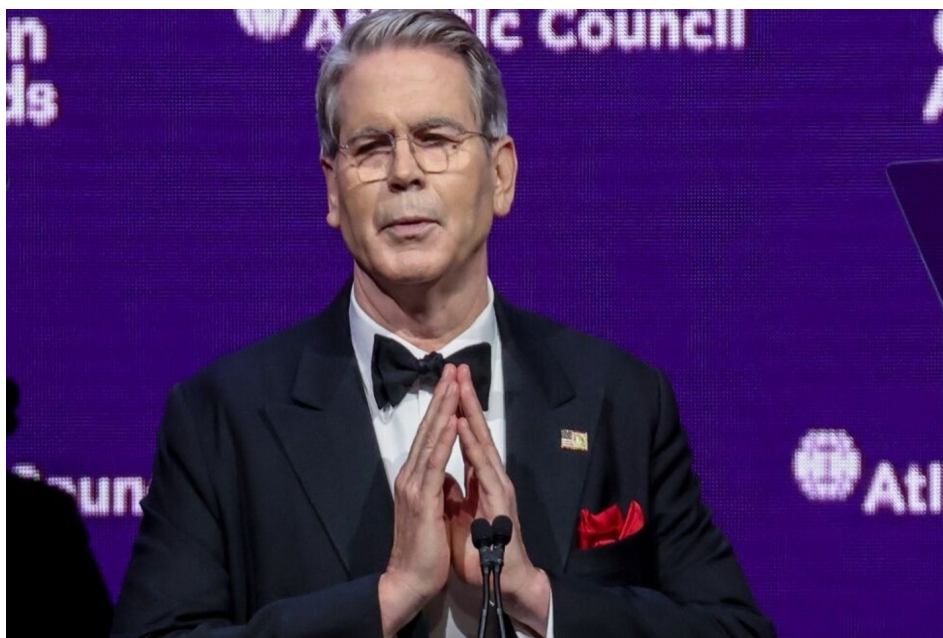




US passport drops out of top 10 most powerful passports



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For the first time in 20 years, the US passport has fallen out of the top 10 most powerful globally, tied with Malaysia in 12th place, according to the Henley Passport Index. US citizens now have visa-free access to 180 of 227 countries, down from previous years due to new restrictions by Brazil, China, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, and Somalia. Singapore leads the index with access to 193 destinations, followed by South Korea and Japan. The decline contrasts with China, which has expanded its visa-free access to 76 nations, rising to 64th place. The US also ranks low in the Henley Openness Index, reflecting limited visa-free entry for foreign nationals.

Bangladesh army tensions rise amid Yunus government's crackdown



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Bangladesh is witnessing growing unease between the Muhammad Yunus-led government and the army after the International Crimes Tribunal issued arrest warrants this week against 24 army officers accused of enforced disappearances and torture. The move has angered military ranks, with Army Chief General Waker-uz-Zaman canceling visits to India and Saudi Arabia.

Observers say the tribunal, once created to prosecute 1971 war crimes, is now being used by the Jamaat-e-Islami to target supporters of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was ousted in August.

Experts warn that the army, which had previously ensured stability during the unrest, is under severe strain. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party urged Yunus to avoid confrontation with the army, warning that continued pressure could spark revolt and deepen national instability.

Trump plans new peace push, to meet Putin after renewed talks

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President Donald Trump announced on Thursday a renewed effort to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict, revealing plans to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Budapest. The announcement followed what Trump described as a “great” phone call with Putin, which he said marked “real progress.”

The meeting will come ahead of Trump’s scheduled talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the White House on Friday. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov confirmed the call and said Russia remains open to dialogue. Trump said Secretary of State Marco Rubio will lead a U.S. delegation to meet Russian officials next week to prepare for the summit.

Trump linked the peace initiative to his recent success in brokering an end to the Gaza conflict and hinted that future

U.S.-Russia trade discussions could follow any peace agreement. He said Putin congratulated him for the Middle East

breakthrough and expressed optimism about ending what Trump called the “inglorious” war in Eastern Europe.



Israel and Hamas exchange accusations as Gaza aid delays continue

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Israel and Hamas have traded accusations over ceasefire violations as tensions rise over hostages and humanitarian aid in Gaza. The ceasefire signed last week has not eased restrictions, with the Rafah crossing remaining closed to individuals until Sunday and possibly blocked for aid convoys. Israel said Hamas returned only nine of 28 deceased hostages, citing the need for specialist recovery equipment. Hamas accused Israel of killing at least 24 Palestinians since last Friday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned the fight “is not over yet” and vowed to secure the remaining hostages. Israel released nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners this week, including 1,700 from Gaza. Aid agencies



reported disease outbreaks are escalating amid limited hospital operations. UN officials confirmed 200,000 metric tons of aid have been cleared for entry once crossings reopen, but distribution remains hampered by ongoing restrictions.

Judge blocks Trump administration from firing workers during shutdown

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A federal judge in California has stopped President Donald Trump’s administration from laying off federal workers during the ongoing government shutdown. On Wednesday, Judge Susan Yvonne Illston of the US District Court for the Northern District of California issued a temporary restraining order, ruling the planned dismissals violated federal law. The order came after two major unions petitioned the court, following the administration’s reduction notices sent to more than 4,000 employees. Illston said the government had “taken advantage of the lapse in spending,” expressing confidence the unions would prove their case. The decision came on the fifteenth day of the shutdown, as the Senate once again failed to pass a funding bill. Advocacy group



Democracy Forward praised the ruling, saying it showed Americans were holding the administration accountable for its “lawless actions.”

IMF praises India's reforms, says they boost global growth



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The International Monetary Fund’s Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Thursday praised India for implementing “very significant reforms” that she said have substantially contributed to global growth. Speaking in Washington at the annual IMF–World Bank meetings, Georgieva highlighted India’s progress in tax reform, infrastructure investment, and digital innovation.

The IMF recently raised India’s 2025 growth forecast to 6.6 percent, crediting strong first-quarter performance that offset higher U.S. tariffs on Indian exports. Georgieva called India one of the world’s fastest-growing economies and encouraged the government to deepen trade integration and reduce tariff barriers.

She cited India’s digital identity program as a model for inclusive innovation and urged continued reform momentum. “India has proven skeptics wrong with bold, transformative policies,” she said, adding that greater trade openness would strengthen both India’s and the global economy.



Pakistan's economy worsens as trade deficit nears record high



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Pakistan's economy is sliding deeper into crisis after its trade deficit surged to 3.34 billion dollars in September, driven by a sharp 12 percent fall in exports and a 14 percent jump in imports. Over the first quarter of the fiscal year, the deficit rose to 9.3 billion dollars, up 33 percent from last year.

Analysts say the Special Investment Facilitation Council, launched by the military to attract foreign investment, has failed to deliver. Gulf and Western investors have stayed away, while Chinese firms continue focusing on resource projects. Despite shrinking revenues, defense spending rose by 20 percent to 9 billion dollars, worsening public hardship. Economists warn that Pakistan's military-led economic control has stifled growth, deepened inequality, and made the nation reliant on International Monetary Fund bailouts.

Jaishankar urges urgent United Nations reform at peacekeeping meet



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday called for urgent reforms in the United Nations, saying it still reflects the world of 1945, not 2025. Addressing the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries Chiefs' Conclave in New Delhi, he said the UN must become more inclusive and representative to retain legitimacy.

Jaishankar said India's peacekeeping efforts are guided by the belief that "the world is one family" and rooted in justice and inclusivity. He highlighted that reforms are being stalled by procedural delays, allowing "historical injustices" to persist. Stressing that institutions must evolve or risk irrelevance, he reaffirmed India's commitment to a more democratic and reformed multilateral order. He also honored the sacrifice of 182 Indian peacekeepers who died serving under UN missions worldwide.

India and Canada chart roadmap for renewed ties, expert says 'reset' underway

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India and Canada are taking steps to reset their bilateral relationship, with Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand's visit to New Delhi seen as a key milestone. During her Monday meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Anand emphasized strengthening ties, while both governments issued a joint statement pledging calibrated measures to restore stability and pursue a constructive partnership.

The two countries also agreed to reinstate bilateral mechanisms covering trade, investment, and science and technology cooperation. A priority will be collaboration on critical minerals for energy security, including the first Critical Minerals Annual Dialogue early next year, reflecting growing



momentum in the sector.

Vina Nadjibulla, Vice-President of Research & Strategy at the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, called the engagements "a big development" and highlighted the potential for economic resilience and supply chain diversification.

She noted that while visas and immigration were not addressed, talent exchange and technology cooperation, especially in artificial intelligence, could emerge ahead of the AI Action Summit in Delhi next February. Nadjibulla described the roadmap as ambitious, signaling renewed energy in India-Canada relations.

Brazil and United States to hold trade talks amid new tariffs

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Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Thursday that Brazil and the United States will hold formal talks to address new U.S. tariffs on Brazilian goods. The meeting follows Lula's virtual discussions earlier this month with President Donald Trump and a phone call last week between Brazil's Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

The United States imposed a 50 percent tariff on nearly 4,000 Brazilian products in August, straining relations. Finance Minister Fernando Haddad said Brazil will present strong economic arguments to reverse the decision. Lula, speaking at an event in Rio de Janeiro, said both



sides will seek "balanced solutions" to restore trade confidence, emphasizing that cooperation must replace confrontation to maintain strong economic ties.

India and Central Asia strengthen security and counterterrorism cooperation

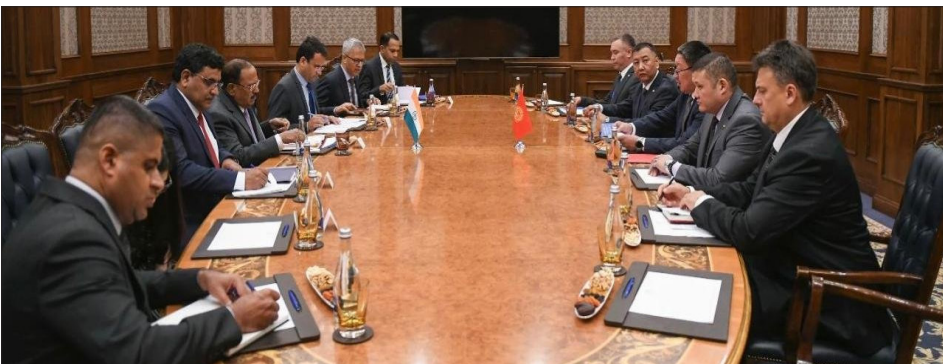
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India and four Central Asian nations deepened regional security cooperation on Thursday during the third meeting of National Security Advisers and Secretaries of Security Councils held in Bishkek. The session was led by India's National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and included representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.

The discussions focused on counterterrorism, radicalization, extremism, and narcotics trafficking. The officials also agreed to enhance

digital and physical connectivity, collaborate on artificial intelligence and space cooperation, and expand regional infrastructure links. Emphasizing the importance of stability in Afghanistan, the nations pledged to coordinate closely on security and development.

Doval and his counterparts also met Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov and held bilateral meetings with security leaders from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. The meeting followed the consensus reached at the 2022 India-Central Asia Summit to maintain regular high-level dialogue among security officials.



Four killed as Kenyan security forces fire on Odinga mourners

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At least four people were killed in Nairobi on Thursday when Kenyan security forces fired shots and tear gas to disperse crowds mourning opposition leader Raila Odinga. The 80-year-old politician died a day earlier in India, where he was receiving medical treatment. Thousands had gathered at Nairobi's main stadium, where Odinga's body lay in state, but chaos erupted when mourners broke through a gate. Police fired into the air and later used tear gas to clear the area. Earlier, crowds had also flooded the capital's airport, briefly disrupting a ceremony led by President William Ruto to receive Odinga's body. Odinga, a veteran of Kenya's pro-democracy struggle and a five-time presidential candidate, remained a powerful figure, especially among his Luo community supporters.

Venezuela accuses US of militarizing Caribbean Sea



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Venezuela's Foreign Minister Yvan Gil has accused the United States of "militarizing" the Caribbean Sea, saying US missile strikes have killed at least 27 civilians. Speaking on Wednesday at the Non-Aligned Movement meeting in Uganda, Gil condemned the attacks as "extrajudicial executions" that violated international law. He alleged the US was reviving a failed regime change plan to control Venezuela's oil and gas resources. Vice President Delcy Rodríguez, addressing the Russian Energy Week forum the same day, said Washington's actions threaten global energy stability. She warned that 43 percent of the world's oil reserves face sanctions, creating risks for future energy investment and supply.



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Trump’s breakthrough moment: Can his bold diplomacy redefine global peace?



Dr. Avi Verma

The Middle East has seen many attempts at peace — many collapsing under mistrust, political pressures, and extremism. But in a dramatic turn, former President Donald J. Trump has helped broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas that has not only momentarily halted violence but reignited global hopes for a pathway to lasting peace.

A deal in Trump’s style — bold, direct, and high-stakes

Trump’s approach to diplomacy has always been unconventional: relying on direct engagement, pressure tactics, and personal leverage. In the latest agreement, his team reportedly leaned on Israeli and Qatari mediators to negotiate prisoner exchanges and humanitarian corridors, while Trump himself placed calls to regional leaders to finalize the terms.

Even critics concede his “strong-arm diplomacy” succeeded where more measured efforts had previously failed. The ceasefire has held long enough to

allow the release of all 20 living Israeli hostages held by Hamas, reciprocal release of nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners, and the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza. Israel’s cabinet formally approved Trump’s ceasefire plan, and Hamas cooperated in returning bodies and freeing hostages.

However, the peace still teeters on fragility. Hamas has deployed armed forces and internal security units across Gaza, triggering internal crackdowns and public executions to reassert control. Israel has delayed the release of some bodies, saying certain returned remains do not match official hostage lists. Reports from Gaza hospitals suggest many bodies show signs of torture — raising accusations of war crimes amid the fragile truce. The U.S. Central Command has publicly urged Hamas to cease violence against civilians, disarm, and comply with Trump’s peace plan.

From Gaza to Ukraine: Could this method translate?

If this bold intervention can yield results in one of the world’s most entrenched conflicts, might the same formula be applied to the Russia–Ukraine war? Critics argue the contexts differ dramatically: NATO, sanctions regimes, national sovereignty, and proxy dynamics complicate matters. Still, Trump has repeatedly claimed he could end that war “in 24 hours.” Whether that is bravado or a genuine strategy remains to be seen.

Trump’s prior diplomacy — the Abraham Accords, his summit approach to North Korea, and regional deals in the Middle East — suggests a pattern: disruptive negotiation, high pressure,

and bold risk-taking. If he can now build durable mechanisms for peace in Gaza, his approach may gain newfound legitimacy on the world stage.

Is the Nobel Peace Prize within reach?

With the Gaza ceasefire making headlines and eyes on the world stage, the question arises: does Trump’s brand of diplomacy merit higher recognition — even the Nobel Peace Prize? The Nobel has historically celebrated leaders who took political risks to end conflict. With Israel, he delivered monumental steps — though not final resolution. If he can leverage this momentum toward a credible path for Ukraine, his case could change from controversial to compelling.

A legacy at stake

Trump has always been polarizing. To supporters, he is a dealmaker who dares. To critics, an unpredictable force. But in this instance, the numbers speak: hostages freed, prisoners exchanged, aid entering Gaza, ceasefire holding — at least for now.

History’s judgment will depend on whether these fragile gains can be preserved, expanded, and translated into lasting peace. For now, we must acknowledge one fact: Donald Trump has once again shifted the conversation — challenging old assumptions about what American diplomacy can accomplish in conflict zones.

Best Regards,

Dr. Avi Verma.

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African Union suspends Madagascar after



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The African Union has suspended Madagascar after the army seized power and declared its commander, Colonel Michael Randrianirina, as the new president. The takeover occurred on Tuesday after parliament voted to impeach President Andry Rajoelina, who reportedly fled the country amid mass protests. Randrianirina said on Wednesday that he would oversee a transition lasting up to two years and denied staging a coup, saying the army acted to “save the nation.”

The military announced that he would be sworn in as president on Friday. Several countries, including France and Germany, expressed concern, urging a return to constitutional order. The capital, Antananarivo, has remained calm, though uncertainty lingers. The youth-led Gen Z movement, which organized earlier protests over water and energy shortages, has supported the military intervention.

Cambodia accuses Thailand of using ghostly sounds along border



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Cambodia has accused Thailand of psychological warfare along their disputed border after reports of “intense, high-pitched noises” broadcast through loudspeakers at night. The Cambodian Human Rights Commission sent a letter on Friday to the United Nations outlining what it described as a violation of human rights. Villagers reported that the broadcasts, described as wailing ghosts and aircraft engine noises, disrupted sleep, caused anxiety, and provoked physical discomfort.

Cambodia’s former leader Hun Sen shared the letter on Facebook, noting the threats could escalate tensions. The ceasefire agreed in July after Malaysia-mediated talks ended the worst fighting in more than a decade, which killed at least 38 people and displaced over 300,000. Thailand has accused Cambodia of laying mines, which Cambodia denies.

Russia strikes Ukrainian gas sites as Zelenskyy flies to Washington

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Russia launched hundreds of drones, dozens of missiles, and glide bombs early Thursday, targeting Ukraine’s gas facilities and causing outages in eight regions. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy flew to Washington to meet President Donald Trump and discuss supplying long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles. Facilities hit include the Shebelinka gas processing plant in Kharkiv, where fires broke out.

The Ukrainian air force said 283 drones and five missiles were intercepted. State grid operator Ukrenergo imposed emergency power cuts nationwide. Russian Defense Ministry claimed the strikes targeted military-linked infrastructure in retaliation for attacks on Russian refineries. Ukrainian energy firm Naftogaz confirmed critical facilities were halted. The bombardment comes as Kyiv reports North Korean troops operating



drones from Russian territory for reconnaissance, marking renewed foreign involvement in the conflict.

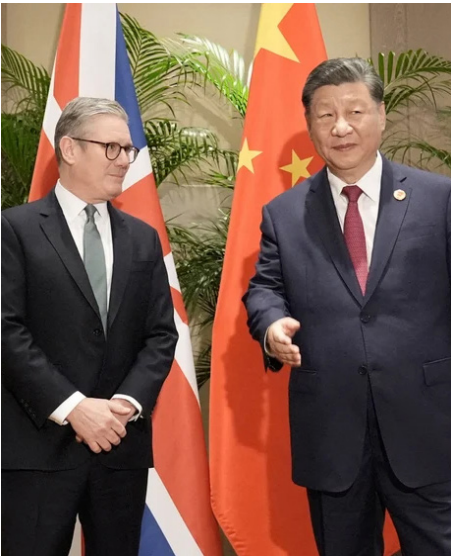
This autumn, Russian attacks have repeatedly targeted Ukraine’s energy infrastructure to force emergency blackouts and import dependence.

UK ministers press ahead with high-level China visits amid spy trial controversy

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UK ministers plan high-level visits to China before the end of the year despite controversy over a collapsed espionage trial. National Security Adviser Jonathan Powell is expected to travel to Beijing in November, followed by Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson and Science Minister Patrick Vallance. A government spokesperson said engagement with China remains strategic and consistent with UK interests.

The collapse involved charges against two men accused of spying for Beijing, which prosecutors said lacked evidence. Powell previously met China’s top diplomat in July to discuss a “mutually respectful relationship.” Plans are also underway for Prime Minister Keir Starmer to visit China next year. Recent visits by senior UK officials, including Foreign Office



permanent secretary Oliver Robbins and Chancellor Rachel Reeves, signal renewed efforts to strengthen ties despite concerns over national security and criticism over government handling of the espionage case.

Australia Post refunds tariffs wrongly charged on US returns

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Australia Post admitted it incorrectly charged tariffs on returned items manufactured in the United States after resuming postal services last week. The error affected “a number of customers” due to a third-party provider’s mistake. Tariffs should not apply to US-made goods under current rules. Australia Post said the issue was quickly corrected and affected customers will receive refunds.

Parcel services resumed on 22 September for businesses and 7 October for retail after the US ended the “de minimis” exemption allowing duty-free shipments under US\$800. US Customs calculates tariffs based on country of origin, meaning Chinese-made items sent from the US could still face duties.



Australia Post said it worked to comply with new rules and prevent further errors, while the federal communications minister emphasized it was an operational issue, not a policy decision.

Canadian bill sparks outrage over limits on citizenship for adopted children



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Canada’s proposed citizenship law has triggered backlash from parents of internationally adopted children, who say it unfairly discriminates against their families. Introduced in May as Bill C-71, the amendment to the Citizenship Act would allow Canadians born abroad to pass citizenship to their adopted or biological children only if they have lived in Canada for at least 1,095 days. Critics say the rule effectively treats adopted children as immigrants, even when raised in Canada. Advocacy groups warn that more than 2,000 children could lose automatic citizenship rights if the bill passes. The government argues the reform is needed to balance fairness and prevent “citizenship by descent” from extending indefinitely. Lawmakers are expected to debate the measure later this month amid growing public opposition.

Norway pledges \$198 million to NATO aid package for Ukraine



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Norway has committed 2 billion Norwegian kroner, equivalent to \$198 million, to a NATO-coordinated aid package for Ukraine. Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said Norway is joining other European nations under the Prioritized Ukraine Requirements List, a US-led initiative supplying defense equipment from NATO allies’ stockpiles.

Norway previously contributed 1.5 billion kroner to an earlier package. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with EU Foreign Policy Chief Kaja Kallas on Monday to discuss EU support, energy resilience, and defense assistance. The talks also addressed frozen Russian assets and new EU sanctions. Zelenskyy is scheduled to meet US President Donald Trump in Washington on Friday to further discussions on military aid and energy security.

India, Australia launch 4th AUSTRAHIND military exercise in Perth

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India and Australia have commenced the fourth edition of their bilateral military exercise AUSTRAHIND at Irwin Barracks in Perth, reinforcing growing defence ties. The opening ceremony on Tuesday emphasized interoperability and operational readiness, with both armies preparing to carry out joint company-level operations in urban and semi-urban terrain. Approximately 120 Indian troops are participating. The exercise, running through October 26, focuses on planning, tactical drills, and shared techniques to handle sub-conventional and urban warfare challenges. The exercise follows India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's recent visit to Australia and underscores mutual trust, strategic partnership, and deeper defence cooperation.

Indian envoy and Mauritius minister inspect floating solar and power projects

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India's High Commissioner to Mauritius, Anurag Srivastava, and Mauritius Minister of Energy and Public Utilities Patrick Gervais Assirvaden visited the site of a proposed 17.5 MW floating solar project at Tamarind Falls during a site inspection on Tuesday. The initiative stems from commitments made during Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam's recent visit to New Delhi and signals New Delhi's support for the island nation's sustainable energy goals. The two officials also toured the 8 MW solar plant at Henrietta, established in 2023 with Indian assistance, which now feeds clean energy into Mauritius's grid. The high commissioner described energy cooperation as a core pillar of India-Mauritius strategic partnership and reaffirmed continued support under the "Neighbourhood First / MAHASAGAR" policy.

India and Ethiopia strengthen defence cooperation and peacekeeping ties

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Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi met Ethiopia's Chief of Land Force and Military Advisor General Alemshet Degife Balcha in New Delhi on Friday to discuss enhancing cooperation in training, United Nations peacekeeping, and defense capacity-building. The talks reflected both nations' commitment to stronger defense ties and regional stability through multilateral engagement. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries Chiefs' Conclave 2025, hosted by the Indian Army from October 14 to 16. During the conclave, General Dwivedi also met leaders from Tanzania and Burundi to explore joint initiatives in training, capacity-building, and UN peacekeeping.

J P Nadda meets Mongolian president, explores health cooperation

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Union Health Minister J P Nadda met Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa in New Delhi on Tuesday under the 'Know BJP' initiative. The discussion centered on strengthening India–Mongolia cooperation in health, including possible collaboration in medical supplies, capacity building, and biotechnology. Nadda also briefed the president on his party's structure and governance philosophy, aiming to enhance interparty ties. Earlier, Mongolian President Ukhnaa held talks with Vice President C P Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, covering defence,



trade, development, and cultural ties. To commemorate the 70-year bilateral relationship, the leaders also released a joint postage stamp and planted a sapling in homage to President Ukhnaa's mother.

India delivers radiation countermeasures to Indonesia after Cs-137 incident

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On Wednesday, India delivered Prussian Blue (Radiogardase) capsules to Indonesia to assist in mitigating Cesium-137 contamination risks following a radiological event. The consignment was handed over by Indian Ambassador Sandeep Chakravorty to officials from Indonesia's Ministry of Health, acting on the request of Jakarta. The handover underlines India's readiness to respond promptly in regional emergencies. Simultaneously, a delegation from India's Ministry of Ayush and the Pharmacopoeia Commission visited Jakarta for the 16th



WHO–IRCH meeting, engaging with Indonesia's FDA on a recently signed MoU to harmonize standards in traditional medicine and strengthen regulatory cooperation.

India, Australia deepen energy cooperation amid climate commitments

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India and Australia agreed to expand cooperation in energy efficiency, enabling technologies, and green energy as part of their mutual climate response agenda this week. At the fifth India-Australia Energy Dialogue in New Delhi, co-chaired by India's Power Minister and Australia's Climate and Energy Minister, both sides emphasized the role of green hydrogen, resilient clean energy supply chains, and diversified energy partnerships. India highlighted its falling grid emission intensity—down 7 percent since 2014–15—and noted that non-fossil fuel installed capacity has reached 50.25 percent, exceeding



its earlier target. The two governments committed to joint initiatives supporting a clean, affordable, and secure energy transition in the Indo-Pacific.

India and Guatemala explore collaboration in health and defence

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Indian Ambassador to Guatemala, Raj Kumar Singh, held meetings with Guatemalan ministers on Tuesday to discuss expanding cooperation in health and defence. He met with Minister of Public Health Joaquin Barnoya to explore collaborations in biotech, medical tourism, generics under PM-BJP (Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana), and Ayurveda. The ambassador also discussed defence and space technology ties with Minister Henry David Saenz Ramos, including joint capacity building and humanitarian initiatives. India will donate 650 custom prosthetic limbs to Guatemala.



and earlier this year, the two nations marked 53 years of diplomatic relations, reinforcing mutual respect and commitment to shared development goals.

EAM Jaishankar, Sri Lankan PM Amarasuriya agree to expand education and trade ties

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya in New Delhi this week, reaffirming India's support to Colombo and exploring cooperation in education and capacity development. Amarasuriya's visit—her first since assuming office—includes a keynote address at the NDTV World Summit and trips to IIT Delhi and NITI Aayog to explore academic and innovation partnerships. The two leaders agreed that their bilateral ties, guided by India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and MAHASAGAR vision, will expand across trade, cultural exchange, and technological collaboration.

Union Minister Nadda meets Rishi Sunak, discusses India-UK ties and healthcare tech

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Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda hosted former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak in New Delhi on Thursday, under the banner of the 'Know BJP' initiative. They discussed deepening the India-UK relationship, including leveraging technology for grassroots healthcare enhancement. Nadda gifted Sunak a shawl and Himachali cap during the meeting. The two also spoke about political philosophy, institutional frameworks, and the importance of development-oriented governance. Sunak, who previously met PM Modi in February, reaffirmed his support for stronger ties across tech, trade, science, and healthcare.

VP Radhakrishnan and Brazil's Alckmin discuss defence, connectivity and AI cooperation

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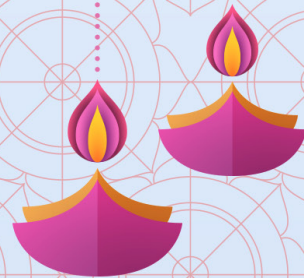
Vice President C P Radhakrishnan met Brazil's Vice President and Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services, Geraldo Alckmin, on Thursday.

Their talks focused on enhancing economic collaboration, energy cooperation, defence partnerships, research investments, connectivity, and joint work in emerging domains like artificial intelligence and digitalization. Earlier in the day, Alckmin also held discussions with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, reinforcing commitments to trade, defence industrial ties, and cross-sectoral cooperation.

The meetings underscore India's intention to deepen engagement with Brazil across science, industry, and technology.



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Trump announces new tariffs and export controls on China



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President Donald Trump announced that the United States will impose an additional 100 percent tariff on Chinese goods and implement export controls on critical software starting on November 1. Trump accused China of taking “aggressive” export measures, including restricting shipments of rare earth elements essential for electric vehicles, military jets, and semiconductors. He warned the U.S. could expand tariffs depending on Beijing’s response and indicated that more items could fall under export controls, including airplanes and airplane parts. Trump also suggested he might cancel a planned meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in South Korea. China’s controls on rare earth exports take effect December 1.

Federal layoffs begin amid government shutdown



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The White House confirmed Friday that federal layoffs have begun as the government shutdown entered its 10th day. Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought said reduction-in-force notices were issued to more than 4,000 employees across departments including Health and Human Services, Treasury, and Education.

Nonessential employees were initially furloughed when funding stopped, and the administration is using the shutdown to downsize the federal workforce. President Donald Trump warned earlier in the week that more layoffs could occur if negotiations with Democrats failed. The shutdown began after a Senate impasse over a stopgap funding measure, with disputes over extending Affordable Care Act subsidies continuing between parties.

Trump orders Pentagon to secure troop pay despite government shutdown

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President Donald Trump announced Saturday that he has directed the Department of Defense to use all available funds to ensure that U.S. service members are paid on Wednesday despite the ongoing government shutdown. The move will not extend to the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who remain furloughed.

Trump said in a social media post that he acted because troops “will miss the paychecks they are rightfully due on October 15th.” The directive comes amid the government shutdown’s 11th day, potentially prolonging the impasse into a third week or longer.



The Pentagon identified roughly \$8 billion in unobligated research, development, testing, and evaluation funds from the previous fiscal year to cover mid-month military pay if the shutdown continues. Federal employees generally receive back pay once a shutdown ends.

The president did not confirm whether the directive applies to the U.S. Coast Guard, which operates under the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime. The shutdown began October 1 after Democrats rejected a short-term funding bill that did not include an extension of Affordable Care Act subsidies. Both parties have insisted on reopening the government before negotiations continue.

Chamber of Commerce sues to block \$100,000 H-1B visa fee

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The U.S. Chamber of Commerce filed a lawsuit this week seeking to block a new \$100,000 fee for H-1B visas, calling it unlawful and harmful to American businesses. The legal action, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, marks the first challenge by the powerful business group to the Trump administration’s immigration policy this term.

The chamber argued that the fee, introduced in an executive order on

September 19, exceeds the executive branch’s authority and will make it prohibitively expensive for companies, especially start-ups and mid-sized firms, to hire foreign talent. H-1B visas are widely used by technology, manufacturing, finance, and healthcare employers to fill positions requiring specialized skills. A White House spokeswoman defended the policy as a measure to prioritize American workers and recruit top global talent. The administration also introduced options for wealthy foreigners and corporations to obtain residency through “gold card” programs at higher fees.

Harvard endowment grows to nearly \$57 billion amid record donations

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Harvard University’s endowment, the largest among universities worldwide, reached \$56.9 billion in fiscal 2025, an increase of nearly \$4 billion, according to its annual report released this week. Strong investment returns, including an 11.9 percent gain, drove the growth, surpassing the school’s long-term target of 8 percent. The previous year’s endowment totaled \$53.2 billion. The university also received

a record \$600 million in unrestricted donations from alumni and supporters. Harvard’s endowment portfolio allocated 41 percent to private equity, 31 percent to hedge funds, and 14 percent to public equities. Chief Executive N.P. Narvekar credited careful manager selection for overall performance despite lower public equity exposure.

The growth comes amid disputes with the Trump administration over research funding and international student enrollment.

White House doctor says Trump remains in exceptional health



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President Donald Trump is in “exceptional overall health,” according to White House physician Dr. Sean Barbabella, who reported Friday after Trump’s routine medical checkup at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The evaluation, which included imaging, lab tests, and preventive screenings, found Trump’s cardiovascular age to be approximately 14 years younger than his chronological age. Barbabella confirmed that the 79-year-old president maintains strong neurological, pulmonary, and physical health, with no restrictions on his daily schedule. Trump also received his annual influenza vaccine and a COVID-19 booster. Minor swelling in his lower legs was identified as a benign condition common in older adults, and bruising on his hands was attributed to frequent handshakes and aspirin use.

Judge hears arguments on deporting Salvadoran detainee



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A federal judge in Maryland heard arguments Friday regarding the possible deportation of Salvadoran national Kilmar Abrego Garcia, who has been in U.S. custody since March. Garcia’s attorneys argued that U.S. law allows detention for up to 90 days pending deportation and claimed the government’s approach is punitive. The government stated the countdown should begin from August 25, the date of his latest detention. Uganda and Ghana have refused to accept him, while negotiations with Eswatini continue. Garcia could be deported within 72 hours if a country agrees. He also faces human smuggling charges in Tennessee, with his trial scheduled for January, and has requested to reopen proceedings designating Costa Rica as his destination.

Explosion at Tennessee munitions plant leaves 19 missing

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Nineteen people are missing after an explosion last Friday morning destroyed part of a military explosives plant in rural Tennessee. Authorities said an unknown number may have been killed, and four to five individuals were taken to a hospital. Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis described the site at Accurate Energetic Systems in McEwen as the most devastating scene of his career. Investigators are working to determine the cause of the blast and locate the missing workers. The plant manufactures military explosives, and officials confirmed that emergency response teams were deployed immediately to contain the situation and provide aid to survivors.

Supreme Court appears likely to limit race-based districting

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed inclined to restrict the use of race in drawing congressional districts during oral arguments over Louisiana’s map. The case, Louisiana v. Callais, addresses whether creating a second black-majority district violates the 14th or 15th Amendments. A federal judge had ruled the state’s previous map, with only one black-majority district, underrepresented Black voters. Justices expressed differing views: Brett Kavanaugh said race-based remedies should have limits, Samuel Alito warned against using race as a partisan proxy, and Sonia Sotomayor emphasized that race remains relevant in fair representation. The ruling, expected by the end of June 2026, could influence the balance of power in Congress.

Democratic governors form alliance to counter RFK Jr’s public health influence

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14 Democratic governors and the governor of Guam announced the creation of the Governors Public Health Alliance, aimed at providing science-based guidance to counter Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s policies. The coalition plans to improve state coordination on public health emergencies, detect threats, and issue vaccine recommendations, citing federal guidance as unreliable.

Governors including Maura Healey and Gavin Newsom emphasized that science must guide policy, while the Department of Health and Human Services criticized the move, citing past unscientific mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic. The alliance’s advisers include former CDC director Mandy Cohen and other senior public health officials.

U.S. Southern Command chief to retire after 37 years of service

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Admiral Alvin Holsey, commander of U.S. Southern Command, will retire at the end of the year, War Secretary Pete Hegseth announced this week. Holsey’s departure, effective December 12, comes 13 months after he assumed the post. Hegseth did not provide a reason for the retirement.

Holsey, a Georgia native and four-star admiral, has served the U.S. military for over 37 years. He was deputy chief of Southern Command from 2023 to 2024 and led the Navy Personnel Command from 2021 to 2022. Holsey succeeded Army General Laura Richardson at Southern Command.

During his tenure, Holsey oversaw operations to intercept maritime trafficking



from Latin America. In August, the command deployed warships and U.S. Marines to the southern Caribbean. A lethal strike on October 14 killed six suspected drug traffickers, part of ongoing efforts against smuggling and alleged cartel-linked vessels off Venezuela.

Hegseth praised Holsey’s leadership and strategic vision, noting his contributions to helicopter squadrons, Carrier Strike Group One, and international maritime security initiatives.

Texas prosecutors file first antifa terrorism charges in ICE shooting case

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Federal prosecutors in Texas filed terrorism charges for the first time against antifa-linked individuals for their alleged involvement in a shooting at a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility. FBI Director Kash Patel confirmed the charges on Thursday. Cameron Arnold of Dallas and Zachary Evetts of Waxahachie were charged on Wednesday with providing support to terrorists in connection with the non-fatal shooting of a police officer at the Prairieland detention center. Both were arrested in July alongside eight others and previously faced attempted murder and weapons charges. Arnold and Evetts are scheduled to enter pleas at a court hearing on October 22.



Prosecutors allege the pair participated in an antifa “cell” that attacked the facility on July 4, including shooting fireworks, vandalism, and gunfire directed at officers. Defense attorneys argued the terrorism charges are politically motivated, citing a lack of evidence. President Donald Trump had designated antifa a terrorist organization in September, though experts noted the group lacks a formal leadership structure.

US prosecutors charge Smartmatic over alleged \$1 million bribery in Philippines

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Federal prosecutors charged voting technology company Smartmatic with money laundering and other crimes Wednesday, accusing executives of paying over \$1 million in bribes to Philippine election officials. The payments, allegedly made between 2015 and 2018, were intended to secure a government contract for the 2016 presidential election and ensure timely payment, according to a superseding indictment filed in a Florida federal court.



Three former Smartmatic executives, including co-founder Roger Pinate, had previously faced charges in 2024. Smartmatic denied the allegations, calling them politically motivated. Prosecutors are

also investigating claims that revenue from a \$300 million Los Angeles County contract was diverted through shell companies and that Pinate bribed Venezuela’s election chief with a luxury home.

FBI reports 50 percent rise in foreign espionage arrests

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FBI Director Kash Patel said on Wednesday that arrests for espionage by foreign adversaries have surged, with cases up 50 percent in China and Iran and 33 percent in Russia.

Recent arrests include former State Department employee Ashley Tellis, accused of sharing classified information with Chinese officials, and two Chinese nationals charged with smuggling AI chips to China.

Other cases involved Iran and Russia, including a U.S. soldier arrested for attempting to transmit national defense information. Patel highlighted 125 counterterrorism cases this year and disruptions of cybercrime operations, including the seizure of \$15 billion in bitcoin from a Cambodian cyber scam ring on Tuesday in cooperation with U.K. authorities.

Government shutdown reaches week 3, Washington and Hawaii hardest hit

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The federal government shutdown entered its 15th day on Wednesday, straining regions unevenly across the country. Washington, DC, faces the greatest impact, with 25 percent of jobs tied to the federal government and high federal contract spending, delaying key projects.

About 900,000 federal workers have been furloughed, and another 700,000 continue working without pay, while essential services like air traffic control and the military operate. Hawaii is the second-most affected state due to its large federal workforce and reliance on real estate, and New Mexico ranks third with high SNAP enrollment and federal contract dependence.



States least affected include Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Nebraska, and New Hampshire. The shutdown is estimated to cost the U.S. economy nearly \$400 million per day.

Kapil Sharma's Surrey cafe comes under third shooting attack, no injuries reported

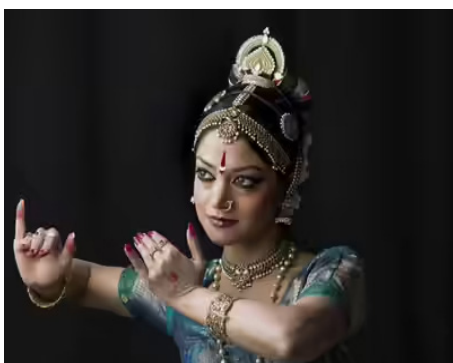


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Kapil Sharma's Kap's Cafe in Surrey, Canada, faced a third shooting early Thursday morning, claimed by associates of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but repeated attacks have heightened security concerns for the comedian and his establishment.

Surrey Police Service is investigating after shots were fired at around 3:45 a.m. on 85 Avenue and 120 Street. The cafe, which opened on Friday, July 4, previously faced attacks within a week of opening on Thursday, July 10, and again on Wednesday, August 7. Earlier incidents caused damage to windows and the building but left patrons unharmed. The restaurant had reopened earlier this month following the previous attacks. The latest incident underscores the ongoing threats faced by high-profile diaspora figures in Canada.

Arunima Kumar becomes first Kuchipudi dancer awarded King Charles III's Honorary British Empire Medal



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Celebrated UK-based Kuchipudi dancer Arunima Kumar was honored on Thursday with King Charles III's Honorary British Empire Medal for her contributions to Indian classical dance and community service. She is the first Kuchipudi exponent to receive this royal recognition, which acknowledges her efforts in promoting the art form globally and fostering cultural exchange.

Founder of the Arunima Kumar Dance Company, Kumar has performed at Buckingham Palace, Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee celebrations, and Diwali events at 10 Downing Street. Her organization has staged over 3,000 performances in more than 50 countries, training hundreds of students aged four to 75. Kumar is preparing her next project, 'Samarpanam – A Dance Offering,' in New Delhi later this month, emphasizing dance as a tool for empowerment, healing, and community dialogue.

Global visa changes tighten rules for skilled workers from India

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The United Kingdom and the United States are introducing stricter regulations for skilled visa applicants, affecting thousands of Indian professionals and students seeking opportunities abroad.

In the UK, the government has announced tougher English language requirements for all skilled worker visa applicants, to be verified through a Home Office-approved Secure English Language Test starting in January. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency equivalent to A-Level or Class 12 standards, covering speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The Home Office said this measure aims to ensure migrants are better able to integrate into British society. The government is also reducing the time international students can stay under the



Graduate Route visa to 18 months after graduation, increasing maintenance funds requirements, raising the Immigration Skills Charge for employers, and expanding the High Potential Individual route to attract top talent from elite global universities.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the Trump administration is moving forward

with a major overhaul of the H-1B visa program. Proposed changes include a mandatory \$100,000 filing fee, tighter eligibility criteria, stricter oversight of employers, enhanced compliance, and a potential shift from the lottery system to a wage-based selection process. The annual cap remains 65,000 visas, with an additional 20,000 reserved for holders of U.S. master's degrees or higher. The reforms aim to protect U.S. workers' wages and working conditions while prioritizing highly skilled foreign talent.

Indian nationals continue to make up a large proportion of visa recipients, particularly in technology, healthcare, finance, and academia. Experts warn that the new rules in both countries could significantly impact Indian students and professionals planning to work abroad, as governments seek to balance skilled migration with domestic workforce priorities.

Indian ambassador honors educator as Hindi gains presence in Shanghai schools

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Shanghai witnessed a milestone for India's cultural outreach on Tuesday, as Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Consul General Pratik Mathur felicitated Smt. Bhavya Mehta for promoting Hindi at Britannica International Senior Secondary School.

Mehta, daughter of Kirti Chakra awardee Brigadier Ravi Datt Mehta, is recognized for introducing Hindi teaching at the primary level, joining established university programs in China at Fudan, Tsinghua, Shanghai International Studies, and Peking University.

The event underscored India's growing linguistic and cultural footprint abroad. Ambassador Rawat and Mathur also engaged with leading Chinese scholars on international affairs, including Dr. Yang Jiemian, President Emeritus, and Prof. Chen Dongxiao at the Shanghai Institutes of International Studies. Discussions focused on global governance, multilateral reform, and India's role in shaping an equitable world order.



Further strengthening diaspora ties, the delegation met Indian community leaders and executives from global corporations at a luncheon hosted by the Indian Association of Shanghai. The discussions highlighted the Indian diaspora's role in fostering business, cultural bonds, and India-China friendship, embodying the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Dr Vasu Singh reappointed to Pennsylvania Governor's advisory commission for fourth term

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Dr Vasu Singh has been reappointed to a fourth consecutive term on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro. The commission advises the state government on health equity, education, public safety, language access, and economic development impacting the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

Born in Maharal village, Hamirpur district, Dr Singh moved to Dharamsala, Kangra district, and later to the United States. She is a family medicine physician at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Previously, she served two terms under former Governor Tom Wolf and a third under Governor Shapiro. Dr Singh has mentored



students and contributed to healthcare initiatives both in Pennsylvania and her native Himachal Pradesh, reflecting her longstanding commitment to public service.

British-Indian model Neelam Gill shines as only Indian on Victoria's Secret runway

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British-Indian model Neelam Gill, of Sikh heritage from Punjab, made headlines as the only Indian model at the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show in New York on Wednesday. She wore a pink bra with shimmering panties and a sheer skirt, exuding confidence and elegance on the runway. Born in Coventry, England, Gill began modeling at 13 and signed with NEXT Model Management a year later. At 18, she became the first Indian model featured in a Burberry campaign during London Fashion Week. She shared the stage with Gigi Hadid, Adriana Lima, Ashley Graham, Candice Swanepoel, and Bella Hadid, alongside performances by TWICE, Madison Beer, Karol G, and Missy Elliott. Her career spans over a decade with campaigns for Abercrombie & Fitch and L'Oréal Paris, inspiring aspiring models from diverse backgrounds.

Vijay Mallya withdraws UK bankruptcy annulment application ahead of Monday hearing

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Vijay Mallya, wanted in India on fraud and money laundering charges, has discontinued his application to annul a UK bankruptcy order before a hearing scheduled on Monday in London. This allows his Trustee in Bankruptcy to continue pursuing assets to recover a judgment debt of about 1.05 billion pounds owed to a consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India, related to loans to his now-defunct Kingfisher Airlines.

The withdrawal follows High Court Judge Anthony Mann's ruling in April, which upheld the bankruptcy order issued over four years ago. Mallya had argued that the debt was already recovered in India, but pending Indian legal proceedings remain material to any annulment decision. He may file a fresh annulment application in the future. Meanwhile, Mallya remains on bail in the UK amid a confidential legal matter believed to involve an asylum request.

Punjabi scientist elected Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences for contributions to food security



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Professor Zora Singh Khangura, alumnus of Punjab Agricultural University, has been elected a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences in recognition of his work reducing post-harvest losses in fruits, vegetables, and horticultural products. The honor highlights his contributions toward sustainable development, particularly in developing countries. Based at Curtin University in Perth, Australia, Dr Singh has developed techniques that block ethylene receptors to slow produce ripening, minimizing food waste along the supply chain. His innovations have global impact, improving both nutritional quality and economic returns.

He has supervised over 40 PhD and 14 MPhil/MSc students and maintains strong professional ties with India. The Academy, founded by Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam, brings together over 1,400 scientists to tackle critical challenges like food security and sustainable agriculture.

Rajbeer Kaur makes history as first turbaned woman constable in Canadian police



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Rajbeer Kaur Brar, 35, from Thandewala village near Muktsar, has become the first turbaned woman constable to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Saskatchewan. She completed her training and is now posted in Milestone, Saskatchewan. Rajbeer, an MSc graduate in information technology, moved to Canada after her marriage in 2016. Her career journey included working at Walmart and serving briefly in the Canadian Reserve Army. Her brother, Beant Singh Khalsa, praised her for keeping Sikh values alive abroad. The first RCMP officer to wear a turban was Baltej Singh Dhillon in 1991, who continues to serve as a senator and role model for turbaned officers.

Indian-American wrongfully imprisoned for 40 years faces deportation despite exoneration

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An Indian-American man who spent more than four decades behind bars for a murder he did not commit has been taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and now faces possible deportation to India.

Subramanyam “Subu” Vedam, 64, arrived in the United States as a nine-month-old infant and lived his entire life in the country as a lawful permanent resident. Earlier this month, the Centre County district attorney dismissed the murder charges against him, making Vedam Pennsylvania’s longest-incarcerated exonerated prisoner. He had been convicted in 1983 for the death of 19-year-old college student Tom Kinser, a former classmate and brief roommate, whose body was discovered nine months



after his disappearance. Vedam had also received a concurrent sentence for a drug-related offense.

Despite maintaining his innocence throughout his incarceration and appealing on circumstantial evidence,

Vedam’s case remained unresolved until new evidence surfaced in 2021, leading to his exoneration. However, shortly after his release, ICE detained him based on a 1988 deportation order tied to his vacated convictions. The agency described him as a “career criminal” with prior drug convictions, a characterization Vedam’s lawyer, Ava Benach, strongly disputes.

Benach highlighted that Vedam spent virtually his entire life in the United States and “forfeited four decades of his life to a prison sentence for a murder he did not commit.” Vedam’s family, including his niece Zoë Miller-Vedam, has urged authorities to allow him to remain in the country and rebuild his life. He is currently held at the Moshannon Valley processing center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, while his deportation case is pending.

Goraya man travels to Russia in desperate search for brother missing since 2023

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Jagdeep Kumar, a mobile shop owner from Goraya, has once again traveled to Russia in search of his younger brother, Mandeep Kumar, who has been missing for over two years. Mandeep left India in early 2023 seeking employment and last contacted his family on Friday, March 3, 2023, expressing fear after being recruited into the Russian army. Since then, his family has received no word, leaving them in distress.

Jagdeep alleges that a travel agent deceived his brother with promises of work in Italy, sending him first to Armenia and then through Russia, Finland, and Germany. Instead, Mandeep was reportedly forcibly inducted into the Russian army. Jagdeep claims he was cheated of Rs 6 lakh in the process.

This is not Jagdeep’s first attempt to find his brother. He has traveled previously to Russia, maintained contact with Indian authorities, and collaborated with other



families of missing Indians in the region. His efforts have gained political attention, including meetings with MDMK MP Durai Vaiko and support from Congress leader Raja Warring.

Jagdeep continues to appeal for urgent government intervention while providing guidance and forming a support network for affected families.

Eight Indian-origin men arrested in Canada for mail thefts worth over CAD 400,000

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Canadian police have arrested eight Indian-origin men in connection with mail thefts, recovering more than 450 items, including credit cards, cheques, and government IDs valued at over CAD 400,000. The suspects face a total of 344 charges, and some may face deportation.

Peel police, Halton police, and Canada Post launched a joint operation called Project Undeliverable in April after reports of residential mailbox thefts. Search warrants executed in September recovered 255 cheques, 182 credit cards, 35 government IDs, and 20 gift cards.

The accused, aged 21 to 29, were identified as Sumanpreet Singh, Gurdeep Chattha, Jashandeep Jattana, Harman Singh, Jasanpreet Singh, Manroop Singh, Rajbir Singh, and Upinderjit Singh. Police called the operation significant in addressing widespread community disruption.

Indian-American analyst leaves JPMorgan for AI-driven investment firm to reduce routine work

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Varun Agarwal, an Indian-origin analyst based in New York, has left his high-paying role at JPMorgan to join OffDeal, an AI-native investment bank headquartered in Singapore, in a move he describes as a calculated risk aligned with his long-term goals. Agarwal began his finance career at Piper Sandler before moving to JPMorgan in San Francisco. “The biggest lesson I learned from investment banking was how to perform a wide variety of tasks efficiently and how to ask the right questions when evaluating businesses,” he told Business Insider.

Though investment banking offered stability,



exposure to the startup world in Silicon Valley changed his mindset. “Seeing 21-year-olds start

companies and raise millions of dollars was exhilarating. I thought, ‘Why can’t I do that too?’” he said.

OffDeal’s mission, combining artificial intelligence and software to streamline investment banking processes, particularly resonated with Agarwal. “AI and technology have completely transformed my workflow as a banker. Joining OffDeal lets me spend less time on repetitive tasks while contributing meaningfully to the business,” he added.

The move highlights a growing trend among Indian diaspora professionals in the United States who are leveraging technology to pursue innovative career paths beyond traditional finance roles.

South Korea aims to repatriate 60 nationals detained in Cambodia by weekend



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South Korea announced on Wednesday that it is working to bring home around 60 nationals detained by Cambodian authorities over job scam allegations. National Security Advisor Wi Sung-lac said a joint government response team, including officials from the foreign ministry, police, and intelligence, departed for Phnom Penh to coordinate their release.

The detainees are among 63 Koreans held in Cambodia, while roughly 80 others remain missing or unaccounted for. Repatriated individuals will face investigation and legal action based on involvement. The crackdown follows public outrage over the torture and death of a South Korean student. The mission aims to secure their safe return by the weekend.

French PM Sebastien Lecornu survives two no-confidence votes



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French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu survived two no-confidence votes in the National Assembly this week. The first motion, led by La France Insoumise and supported by multiple opposition parties, received 271 votes, falling 18 short of the majority needed to topple the government. The second motion, proposed by the National Rally and allied parties, received only 144 votes.

Lecornu was reappointed as prime minister after resigning earlier this month, following criticism of his cabinet appointments. His new cabinet includes former ministers from Macron's centrist camp, conservatives, and some political outsiders, with Catherine Vautrin as Defense Minister and Roland Lescure as Finance Minister. Lecornu's government faces scrutiny as it works to address France's rising debt and social challenges.

US president authorizes CIA operations in Venezuela as Maduro warns against regime change

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US President Donald Trump has authorized the CIA to carry out covert operations in Venezuela, intensifying tensions with the South American nation. The announcement follows at least five recent US strikes on suspected drug-smuggling boats in the Caribbean, killing 27 people. On Wednesday, B-52 bombers also patrolled the Caribbean Sea for several hours.

Trump cited Venezuelan drug trafficking and the release of prisoners into the United States as reasons for CIA action. He added that the US is now examining land operations to curb narcotics. About 10,000 US forces are reportedly positioned in the Caribbean, either on ships or in Puerto Rico.

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, whose rule is internationally disputed, condemned the US strikes and CIA



involvement, calling for peace and rejecting regime change. On Wednesday, he ordered military exercises in Petare and Miranda, mobilizing the army, police, and civilian militias to defend the country. UN human rights experts described the strikes as extrajudicial executions.

National strike disrupts transport and services across Belgium

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Belgium experienced widespread disruptions on Tuesday as a national strike opposed government spending cuts, led by the country's main trade unions. The strike targeted reforms proposed by Prime Minister Bart De Wever's right-wing coalition, including pension and labor market changes.

Metro, bus, and tram services in Brussels were largely suspended, and flights at Brussels South Charleroi Airport and Brussels Airport were canceled. Public services, including rubbish collection, were halted, while police reported clashes with protesters, arrests, and small fires.

The Red Cross provided meals to prisoners



affected by the strikes. The unrest forced De Wever to postpone his "State of the Union" speech as tensions grew over wage freezes and VAT reforms in the proposed 2026 budget.

New Zealand to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran over nuclear non-compliance

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New Zealand announced on Thursday that it will reimpose United Nations sanctions on Iran, effective Saturday, citing Iran's failure to comply with the 2015 nuclear agreement. The sanctions include asset freezes and travel bans on designated individuals, as well as restrictions on the import and export of certain nuclear and military goods. Citizens and businesses are also advised to exercise caution when engaging with Iran.

Foreign Minister Winston Peters emphasized that New Zealand remains committed to diplomatic efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and encouraged Iran to return to negotiations. The move aligns with similar actions taken by countries including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Australia in response to Iran's nuclear activities.

New Zealand's decision comes amid



growing international concern that Tehran's nuclear program continues to develop beyond limits set under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, raising the risk of regional instability.

The government stated that the sanctions are intended to pressure Iran to comply with its obligations while supporting ongoing diplomatic efforts.

Pakistan orders Afghan migrants in Quetta to leave within a week



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Pakistani authorities on Thursday ordered Afghan migrants in Quetta to vacate their homes and shops within seven days, warning property owners of fines or arrests if they fail to comply. Deputy Commissioner Mansoor Ahmed said inspections would begin after the deadline as part of a crackdown on undocumented Afghans.

The order comes after border clashes between Pakistani forces and Taliban fighters at Spin Boldak on Wednesday and the announcement of a 48-hour ceasefire. Afghan refugees report increasing police harassment, arrests, and evictions, creating fear among displaced families. Residents described door-to-door searches and roadblocks in Quetta. Refugees have requested visa extensions and protection from the United Nations, citing rising deportations and uncertainty about their safety and legal status.

EU proposes flagship defense projects to counter drones and strengthen eastern border



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The European Commission this week proposed four flagship defense projects to bolster Europe's security by 2030. Key initiatives include the European Drone Defense Initiative to counter aerial threats and Eastern Flank Watch to strengthen the EU's eastern borders by land, air, and sea. Two other projects, the European Air Shield and European Space Shield, aim to protect against missiles, airborne threats, and safeguard space assets.

Initial capacities for the drone and border projects should be ready by the end of next year, with full operational status expected for the drone system a year later and Eastern Flank Watch by 2028. Ukrainian Defense Minister Denys Shmyhal hailed the plan as pivotal for Europe's collective security.



Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti beaten by Israeli prison guards, family says



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Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti, 66, was reportedly beaten unconscious by Israeli prison guards on Monday while being transferred between Ganot and Megiddo prisons, his son Arab Barghouti said. Eight guards allegedly targeted his head, chest, and legs. Released detainees deported to Egypt corroborated his account, noting he struggled to walk for days. Barghouti, in solitary confinement since the 2023 Gaza war, has been beaten four times in two years. He is serving five life sentences plus 40 years for attacks that killed five civilians. Israeli national security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir denied the claims. Family members expressed fear for Barghouti's life, citing fractures in four ribs and ongoing threats to his safety.

Aid agencies call on Israel to open more Gaza crossings for humanitarian relief



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Aid agencies and the United Nations on Wednesday urged Israel to open more crossings into Gaza to allow thousands of trucks carrying food, medical supplies, and essentials to reach residents. Preparations are underway for the southern Rafah crossing with Egypt to open on Thursday, the first access since May last year, but officials stress northern crossings are also needed to reach hundreds of thousands. The fragile ceasefire faces challenges after Israel reduced aid shipments following delays in returning hostages' bodies. Humanitarian officials warned that hundreds of thousands of Palestinians remain without clean water, food, and basic services. The European Union said it is ready to deploy its EU Border Assistance Mission at Rafah if conditions allow.

King Charles to become first English monarch in 500 years to pray with the pope during Vatican visit

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King Charles III is set to make history as the first reigning English monarch in nearly five centuries to pray publicly with a pope. During his upcoming state visit to the Vatican, he and Queen Camilla will join Pope Leo XIV in an ecumenical service at the Sistine Chapel, marking a milestone in relations between the Catholic Church and the Church of England, of which Charles is the supreme governor. The royal couple will also visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls,

an ancient site connected to early English kings such as Offa and Æthelwulf. In a symbolic gesture of unity, the pope has approved the king's appointment as "royal confrater" of the abbey, representing spiritual fellowship. A specially crafted chair bearing the royal coat of arms will remain in the basilica as a lasting emblem of respect and friendship.

Officials said the visit reflects Charles's long-standing commitment to interfaith harmony and marks a historic moment in restoring ties between two faiths divided since the Reformation.



EU launches Mediterranean pact to strengthen ties with southern neighbors

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The European Union unveiled a "Pact for the Mediterranean" Thursday to deepen economic, educational, and cultural cooperation with northern African and other Mediterranean nations. Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said the initiative aims to create a common Mediterranean space, with investments in energy, clean technology, and education. The pact targets ten countries, including Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria, and the Syrian Arab Republic, with proposals for a Mediterranean University and support for start-ups. Cooperation on migration, border management, and countering

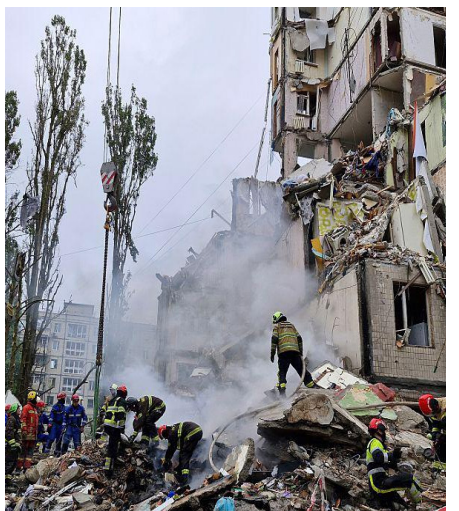


smuggling is a central focus. The plan builds on previous agreements with Tunisia and Libya and is expected to be endorsed next month, laying the groundwork for concrete implementation actions.

Ukraine calls for tougher sanctions and long-range missiles after Russian strikes

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Ukraine's ambassador to Washington said Thursday that Russia's overnight missile strikes, which caused power cuts across the country, undermined peace efforts led by President Donald Trump. Ambassador Olga Stefanishyna described Moscow's attacks as "terror and exhaustion" tactics. Talks between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Hungary are scheduled, while discussions with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky continue. Stefanishyna called for stronger sanctions, reinforced air defense, and long-range weapons, including Tomahawk cruise missiles, to help Ukraine defend against Moscow. U.S. defense officials have cautioned that Ukraine currently lacks platforms to launch these



missiles, as the country does not have capable naval ships, and ground-based launch systems are still in development.

Japan schedules parliamentary vote to select next prime minister on Tuesday



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Japan's lower house scheduling committee agreed on Friday to hold a parliamentary vote on Tuesday to choose the country's next prime minister. The decision follows the Liberal Democratic Party's proposal under new leader Sanae Takaichi, who aims to become Japan's first female prime minister. Opposition parties objected, citing ongoing coalition talks, while the LDP is seeking support from the right-leaning Japan Innovation Party to secure a majority vote. The incoming prime minister will face a busy international schedule at the end of the month, including summits in Malaysia and South Korea and a visit expected from U.S. President Donald Trump.

Clashes in Lima leave one dead amid protests against new Peruvian president

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Anti-government protests in Lima on Wednesday left a 32-year-old man dead and more than 100 people injured, including police, amid demonstrations against Peru's interim president, José Jerí. The protests, organized largely by young Peruvians, demanded stronger action against corruption, crime, and extortion. Eduardo Ruiz Sáenz, a hip hop artist, was reportedly shot in the chest, with witnesses claiming a plainclothes police officer was responsible. President Jerí, who took office last Friday after Dina Boluarte's impeachment, expressed regret over the death and launched an investigation. Protesters across major cities also called for Jerí to step aside for an independent lawmaker, citing anger at the political class that has led Peru through seven presidents in eight years.

Italian court blocks extradition of Ukrainian suspect in Nord Stream blasts

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Italy's top court ruled on Wednesday that a Ukrainian national suspected of involvement in the 2022 Nord Stream pipeline explosions cannot be extradited to Germany. The blasts near Denmark's Bornholm island disabled Nord Stream 1 and 2, key pipelines supplying gas to Europe. The suspect, arrested in late August while on holiday in Italy, halted extradition after his defense argued legal rights violations. German authorities are seeking to charge him with joint explosion and anti-constitutional sabotage. The case will now proceed in another Italian court. A second Ukrainian suspect remains in custody in Poland, with German extradition still under consideration. The attacks remain one of Europe's most sensitive unsolved cases.

Aadhaar announces mascot design contest with prize pool up to \$1,200



The Unique Identification Authority of India has launched a nationwide contest inviting citizens to design Aadhaar's official mascot on the MyGov platform. Open until Thursday, October 31, the competition seeks a mascot that reflects Aadhaar's values of trust, inclusivity, and digital empowerment. Participants can submit one original design along with a concept note and mascot name. The top three winners will receive \$600, \$360, and \$240 respectively, along with certificates. The UIDAI has also introduced the Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar to foster collaboration between startups, academia, and industry in digital identity innovation, with applications open until mid-November.

Delhi's air quality deteriorates to 'very poor' level before Diwali



Air quality in Delhi and the National Capital Region has dropped to the "very poor" category ahead of Diwali celebrations this weekend. The Central Pollution Control Board recorded an Air Quality Index of 367 on Friday morning, with Ghaziabad, Noida, and Delhi ranking among the most polluted areas. Anand Vihar registered the worst reading at 365, nearing the "severe" category. Experts attribute the worsening air to falling temperatures and slow wind speeds that trap pollutants. Despite permission for green firecrackers, authorities are concerned about the health impact, particularly on children and the elderly, as festive activities are expected to further strain air quality.

Modi says India poised to lead the 21st century with vision and innovation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the 21st century will belong to India, driven by the strength and aspirations of its 1.4 billion people. Speaking at the 'Super GST Super Saving' public meeting in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, he expressed confidence that the country is moving rapidly toward becoming a developed nation by 2047, the centenary of independence.

During his visit, the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation for development projects worth around \$1.6 billion, aimed at enhancing connectivity, boosting industry, and improving the quality of life across Andhra Pradesh. He said the state, known for its cultural pride and scientific innovation, is progressing swiftly under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, with full support from the central government.

Modi highlighted that Google will establish India's first artificial intelligence hub in Visakhapatnam, featuring advanced infrastructure, data centers, and subsea connectivity. He praised Naidu's vision and called the project a milestone that will position Andhra Pradesh as a global technology hub.



Reliance Power CFO sent to judicial custody in money laundering case

Delhi court placed former Reliance Power Chief Financial Officer Ashok Kumar Pal in judicial custody on Thursday, following his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering probe. Pal had earlier resigned from his role after being questioned in connection with a fake bank guarantee worth Rs. 68 crore tied to a Solar Energy Corporation of India tender. The court has reserved its order until October 18. The case forms part of a broader investigation into financial misconduct by the Reliance ADA Group, with the ED alleging that Pal played a key role in orchestrating forged guarantees.



Bengal chief minister says 75 million receive free ration monthly

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that 75 million people in the state receive free ration every month under the 'Duare Ration' program. In her social media post, she added that under the Khadyasathi project, the remaining beneficiaries collect food grains from ration shops of their choice. During festivals like Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Chhath, and Eid, the poorest families receive sugar, flour, and chickpeas at subsidized rates. She also highlighted that the state procured 56.33 lakh tonnes of paddy from 1.65 million farmers and operates 745 "Sufal Bangla" outlets selling vegetables and fruits at affordable prices.



Kerala BJP chief demands minister's resignation over Sabarimala gold theft case



Kerala Bharatiya Janata Party President Rajeev Chandrasekhar has demanded the resignation of State Devaswom Minister V. N. Vasavan and the disbanding of the Travancore Devaswom Board over the Sabarimala temple gold scam. Addressing a women's wing protest outside the State Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram, Chandrasekhar alleged that 4.5 kilograms of gold were stolen under the Kerala government's watch and called for a Central Bureau of Investigation or Enforcement Directorate probe. The BJP's Mahila Morcha leaders vowed to continue their campaign against corruption. Police detained the main accused, Unnikrishna Potti, during the protest, though his lawyer later claimed his whereabouts remain unclear after the arrest.

Omar Abdullah says government cannot fulfill promises until statehood restored



Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has said his government cannot fully deliver on its promises until statehood is restored. His administration completed one year in office on Thursday, but Abdullah compared his situation to "running a horse with its legs tied." The National Conference-led government has repeatedly urged the central government to reinstate statehood, a demand also supported by a resolution in the legislative assembly. Despite having authority over most departments, Abdullah maintains that limited powers restrict governance. His cabinet recently revived the century-old "Darbar Move," shifting offices between Srinagar and Jammu, while emphasizing that full statehood is vital for accountability and progress.

Agriculture ministry gives states more leeway for micro irrigation spending



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The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has granted states greater flexibility in funding drip and sprinkler irrigation under the Per Drop More Crop scheme. Previously capped at 20 percent of state allocations, the cap has been relaxed to allow states and Union Territories to exceed that limit based on local needs. The scheme, now under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, continues to provide subsidies of 55 percent for small and marginal farmers and 45 percent for others for micro irrigation systems across up to five hectares. States may also undertake water harvesting and local storage projects to support micro irrigation.

Jaisalmer bus fire kills 20, prompts ex-gratia payout by PM



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A private sleeper bus traveling from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur caught fire on Tuesday near Thaiyat village, resulting in the deaths of 20 people and injuring 16 others. The fire broke out after the bus, carrying 57 passengers, emitted smoke from its rear. Rescue teams and local villagers rushed to assist, but many passengers were unable to escape before the flames spread. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed sorrow and announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 2 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased and Rs. 50,000 for the injured. The Rajasthan government pledged all possible support to the victims' families.

Railways runs record 12,000 special trains for Diwali and Chhath

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Monday that Indian Railways is operating more than 12,000 special trains to handle the surge in passenger traffic during the Diwali and Chhath festivals. Speaking at the Railway Protection Force's Raising Day Parade in Valsad, he said the railways have undergone major transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Over the past 11 years, nearly 35,000 kilometers of new tracks have been added, and 99 percent of the network has been electrified. Vaishnaw said the indigenously developed Kavach safety system has been installed on 1,200 locomotives, while 1,300 stations are being redeveloped. He also honored 41 RPF personnel for exemplary service and



commended their efforts in ensuring passenger safety during major religious gatherings.

Whistleblower in R.G. Kar Hospital case resigns, alleges state vendetta

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Akhtar Ali, the whistleblower who exposed financial irregularities at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, resigned from government service this week, claiming harassment from state authorities. His petition last year led the Calcutta High Court to order a Central Bureau of Investigation probe into the hospital's multi-million-dollar scam, which resulted in the arrest of former principal Sandip Ghosh and others. Currently posted at Kaliyaganj State General Hospital, Ali said he faced continuous vendetta since revealing corruption in the healthcare system. Political speculation is mounting that Ali may join the Bharatiya Janata Party, following his



recent meeting with party leaders. He said he would continue his fight against corruption even after stepping down from his post.

Finance minister promises full support to farmers in boosting income

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday assured farmers of complete government support to increase agricultural income while inaugurating the Farmers Training and Common Facility Center and a new agro-processing unit in Raichur, Karnataka. She said the center will help farmers secure better prices, strengthen market linkages, and

empower women. Raichur produces about 80,000 metric tons of pigeon peas and 34,000 metric tons of chickpeas annually. The new unit will process 133 metric tons of tur, 100 of chickpeas, and 76 of mixed pulses per year. Sitharaman emphasized that the initiative will reduce dependence on middlemen, promote rural entrepreneurship, and enhance the pulse value chain. Earlier in the day, she also interacted with interns of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme in Hampi.



President Murmu urges stronger voice for nations contributing to UN peacekeeping



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President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday urged nations contributing troops to United Nations peacekeeping missions to unite for a stronger collective voice. Addressing army chiefs at the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries Conclave in New Delhi, she said peace should be built through cooperation rather than enforcement. India, one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping, has emphasized gender inclusion, with women peacekeepers empowering local communities and fostering trust. Murmu said India remains committed to multilateralism and the UN Charter's principles. She expressed confidence that such global forums would strengthen cooperation and help achieve lasting peace worldwide. She also praised the courage and compassion of peacekeepers serving in remote, conflict-prone areas across the world.

Deve Gowda says he will soon return to public life after recovery



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Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda said on Monday that he will resume his public duties soon after being discharged from Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru. The 92-year-old Janata Dal (Secular) leader had been admitted for eight days due to fever and a urinary infection. Sharing a message on social media, he thanked doctors, well-wishers, and political leaders for their support and prayers. Hospital officials said Gowda has been advised rest for about two weeks. Known for his deep understanding of agrarian issues, Gowda continues to play an active role in Karnataka politics and has reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party-JD(S) alliance in the state.

Egypt invites India to set up industrial zone alongside Suez project

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Egypt is encouraging Indian companies to establish an industrial zone near the Suez Canal Economic Zone, Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said on Friday during his first visit to India. Speaking in New Delhi, Abdelatty highlighted that Egypt already hosts special zones for China and Russia and is offering incentives and support for Indian investors. He emphasized Egypt's 120 million-strong market, favorable free trade agreements, and strategic location as key advantages. Abdelatty met Indian CEOs and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, promoting investments in traditional sectors like chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and fertilizers, as well as emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, digitalization, renewable energy, and green hydrogen. He noted Egypt's role as a logistics and connectivity hub linking Europe, Asia, and Africa, and expressed support for projects like the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor, while underscoring the need for a stable environment to sustain regional cooperation and trade.

Spirit Airlines to furlough 365 pilots amid Chapter 11 restructuring

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Spirit Airlines announced on Thursday that it will furlough 365 pilots and downgrade the status of up to 170 more in the first quarter of 2026 as part of its ongoing Chapter 11 restructuring. The Fort Lauderdale-based carrier, which filed for bankruptcy protection in August, is also reducing its fleet, closing bases, and previously furloughed 330 pilots with another 270 scheduled for November. Spirit employs about 2,400 pilots and plans to cut approximately 1,800 flight attendants in December. The airline recently secured \$475 million in debtor-in-possession financing and reached a key settlement with aircraft lessor AerCap, including rejecting leases on 27 planes. Spirit hopes that workforce reductions, fleet downsizing, and lease exits will help it emerge as a leaner, more sustainable airline while stabilizing operations amid stagnant U.S. demand and competitive pressures in the low-cost carrier market.

BYD recalls over 115,000 cars in China over battery and motor defects

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BYD, the world's largest electric vehicle manufacturer, is recalling more than 115,000 vehicles in China due to battery and drive motor defects, regulators said on Friday. The recalls affect 44,000 hybrid Tang models produced between March 2015 and July 2017, which could experience motor controller failures, and 70,000 Yuan Pro electric crossovers made between February 2021 and August 2022, which have battery waterproofing flaws that may reduce power output. BYD will fix the battery issue by applying sealant. The recalls raise safety concerns amid recent EV accidents in China. BYD's first monthly sales decline in 18 months was reported in September, and the company lowered its 2025 sales target to 4.6 million units. Regulators are also drafting new standards for flush car door handles following fatal incidents, which could affect several EV models in China.

Global bank stocks tumble as U.S. loan concerns ripple across markets

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Global banking stocks sold off on Friday as fears over bad loans in the United States spread across equity markets. The turmoil followed disclosures from U.S. lenders Zions and Western Alliance about nonperforming loans, compounding existing concerns over loose lending practices. Pre-market trading showed JP Morgan down 1.5 percent, Citi off 1.9 percent, and Bank of America down 2.9 percent.

In Europe, the Stoxx Banking Index fell nearly 3 percent, with Spain's Sabadell losing 8.9 percent, Germany's Deutsche Bank down 6.9 percent, and Barclays off 5.4 percent. Asian markets also felt the impact, as Japan's Mizuho Financial Group fell 4 percent, Sompo Holdings 4.7 percent, and Hong Kong-listed HSBC retreated 2 percent.



Analysts described the reaction as sentiment-driven, noting the losses stemmed from concerns over collateral integrity and isolated lending issues rather than systemic risks. European banks, which have de-risked over the past decade, remain well-capitalized, and experts expect the selloff to be short-lived if no further shocks occur.

The selloff highlights investor caution amid ongoing global credit uncertainty.

Google's \$15 billion AI investment positions India as global hub

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Google's \$15 billion commitment to build a world-class artificial intelligence hub in Visakhapatnam, India, marks a significant milestone for the nation and signals its growing role in global technology, according to a report in One World Outlook. The project, in partnership with AdaniConneX and Airtel, will create India's largest AI data center campus, supported by a gigawatt-scale power infrastructure, subsea cables, and clean energy.

Over five years, the initiative aims to drive the most demanding AI workloads and create tens of thousands of jobs in technology, construction, and renewable energy. Analysts said the investment could transform India's east coast into a digital gateway for the Indo-Pacific, boosting economic growth and digital inclusivity. The report highlighted that the hub will allow India to retain AI talent domestically while establishing a new center for



Asia's AI competitiveness, positioning Visakhapatnam as a key technology and innovation hub beyond its historical logistics and tourism role.

India and Brazil aim to expand MERCOSUR trade pact for wider tariff benefits

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India and Brazil agreed on Thursday to substantially expand the trade agreement between India and MERCOSUR countries, including Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. The meeting in New Delhi between Brazilian Vice President and Trade Minister Geraldo Alckmin and India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal focused on tariff and non-tariff issues to strengthen bilateral trade. Both sides plan to launch a technical dialogue and convene the Joint Administration Committee to define the scope of the expansion, aiming to conclude negotiations within a year. Discussions also covered cooperation in energy, healthcare, agriculture, and technology. The two countries



reviewed defense ties and explored joint development and production of equipment, reinforcing the strategic partnership while promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.

India's gold reserves surpass \$100 billion for the first time



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India's gold reserves held by the Reserve Bank of India have exceeded \$100 billion for the first time, driven by rising global gold prices and increased central bank purchases. RBI data released on Friday showed the gold component in foreign exchange reserves rose by \$3.6 billion to \$102.4 billion, while overall reserves fell by \$2.18 billion to \$697.8 billion as dollars were released to support the rupee. Gold's share in India's reserves has nearly doubled over the past decade to about 15 percent, the highest since 1996-97. Since 2024, the RBI has added roughly 75 tonnes, bringing total holdings to 880 tonnes. Gold remains a crucial investment and cultural asset for Indian households. Its growing share reflects India's focus on securing financial stability amid global uncertainties.

Chinese exporters shift focus from U.S. to global markets amid tariff uncertainty

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Chinese exporters, facing erratic U.S. tariffs, are increasingly targeting markets in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa, according to industry reports on Friday. Factories producing kitchen appliances, Halloween decorations, and other goods have experienced a sharp decline in U.S. orders, with some exporters saying they have “given up” on the American market. Customs data shows China’s exports rose 7.1 percent in the first nine months of the year, despite falling U.S. demand. At the Canton Fair in Guangzhou, exhibitors reported fewer U.S. buyers and a surge in attendees from Brazil, Southeast Asia, and Europe. Manufacturers warn that competition in new markets is fierce, pushing prices down and squeezing profit margins, but diversification is seen as necessary to offset losses from the United States.

Ford recalls nearly 625,000 U.S. vehicles over seatbelt and camera issues

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Ford is recalling almost 625,000 vehicles in the United States due to seatbelt and rear-view camera defects, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on Friday. The recall affects 332,778 Ford Mustang models with potential seatbelt issues, while 291,901 F-250, F-350, and F-450 Super Duty trucks face rear-view camera display problems. Dealers will update camera software free of charge and inspect or replace seatbelt components as needed. Carpet sections touching seatbelt cables will also be removed to prevent interference. The recall aims to ensure vehicle safety and compliance, addressing defects that could compromise driver control and visibility. The NHTSA and Ford are working to notify affected owners and implement fixes promptly.



Surge in demand for traditional clay lamps brightens Diwali in Varanasi and Prayagraj



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As Diwali approaches, traditional earthen lamps are outshining Chinese LED lights in Varanasi and Prayagraj, driven by growing support for local products. In Varanasi's Suddhipur village, over 2,500 potters are working around the clock to meet soaring demand. Local artisan Sunil Kumar said they are struggling to fulfill all orders, while Dinesh Prajapati reported a 40 percent increase in business compared to last year. In Prayagraj, women-led Self-Help Groups producing handmade candles and wax diyas are also facing overwhelming demand, enhancing financial independence. The revival of traditional crafts reflects the impact of the "Vocal for Local" campaign, promoting indigenous products and sustaining small-scale industry. Artisans hope this momentum continues, bringing economic growth alongside the festival's cultural celebration.

Ray-Ban Meta glasses gain Hindi and UPI Lite payment features in India



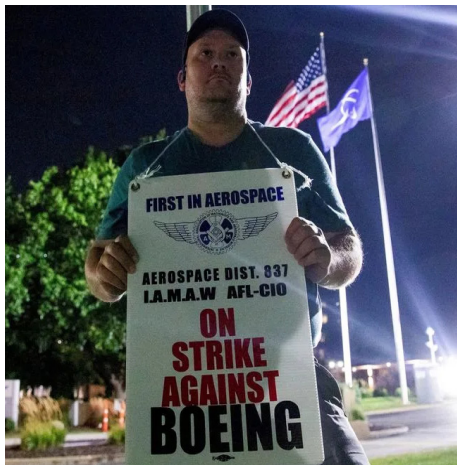
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Ray-Ban Meta glasses users in India will now enjoy hands-free voice interactions, full Hindi support, UPI Lite payments, and Diwali-inspired photo restyling, Meta announced on Wednesday. The update allows users to interact entirely in Hindi, including taking photos, making calls, and controlling media through the Meta AI app. Diwali-themed effects can be added to photos by saying "Hey Meta, restyle this." The new UPI Lite feature enables payments under Rs 1,000 via WhatsApp-linked accounts by scanning QR codes and giving voice commands. Powered by India's Sarvam AI tools, the updates aim to provide practical, localized experiences, integrating smart glasses more seamlessly into everyday life and enhancing festive celebrations.

Boeing union files unfair labor practice charge amid ongoing strike

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The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers filed an unfair labor practice charge against Boeing with the National Labor Relations Board on Thursday, escalating a strike that has entered its third month. The union represents more than 3,200 employees assembling fighter jets and munitions at Boeing's St. Louis-area plants. Workers walked out on August 4 after rejecting Boeing's second contract offer, which included a 24 percent wage increase over five years and a \$4,000 ratification bonus. The union is pressing for a contract similar to one negotiated with Seattle-area employees last year, including higher retirement contributions. Members voted 90 percent in favor of a four-year proposal the company has refused to consider. Union leaders accused Boeing of failing to



negotiate in good faith. Boeing has stated it will not significantly raise its offer and plans to replace striking workers with new hires through the end of the year. Some senators, including Ed Markey, Josh Hawley, and Bernie Sanders, criticized Boeing's stance.

Meta secures \$30 billion funding for Louisiana data center project

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Meta Platforms Inc is reportedly close to finalizing a \$30 billion financing deal for its Hyperion data center in rural Richland Parish, Louisiana, Bloomberg reported on Thursday. The company will partner with Blue Owl Capital Inc, retaining a 20 percent stake in the venture. Funding is arranged by Morgan Stanley, which structured more than \$27 billion in debt and approximately \$2.5 billion in equity through a special purpose vehicle. The investment comes amid intensified spending by Meta and other tech giants to expand data center capacity to support artificial intelligence ambitions. The company is also aggressively acquiring computing power and talent. In a separate initiative announced on Wednesday, Meta plans to invest \$1.5 billion to build a



new data center in Texas. The Louisiana and Texas projects reflect the company's strategic push to strengthen infrastructure for AI applications and enhance cloud computing capabilities across the United States.

Porsche begins CEO search, likely ending dual Volkswagen role for Blume

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Porsche has started searching for a successor to CEO Oliver Blume, signaling a likely end to his dual role as head of Porsche and parent company Volkswagen, a source said. Blume's combined positions have faced shareholder scrutiny since Porsche's listing in September 2022, with investors citing governance concerns. Blume recently said no date has been set to end the dual role, but a decision is expected this year. Talks are ongoing with both internal and external candidates, and an appointment is anticipated in the autumn. Possible successors include Porsche R&D board member Michael Steiner, Volkswagen strategy chief Stefan Weckbach, Bentley CEO Frank-Steffen Walliser, and Skoda CEO Klaus Zellmer. Porsche shares rose about one percent to 46.52 euros after the news. The company is undergoing a costly restructuring due to



weak demand in China, a slow transition to electric vehicles, and higher U.S. tariffs, which have prompted cuts to its full-year profitability target.

Nestle to cut 16,000 jobs globally as part of transformation plan



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Nestle announced on Thursday it will reduce 16,000 jobs worldwide over the next two years as part of CEO Philipp Navratil's transformation plan. The cuts include 12,000 white-collar positions and are expected to save one billion Swiss francs, doubling previous targets. Combined with 4,000 ongoing production and supply chain layoffs, Nestle aims to achieve three billion Swiss francs in savings by 2027. The announcement coincided with the release of nine-month results showing a 1.9 percent decline in sales to 65.9 billion Swiss francs, while organic growth rose 3.3 percent. Nestle India reported a 17 percent decline in net profit for Q2 FY26. The restructuring reflects market pressures, ongoing operational changes, and the new CEO's efforts to stabilize the company after leadership challenges.

India and Saudi Arabia strengthen chemicals and petrochemicals cooperation



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India and Saudi Arabia agreed on Wednesday to enhance collaboration in the chemicals and petrochemicals sector, promoting investments and joint initiatives. Bilateral trade reached \$41.88 billion in 2024-25, with \$4.5 billion from chemicals and petrochemicals. Officials discussed leveraging Saudi Arabia's strength in petrochemicals and India's expertise in specialty chemicals to increase cooperation across the value chain, including investment in India's Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions. Both countries also plan joint research, skill development, and partnerships between major companies. The agreement builds on their strategic economic ties, with Saudi Arabia as India's fourth-largest trade partner and India as Saudi Arabia's second-largest. Earlier cooperation in the textile sector was also reinforced.

UAE qualify for 2026 Men's T20 World Cup with win over Japan

The United Arab Emirates secured the final qualification spot for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup after an eight-wicket win over Japan on Thursday at the Oman Cricket Academy Ground. Their victory ensured a top-three finish in the Asia/East Asia-Pacific Qualifier, joining Nepal and hosts Oman to complete the 20-team field for next year's tournament in India and Sri Lanka. Japan struggled early, losing three wickets for 25 runs in the powerplay before a late 42-run partnership lifted them to 116 for 9. Haider Ali starred for UAE with 3-12, while Muhammad Waseem and Alishan Sharafu powered the chase, finishing the game in the 13th over. UAE will play their third Men's T20 World Cup, having last competed in 2022 in Australia.

Gavin Larsen returns to lead New Zealand cricket selection panel



Gavin Larsen has been appointed as New Zealand Cricket's national selection manager, replacing Sam Wells. A former Test and ODI player, Larsen previously held the selection role from 2015 to 2023 and served as Performance Director at Warwickshire County Cricket Club. He will work alongside head coach Rob Walter to select the Blackcaps, New Zealand A, and New Zealand XI squads for inbound and outbound tours. Larsen emphasized his excitement to rejoin the national high-performance environment and contribute to the Blackcaps' ongoing success.

NZC Chief High Performance Officer Daryl Gibson said Larsen's deep understanding of the domestic scene and modern cricket, combined with his energy and passion, were key factors in his appointment. Larsen officially starts on November 3.

Boston mayor rejects Trump threat to move World Cup matches from Gillette Stadium

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu pushed back against President Donald Trump's threat to remove 2026 World Cup matches from Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, 22 miles southwest of the city. Speaking on a local podcast Wednesday, Wu emphasized that contractual agreements largely protect the tournament, warning that Trump's comments are "targeting Boston's values." "Ten toes down for Boston," she said, highlighting the city's commitment to hosting World Cup games safely and successfully. Trump's remarks on Tuesday came after unrest in South Boston, including a police vehicle set on fire. He suggested he could call FIFA President Gianni Infantino, who has met Trump multiple times, to relocate matches, claiming the move "would be very easy." Wu and local officials rejected



this, underlining the city's preparedness. FIFA reiterated on Wednesday that safety and security are the responsibility of host governments and that all 16 North American host cities must meet

requirements for the event. The United States, alongside Mexico and Canada, will stage the 48-team tournament from June 11 to July 19 next summer, one of the largest World Cups in history.

Erik Spoelstra named head coach of Team USA men's basketball

Erik Spoelstra has been officially named head coach of the United States men's basketball team, overseeing the 2027 FIBA World Cup in Qatar and the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. Spoelstra, who spent 17 years as Miami Heat head coach, has worked closely with Team USA in recent summers, including coaching the Select Team in 2021 and serving as an assistant under Steve Kerr for the 2023 World Cup and 2024 Olympics.

His leadership impressed USA Basketball executive director Grant Hill and other officials, who praised his dedication, coaching acumen, and

collaborative approach.

Spoelstra emphasized the honor of leading Team USA, describing it as "stimulating" to compete on the world stage. He faces the challenge of preparing a roster while managing high-profile stars and their commitments, particularly for the 2027 World Cup, which serves as the main Olympic qualifier. While the U.S. automatically qualifies for the 2028 Olympics as host, recruiting top players for Doha could be difficult. Spoelstra stressed the importance of players actively committing to the program, noting that the role of Team USA head coach is demanding but rewarding.



Labuschagne replaces Green in Australia's ODI squad for India series



Australia all-rounder Cameron Green has been ruled out of the three-match ODI series against India due to side soreness, with Marnus Labuschagne called up as his replacement. Green, who returned to bowling last week in Western Australia's Sheffield Shield match after back surgery last year, is expected to play in the Shield from October 28. Cricket Australia said the injury is unrelated to his operation. Labuschagne returns to the ODI setup following strong domestic performances, including two centuries in the 50-over format for Queensland. Australia's squad for the opener also features Josh Philippe and Matthew Kuhnemann, covering absences of Josh Inglis and Adam Zampa. Mitchell Marsh will captain the side, with Zampa, Inglis, and Alex Carey available from the second ODI onwards.



Ronaldo sets record as Hungary hold Portugal in World Cup qualifier

Cristiano Ronaldo became the all-time leading scorer in World Cup qualifying, netting his 40th and 41st goals, but Portugal was held 2-2 by Hungary on Tuesday. Attila Szalai opened the scoring for Hungary, before Ronaldo equalized and then gave Portugal the lead with a second-half goal. Dominik Szoboszlai scored late to deny Portugal direct qualification for the 2026 World Cup, keeping their hopes alive. Portugal will have another opportunity to secure a place against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin next month.



India's ODI series could be last chance to see Rohit and Kohli in Australia, says Cummins



Australian pacer Pat Cummins believes the upcoming ODI series against India, starting on Saturday in Perth, may be the final opportunity for fans to see Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in Australia. Both players, retired from Tests and T20Is, will feature only in the limited-overs series comprising three ODIs and five T20Is. Cummins, sidelined with a lumbar injury, said the series will showcase young talent while giving exposure to emerging players ahead of the World Cup. Mitchell Marsh will lead Australia's ODI side, with Mitchell Starc returning to international cricket after retiring from T20Is. The second and third ODIs will be held at Adelaide Oval and Sydney Cricket Ground.

Tiger Woods to attend all Jupiter Links matches on TGL in 2026



Tiger Woods has confirmed he will be present at every Jupiter Links Golf Club match during the second season of the TGL indoor golf league in 2026. The 49-year-old revealed the news on X just days after undergoing the seventh back surgery of his career, following a collapsed disc at L4/5 and other spinal issues. While it remains unclear if he will play immediately, Woods will be at the team's home opener against New York Golf Club on Tuesday. Woods co-founded TGL with Rory McIlroy and Mike McCarley. The league's second season begins on Sunday with Atlanta Drive facing New York Golf Club in a rematch of last year's final.

Total Chess World Championship announced across Fast Classic, Rapid, and Blitz

Norway Chess organizers announced the Total Chess World Championship on Thursday, approved by FIDE, to crown a combined champion across Fast Classic, Rapid, and Blitz formats. The tour will feature four annual tournaments in global cities, with a minimum \$2.7 million prize pool, including \$750,000 for each of the first three events and \$450,000 for the finals.

CEO Kjell Madland said the championship aims to identify "The Total Chess Player," who excels across all time controls. A pilot tournament is scheduled for fall 2026, with the full season beginning in 2027. FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich praised



the initiative as a complement to the traditional World Chess Championship and a way to engage a wider audience through faster, innovative formats.

Maccabi Tel Aviv fans banned from attending Europa League match at Aston Villa

Aston Villa announced on Thursday that no away supporters will be allowed at their Europa League clash against Maccabi Tel Aviv on November 6 due to public safety concerns over potential protests. The decision follows demonstrations during Israel's World Cup qualifiers in Norway and Italy, where police used tear gas.

Villa said the Safety Advisory Group and West Midlands Police recommended the restriction. UEFA emphasized that local authorities are responsible for ensuring safe matches. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar called the ban "shameful," while British Prime Minister Keir Starmer condemned it, urging authorities to protect fans from



violence and intimidation. Villa are third in the Europa League, and Maccabi Tel Aviv are 30th after two rounds.

Djokovic inspired by LeBron, Ronaldo, and Brady to extend tennis career

Novak Djokovic, 38, aims to follow the example of LeBron James, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Tom Brady by continuing to compete into his 40s. Speaking at a conference in Riyadh, Djokovic, a 24-time Grand Slam champion, said longevity motivates him to help rejuvenate tennis and shape its future.

Djokovic reached the semi-finals of all four majors this year but has not won a Grand Slam since the 2023 US Open. He retired from the Australian Open semi-final due to injury. Djokovic is participating in the Six Kings Slam exhibition in Saudi Arabia, where the winner could earn up to \$6 million. He remains committed to pushing



for reforms in player revenue and the sport's structure through the Professional Tennis Players Association.

FIA declares heat hazard at United States Grand Prix in Austin



The FIA has declared a heat hazard for the United States Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, as temperatures are expected to exceed 30 degrees Celsius during the weekend. Drivers can wear optional cooling vests under their overalls, with ballast adjustments for those who do not, ensuring fairness. The measure follows similar action at the Singapore Grand Prix two weeks ago and stems from safety concerns after the 2023 Qatar Grand Prix. Saturday is forecast to reach 34 degrees Celsius, testing drivers' endurance. Circuit of the Americas, hosting the race since 2012, features fast straights, technical corners, and a steep Turn 1 climb, attracting festival-like crowds.

Lewis Hamilton calls Horner-Ferrari rumors distracting



Lewis Hamilton described reports linking Christian Horner to Ferrari as distracting ahead of the United States Grand Prix. Horner, sacked by Red Bull in July, is reportedly being considered by Ferrari to replace Frederic Vasseur, whose contract was renewed recently. Speaking at a drivers' press conference, Hamilton said he would not engage with speculation and emphasized his support for Vasseur, who played a key role in signing him. Ferrari has not commented publicly on the reports, maintaining its stance that there is no truth to the rumors. Hamilton, currently sixth in the drivers' standings, stressed that the team is focused on preparing for the remainder of the season and future planning.

Mayor's New World T20 cricket league to take place in Florida

The Mayor's New World T20 Cricket League will be held at Broward County Stadium in Lauderhill, Florida, from November 5 to 16. Four franchises—the Chicago Raiders, New York Cavaliers, Florida Hurricanes, and California Steelers—will compete with 60 players, including international stars, USA National Team members, and local talent. Title sponsor Wise Energy Group aims to support global sporting initiatives. Organizers said the fast-paced 20-over league will showcase high-intensity cricket and provide a platform for developing local players.



Saudi Arabia and Qatar secure 2026 World Cup qualification

Saudi Arabia and Qatar became the latest Asian teams to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Saudi Arabia earned their spot with a 0-0 draw against Iraq, topping Group B in the AFC Asian Qualifiers. Qatar claimed Group A with a 2-1 win over the United Arab Emirates in Doha, with Boualem Khoukhi and Pedro Miguel scoring second-half headers. Both teams will appear at consecutive World Cups, with Saudi Arabia aiming to match their best performance from USA 1994 and Qatar preparing for their second straight Finals.

Britney Spears responds to claims in Kevin Federline memoir



Pop icon Britney Spears has addressed allegations made by her ex-husband Kevin Federline in his new memoir, ‘You Thought You Knew’. Spears’ representative said the singer, 43, is focused on the well-being of their sons, Sean Preston, 20, and Jayden James, 19, and criticized Federline, 47, for “profiting off her” after child support ended. Federline reportedly claimed in his book that the boys once expressed fear of their mother, and raised concerns about her current “situation,” which he believes could lead to irreversible consequences. Spears, who detailed her own struggles in her memoir ‘The Woman in Me’, has not publicly commented directly, but her team emphasized that she prioritizes her children amid the media attention and sensational claims.

Kiss guitarist Ace Frehley dies at 74



Ace Frehley, the lead guitarist and co-founder of Kiss, has died at 74 following injuries from a fall in his recording studio last month. Frehley, born Paul Daniel Frehley in New York in 1951, played on Kiss’ first nine albums and was known as the Spaceman for his stage persona and trademarked Les Paul guitar solos.

His family said he passed peacefully in a New Jersey hospital, adding, “The magnitude of his passing is of epic proportions, and beyond comprehension.” Bandmates Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons described him as “essential and irreplaceable,” while drummer Peter Criss paid tribute on X. Frehley pursued a solo career beginning in 1982, later rejoining Kiss for a 1996 reunion. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and daughter, Monique. Frehley’s influence on rock music and generations of guitarists will endure through his iconic performances and recordings.

Michelle Obama to promote new book with companion podcast series

Former First Lady Michelle Obama will launch a six-part podcast series to promote her upcoming book, ‘The Look’, focusing on her fashion choices during the White House years and beyond. The series, titled ‘IMO: The Look’, will premiere on Tuesday, November 5, and run weekly on the podcast she hosts with her brother, Craig Robinson. Guests include Jane Fonda, model-activist Bethann Hardison, and designer and former J. Crew executive Jenna Lyons. Higher Ground, the media company founded by Michelle and former President Barack Obama, confirmed she will debut the podcast at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, joined by entertainer Tracee Ellis Ross. Additional appearances include Sixth & I in Washington on Tuesday, November 12, where she will be interviewed by New York Times critic Wesley Morris. ‘The Look’ will



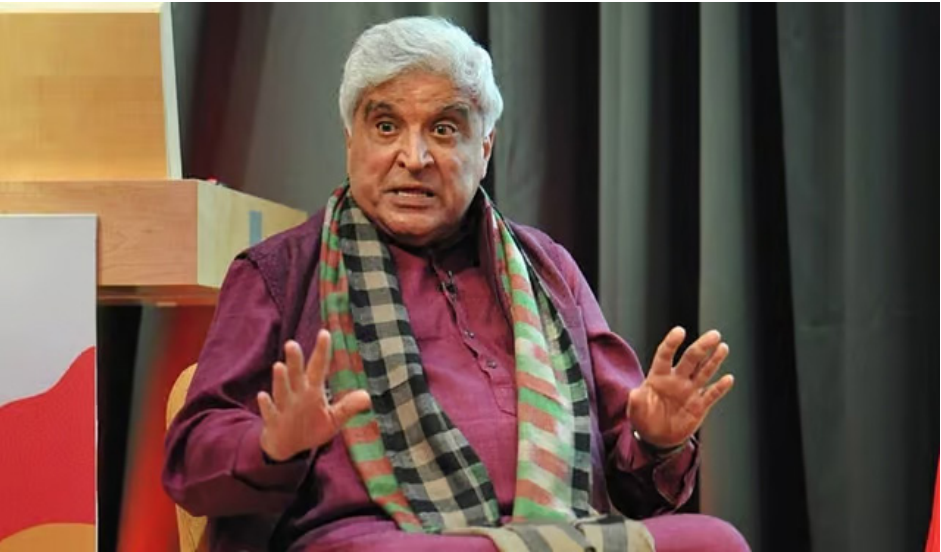
release on Monday, November 4, following her bestselling memoir ‘Becoming’. The podcast and book explore the role of fashion in public life while inspiring creativity and self-expression.

Javed Akhtar criticizes warm reception for Taliban foreign minister in India

Bollywood lyricist and screenwriter Javed Akhtar expressed his disappointment after Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi received a grand welcome at Darul Uloom Deoband in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, on Friday. Posting on X, Akhtar said he “hung his head in shame” seeing such respect given to a representative of the Taliban, which he called “the world’s worst terrorist group,” particularly noting the ban on girls’ education. Akhtar criticized the seminary for honoring Muttaqi, who was welcomed by Darul Uloom vice-

chancellor Abul Qasim Nomani and Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind president Maulana Arshad Madani, along with officials. While numerous students and local residents attempted to greet the foreign minister, security prevented direct contact.

During his visit, Muttaqi expressed hope for improved ties between India and Afghanistan. Netizens responded with mixed reactions, highlighting geopolitics and the Indian government’s own engagement with Taliban representatives, but Akhtar maintained that such displays of reverence were deeply troubling.



Santhosh Narayanan collaborates with Ed Sheeran for new track

Renowned music director Santhosh Narayanan announced his collaboration with global superstar Ed Sheeran on a new track on Friday. Taking to X, Narayanan shared, “Ed Sheeran - Dhee - HanumanKind - Santhosh Narayanan. Proud to have produced and performed this one.” The Tamil composer, known for his work on films like ‘Thalaivan Thalaivi’ and ‘Retro,’ had recently revealed plans to launch an ultra-transparent, affordable music streaming platform from India to support artists worldwide. He emphasized prioritizing artist payouts and providing opportunities for emerging talent, including hackathons to discover promising musicians. Narayanan launched his enterprise, Rakitaa Entertainment, to accelerate the careers of deserving artists and is also building a state-



of-the-art studio for creative exploration. The collaboration with Sheeran marks a significant international milestone for the composer, reflecting his commitment to both independent and global music projects, while continuing to strengthen India’s presence on the world music stage.

Diljit Dosanjh shares inspiration behind his album ‘AURA’



Punjabi singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh revealed how his latest album, ‘AURA’, came to life during Amazon Music India’s Track by Track series. Following 14 chart-topping albums, ‘AURA’ features 10 tracks including ‘Señorita’, ‘Kufar’, and ‘God Bless’. Dosanjh described the album as “sexy songs for sexy dance” and explained that the title was inspired by fans, who often praise the energy and vibe he brings to performances. During the series, he shared anecdotes and the creative process behind each song. He also released the track ‘Kufar’, featuring Manushi Chhillar, on social media, calling the album “the sexiest of the year.” Dosanjh is preparing for his Aura Tour 2025, though the full schedule has yet to be announced.

Kylie Jenner makes music debut with Terror Jr single ‘Fourth Strike’



Reality star Kylie Jenner has officially stepped into the music scene with Terror Jr’s new single, “Fourth Strike,” showcasing both her singing and rapping skills. The track continues from Terror Jr’s “Three Strikes,” which featured in a lip gloss ad campaign nearly a decade ago. Over the weekend, Kylie joined the single and sings a short snippet at the end, whispering her alter ego name, “King Kylie.” The song appears in a new commercial highlighting the teal-tinted visuals of the edgy persona she launched in 2014, the same year she conceptualized her beauty brand. The commercial also features Kylie acting as a recently released prisoner, picked up by her mother, Kris Jenner, in a black convertible. Alongside the commercial and music debut, Kylie announced the re-launch of some signature products under the “King Kylie” banner. Terror Jr consists of Lisa Vitale and David “Campa” Benjamin Singer-Vine.

Ty Dolla \$ign returns with solo album 'Tycoon' after five years



Ty Dolla \$ign has returned with 'Tycoon', his first full-length solo album in five years, describing the title as reflecting his current mindset at the peak of his career. Released on Tuesday, the album features collaborations with Quavo, Juicy J, 2 Chainz, Tyga, Travis Scott, Chlöë, Kodak Black, and YG, including the track 'SMILE BODY PRETTY FACE'.

The album blends Ty Dolla \$ign's signature R&B style with themes of lust, love, and personal reflection, highlighted by the lead single 'All In', which explores devotion in a romantic relationship.

Bharti Singh shares baby bump on Swiss family vacation



Comedian Bharti Singh and her husband Harsh Limbachiya are enjoying a family getaway in Switzerland, where they shared a heartwarming photo announcing their second pregnancy. Posing against lush meadows, Bharti wore a red oversized top and white trousers, with Harsh standing behind her holding her baby bump, while their son Lakshya joined the family moment.

The couple has been documenting their vacation with videos from Interlaken Valley and other scenic locations. Harsh also shared his paragliding experience. Married in Goa in 2017, the couple welcomed their first child, Lakshya, in 2022. Bharti, who overcame borderline diabetes before conceiving, and Harsh are celebrated as one of the entertainment industry's most admired couples.

Bruce Springsteen praises Stephen Graham's performance in biopic



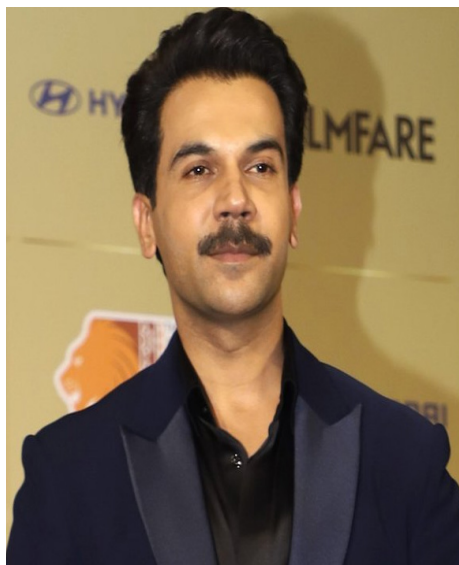
Actor Stephen Graham has received high praise from Bruce Springsteen for his portrayal of the rocker's father in 'Springsteen: Delivery Me From Nowhere'. The British actor, who recently won his first Emmy for 'Adolescence', plays Douglas Springsteen in the Scott Cooper-directed biopic alongside Jeremy Allen White, who plays Bruce during the making of his 1982 album 'Nebraska'.

Speaking at a special Q&A at Spotify's London headquarters with White, Springsteen said Graham "really embodied the physicality and emotional complexity of my father," calling him the "spitting image" in his later years. White added that he learned guitar on a rare 1955 Gibson J200 gifted by Springsteen for the role and humorously recounted bringing a jump rope to the set, only to discover Bruce-level energy comes naturally on stage.

Rajkummar Rao dedicates Filmfare win to unborn child

Actor Rajkummar Rao created a heartfelt moment at the Filmfare Awards in Ahmedabad on Thursday when he dedicated his Best Actor Critics Award for 'Srikanth' to his soon-to-be-born child. While accepting the trophy, he thanked the film's team, producers, and the real-life inspiration, Srikanth Bolla, before sharing his excitement about expecting his first baby with wife Patralekhaa.

He wrote on social media, expressing gratitude to his wife and fans for supporting 'Srikanth' and promising to continue delivering meaningful performances. Other major winners at the evening included Abhishek Bachchan and Kartik Aaryan, who shared the Best Actor Male award, and Alia Bhatt, who won Best Actress for 'Jigra'.



Shilpa Shetty withdraws US travel request amid Rs 60 crore fraud case



Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty has withdrawn her petition in the Bombay High Court seeking permission to travel to Los Angeles, halting plans to appear at an event with US influencer Mr. Beast. She and her husband Raj Kundra face a Rs 60 crore fraud case linked to their now-defunct company Best Deal TV Private Limited, accused of misusing funds from businessman Deepak Kothari.

During the hearing on Thursday, Kothari's lawyers alleged issues in Shilpa's earlier affidavit, including possible forgery, and may pursue legal action. The High Court will next hear the couple's plea to quash the Look Out Circular on Monday. Both Shilpa and Raj have been questioned by Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing regarding alleged diversion of funds for personal expenses between 2015 and 2023.

Nicki Minaj cancels upcoming album, blames Jay-Z



Rapper Nicki Minaj has announced that she is canceling her upcoming sixth album, blaming senior rapper Jay-Z and unspecified parties for preventing its release. The 42-year-old shared on X, formerly Twitter, that she would no longer release music and expressed frustration at those trying to control her career.

Nicki, who had planned to release the album in March 2026, explained that attempts were made to involve her, Drake, and Lil Wayne in deals she did not agree to. In a live broadcast, she emphasized that she remains in charge of her music, maintaining that she will continue creating on her terms while expressing loyalty to her fanbase, the Barbz.

Dolly Parton marks 52 years of 'Jolene' with throwback video

Singer-actress Dolly Parton celebrated the 52nd anniversary of her iconic song 'Jolene' on Thursday with a throwback video of her performing the track. Released in 1973, the song is inspired by a redhead who once showed interest in her late husband, Carl Dean, shortly after their marriage.

Parton has shared that the song blends real-life inspiration with storytelling, including the name Jolene, taken from a young fan she met at a concert. The track, about pleading with Jolene not to take her man, has endured as one of her most beloved songs over five decades of her career.

Lily Allen to release first album in seven years



Grammy-nominated singer Lily Allen is set to return with her first album in seven years, following a creative sabbatical. Written in ten days, the record promises a "real outpouring of emotions" and reflects her move to New York and coping with her divorce from actor David Harbour. Signed with BMG, the album will follow her 2018 release, 'No Shame', and continues a career that includes hits such as 'Smile', 'The Fear', and 'Not Fair'. Allen has noted a resurgence of interest in her earlier work among younger listeners, citing increased streaming royalties, and has described music as a therapeutic outlet after a challenging year.

वृंदावन मंदिर यात्रा का 17वां पड़ाव श्री राधा श्यामसुंदर मंदिर

IndoUS Tribune की "यात्रा और दर्शन: वृंदावन मंदिर" श्रृंखला में आपका पुनः स्वागत है। वृंदावन की गलियाँ आज भी श्रीराधा-कृष्ण की लीलाओं की सुगंध से महकती हैं। यहाँ हर मंदिर, हर कुंज और हर घाट अपने भीतर कोई न कोई दिव्य कथा समेटे हुए है। हमारी श्रृंखला 'यात्रा और दर्शन' के सत्रहवें पड़ाव में, हम आपको लेकर चल रहे हैं श्री राधा श्यामसुंदर मंदिर – एक ऐसा दिव्य स्थान जहाँ भक्तों का विश्वास है कि स्वयं श्रीमती राधारानी ने अपने हृदय से भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के श्याम सुंदर स्वरूप को प्रकट किया था।

श्री राधा श्यामसुंदर मंदिर का इतिहास

यह मंदिर वृंदावन के सात प्रमुख गौड़ीय वैष्णव मंदिरों में से एक है और इसका इतिहास 16वीं शताब्दी तक जाता है। परंपरा के अनुसार, महान संत श्री श्यामानंद प्रभु (पूर्व नाम: कृष्णदास) ने इस विग्रह को श्रीमती राधारानी से प्राप्त किया था।

कथा के अनुसार, एक दिन श्यामानंद प्रभु वृंदावन के एक उपवन में झाड़ू लगा रहे थे। उसी समय उन्हें मिट्टी में दबी एक सुंदर स्वर्ण पायल मिली। जब कुछ गोपिकाएँ उसे लेने आईं, और उन्होंने कहा कि यह उनकी सखी राधारानी की है। लेकिन श्यामानंद प्रभु ने आग्रह किया कि वे उसे स्वयं श्रीमती राधारानी को ही लौटाएँ।

गोपिकाएँ उन्हें एक दिव्य स्थली पर ले गईं, जहाँ श्रीमती राधारानी ने स्वयं प्रकट होकर उन्हें दर्शन दिए। उन्होंने पायल को प्रभु के माथे पर स्पर्श कराया, जिससे उनके मस्तक पर एक विशेष तिलक का चिह्न बन गया – जो आज 'श्यामानंदी तिलक' के नाम से प्रसिद्ध है। उसी क्षण राधारानी ने अपने हृदय से भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के श्याम सुंदर स्वरूप को उत्पन्न किया और श्यामानंद प्रभु को भेंट किया।

यह दिव्य विग्रह 'लाला' नाम से प्रसिद्ध हुआ, क्योंकि यह बालक स्वरूप में श्यामसुंदर का प्रतीक था। बाद में इस विग्रह की पूजा अत्यंत श्रद्धा से की जाने लगी और भक्तों ने इसके इर्द-गिर्द एक सुंदर मंदिर का निर्माण कराया।

मंदिर का विकास और स्थापत्य सौंदर्य

समय के साथ इस मंदिर का विस्तार हुआ। प्रसिद्ध आचार्य श्रीला बलदेव विद्याभूषण ने यहाँ मुख्य वेदी पर बड़े विग्रहों की स्थापना की और मंदिर के आचार्य परंपरा को सुदृढ़ किया।

मंदिर के भीतर प्रवेश करते ही भक्ति का एक अद्भुत



वातावरण अनुभव होता है। दीवारों पर रंगीन भक्ति चित्र अंकित हैं जो श्री श्यामानंद प्रभु की जीवन-लीला, राधा-कृष्ण की रास-लीला और वृंदावन के दिव्य स्थलों का वर्णन करते हैं। मंदिर की छतें और स्तंभ पारंपरिक ब्रज स्थापत्य शैली में बनाए गए हैं – जिसमें लाल बलुआ पत्थर, नक्काशीदार तोरण द्वार और कलात्मक झरोखे दिखाई देते हैं।

मंदिर परिसर में हर दिन प्रातः मंगल आरती, दोपहर की राजभोग आरती, और संध्या की शयन आरती संपन्न होती है। भजन, कीर्तन और हरिनाम संकीर्तन से वातावरण दिव्यता से भर जाता है।

देवता और उनका भक्तिभाव

श्री श्याम सुंदर का यह स्वरूप अन्य किसी भी विग्रह से भिन्न है क्योंकि यह मूर्ति मनुष्य द्वारा निर्मित नहीं, बल्कि राधारानी के हृदय से स्वयं प्रकट हुई मानी जाती है।

'श्यामसुंदर' शब्द का अर्थ ही है – 'श्याम वर्ण में सुंदरतम भगवान'।

मंदिर की वेदी पर तीन जोड़ी विग्रह प्रतिष्ठित हैं – श्री राधा-श्यामसुंदर, श्री राधा-ललित और श्री नित्य-गौर। भक्तों का विश्वास है कि श्याम सुंदर विग्रह में राधा और कृष्ण दोनों का प्रेममय रूप संयुक्त है।

भक्तगण यहाँ आरती के समय 'जय राधे श्याम सुंदर!' के जयघोष के साथ भजन गाते हैं। मंदिर में नित्य भागवत कथा, गीता प्रवचन, और भक्ति योग सत्र आयोजित किए जाते हैं।

प्रमुख उत्सव और श्रद्धा का संगम

मंदिर में वर्ष भर अनेक पर्व मनाए जाते हैं। विशेष रूप से श्रीकृष्ण जन्माष्टमी, राधाष्टमी, वसंत पंचमी, और रास पूर्णिमा पर यहाँ भक्तों का विशाल समागम होता है। इन अवसरों पर

मंदिर को पुष्पों से सजाया जाता है, दीपों की श्रृंखला जलती है, और भक्ति संगीत से वातावरण गूँज उठता है।

भक्तों का मानना है कि यहाँ दर्शन करने से मन की शुद्धि होती है, और जीवन में भक्ति का भाव प्रबल होता है।

आध्यात्मिक संदेश

श्री राधा श्यामसुंदर मंदिर केवल एक पूजा स्थली नहीं, बल्कि यह आध्यात्मिक विश्वविद्यालय और भक्ति का चिकित्सालय कहा जा सकता है – जहाँ जीवन के गूढ़ प्रश्नों का उत्तर मिलता है:

'सुख-दुःख का अर्थ क्या है?',
'भक्ति में सच्ची शांति कहाँ मिलती है?',
और 'राधा-कृष्ण के प्रेम का रहस्य क्या है?'

मंदिर के आचार्य इन प्रश्नों का उत्तर वेदों, उपनिषदों और भागवत पुराण के आधार पर देते हैं, जिससे हर आगंतुक अपने जीवन में दिशा और शांति का अनुभव करता है।

श्री राधा श्यामसुंदर मंदिर में दर्शन, वृंदावन की हमारी आध्यात्मिक यात्रा का एक अविस्मरणीय अध्याय है। यहाँ भक्ति और प्रेम का संगम होता है – जहाँ राधारानी की करुणा और श्याम सुंदर की माधुर्यता एकाकार हो जाती है।

IndoUS Tribune की ओर से, हम आशा करते हैं कि इस यात्रा ने आपको वृंदावन की पवित्र भूमि की भक्ति, सौंदर्य और रहस्य से जोड़ने का अवसर दिया होगा।

हमारी अगली कड़ी में, हम आपको वृंदावन के श्री राधा कृष्ण मंदिर, पागल बाबा आश्रम की यात्रा पर ले चलेंगे – जहाँ साधना, सेवा और समर्पण का अद्भुत संगम देखने को मिलता है।

तब तक के लिए, राधा श्याम सुंदर जी की कृपा आप पर बनी रहे – यही शुभकामना।





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यह अध्याय अद्भुत है। इसमें भगवान कृष्ण अर्जुन को वोह ज्ञान दे रहे हैं, जोकि सामने दीख रहा है, अर्थात शरीर। साथ ही उसके बारे में, जो नहीं दीख रहा है, अर्थात आत्मा। यह सर्वविदित है कि, आत्मा इस शरीर को चलायमान रखती है, इसका प्राण है।



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इस अध्याय का विषय है, क्षेत्र और क्षेत्रज्ञ योग। क्षेत्र यह शरीर है और क्षेत्रज्ञ आत्मा है। क्षेत्र स्थूल है, जबकि क्षेत्रज्ञ सूक्ष्म है। इसको सरल भाषा में समझने की दृष्टि से एक उदाहरण का सहारा लेते हैं, जहां दोनों ही तत्व स्थूल हैं। क्षेत्र एक खेत की तरह है जबकि क्षेत्रज्ञ एक किसान के रूप में है। किसान खेत में कुछ भी बो सकता है। खेत किसान की कर्म भूमि है। वह अगर उसमें आम बोयेगा तो आम ही पायेगा। लेकिन अगर वह उसमें बबूल बोयेगा, तो बबूल के काँटे ही पायेगा। खेत पर वातावरण (परिवेश) का भी असर होगा। इसी तरह हम अपने शरीर में जिस प्रकार के संस्कार डालेंगे, हमारे कर्म भी, उसी प्रकार से फलीभूत होंगे। अच्छे कर्मों का फल अच्छा और बुरे कर्मों का फल बुरा। हमारा क्षेत्रज्ञ, हमारा मन, उन कर्मों को उचित दिशा दिखाने में सहायक होता है।

हमारा यह शरीर, जो हमारे माता पिता की देन है, उसमें स्थित आत्मा प्रभु का अंश है। शरीर की अपनी सीमाएँ हैं। शरीर में अनेक प्रकार के विकार हैं। शरीर में दस ज्ञान इंद्रियाँ हैं, पाँच कर्मेन्द्रियाँ हैं। मन बुद्धि है, अहंकार है, धैर्य है। और यह सब हमें जगत के विभिन्न कर्मों को करने में सहायक होते हैं। यह हमें अच्छी दिशा में भी ले जा सकते हैं और गलत दिशा में भी भटका सकते हैं। यह दिशा निर्देश करने वाला होता है, हमारा मन या बुद्धि। यही बुद्धि तत्व है, क्षेत्रज्ञ। वह हमारे शरीर का जाननहार है। वह शरीर की हर अच्छी बुरी शक्ति को पहचानता है। इसीलिए उसे अच्छी या बुरी दिशा प्रदान कर सकने में सक्षम है।

अब आगे भगवान कृष्ण बताते हैं कि, कैसे एक जागरूक योगी या क्षेत्रज्ञ किस प्रकार दोनों से बचता हुआ, अपनी इंद्रियों को साधता हुआ, धैर्य और संयम से, अपने पूज्य गुरुओं के आशीर्वाद से, मुझ तक पहुँच सकता है। नीचे के श्लोकों में, प्रभु ने बताया है कि, योगी को किन किन भावों को, अपनाना चाहिए और किन किन भावों से बचना चाहिए?

अमानित्वमदम्भित्वमहिंसा क्षान्तिराज्वम ।
आचायोर्पासनं शौचं स्थैर्यमात्मविनिग्रहः ॥ (८)
इन्द्रियाथेषु वैराग्यमनहङ्कार एव च ।
जन्ममृत्युजराव्याधिदुःखदोषानुदर्शनम् ॥ (९)
असक्तिरभिष्वङ्गः पुत्रदारगृहादिषु ।
नित्यं च समचित्तत्वमिष्टानिष्टोपपत्तिषु ॥ (१०)
मयि चानन्ययोगेन भक्तिरव्यभिचारिणी ।
विविक्तदेशसेवित्वमर्तिर्जनसंसर्गः ॥ (११)
अध्यात्मज्ञाननित्यत्वं तत्त्वज्ञानार्थदर्शनम् ।
एतज्ज्ञानमिति प्रोक्तमज्ञानं यदतोऽन्यथा ॥ (१२)



भावार्थ: विनम्रता (मान-अपमान के भाव का न होना), दम्भहीनता (कर्तापन के भाव का न होना), अहिंसा (किसी को भी कष्ट नहीं पहुँचाने का भाव), क्षमाशीलता (सभी अपराधों के लिये क्षमा करने का भाव), सरलता (सत्य को न छिपाने का भाव), पवित्रता (मन और शरीर से शुद्ध रहने का भाव), गुरु-भक्ति (श्रद्धा सहित गुरु की सेवा करने का भाव), दृढ़ता (संकल्प में स्थिर रहने का भाव) और आत्म-संयम (इन्द्रियों को वश में रखने का भाव)

इन्द्रिय-विषयों (शब्द, रूप, रस, गन्ध, स्पर्श) के प्रति वैराग्य का भाव, मिथ्या अहंकार (शरीर को स्वरूप समझना) न करने का भाव, जन्म, मृत्यु, बुढ़ापा, रोग, दुःख और अपनी बुराईयों का बार-बार चिन्तन करने का भाव।

पुत्र, स्त्री, घर और अन्य भौतिक वस्तुओं के प्रति आसक्त न होने का भाव, शुभ और अशुभ की प्राप्ति पर भी निरन्तर एक समान रहने का भाव।

मेरे अतिरिक्त अन्य किसी वस्तु को प्राप्त न करने का भाव, बिना विचलित हुए मेरी भक्ति में स्थिर रहने का भाव, शुद्ध एकान्त स्थान में रहने का भाव और सांसारिक भोगों में लिप्त मनुष्यों के प्रति आसक्ति के भाव का न होना।

निरन्तर आत्म-स्वरूप में स्थित रहने का भाव और तत्व-स्वरूप परमात्मा से साक्षात्कार करने का भाव यह सब तो मेरे द्वारा ज्ञान कहा गया है और इनके अतिरिक्त जो भी है वह अज्ञान है।

प्रभु ने बहुत कुछ हमारे हाथ में दिया है। कर्म करने का अधिकार, पूरी निष्ठा और मेहनत का अधिकार। लेकिन यह मेहनत हमें कहाँ ले जाएगी? उसकी बागडोर उन्होंने अपने हाथ में रखी है। इसलिए उन्होंने कहा, हे अर्जुन, जो अनादि है, जो अविनाशी है, जो परम ब्रह्म है, जो इस जीवन का परम उद्देश्य है, वह सब मेरे आधीन है। मैं ही निश्चित करता हूँ कि, किसकी यात्रा कितनी शुद्ध है। मुझे पता रहता है कि, किसकी यात्रा कितनी निश्चल है, और उसी के अनुसार मैं उस योगी को उचित फल देता हूँ।

सर्वेन्द्रियगुणाभासं सर्वेन्द्रियविवर्जितम् ।
असक्तं सर्वभूच्चैव निगुणं गुणभोक्तृ च ॥ (१५)

भावार्थ: वह परमात्मा समस्त इन्द्रियों का मूल स्रोत है, फिर भी वह सभी इन्द्रियों से परे स्थित रहता है वह सभी का पालन-कर्ता होते हुए भी अनासक्त भाव में स्थित रहता है और वही प्रकृति के गुणों (सत, रज, तम) से परे स्थित होकर भी समस्त गुणों का भोक्ता है।

यहाँ प्रभु एक बड़ी रहस्यमयी बात बताते हैं कि, हे अर्जुन, जिस शारीरिक विकारों और विषयों में लोग फँसे हुए हैं, मैं उन्हें भली भाँति जानता हूँ, क्योंकि वोह सब मेरे द्वारा बनाए हुए हैं। मैं उन सबमें विराजमान होते हुए भी, उन सबसे निर्लिप्त हूँ। मैं विषयों की आसक्ति से पूर्णतया परिचित हूँ, वह एक साधारण योगी को आसानी से बाँध लेती है। लेकिन एक सच्चा योगी, उसकी इस कमजोरी को जान, उनमें उलझता नहीं है। उससे तटस्थ रह कर, उन्हें भोगता है, परन्तु उसमें लिप्त नहीं होता।

मैंने तुम्हें यह ज्ञान, तुम्हारे अंदर छिपे हुए क्षेत्रज्ञ को भी, दे रखा है कि, मेरी यह प्रकृति और माया बाँधने वाली है। इससे सावधान रहो। संसार में रह कर इसे भोगो, इसकी कमजोरी को पहचानो, और इसे अपने परम उद्देश्य, प्रभु प्राप्ति के लक्ष्य में, बाधा मत बनने दो।

कार्यकरणकर्तृत्वे हेतुः प्रकृतिरुच्यते ।
पुरुषः सुखदुःखानां भोक्तृत्वे हेतुरुच्यते ॥ (२१)

भावार्थ: जिसके द्वारा कार्य उत्पन्न किये जाते हैं और जिसके द्वारा कार्य सम्पन्न किये जाते हैं उसे ही भौतिक प्रकृति कहा जाता है, और जीव (प्राणी) सुख तथा दुःख के भोग का कारण कहा जाता है।

इस संसार में रह कर एक योगी, प्रकृति से उत्पन्न, त्रिगुणात्मक (सत्व, राजस और तामस) पदार्थों को भोगता है, और उनके परिणाम स्वरूप, अच्छी और बुरी योनियों में, जन्म लेता है। लेकिन देह में स्थित आत्मा, सूक्ष्म रूप से उन सब कर्मों की साक्षी बन जाती है। यही हमें अच्छे और बुरे की समझ प्रदान करती है। हमें उचित दिशा दिखाती है। वही हमारे भीतर, बुराई को समाप्त करने वाला महादेव बन जाती है। वही अच्छाई को सृजन करने

वाली ब्रह्मा की शक्ति बन जाती है। जो योगी इस तत्व ज्ञान को जान लेता है, वह जन्म मरण के चक्र से ऊपर उठ, मेरे धाम को प्राप्त होता है।

यावत्सञ्जायते किञ्चित्सत्त्वं स्थावरजङ्गमम् ।
क्षेत्रक्षेत्रज्ञसंयोगात्तद्विद्धि भरतर्षभ ॥ (२७)

भावार्थ: हे अर्जुन! इस संसार में जो कुछ भी उत्पन्न होता है और जो भी चर-अचर प्राणी अस्तित्व में है, उन सबको तू क्षेत्र (जड़ प्रकृति) और क्षेत्रज्ञ (चेतन प्रकृति) के संयोग से ही उत्पन्न हुआ समझ।

जो योगी नष्ट होते हुए इस चराचर जगत को, जहाँ सब कुछ नाशवान है। उसमें रह कर, मुझ सदा अविनाशी ब्रह्म के, सिमरन में लगा रहता है, जो सभी प्राणियों को समभाव से, बिना किसी मोह और आसक्ति के, प्रेम से व्यवहार करता है, वह योगी मुझे अत्यंत प्रिय है। वह इस प्रकृति के कण कण में मेरे दर्शन करता है। हर वस्तु में, मुझे साक्षात् देखता है।

यदा भूतपृथग्भावमेकस्थमनुपश्यति ।
तत एव च विस्तारं ब्रह्म सम्पद्यते तदा ॥ (३१)
अनादित्वानिर्गुणत्वात्परमात्मायमव्ययः ।
शरीरस्थोऽपि कौन्तेय न करोति न लिप्यते ॥ (३२)

भावार्थ: जब जो मनुष्य सभी प्राणीयों के अलग-अलग भावों में एक परमात्मा को ही स्थित देखता है और उस एक परमात्मा से ही समस्त प्राणियों का विस्तार देखता है, तब वह परमात्मा को ही प्राप्त होता है। हे कुन्तीपुत्र! यह अविनाशी आत्मा आदि-रहित और प्रकृति के गुणों से परे होने के कारण शरीर में स्थित होते हुए भी न तो कुछ करता है और न ही कर्म उससे लिप्त होते हैं।

इस प्रकार क्षेत्र और क्षेत्रज्ञ के भेद को जो योगी जन, जान जाते हैं, वह संसार के सभी विषयों और विकारों से घिरे होने के बावजूद, प्रभु में निरन्तर समर्पित रहते हैं। वह परमात्मा के परम तत्व को अपने जीवन का अभिन्न अंग बना लेते हैं। यह ज्ञान देखने पढ़ने में सरल है, लेकिन है, अति गूढ़। इसकी गहनता को समझने के लिए, प्रभु कृपा की बहुत आवश्यकता है। जो सच्चे हृदय से प्रयत्न करते हैं, उन्हें यह कृपा निश्चित रूप से प्राप्त होती है।

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McLean Community Care Fair 2025 brings health and hope to central Illinois

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The McLean Community Care Fair 2025 was held successfully on October 10 and 11, 2025, in Normal, Illinois, uniting more than 50 community organizations and service providers in a shared mission — to promote health, wellness, and access to essential resources for Central Illinois residents. The fair was organized by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL), which brought together a wide range of vendors and community partners to provide free services and education. Among the notable participants was the Chicago Indo-US Lions Club, which offered free vision and hearing screenings, along with mental health awareness resources to attendees.

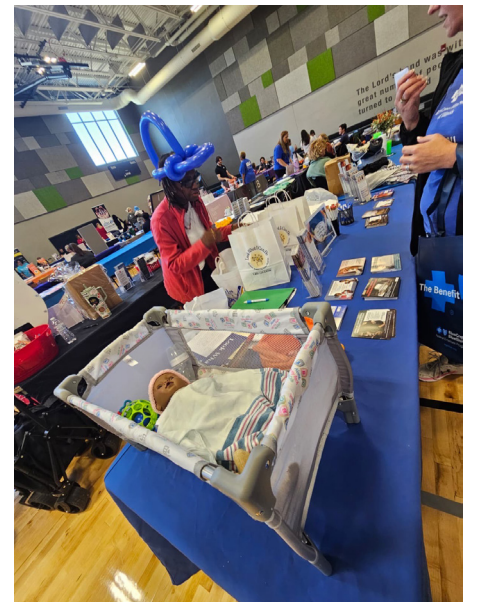
Other key organizations included the Secretary of State's Office, providing driver's license information; the Social Security Administration and Department of Human Services, offering assistance with benefits and support programs; and nonprofit health groups such as the Kidney Foundation and Diabetes Awareness educators, who shared practical tips on diet, portion control, and healthy living. In addition, BCBSIL organized fresh fruit and vegetable distributions, ensuring that families in attendance had

access to nutritious food while learning about healthy dietary choices.

Held at a local church in rural McLean County, the fair marked the first event of its kind in the region, creating a vital bridge between residents and the services they need most. Many participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to connect directly with healthcare providers and agencies in a welcoming community setting. “This

fair brought essential information and hope to families who often travel long distances for such services," said one volunteer. "It's a true example of community coming together for the well-being of all."

The McLean Community Care Fair 2025 stood as a shining example of compassion and collaboration — empowering Central Illinois with health, wellness, and hope for a stronger tomorrow.



Community health event in Will County promotes vision, hearing, and mental wellness

● By: IndoUS Tribune
Community Desk

A successful community health event was held on October 4, 2025, at Joliet, Illinois (Will County), bringing together local residents for a day dedicated to health awareness, wellness screenings, and nutrition education. The event was organized by the Chicago Indo-US Lions Club in partnership with the Kidney Foundation and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL). From 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, participants received a range of free health services, including vision and hearing screenings, mental health

awareness resources, and kidney health education. The fair also distributed fresh fruits and vegetables, encouraging families to make healthy dietary choices and embrace preventive wellness.

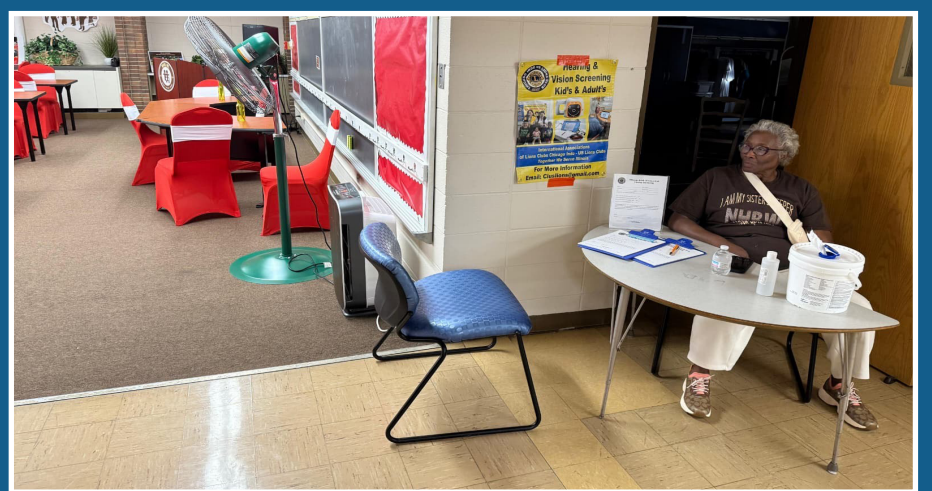
The program reflected a holistic approach to healthcare, addressing both physical and mental well-being. Volunteers and healthcare professionals shared information about early detection of health issues and offered guidance on maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

“Our goal is to reach every corner of the community with essential

health services,” said a representative of the Chicago Indo-US Lions Club, emphasizing the organization’s commitment to serving with compassion and care.

The event drew praise from attendees and local partners for fostering awareness, accessibility, and collaboration in community health.

The Chicago Indo-US Lions Club, together with the Kidney Foundation and BCBSIL, continues to play a vital role in promoting preventive health care and supporting well-being across the Chicagoland region.





Indian Seniors of Chicago celebrates Diwali festival with cultural splendor



ISC committee members with guests at the Diwali celebration

By: Jayanti Oza

The Indian Seniors of Chicago celebrated their annual Diwali festival with grandeur on October 11, 2025, at Manav Seva Mandir in Bensenville, Illinois. The vibrant event saw a gathering of nearly 500 members and guests who joined in the festive celebrations.

The program began with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by founder Narsinghbhai Patel, organization president Dilipbhai Patel, and chief guests Chhotalal Patel, Dahyabhai Prajapati,

Haribhai Patel, Bhailalbhai Patel, and Rajendrabhai Chauhan.

Treasurer Hemant Modi, in his welcome remarks, shared that the organization would also commemorate its jubilee year along with the Diwali festivities. President Dilipbhai Patel welcomed guests with floral bouquets, while guest speaker Chhotalal Patel emphasized the importance of healthy living through regular exercise, adequate sleep, nutritious food, and positive thinking.

The event featured soulful musical performances and colorful dances. Artists

including Panna Shah and Jayshree Seth opened the cultural segment with ‘Shankar Stuti’ and a dance to the song ‘Satyam Shivam Sundaram’. Members showcased their talents through karaoke performances led by Jayanti Oza, Hemant Modi, Pushpa Parekh, Daksha Parikh, Ashwin Thakkar, Jashwant Seth, and Arvind Kotke.

Dance groups added to the festive spirit—Daksha Parikh’s group presented the Garba ‘Maro Sonano Ghadulo’, Panna Shah’s group performed ‘Vago Re Dhol’ from the film ‘Hilora’, Saroj Patel’s group performed a traditional folk dance, and Deepak’s group danced to songs from the film ‘Unchai’.

Additional highlights included devotional and humorous performances such as ‘Krishna Bhajan’ and ‘Alexa Tu Kya Che?’.

The dignitaries were honored for their contributions by President Dilipbhai Patel and Vice President Kantibhai Patel. Renowned singer Rajesh Chalam concluded the evening with an engaging Hindi musical session.

The event closed with a vote of thanks from Panna Shah, who expressed gratitude to the volunteers, donors, and media partners, including Jayanti Oza and Bhailalbhai Patel of Parikh Media.



‘Maro Sonano Ghadulo’ Garba presented by the Daksha Parikh Group



ISC members enjoying the cultural performances



Folk dance performance by the Saroj Patel Group

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Chicago chapter marks Vijaya Dashami Utsav 2025 with devotion and unity



By: Dr. Avi Verma

The Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) Chicago chapter celebrated its annual Vijaya Dashami Utsav with great enthusiasm at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire.

The event brought together more than 400 volunteers of all age groups from various branches across Naperville, Aurora, Downtown Chicago, Buffalo Grove, Bartlett, and Schaumburg, highlighting unity, discipline, and commitment to Dharma.

The celebration featured an array of performances including Niyuddha (self-defense demonstrations), Yog Chap (synchronized movements using the jingling tool Lezim), dumbbell drills, Vyayaam Yog (a sequence of yoga postures), and Ghosh (band performances). Each segment emphasized the organization's focus on physical fitness, teamwork, and spiritual growth.

Participants were also briefed on ongoing Sewa Diwali food drive initiatives in their respective regions, reinforcing the organization's dedication to service and community welfare.

Distinguished guests included Shri



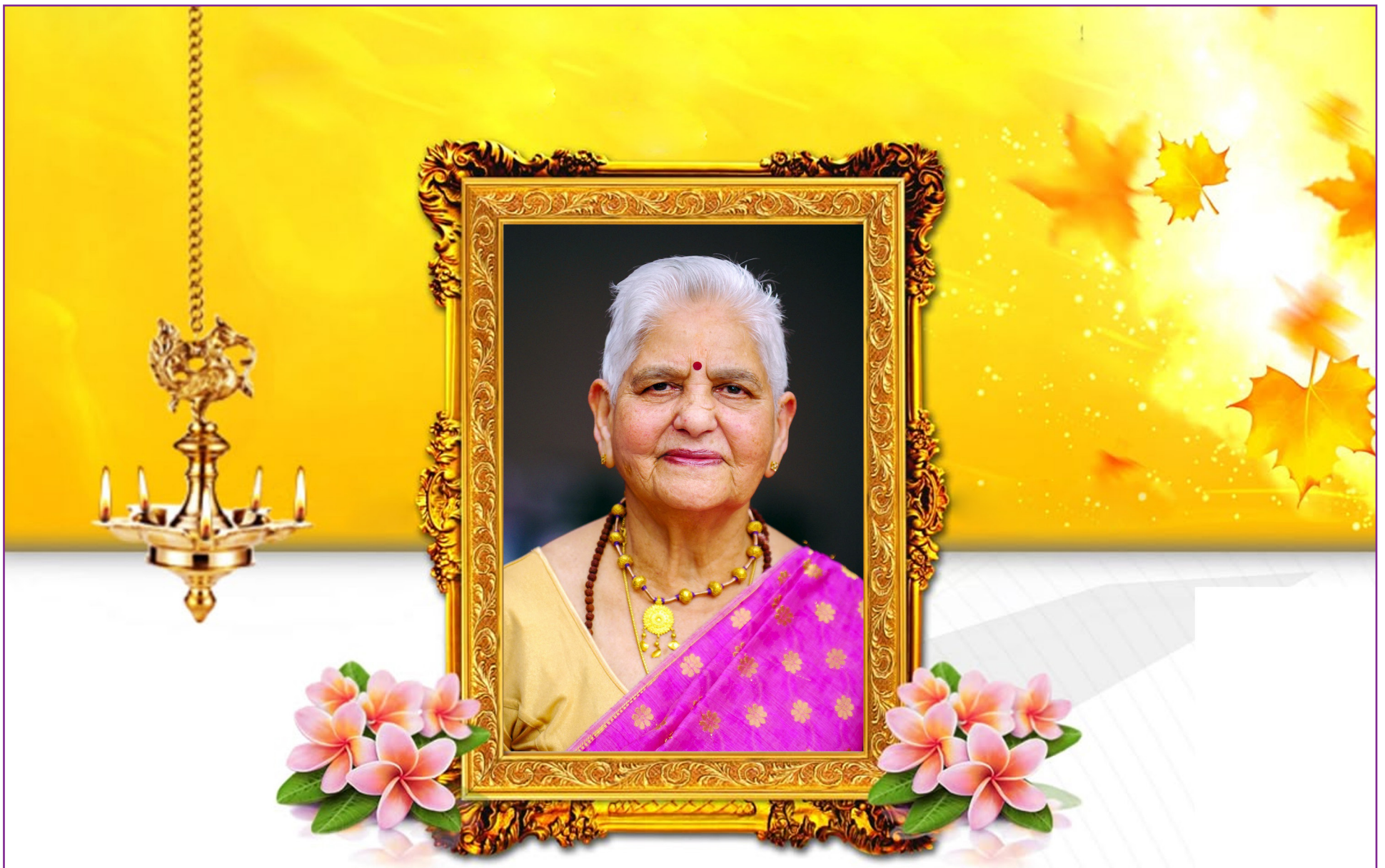
Himanshu Seth, trustee of Harisumiran Temple; Dr. Siddhesh Shevade, National Executive Director (Karyavah) of HSS; and Shri Devesh Pandit, president of the Buffalo Grove chapter.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Himanshu ji Seth spoke about the importance of preserving cultural

values through collective service, while Dr. Shevade commended local shakhas for advancing HSS's mission of Seva (service) and Sanskar (values) across North America.

The event concluded with all participants taking a pledge to continue serving society with renewed commitment, unity, and devotion to the principles of Dharma.





Remembering Mrs. Chanchal Jhingan (1936 – 2025)

A life of courage, devotion, and eternal love for Bharat Mata

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

The IndoUS Tribune family mourns the passing of Mrs. Chanchal Jhingan, beloved mother of Vandana Jhingan, Board Member of IndoUS Tribune. Mrs. Jhingan passed away peacefully on October 13, 2025, at the age of 89, leaving behind a legacy of courage, resilience, and deep spirituality.

Born on September 6, 1936, in Lyallpur, undivided India (now Faisalabad, Pakistan), Mrs. Jhingan lived through one of the most tumultuous periods in Indian history — the Partition of 1947. As a young child, she endured the horrors of displacement, flying alone to Ambala Cantt and living as a refugee for several months before reuniting with her family. Those early experiences shaped her into a woman of remarkable strength and compassion.

Raised in Delhi, Mrs. Jhingan's early education was marked by inspiration — her elementary school teacher was none other than the sister of Shaheed Rajguru, one of India's greatest freedom fighters. That connection to India's

independence movement remained etched in her heart forever.

She married Mr. Surinder B. Jhingan, with whom she shared 69 years of love and companionship, until his passing in November 2022. Together, they raised three children — two sons and a daughter — with strong values of integrity, faith, and humility.

While caring for her young family, Mrs. Jhingan pursued higher education and earned a degree in Library Science, exemplifying her lifelong love for learning. Yet, she chose to forgo a professional career to nurture her children and support their dreams. She was also a proud grandmother to five grandchildren, whom she showered with love and wisdom through heartfelt letters and stories.

Her life was steeped in devotion and spirituality. Even in her later years, she undertook numerous sacred pilgrimages — Kailash Mansarovar Yatra at the age of 80, Char Dham Yatra, Amarnath, Kashi, Prayagraj, Kamakhya Devi, Rameshwaram, Jagannath Puri, Dwarka, and the Chhota Char Dham

(Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri). Each journey strengthened her faith and deepened her connection with the divine.

A woman of grace and intellect, Mrs. Jhingan had an insatiable curiosity for world affairs and was a gifted writer who often expressed her thoughts through beautifully crafted letters to her children and grandchildren. For her, richness was never measured in material wealth, but in spiritual depth, compassion, and service to others, especially the underprivileged.

Her heart always beat for Bharat Mata, and she remained a proud and passionate defender of India's values and culture. She deeply admired Prime Minister Narendra Modi and never tolerated any negative remarks about her beloved homeland. One of her long-cherished dreams was to visit Chicago, the city where Swami Vivekananda delivered his historic address at the World's Parliament of Religions in 1893, beginning with the immortal words, "Sisters and Brothers of America." For her, that speech symbolized India's eternal message of peace and universal

brotherhood — ideals she embodied throughout her life.

Mrs. Chanchal Jhingan's life was a living testament to endurance, faith, and love — for her family, for her nation, and for humanity. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her spirit will continue to inspire generations.

On behalf of Dr. Avi Verma, Publisher, and the entire team of IndoUS Tribune, we express our deepest sorrow on this profound loss. Mrs. Jhingan was not only a cherished member of our extended family but also a shining example of courage, devotion, and selfless love. Her legacy will continue to guide and inspire all of us.

Shradhanjali Sabha for Chanchal Jhingan

Date: Oct 24th 2025

Time: 11 AM To 1 PM

Venue: International University of Vedic Wellness
1 E Bode Rd, Streamwood, IL.

Om Shanti.

Krishnamoorthi demands accountability as ICE abuses and healthcare cuts spark concern

● By: Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08) has intensified his calls for transparency and accountability over immigration enforcement abuses and federal healthcare policy failures amid the Trump Administration’s ongoing government shutdown and deep cuts.

Krishnamoorthi condemned a widely circulated video showing ICE agents violently detaining individuals in Hoffman Estates, including what appeared to be a child being slammed to the ground.

He described the footage as “indefensible” and criticized the Trump Administration for spreading disinformation while denying oversight. Hours after the incident, he was blocked from inspecting the Broadview ICE facility, marking the



Congressman Krishnamoorthi demanded admittance to the ICE facility in Broadview earlier this week in order to perform oversight.

second congressional oversight denial this year.

In letters to DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, Krishnamoorthi demanded the reinstatement of the Office of Detention Oversight, citing ongoing reports of press mistreatment during immigration operations.

Separately, as Ranking Member of the House Oversight Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, he urged CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz to extend Affordable Care Act premium tax credits, warning that failing to act would push premiums up by 75 percent for millions and worsen local hospital strain.

Krishnamoorthi emphasized: “Transparency and compassion must guide government policy — human lives, press freedom, and healthcare access cannot be sacrificed in secrecy or indifference.”

Two trust employees arrested for alleged theft from offerings at Deot Siddh Temple; Mahant Shri Shri Shri 1008 Rajendra Giri welcomes court ruling to curb temple corruption

● By Sanjay Goswami

Police have arrested two employees of the Baba Balak Nath Temple Trust for allegedly manipulating the counting of devotees’ monetary offerings (chadava) at the Siddhipith Deot Siddh Temple in Hamirpur district. The arrests came after a complaint by temple officials and a review of CCTV footage from the

counting room.

The incident has shaken trust and confidence among devotees. In the complaint filed by temple official Sandeep Chandel, irregularities emerged during the offerings count on September 29. Staff raised alarms at mismatches in totals. CCTV footage reportedly captured the accused inserting extra



Mahant Shri Shri Shri 1008 Rajendra Giri welcomes High Court ruling

Mahant Shri Shri Shri 1008 Rajendra Giri, welcomed the recent judgment by the Himachal Pradesh High Court that reinforced stricter oversight and accountability in temple administration. In a media address to IndoUS Tribune, he asserted that the ruling will help contain corruption in temples under government control. He lamented that lower-level employees often execute directives from higher officials, and urged that appointments below a certain rank be avoided to reduce misuse. He called for 90 percent of donation income to be spent for devotees’ welfare, as prescribed under the Temple Act, and stated that if speaking up for devotees’ rights is branded as opposition, he will continue to do so unfailingly, regardless of pressure. The Mahant also criticized systemic neglect of the Temple Act, calling for reform in appointment patterns and stronger internal checks. He said, “If we do not speak for devotees’ interests, who will?”

Call for transparency and reform

This is not the first time the trust has faced financial scandal—past accusations include misappropriation in procurement, ration schemes, and asset management. Community leaders are demanding an independent audit, public disclosure of accounts, and stronger internal controls over collection and counting. Police have pledged full cooperation from the trust as they move forward with legal action and further investigations.



notes into cash bundles. Following an inquiry, Badser police arrested:
▶ Keshav Dutt (55), a junior assistant in counting operations, from Chakmoh village, Hamirpur district, and
▶ Gurchain Singh (51), an accountant from Apar Dehlan village, Una district.

Temple management accuses them of abusing their positions to siphon off funds. They remain in custody pending further legal proceedings. District Superintendent of Police Thakur Bhagat Singh confirmed that arrests were made based on CCTV evidence and other preliminary findings. He said a full-scale investigation is under way, extending to accounting records, interviewing staff and witnesses, and forensic examination of cash bundles and recordings. The probe aims to assess whether others were involved and how long the scheme operated.

UPA Diwali Mela 2025 lights up Naperville with unity, culture, and celebration



● By: Ashwani Mahajan

Chicago, IL (October 5, 2025) — The Matrix Club in Naperville transformed into a vibrant hub of lights, colors, and celebration as the United Punjabis of America (UPA) hosted its grand Diwali Mela 2025, welcoming thousands from across the Chicagoland area. Under the leadership of UPA President Atul Wahi and Chairman Brij Sharma, the event beautifully showcased the essence of Diwali—celebrating light over darkness, community over isolation, and pride in Indian heritage.

The festivities began with a heartfelt address by President Atul Wahi, setting an inspiring and inclusive tone. The Master of Ceremonies engaged the audience throughout, blending charm and energy while introducing a rich lineup of performances.

“My deepest gratitude to President Atul Wahi and Board Member Rosey Bhasin for their exceptional leadership and tireless dedication. The success of Diwali Mela 2025 was made possible by the teamwork, creativity, and commitment of our entire organizing team,” said UPA Chairman Brij Sharma.

Cultural extravaganza

The performances reflected India’s diverse artistic heritage. Team Laya, led by Priyanka Parekh, opened with an energetic dance medley, followed by a graceful solo by Gia



Choudhary. Team Avishkaar (Anagha Naik Tambe) and Suhani Dance Academy (Falguni Rana) brought classical charm to the stage.

Dynamic acts by RVD Academy (Sunny Aheer), Taal Tarang (Lekshmi Varun), Chicago Dance Varsity, Chicago Dance Variety (Puja Joshi), Bhangra Rhymes (Mandeep Kular), Dance with Anamika (Anamika Singh), Motion and Waves (Upasna Malhotra), and Team Ghunguru (Sridevi Pandalai) added rhythm and color. Judges faced a challenging task evaluating the talent.

A feast for the senses

Guests enjoyed an authentic culinary journey with vendors serving Punjabi delicacies, traditional sweets, and regional Indian specialties.

Ceremonial highlights

The formal lamp lighting ceremony brought community leaders and dignitaries together, symbolizing hope and unity. The national anthems of India and the United States, performed by Shriya Tiwari and Shikha Tandon, reinforced cultural harmony.

Community hero awards

The Community Hero Awards honored individuals who uplift Chicagoland’s Indian community. Recipients included Shay Alina, Kader Sodagar, Uma Katiki, Shivam Viswanathan, Yogi Bhardwaj, Vijay Sharma, Brij Sharma, and Atul Wahi. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to dance teachers and choreographers.

Performances that inspired

The afternoon continued with captivating performances by Ashke Bhangra Club, Inspire School of Dance, Science of Spirituality, Hari Om Mandir, Sant Nirankari Mission, Arya Samaj, and Payel’s Group. Musical highlights

included soulful karaoke by Dr. Pradeep, Sargam Kapoor, Manmeet Kaur, Payel Roy G, and Abhinav Srivastav’s Hawaiian guitar.

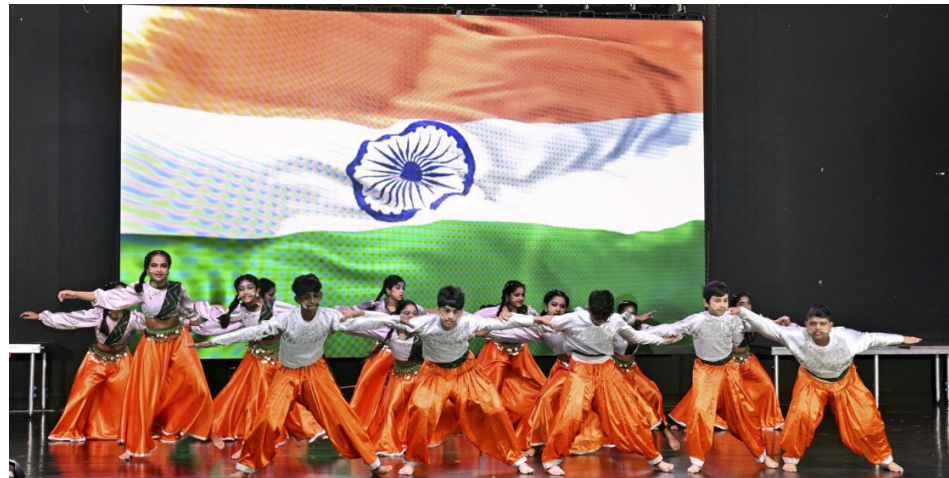
Empowering future generations

A special segment highlighted the United Punjabis of America Scholarship Fund, launched in partnership with the Community Foundation of Fox River Valley, reaffirming UPA’s commitment to education, empowerment, and youth development.

A celebration of light and togetherness

As the diyas flickered across The Matrix Club, joy, gratitude, and cultural pride filled the air. The event celebrated not only Diwali but also the enduring spirit of unity and service that defines the Indian-American community. “UPA’s Diwali Mela was more than an event—it was a reminder that our traditions continue to bind us together, even in a rapidly changing world,” said one attendee.

With vibrant performances, heartfelt recognitions, and a spirit of togetherness, UPA’s Diwali Mela 2025 shone as one of Chicagoland’s most memorable cultural celebrations of the year.





OCTOBER'S GRAND FESTIVE WEEK

LIGHTS UP INDIA WITH DIWALI CELEBRATIONS ACROSS COMMUNITIES

October brings one of the most vibrant weeks in India, as the country prepares for Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and related celebrations that illuminate homes, streets, and hearts. Diwali represents the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil, celebrated across Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist communities with devotion, family bonding, and festive joy.

The festivities begin with Dhanteras, dedicated to Lord Dhanvantari and Goddess Lakshmi. On this day, homes are thoroughly cleaned and decorated, while purchasing gold, silver, or utensils is considered highly auspicious. The rituals are believed to invite prosperity, health, and good fortune for the coming year, as families light diya to dispel darkness and negative energy.

Next comes Narak Chaturdashi, also called Choti Diwali, marking Lord Krishna's triumph over the demon Narakasura.



Devotees perform the traditional Abhyang Snan, a sacred oil bath at sunrise, and in South India, this day is the main Deepavali celebration. Homes are adorned with lights and rangoli patterns, and families begin

preparations for the main Diwali night.

Lakshmi Puja, the highlight of Diwali, is devoted to Goddess Lakshmi, Lord Ganesha, and Lord Kubera. Families light





rows of diya, decorate with colorful rangoli, and offer prayers for wealth, wisdom, and well-being. Fireworks light up the night sky, while traditional sweets and snacks are shared among relatives, neighbors, and the community, symbolizing joy, abundance, and spiritual renewal.

The following day, Govardhan Puja or Annakut celebrates Lord Krishna lifting Govardhan Hill to protect villagers. Devotees offer a mountain of food to Krishna in temples and homes, signifying gratitude, abundance, and the importance of nature in sustaining life.

Bhai Dooj honors the sacred bond between brothers and sisters. Sisters apply a tilak on their brothers' foreheads and pray for their longevity and well-being, while brothers offer gifts in return, strengthening familial love and protection.

For Sikhs, Diwali coincides with Bandhi Chhor Diwas, commemorating the release



of Guru Hargobind Ji from Gwalior Fort. Gurudwaras are illuminated with lamps, community kitchens serve festive meals, and processions celebrate freedom and justice, blending spiritual devotion with cultural pride.

Across the country, the week is a kaleidoscope of light, devotion, and celebration. Homes shine with diya, streets glow with lanterns, and the air fills with the aroma of sweets and feasts. Beyond festivities, Diwali and associated celebrations emphasize family unity, charity, cultural heritage, and a collective spirit of hope, making it one of India's most cherished seasons.



Diwali fashion trends to dazzle this season

Diwali, the festival of lights, is as much a celebration of style as it is of tradition. Across India, families gather for pujas, feasts, and festivities, and each occasion calls for an outfit that balances heritage with modern flair. Choosing the right ensemble

not only honors tradition but ensures you shine in every photograph and memory.

For women, timeless silhouettes like Banarasi silk sarees, ornate lehengas, and Anarkali suits remain festival favorites. This year, contemporary touches such



as halter-neck blouses, sheer capes, or layered dupattas bring a fresh twist to classic designs. Soft pastels with ruffle borders, floral prints, and organza fabrics are trending, making sarees and lehengas feel light and modern while retaining their festive grandeur. Palazzo sets, shararas, and fusion drapes offer comfort without sacrificing style, perfect for day-long celebrations.

Men can experiment with kurta sets, dhoti-kurta ensembles, and sherwanis, adding Nehru jackets, asymmetrical cuts, or velvet accents for a refined festive look. Indo-Western bandhgala sets in jewel tones, printed silk kurtas, and layered waistcoats combine tradition with contemporary tailoring, striking the perfect balance between elegance and ease.

Accessories play a pivotal role in completing the Diwali look. Women can opt for statement jewelry pieces, embroidered juttis, and embellished clutches or potli bags, while men can add silk pocket squares, subtle brooches, or



leather mojaris to elevate their outfits. Minimal yet striking touches ensure your ensemble feels cohesive without overwhelming the overall aesthetic.

This Diwali, fashion becomes an extension of the festival itself, reflecting light, joy, and celebration. Whether honoring tradition with a classic saree or embracing modernity with fusion ensembles, the key is confidence, comfort, and personal expression. The most memorable Diwali looks are those that illuminate both the wearer and the spirit of the festival.

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US cybersecurity firm Absolute Security is entering the Indian market.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Danish Scan Global Logistics (SGL) is entering the Indian market. Much bigger Danish Maersk also operates in India.

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) will sell its Finland-based agricultural, farm & forestry machinery unit Sampo Rosenlew to Finland's Tera. Sampo was a small part of M&M & many of its technologies have been integrated into M&M product lines. The original idea of expanding Sampo operations in

Europe also didn't work out.

JSW Paint has an offer to buy 74.76% of AkzoNobel-India (only liquid paint/ coating businesses) from Dutch multinational AkzoNobel. Subsequently, JSW Paint will make open market offer for the remaining public shares. Several institutions have bought or increased stakes in AkzoNobel-India. AkzoNobel will retain powder coating/ paint businesses & the R&D center portion of AkzoNobel-India.

Selected Indian sovereign bonds may be included in Bloomberg global bond index; J P Morgan/JPM is the only firm to do so now. Indian bonds were included in EM bond indexes in 2024 by several firms.

SOFTWARE & SEMICONDUCTORS

US denial of most advanced Cray supercomputer to India in 1987 (it could buy a less advanced version) was responsible for starting India's push for domestic computer industry. In Indian history, this has been seen time & again - India cannot rely exclusively on imports in critical areas. Some advanced technologies cannot be bought but must be developed domestically.

In the aftermath of EU sanctions on Indian refinery Nayara, US Microsoft/ MSFT abruptly blocked Nayara's access to all online products & Azure cloud - access was restored only after a court fight. Now, German SAP has restricted Nayra's access to ERP (enterprise resource planning) software & the matter is in court. There are also interruptions in Nayara's crude oil supply & refined product sales. Nayara's has been operating only at half-capacity.

There should be domestic alternatives for IT office, business & social-media software (evolving - Zoho, Titan, etc) & cloud services (evolving - CtrlS,

HCLTech, Tata Commumications, Utho, etc) even though those are available now from several multinationals.

A huge hole has been for semi chips - as of mid-2025, India produced NONE. The big news about iPhones produced in India for export relates only to their final assembly with most parts imported from elsewhere. While India has a highly developed IT/software industry & an educated IT workforce, it simply cannot go on without a functioning semi chip manufacturing/ fabrication ("fab") industry.

A national crash program has been launched by MEITY (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology) to catchup in chip testing, packaging & fabs. These semi fabs require very high capital expenditures (capex). The first Indian commercial chips may be available by late-2025 or 2026. Some early chips may be low-end, mature node chips used in many electronics & industrial products. After a few years, India may catchup to the most advanced chip produced by fabs in US, Taiwan, S Korea, Japan - the state of the art in 2025 is 2 nm semi chips & that will keep advancing.

Where global sourcing is necessary, it's important to have access to multiple vendors located in different countries so that India isn't at the whims of any one foreign corporation or government. There is already a push by GoI for some localization of software & storage that has been met with resistance from multinationals.

While beyond the scope of this discussion, this general self-sufficiency theme also applies to telecom, EVs, aerospace, rare-earths, nuclear power, etc.

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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.

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- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers

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- ▶ High-Quality Video Lectures – Taught by expert professors from leading medical institutions.
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Meningitis: A life-threatening inflammation of the meninges

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Meningitis is a serious medical emergency caused by the inflammation of the protective membranes — known as meninges — that surround the brain and spinal cord. This inflammation is most often triggered by infections from bacteria, viruses, fungi, or, in rare cases, parasites or non-infectious causes. Without prompt treatment, meningitis can lead to severe complications such as brain damage, hearing loss, or death. Early recognition and immediate medical care are critical for survival and recovery.

Types of meningitis

1. Bacterial meningitis

This is the most severe and life-threatening form of meningitis. It progresses rapidly and demands urgent medical attention.

Common causative bacteria:

- ▶ *Neisseria meningitidis* (Meningococcal meningitis)
- ▶ *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (Pneumococcal meningitis)
- ▶ *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)

Bacterial meningitis requires immediate intravenous (IV) antibiotic therapy and often corticosteroids (like dexamethasone) to reduce inflammation and prevent neurological damage.

2. Viral meningitis

Viral meningitis is relatively common but usually less severe than the bacterial form.

Common viral agents:

- ▶ Enteroviruses
- ▶ Herpes simplex virus (HSV)
- ▶ Mumps virus

Treatment is primarily supportive care — rest, hydration, and medications to control fever and pain. Most cases resolve within 7–10 days, though hospitalization may be required for monitoring.

3. Fungal meningitis

This rare type typically affects



immunocompromised individuals, such as those living with HIV/AIDS, undergoing chemotherapy, or on long-term immunosuppressants.

Common organisms:

- ▶ *Cryptococcus neoformans*
- ▶ *Candida* species
- ▶ Treatment includes antifungal medications such as Amphotericin B and Fluconazole, often for extended periods.

4. Parasitic or non-infectious meningitis

In rare cases, meningitis may result from parasitic infections, autoimmune disorders, adverse drug reactions, or certain cancers. These cases require specialized investigation and treatment based on the underlying cause.

Symptoms to watch for

In adults:

- ▶ Severe, persistent headache
- ▶ High fever and chills
- ▶ Stiff neck
- ▶ Nausea and vomiting
- ▶ Sensitivity to light (photophobia)
- ▶ Altered mental status or confusion

In infants:

- ▶ Poor feeding
- ▶ Irritability or lethargy
- ▶ Bulging of the soft spot (fontanelle)
- ▶ Seizures

The classic triad — fever, neck stiffness, and altered consciousness — strongly suggests meningitis and warrants immediate emergency care.

Diagnosis

The gold standard for diagnosing meningitis is a lumbar puncture (spinal tap), which involves analyzing the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) for:

- ▶ Elevated white blood cell (WBC) count
- ▶ Increased protein levels
- ▶ Decreased glucose (especially in bacterial meningitis)

Additional tests may include:

- ▶ Blood cultures to identify the infecting organism
- ▶ CT or MRI scans before lumbar puncture if increased intracranial pressure (ICP) is suspected

Reatment

1. Bacterial meningitis

- ▶ Immediate IV antibiotics — broad-spectrum initially, then targeted after lab results

- ▶ Corticosteroids (e.g., dexamethasone) to minimize inflammation and prevent hearing loss

2. Viral meningitis

- ▶ Supportive care: fluids, rest, and fever management
- ▶ Antivirals (such as acyclovir) if herpes simplex virus is the cause

3. Fungal meningitis

- ▶ Antifungal therapy with Amphotericin

B, Fluconazole, or related drugs

Prevention is key

Vaccination:

- ▶ Hib vaccine (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b)
- ▶ Meningococcal vaccine
- ▶ Pneumococcal vaccine

These vaccines are highly effective and recommended for children, adolescents, travelers, and individuals with weakened immune systems.

Public health measures:

- ▶ Early detection and treatment of infections
- ▶ Prompt medical evaluation for symptoms
- ▶ Prophylactic antibiotics (e.g., Rifampicin) for close contacts of confirmed meningococcal cases

Meningitis remains a potentially fatal but preventable disease. Awareness, vaccination, and timely medical intervention can dramatically reduce the risk of serious outcomes. Never ignore sudden symptoms like fever with neck stiffness or confusion—immediate medical attention can be lifesaving.

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