Member of the Gates Foundation, alongside senior leadership from Washington State and the City of Seattle.

Addressing the gathering, Gates said, “It is fitting that we come together on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The ideals he championed—the equality and dignity of every person—are foundational to the work we do. Today, India is a global leader in innovation, pioneering solutions with the potential to save and improve millions of lives across the Global South. We look forward to continuing our partnership with India on its journey toward Viksit Bharat 2047.”

The program featured a special address on the “Relevance of Gandhian Values in the Contemporary World Order” by Jonathan Granoff, President of the Global Security Institute, and a specially curated dance performance, “Natyam – A Dance Mosaic of Bharat,” showcasing



India’s regional diversity.

Earlier in the day, commemorative events were held at the Statue of Mahatma Gandhi near Bellevue Public Library and at Seattle Center, where floral tributes were offered by

Washington State Senator Vandana Slatter in the presence of Eddie Rye, Chairman and Founder of the MLK–Gandhi Foundation. Young school children performed Gandhi Ji’s favorite hymns, and a cross-section of the Indian-American community

participated in the celebrations.

The events highlighted Gandhi’s enduring legacy and celebrated India’s cultural richness while fostering dialogue on innovation, peace, and social responsibility.





Montana students share 'Incredible India' journey at state Capitol reception



By: Vandana Jhingan

The State Capitol of Montana became a hub of cultural exchange and international friendship when Governor Greg Gianforte hosted a reception honoring Montana students who recently returned from an immersive two-week visit to India.

The ten-member delegation, led by Jason Smith, Board Member of the Montana World Affairs Council, traveled across India from June 26 to July 9, 2025, in a program facilitated by the Consulate General of India in Seattle. The initiative aimed to give Montana youth firsthand exposure to India's heritage, culture, and modern progress while strengthening people-to-people ties.

Exploring India's heritage and diversity

Students visited iconic destinations including the Rath Yatra in Odisha, Ram Temple in Ayodhya, ISKCON Temple in Vrindavan, Taj Mahal in Agra, Konark Sun Temple, and Lucknow's Bara Imambara and Rumi Darwaza. The program included interactions with officials from India's Ministry of External Affairs, visits to educational institutions such as KIIT/KISS in Odisha and CMS in Lucknow, and cultural workshops that deepened their appreciation for Indian art, traditions, and community values.

Building bridges through youth exchange

The students were selected through a



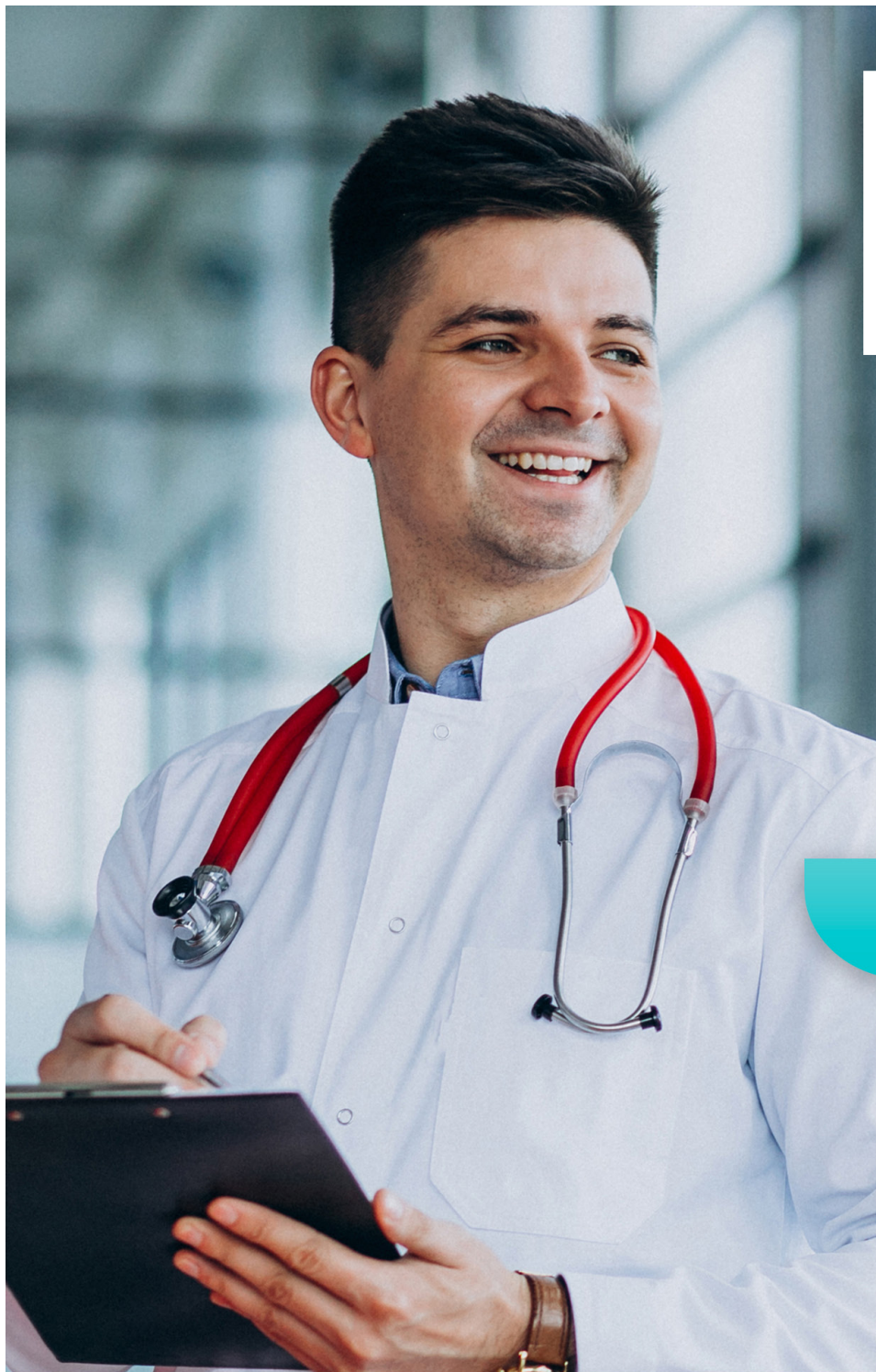
competitive India-focused outreach program across Montana schools, culminating in the Indian Film Festival at the University of Montana in Missoula. Governor Gianforte praised the Consulate for promoting initiatives that bring American and Indian youth closer.

Delegation leader Jason Smith described India as "magical," adding, "The people are warm and wonderful—the sights and sounds are so unique. For our young delegation, it was important to learn firsthand that there is more that unites us than makes us different."

Sharing stories at the Capitol

At the reception, the students shared personal experiences of India's grandeur, vibrant festivals, and cultural richness, highlighting the importance of cross-cultural understanding and nurturing future leaders. The initiative underscores how India-U.S. relations are strengthened not only through diplomacy and trade but also through youth-driven cultural exchange.





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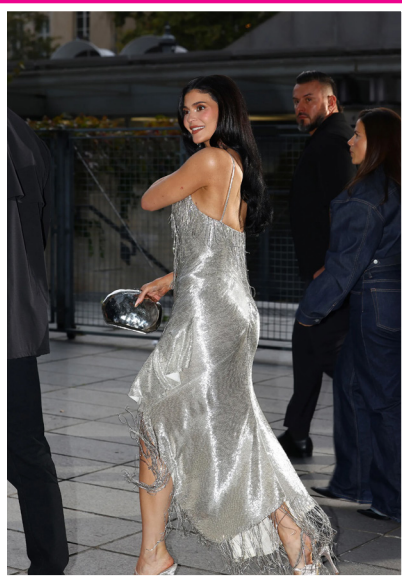
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The front-row icons a the Paris Fashion Week 2025



Paris Fashion Week 2025 is still unfolding, but the front rows are already brimming with unforgettable style. The world's most fashionable celebrities have been turning heads, blending couture, personality, and audacious flair into looks that will be remembered long after the shows end.

Rosalia in theatrical elegance

At 'Schiaparelli', Rosalia commanded attention in a daring ensemble that combined surrealist detailing with a modern silhouette. Her look perfectly encapsulated the house's avant-garde ethos, proving she is a force in both music and fashion.

Kylie Jenner's shimmering glamour

Kylie Jenner brought her signature red-carpet prowess to Paris, dazzling in a sparkling couture piece at 'Schiaparelli'. The look was both bold and sophisticated, earning her instant front-row admiration.



FKA Twigs pushes boundaries

Known for her fearless style, FKA Twigs wowed in layered, sculptural designs that blurred the line between performance art and high fashion. Her appearance reaffirmed that she is as influential in fashion as she is in music.

Honey Dijon's street-smart chic

DJ and fashion icon Honey Dijon effortlessly merged urban cool with couture elegance, demonstrating that Parisian front-row style embraces both creativity and individuality.

Jordan Roth and Law Roach: style powerhouses

Industry veterans Jordan Roth and stylist legend Law Roach were front and center at 'Schiaparelli', showcasing that presentation is just as vital as the garment itself. Their meticulously curated looks highlighted Paris Fashion Week as a true spectacle of style.

Coco Rocha and Gunna at 'Rick Owens'

Models and musicians alike elevated 'Rick



Owens' with edgy, sculptural ensembles. Coco Rocha brought timeless poise, while Gunna's daring choices added an unexpected twist of street-couture energy.

Rain Spencer in metallic mastery

At 'Rabanne', Rain Spencer sparkled in a futuristic metallic gown, perfectly reflecting Nicolas Ghesquière's vision of innovation blended with elegance.

Pamela Anderson's nostalgic twist

Closing the list, Pamela Anderson graced 'Mugler' in a bold, modern reinterpretation of the iconic 1990s aesthetic, proving that star power transcends generations.

Across Paris, these celebrities are proving that fashion is not just about clothing, it's about attitude, confidence, and storytelling. As Paris Fashion Week 2025 continues, these best-dressed stars are setting the standard, blending couture, personal expression, and boundary-pushing creativity in ways only the City of Light can inspire.

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Weekly ETFs: INDA -3.13%, INDY -2.59%, EPI -3.09%, INDH -2.21%, SPY -0.28%

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

MARKETS

IT/TECH

US digital infrastructure company Equinix/EQIX has added a datacenter in Chennai & connected it to its datacenter in Mumbai.

ECONOMY

Interesting H-1B alternatives are L-1 & O-1 visas for intracompany company transfers. Their fees are high but nowhere close to H-1B fees now. Many US companies have operations in India & those may serve as initial points. Of course, another Executive

Order may spoil it.

SPECIAL TOPICS

US Blackstone/BX is to acquire Zelestra-India renewable energy business from Swedish EQT Group.

US has included India among the countries that pass-through opioid fentanyl precursors even though India doesn't export fentanyl. India does produce fentanyl for medical uses as it's a potent synthetic opioid painkiller (analgesic) & anesthetic. Most active pharma ingredients (APIs) come from China & India & they are used to make brand name & generic drugs as well as some illicit drugs. So, precursors of fentanyl may come from China or India, flow through global supply-chains & end up in Mexico where fentanyl is produced & smuggled into US.

Efforts to control fentanyl in Mexico & US have had limited successes, so a recent US push has been to control the flow of fentanyl precursors. One problem is that APIs have multiple uses, so some global approach to restrict certain APIs may work.

TAX-LOSS HARVESTING (TLH), OCTOBER 2025

It's never too late to plan for TLH.

Funds are allowed to close their books for the year in OCTOBER so that they can timely announce yearend fund distributions (capital gains (CGs) & income) in November/December for fund investors to plan.

Funds tidy up their portfolios for annual reports by replacing losers with winners (window-dressing) or do the fund TLH to reduce CG distributions. Many funds now have substantial retirement assets where CG distributions don't matter & their portfolio managers may claim

to ignore this TLH aspect. Retail investors can take advantage of the market weakness in October to do some TLH.

It is easily possible to sell & simultaneously buy something **SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL**. For stocks, comparable stocks (this may be tricky) in the industry or sector ETFs may be used. For OEFs & ETFs, it's easy to find ETFs for TLH swaps as there are so many similar ETFs. However, related options & other classes of funds (e.g. Vanguard indexed OEF & ETF) cannot be used for this purpose.

Another strategy is to **DOUBLE-UP** a candidate & then sell the older lot after 30 days (between purchase & sale) to avoid wash-sale. The wash-sale rule applies across all of your accounts, so, your broker may not flag a wash-sale involving accounts at other brokerages, but the IRS will on any audit. The last day to **DOUBLE-UP** & sell the older lot by the yearend is Monday, 12/1/25. With commission-free trading, this practice is less popular now. If you are reinvesting distributions, you may want to turn reinvestments off to avoid nuisance wash-sales that may apply to tiny lots. Note that wash-sale only defers the disallowed loss because it's added (by brokers) to the cost-basis of the remaining position.

Tax losses are used to offset capital gains first, then up to \$3,000 in ordinary income, & the remaining tax losses can be carried over to future years. In a bad year, if you book lot of tax losses, then your taxable account essentially becomes a tax-free account until the old tax losses are exhausted.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Trump's Tylenol claim during pregnancy: Public health warning or political alarmism?

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

This week, President Donald Trump stirred nationwide concern after declaring that the FDA would consider changing the safety label of acetaminophen (Tylenol), citing what he described as a “very increased risk of autism” when taken during pregnancy. His remarks instantly sparked alarm among expectant mothers and drew sharp criticism from leading medical organizations, public health experts, and pharmaceutical representatives who argue the claim is scientifically weak, medically irresponsible, and politically questionable.

The President's statement and its fallout

Trump's announcement relied heavily on a recent meta-analysis of 46 studies that reported an association between acetaminophen use in pregnancy and higher rates of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and ADHD in children. However, association is not causation — a distinction many health experts were quick to underline. “Suggestions that acetaminophen use in pregnancy causes autism are not only highly concerning to clinicians but also irresponsible when considering the harmful and confusing message they send to pregnant patients,” the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) said in a strongly worded statement.

The FDA itself appeared to temper Trump's claim, noting that while studies do show associations, other high-quality research — such as a 2024 Swedish sibling study — found no difference in autism or ADHD rates among children exposed in utero compared to

their siblings who were not. The FDA emphasized: “To date, FDA has not found clear evidence that appropriate use of acetaminophen during pregnancy causes adverse pregnancy, birth, neurobehavioral, or developmental outcomes.”

What the science actually says

Epidemiologists stress that the data is mixed and inconclusive. Brian Lee, PhD, an epidemiologist at Drexel University, explained the problem with Trump's framing: “Eating ice cream is associated with drowning, but it's not causal. Hot weather causes both. That's what we're likely seeing here — confounding factors, not direct causation.”

Many researchers believe that autism is the result of complex genetic-environmental interactions, not a single exposure like Tylenol. Current evidence does not support a causal link. On the contrary, the risks of not treating fever or pain during pregnancy are well established — ranging from preterm birth to birth defects and maternal complications like hypertension or depression.

Why Tylenol is still considered the safest option

For decades, acetaminophen has been the preferred pain reliever during pregnancy. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen or aspirin are known to cause kidney problems in unborn babies after 20 weeks and can reduce amniotic fluid levels. This is why the FDA and ACOG continue to recommend acetaminophen as the safest over-the-counter choice — when used at the lowest effective dose and under a physician's supervision.

Dr. Judette Louis of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine noted: “Most people in pregnancy use Tylenol for brief periods of time to address acute illness. The administration's advice to limit dosage and duration isn't new — it's what we already recommend.”

Political motivations or a genuine health concern?

Critics argue that Trump's announcement reflects a recurring theme in his political style: raising alarm on health issues without fully weighing the scientific evidence. By placing autism at the center of the conversation, the President reactivated a long-standing controversy that has previously fueled misinformation campaigns — from the debunked vaccine-autism myth to unverified claims about chemicals in food.

Some political analysts suggest that Trump's framing may appeal to certain voter blocs skeptical of mainstream medicine, echoing his past approach during the COVID-19 pandemic when he promoted unproven treatments. Others argue it reflects an attempt to pressure the FDA into a tougher regulatory stance as part of his “America First” healthcare message.

Label change process: A long road ahead

Even if the FDA were to act, the process of updating Tylenol's safety label could take months, if not years. The agency would need to formally notify the drug manufacturer, review data, and debate wording. Johnson & Johnson, Tylenol's producer, has already pushed back, stressing that “Tylenol is one of the most studied medications in history — and is safe when used as directed by expecting

mothers, infants, and children.”

The real risk: Panic and misinformation

Medical professionals worry that the biggest consequence of Trump's remarks will be unnecessary fear among pregnant women. Dr. Louis warned: “Untreated fever and pain during pregnancy carry significant maternal and infant health risks. Patients should not stop taking acetaminophen out of fear but should always consult their doctor.”

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine echoed this, noting that most pregnant women who use Tylenol deliver healthy babies. “The most well-established risk factor for autism and neurodevelopmental disabilities is family inheritance, not acetaminophen use,” their statement concluded.

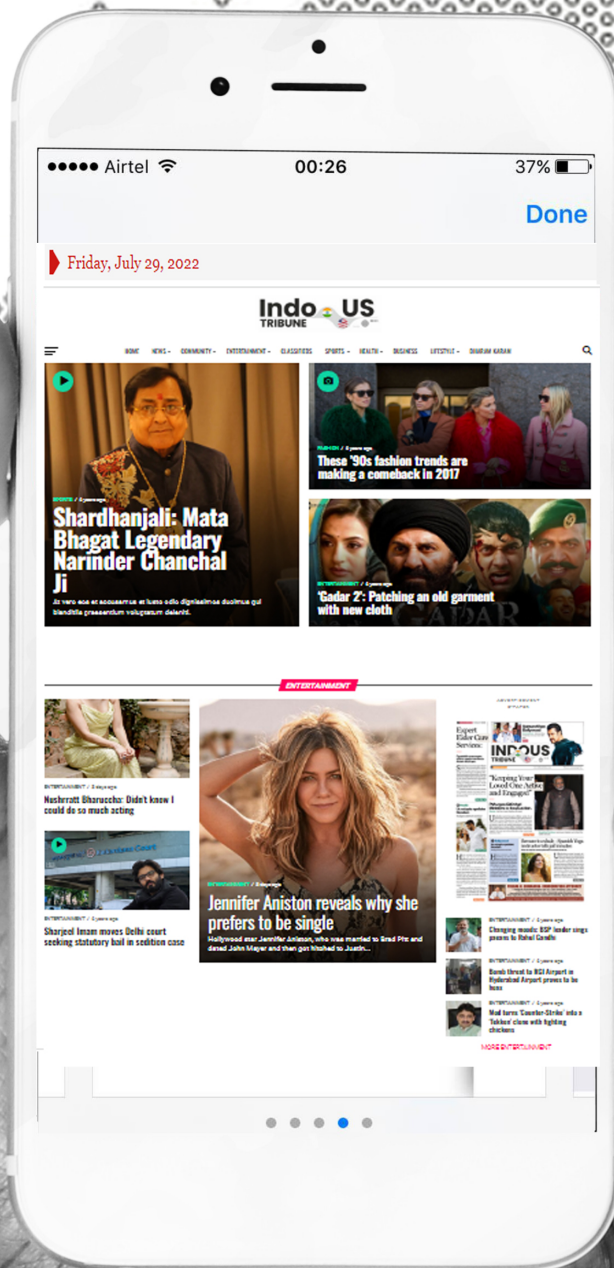
A critical balancing act

The controversy underscores the delicate balance between public health caution and political communication. While ongoing research into acetaminophen is valid and important, overstating findings risks fueling misinformation and undermining trust in healthcare providers. For expectant mothers, the guidance remains unchanged: consult your physician, use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration, and don't let politics dictate your health decisions.

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