

G20 members reach consensus on new principles to guide emerging technologies



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G20 members on Wednesday reached consensus on a framework for emerging technologies following a two-day Innovation Ministerial in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The agreement includes the Carolina Principles for Emerging Technologies, which encourage governments to invest in foundational research, strengthen pathways for commercializing discoveries and support trusted technology adoption. The broader consensus statement covers six areas, including pro-innovation policies, technology-driven economic opportunity, technical workforce development, intellectual property for artificial intelligence, technology standards and industrial innovation. White House science adviser Michael Kratsios said the principles are intended to work across different legal and political systems while supporting productivity, competitiveness and quality of life. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said reaching consensus required overcoming political differences among the G20 members. The meeting also featured technology leaders and researchers from companies and institutions including Nvidia, SpaceX, Meta and Google DeepMind.

Lawmakers demand stronger US action against hate crimes targeting South Asian Americans



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A coalition of South Asian American lawmakers and elected officials on Wednesday called for stronger action against hate, harassment and violence targeting their communities. The national roundtable in Washington was led by Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi and brought together Representatives Pramila Jayapal, Ami Bera, Suhas Subramanyam and Shri Thanedar, along with state and local officials from several states. Indian American Impact and Stop AAPI Hate also participated. Discussions focused on improving prevention, reporting and responses to hate crimes and examining factors driving discrimination based on ethnicity, religion and national origin. Krishnamoorthi highlighted his proposed Hate Crimes Commission Act, which would create a bipartisan commission to study the causes of hate crimes, reporting barriers and the role of social media and technology. The effort comes amid heightened concern over anti-South Asian discrimination nationwide.

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Pakistan photo controversy draws criticism after Modi is cropped from SCO image

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Indian opposition and ruling party leaders on Wednesday criticized Pakistan's Prime Minister's Office for sharing a cropped Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit photograph that excluded Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and several other leaders. West Bengal minister Dilip Ghosh called the move an attempt that damaged Pakistan's international image, while Samajwadi Party leader S.T. Hasan described it as "cheap and disgraceful." The photograph, taken during the summit in Bishkek on Tuesday, showed Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif prominently in the frame. Sharif later shared the complete image, which included the Indian PM. Modi had used his summit address to call for zero tolerance and no double standards in combating terrorism.



India condemns demolition of century-old Hindu temple in Pakistan

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India on Wednesday condemned the reported demolition of a century-old Hindu temple in Siraj village, in Pakistan's Punjab province, calling it a stark reminder of the vulnerability of minority communities. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal urged Pakistan to conduct a prompt and transparent investigation and hold those responsible accountable. He also called for immediate steps to restore the temple and protect minority places of worship and cultural heritage. The temple was reportedly demolished last month to make way for expansion of an adjacent seminary, according



to local media. The incident follows the demolition in June of parts of the 125-year-old Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Sahib in Farooqabad, which sparked protests by local Sikh residents.

Sitharaman advances India's economic agenda in US meetings with global finance leaders

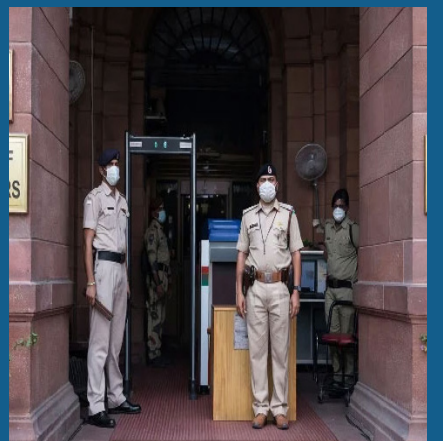
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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman used her recent visit to the United States, from August 29 to September 2, to advance India's economic partnerships and highlight the country's evolving growth trajectory during meetings with global finance leaders on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Asheville. Sitharaman met United States Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and discussed economic cooperation, critical minerals and resilient supply chains, while reaffirming the importance of the India-US economic partnership. She also held talks with International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, who praised India's strong economic performance. Sitharaman emphasized the need for global economic assessments to better reflect structural changes in emerging markets and developing economies. With European Commissioner for Economy and Financial Affairs Valdis Dombrovskis, she discussed advancing India-European Union



free trade and investment negotiations, strengthening supply chains and expanding cooperation in critical technologies, fintech and artificial intelligence. Sitharaman also met South Korean Finance Minister Koo Yun-cheol to discuss bilateral financial cooperation, critical minerals and supply chains, while talks with Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov covered economic cooperation and collaboration through multilateral development banks. The meetings underscored India's efforts to deepen global economic ties while positioning its growth story more prominently in international economic policymaking.

India weighs unified intelligence grid to strengthen response to evolving security threats



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India's national security planners are discussing a unified intelligence grid to improve coordination and speed information sharing among central and state agencies amid evolving security threats, officials said Wednesday. The proposed system would address challenges including terror networks, surveillance operations, disinformation campaigns and drone-based narcotics smuggling linked to Pakistan-based elements. Officials cited the recently exposed Faridabad terror module and surveillance activities allegedly connected to the Shahzad Bhatti network as examples of emerging threats. Security agencies are also monitoring concerns along the Pakistan border in Jammu and Kashmir and the Bangladesh border. Experts said India's experience countering the Maoist insurgency showed the importance of seamless intelligence coordination. Planners are considering greater integration of human intelligence with technical and counter-intelligence capabilities to improve pre-emptive operations. Officials said the expanded intelligence architecture could help agencies identify, disrupt and respond more quickly to threats across multiple fronts.

Brazilian justice who sentenced Bolsonaro faces pressure over alleged banker links

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Brazilian Supreme Court Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who sentenced former President Jair Bolsonaro to 27 years in prison over a coup attempt, faced growing pressure to resign Wednesday after federal police documents raised questions about his alleged links to disgraced banker Daniel Vorcaro. The documents showed Vorcaro repeatedly sought advice from a person investigators identified as de Moraes. They also showed the justice reviewed a 130 million Brazilian reais contract, worth about \$26 million, between Vorcaro and his wife. Her lawyers said he reviewed it to ensure there was no conflict of interest and never ruled on cases involving Vorcaro or Banco Master. De Moraes has not commented.

Maduro and wife challenge US drug indictment by claiming sovereign immunity



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Former Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, asked a United States federal judge Wednesday to dismiss their drug trafficking indictment, arguing that they are protected by sovereign immunity. Maduro's lawyers said international law bars American courts from criminally prosecuting a foreign head of state and also invoked conduct-based immunity. Flores filed a separate motion making a similar claim. Both have pleaded not guilty to allegations that they conspired to send cocaine into the United States and could face life sentences if convicted. Their trial is scheduled for next June. Maduro and Flores were captured by United States forces during a January raid in Caracas and brought to New York, where they remain detained.

Erdogan says Turkey's growing ties with Russia and China do not mean abandoning the West

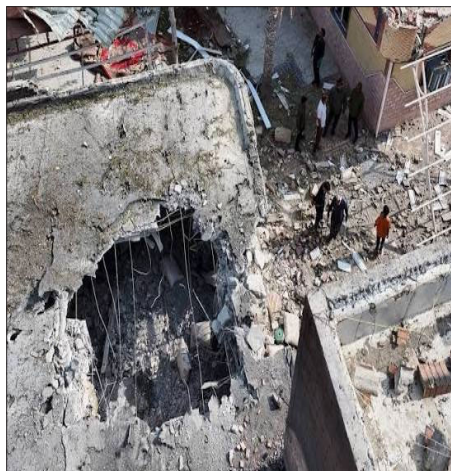
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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that Turkey's expanding ties with Russia and China do not signal a break with the West, as he returned from a Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Kyrgyzstan. Erdogan reiterated Ankara's ambition to become a full member of the organization, which includes Russia, China, India and Iran. He also met Russian President Vladimir Putin, with the two discussing further nuclear cooperation. On the Ukraine war, Erdogan said Ankara and Moscow expect the conflict to end peacefully as soon as possible. He also called for a permanent mechanism to protect commercial shipping in the Black Sea and prevent a renewed grain crisis, underscoring Turkey's balancing role between Western allies and eastern powers.

Iran strikes Gulf allies after US bombardment kills civilians at wedding, officials say

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Iran launched missile and drone attacks against United States allies in the Gulf early Wednesday, escalating a conflict that had seen a monthlong lull. Kuwait and Bahrain reported attacks, while Kuwait activated air defenses and said a drone strike caused a fire at a residential complex without casualties. The Iranian retaliation followed new American strikes on Iranian military targets, including air defense, radar and maritime assets. Iranian officials said one US strike hit a home in Kuhestak where a wedding celebration was taking place, killing at least four people and wounding at least 68, although some Iranian reports put the death toll at five. The United States said it was investigating the reports.



The renewed fighting has also pushed oil prices higher and increased concerns over shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global energy route.

Federal judge blocks Trump's latest attempt to restrict birthright citizenship

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A federal judge in Maryland on Wednesday blocked the Trump administration from enforcing President Donald Trump's latest executive order seeking to limit birthright citizenship, ruling that the measure is almost certainly unconstitutional for children already covered by a class action lawsuit. US District Judge Deborah Boardman issued a preliminary injunction after immigrant rights groups asked her to protect the citizenship of children affected by Trump's earlier order. The Supreme Court ruled in June that the earlier effort violated the citizenship protections of the 14th Amendment. Trump's new order, issued in August, targets birth tourism and would also restrict citizenship for



some children whose parents work for foreign governments, commit fraud or are classified as "alien enemies." Boardman barred the State Department, Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration from denying or failing to recognize citizenship for children covered by the lawsuit.

Carney pushes back against Trump as US-Canada trade tensions escalate

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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Tuesday urged President Donald Trump's administration to stop using provocative social media posts and return to serious negotiations, saying trade talks could resume if Washington changed its approach. The talks collapsed in August after Canada rejected United States demands that Carney said could weaken key Canadian industries, particularly the auto sector, and affect French-language

and cultural protections. Trump has since escalated his rhetoric toward Canada, including an effort to rename Lake Ontario "Lake America," while United States officials have criticized Ottawa's position. Carney said Canada would not accept terms that effectively reduced its industries to subsidiaries of American companies or restricted its ability to negotiate trade agreements with other countries. His position was strengthened by the Liberal Party's sweep of three special elections on Monday, giving the party 173 seats in the 343-seat House of Commons.

Rubio puts countries on notice over efforts to help Iran bypass US sanctions

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United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Thursday warned that countries helping Iran evade American sanctions could themselves face penalties, while rejecting suggestions that India and Iran were preparing a new trade agreement. Speaking after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Rubio said countries could pursue their own foreign policies and maintain diplomatic contacts with Tehran.

However, he stressed that Washington would sanction governments or entities that helped Iran generate revenue in ways the United States believes could support terrorism or nuclear weapons development. Rubio said preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon remains a central priority for the Trump administration, with economic pressure as its primary tool and military action still an option. He also said Washington would continue targeting threats to commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and insisted the waterway should remain open.

Apple renames Lake Ontario 'Lake America' for United States Maps users

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Apple has renamed Lake Ontario "Lake America" for users of its Maps app in the United States, following President Donald Trump's order to change the name of the cross-border lake. The change was visible Wednesday, while users in Canada continued to see "Lake Ontario." Apple did not immediately comment on the update. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum previously said Trump had contacted Apple directly about making the change. Google Maps introduced the same United States-only label over the weekend, while users outside the United States and Canada can see both names. Canadian officials have rejected the renaming, with Ontario Premier Doug Ford insisting the lake remains Lake Ontario. The dispute comes amid heightened trade tensions between Washington and Ottawa.

European Union pledges more support for Ukraine and stronger defense investment

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The European Union will increase support for Ukraine while strengthening its own defense capabilities, foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said Tuesday after an informal meeting of European Union defense ministers in Wicklow, Ireland. Kallas said the bloc had already provided \$9.7 billion in defense support through its Ukraine Support Loan, with additional assistance planned. Irish Defense Minister Helen McEntee said Ireland would contribute \$11.6 million to the European Union's military assistance mission for Ukraine as part of a larger \$145 million package announced in July. The meeting, held Monday and Tuesday, also addressed space and maritime security and Lebanon. Meanwhile, Ukraine's government identified \$1.57 billion in budget savings for defense needs amid continuing Russian attacks.

United States secures 35 percent stake in Venezuelan oil venture amid China and Russia rivalry

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The United States has secured a 35 percent equity stake in a Venezuelan oil venture without using federal funds, according to a senior administration official. The agreement covers 17 oil fields containing about 65 billion barrels of proven reserves and gives Washington access to 20 percent of production at cost, along with first refusal rights over the remaining output. The administration says the arrangement is designed to reduce Chinese and Russian influence in Venezuela and attract private investment to rebuild the country's damaged oil industry. Officials estimate the deal could generate at least \$100 billion in private investment. Energy Secretary Chris Wright is expected to visit Venezuela, where Chevron is set to announce an expansion of its operations.

China's Brahmaputra mega-dam fuels 'potential water bomb' fears after geological warnings

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China's massive hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo, known downstream as the Brahmaputra, is fueling renewed fears of a potential "water bomb" for India and Bangladesh, with Chinese scientists warning of serious geological risks at the site. The dam is being built in Tibet's Himalayan seismic belt, one of the world's most earthquake-prone regions. A recent paper by Chinese geologists reportedly described the terrain as having a loose structure and weak cohesion, warning that earthquakes or fault movement could trigger large-scale instability around the reservoir and infrastructure. The warnings have intensified concerns over the project's downstream consequences. The Brahmaputra sustains agriculture, fisheries, wetlands and millions of livelihoods in northeastern India before flowing into Bangladesh. Critics fear a structural failure or emergency release could unleash catastrophic flooding, while changes in water and sediment flows could damage ecosystems and farmland downstream.

Pakistan's intelligence agency targets smaller Indian towns for new honey-trap networks

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Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency is seeking to expand honey-trapping operations inside India by recruiting operatives in smaller towns and using artificial intelligence-generated images and videos, Indian intelligence officials said Monday. Officials said the agency wants networks managed locally rather than from Pakistan, making them harder to trace. The operations reportedly target sensitive information, particularly from defense personnel, using online relationships and compromising material. Intelligence agencies are also monitoring possible targeting of newly recruited Agniveers, who may be vulnerable to sophisticated digital deception. Officials said artificial intelligence-generated identities could make investigations harder because victims may interact with fabricated personas.

Minneapolis apartment shooting leaves two dead and six injured as suspect dies by suicide

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Two people were killed and six others, including three police officers, were injured in a shooting at a high-rise apartment building in Minneapolis on Wednesday, authorities said. Police responded to gunfire at about 4:36 p.m. and followed additional shots to an upper floor, where a haze severely limited visibility. Two officers were wounded by gunfire, while a third sustained other injuries. Local reports said the shooting began during a domestic dispute involving the suspect and one victim. The suspect then fired at responding officers before retreating into an apartment and later died by suicide. Authorities are investigating the motive.

US Congress advances broad push to counter China's grip on critical technologies and trade

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The United States Congress is advancing measures targeting China's influence over critical minerals, robotics, artificial intelligence and international trade. House lawmakers are seeking to reduce dependence on China for strategic minerals, with Representative Jason Smith warning that Beijing dominates production of 30 of the 60 minerals designated as critical by the United States and controls most global rare-earth processing. Separately, a bipartisan robotics bill would subject robots made in China and other foreign-adversary countries to national security reviews and block imports deemed threatening. Another proposal seeks to strengthen the adoption of American open-source artificial intelligence models while assessing risks from foreign systems. The House also passed bipartisan legislation



creating a Justice Department task force to investigate international trade crimes, including tariff evasion, smuggling and trade-based money laundering. The measures reflect growing congressional concern over China's role in strategic supply chains and emerging technologies.

Nepal urges global action as Himalayan floods leave more than 1,100 dead

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Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah on Wednesday urged the international community to pay greater attention to climate risks in the Himalayas as devastating floods left at least 1,114 people dead and thousands missing. Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority said 3,916 people remained unaccounted for, although Nepal Police put the figure at 4,858, including 583 foreign nationals. The floods struck Rasuwa and surrounding districts

last week, affecting communities and several hydropower projects along the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river corridors. Search operations are continuing, with Nepali Army personnel working alongside Indian and Chinese tunnel rescue teams to reach affected hydropower sites. The status of 983 people linked to 11 projects remains unknown, according to the Independent Power Producers' Association, Nepal. Shah defended the government's response and said India and China provided technical assistance during rescue efforts, while several countries and international organizations offered support.

Sheinbaum vows to defend Mexico's sovereignty amid tensions with United States

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Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum on Tuesday vowed to defend the country's sovereignty, dignity and independence while seeking cooperation and dialogue with other nations. Speaking at her second State of the Union Address in Mexico City, Sheinbaum acknowledged tensions with the United States, particularly over the treatment of Mexican migrants. She said 17 Mexican nationals had died in United States immigration detention centers and raids, prompting Mexico to file complaints and demand respect for their rights. Sheinbaum said the government's Mexico Embraces You program had assisted more than 281,000 Mexicans returning



from the United States with food, transportation, medical and psychological care, and identification documents. She also said trade and security talks with Washington were continuing.

Eastern Congo violence fuels displacement and complicates Ebola response

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Violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo is driving new displacement and complicating efforts to contain a growing Ebola outbreak, United Nations humanitarian officials said Tuesday. More than 6,100 confirmed Ebola cases and nearly 2,950 deaths have been reported nationally. In Ituri province, at least 37

civilians were killed and more than 35 abducted during attacks in Mambasa territory on Saturday. In South Kivu, fighting has displaced at least 15,000 people since August 23. The United Nations said insecurity and population movements are disrupting disease surveillance and humanitarian access. Nearly 23 million health screenings have been conducted in Congo and neighboring countries to limit cross-border transmission.

European Union summons Russian diplomats over suspected Leipzig airport drone attack

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The European Union has summoned Russian ambassadors following a suspected hybrid attack at Germany's Leipzig Airport, foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said Wednesday. Germany has said it holds Russia responsible for an attempted drone attack at the airport in early August. Authorities found an explosive-equipped drone, while investigators later identified damage to a DHL cargo aircraft consistent with a drone strike. A third drone and military-grade explosives were subsequently discovered nearby. Germany announced measures including closing Russia's consulate general in Bonn and tightening restrictions on Russian nationals. Kallas said the European Union was also considering additional sanctions against Russia's military complex.

Cambodia freezes more than \$300 million linked to online scam networks



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Cambodian authorities have frozen more than \$300 million in bank accounts linked to online scam operations during a nationwide crackdown, officials said Wednesday. The campaign, conducted from July 2025 through August 2026, resulted in nearly 30,000 arrests across 39 nationalities and 446 cases involving 3,927 suspects being referred to courts. Authorities also targeted 27 casinos, permanently revoking 18 licenses and suspending nine. More than 22,000 foreigners from 38 nationalities were identified as directly involved and deported. Officials said large-scale scam compounds had been dismantled, although smaller operations continue from homes, guesthouses and other locations.

South Korean president renews push to replace armistice with permanent peace

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Wednesday renewed his call to replace the Korean War armistice with a permanent peace regime and help revive dialogue between North Korea and the United States. Speaking in Incheon, Lee said the two Koreas should move away from confrontation toward cooperation and coexistence. In his Liberation Day address last month, he proposed talks on formally ending the war and addressing North Korea's nuclear program. The Korean War ended in 1953 with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula technically at war. Lee said Seoul should help create conditions for renewed North Korea-United States talks.



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Modi at the helm, the Fab Four in action

India’s masterclass in multi-alignment



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There are moments in international diplomacy when a nation's strategy becomes visible not through one dramatic speech, but through several carefully coordinated moves taking place across the world. India appears to be experiencing such a moment. At the center is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, providing the strategic direction. Around him, four of India's most important policymakers, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, have recently been pursuing interconnected diplomatic, security and economic objectives. The Indian media has aptly described this coordinated outreach as the diplomacy of the “Fab Four.” Perhaps the better description is: Modi at the helm, with the Fab Four carrying India's interests to different centers of global power. This is not simply a series of foreign visits. It represents a larger philosophy of Indian foreign policy: engage with everyone, protect national interests and avoid becoming dependent on any single power or bloc.

Four Leaders, Four Strategic Fronts

The significance of the Fab Four lies in the different but complementary responsibilities they are handling. Ajit Doval's engagement with China addresses India's most challenging security relationship. Dialogue does not diminish India's determination to protect its borders; rather, maintaining communication can help prevent tensions from becoming larger confrontations. S. Jaishankar's engagement with Russia reinforces a relationship that remains important for energy, defense, trade and strategic cooperation. At a time of extraordinary geopolitical turbulence, maintaining that channel is in India's national interest. Nirmala Sitharaman's outreach to Canada and the United States demonstrates that closer engagement with Russia or China does not mean India is turning away from the West. Attracting investment and maintaining relationships with Western financial and business communities remain central to India's growth. And then there is Piyush Goyal's important mission to Japan. Goyal recently led India's largest-ever business delegation to Japan, with more than 200 representatives from sectors including manufacturing, semiconductors, clean energy, steel, automobiles, financial services, healthcare and startups. The mission focused on expanding trade, investment, technology partnerships and high-value manufacturing. Japan's importance should not be underestimated. As India seeks to become a major manufacturing and technology hub, Japanese capital, industrial expertise and advanced technology can become powerful accelerators. This is diplomacy serving economic development.

Modi's Message to Putin: Friendship Does Not Mean Silence

Prime Minister Modi’s meeting with Russian



President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek demonstrated another dimension of India's approach. India and Russia share a historic strategic relationship. Yet partnership does not require silence. Modi told Putin that the world must move from “endless war to an end of war,” reiterating India's support for peace efforts and an end to the conflict in Ukraine. The message was significant. India has resisted pressure to abandon its independent foreign policy, but it has also consistently advocated dialogue and diplomacy. For India, peace is not simply a moral objective. It is also an economic necessity. War disrupts energy markets, trade, supply chains and global growth. An end to the Ukraine conflict would therefore serve interests far beyond the battlefield.

America Is Too Important to Ignore

At the same time, New Delhi understands another reality: India cannot afford a full-scale economic confrontation with the United States. America remains one of India's most important economic, technological and strategic partners. Trade, investment, defense cooperation and technology have created deep connections between the two countries. The Indian American community adds another powerful bridge between the world's two largest democracies. India can disagree with Washington without becoming anti-American. That distinction is fundamental. India's objective should be neither surrender nor confrontation. It should be negotiation from a position of strength.

Diversification Is India's Economic Insurance

This is where the Fab Four strategy becomes particularly important. India is not replacing one dependency with another. It is expanding its options. Russia remains important for energy and strategic cooperation. Japan is increasingly important for investment, technology and manufacturing. The United States remains essential to India's economic and technological ambitions. Western financial markets remain important sources of capital. China remains a formidable strategic competitor and an unavoidable economic reality. Managing all these relationships simultaneously is not diplomatic confusion.

It is strategic diversification.

The world has demonstrated repeatedly

that excessive dependence can become a vulnerability. Tariffs can change. Wars can disrupt energy supplies. Supply chains can be weaponized. Financial restrictions can suddenly affect businesses and economies. India's answer is therefore to create alternatives.

Not an Anti-American Alliance

It would be a mistake to interpret this diplomatic surge as an attempt to construct an anti-US alliance. If that were India's objective, its Finance Minister would not be engaging Western investors, while its Commerce Minister would not be strengthening economic partnerships with Japan. India is not choosing between Washington, Moscow, Beijing or Tokyo.

India is choosing India.

That is the essence of strategic autonomy. It does not mean remaining equidistant from every country. It means retaining the freedom to move closer to any country when India's interests require it, and to disagree when those interests demand it.

India at Every Table

The world is no longer neatly divided into two camps. It is multipolar, competitive and unpredictable. India therefore needs diplomacy that is equally flexible. The coordinated outreach of Jaishankar, Doval, Goyal and Sitharaman, under the strategic direction of Prime Minister Modi, represents precisely that approach.

The Fab Four are not traveling the world to select India's camp in somebody else's geopolitical contest. They are helping ensure that India has its own voice, its own choices and its own seat at every important table. And perhaps that is the most important lesson of this diplomatic moment. India is not building walls against the world. It is building bridges in every direction, while ensuring that every bridge ultimately serves India's national interest.

Best regards,
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Imran Khan's sister files second contempt plea over blocked family access

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Uzma Khan, sister of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, filed a second contempt petition in the Supreme Court on Wednesday, accusing authorities of failing to implement orders allowing him regular contact with family. She alleged Khan was not permitted to meet his sisters on Tuesday and had not spoken with his sons since March. She also said authorities had not arranged twice-weekly phone calls ordered by the court. Her petition follows an earlier contempt case concerning an order for Khan to receive medical evaluation and treatment. Authorities instead took him to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences before returning him to Adiala Jail after doctors declared him medically fit.

Russia warns Japan over United States Typhon missile deployment

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Russia warned Japan on Tuesday that Moscow could take countermeasures against the deployment of United States Typhon missile systems on Japanese territory. Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Moscow had formally protested the deployment, arguing that the systems pose a security threat to Russia. The Typhon system can launch Tomahawk missiles with a range of up to 1,600 kilometers and has been deployed at Kanoya Air Base for joint exercises. Russia also urged Japan to return to its pacifist policy and reiterated its claim over the Southern Kuril Islands. The United States previously deployed Typhon systems in Japan during military exercises.

Bangladesh activist warns prolonged insecurity could drive Hindus to leave



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Bangladesh Supreme Court lawyer and minority rights activist Chaitali Chakraborty has warned that prolonged violence, intimidation and insecurity could drive more Hindus to leave the country. Speaking to newspaper 'Blitz', she said conditions for religious minorities had deteriorated since the political upheaval of August 2024 and urged lawmakers in the United States, Britain and the European Union to press Dhaka over minority protections. Her comments followed the killing of four members of a Hindu family in Rangpur, whose bodies were recovered in August. Chakraborty called for an impartial investigation, while reports have raised questions about aspects of the police account.

Pakistan shifts Kashmir strategy toward foreign militants and local support networks

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Pakistan's intelligence agency has reduced reliance on recruiting local militants in Jammu and Kashmir and is increasingly favoring Pakistani nationals for long-term terrorist operations, Indian intelligence officials said Wednesday. Officials said groups including Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba have increased recruitment, while Pakistani militants are considered better suited for prolonged operations. Local residents are instead increasingly being used as overground workers to provide shelter, transportation and other logistical support. Officials also alleged that Pakistan-based handlers use locally presented groups to claim responsibility for attacks, helping maintain deniability. The reported shift follows a



decline in local militancy and increased development and economic opportunities in the region, according to Indian officials.

North Korea downgrades diplomatic mission to London over British sanctions

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North Korea has downgraded its diplomatic mission in London in protest against British sanctions on the Songdowon International Children's Camp. Britain sanctioned the Wonsan-based camp over alleged links to the forced transfer and indoctrination of Ukrainian children. North Korea announced the move Friday, calling Britain's action politically provocative and rejecting the allegations as groundless. Ambassador Mun Myong-sin has been recalled for reassignment, while the charge d'affaires will serve as acting head of the mission. Britain included the camp in sanctions announced in May targeting Russian individuals and entities over alleged involvement in the forced deportation of Ukrainian children. Established in 1960,



the camp is used for youth activities and promoting loyalty to North Korea's leadership. The move comes amid strengthening ties between Pyongyang and Moscow.

UN warns strengthening El Niño could intensify global heat and extreme weather

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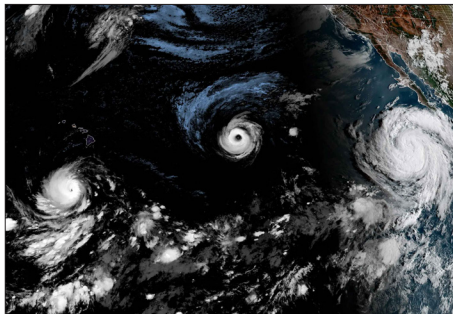
The United Nations warned Thursday that a strengthening El Niño could intensify extreme weather and add further heat to an already warming planet. The World Meteorological Organization said the climate pattern is firmly established and expected to strengthen into a very strong event in coming months, with impacts potentially continuing into 2027. El Niño develops

when Pacific Ocean waters become unusually warm, disrupting weather patterns worldwide and increasing risks of drought, floods, wildfires and extreme heat. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres warned that the phenomenon is "supersizing before our eyes" and urged governments to prepare. The WMO said countries should strengthen early warning systems and preparedness measures to protect communities and livelihoods from potentially severe weather impacts.

South Africa warned 2027 could become hottest year on record as El Niño strengthens

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South Africa could experience its hottest year on record in 2027 if an exceptionally strong El Niño develops as forecast, the South African Weather Service said. The agency said Pacific Ocean temperatures had already exceeded the threshold for a very strong El Niño, with forecasts indicating the anomaly could surpass 3 degrees Celsius. South Africa is expected to experience below-normal rainfall and above-normal temperatures through the coming summer period. The weather service warned that the combination of El



Niño and global warming could increase the frequency of severe heatwaves and worsen water scarcity. It stressed that the event's eventual strength and regional effects remain uncertain.

Delhi police rehearses BRICS motorcades as summit security preparations intensify

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Delhi Traffic Police conducted a motorcade rehearsal on Tuesday as preparations intensified for the BRICS Summit in New Delhi. The exercise tested arrangements for foreign delegates traveling between the airport, hotels and Bharat Mandapam, while authorities sought to minimize disruption to commuters. Traffic was regulated at 22 diversion points covering more than 35 roads during the rehearsal. The BRICS Summit is scheduled for September 11 to 13, with the leaders' meetings on September 12 and 13 at Bharat Mandapam. India is chairing BRICS in 2026 under the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'.

Yemen says Islamic State spokesman killed in Seiyun counterterrorism raid



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Yemen's government said Tuesday that Islamic State spokesman Abu Hudhayfah al-Ansari was killed during a joint counterterrorism operation involving Yemeni forces and special forces from the Saudi-led coalition. The raid targeted a house in Seiyun, in Hadramout province, where al-Ansari was reportedly staying. A local military source said he was wounded and captured before dying of his injuries, while another person inside the house was killed. Yemen's security agency said the operation was initially intended to capture him. Separately, Yemeni naval forces reportedly intercepted four explosive-laden Houthi boats approaching strategic islands in the southern Red Sea.

China blocks G20 consensus over trade imbalances and export-driven growth

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China blocked consensus at the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting in Asheville after objecting to language addressing persistent trade imbalances and non-market economic practices. Nineteen other members backed a United States chair's statement calling on countries with excessive external surpluses to remove policies that suppress domestic consumption and make exports an outsized source of growth. The statement also urged greater International Monetary Fund scrutiny of global imbalances. United States Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said China was the sole dissenter and argued that economies relying on a continuous flow of cheap exports were unsustainable.

India and Nauru discuss strengthening development partnership and bilateral projects



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Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita met Nauru President David Adeang Wednesday in Palau, discussing the implementation of bilateral projects and ways to further strengthen the development partnership between India and the Pacific island nation. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting in Koror. India is a longstanding development partner of Nauru, with its assistance recognized in the island nation. Margherita also held meetings Wednesday with senior officials from Fiji, Tuvalu, Palau and Tonga, discussing development cooperation, resilience, sustainability and shared Indo-Pacific priorities. His talks with Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr. focused on ongoing and new development initiatives and cooperation in multilateral forums. Discussions with Tonga's Prime Minister Lord Fakafanua covered ways to deepen bilateral ties and advance their shared commitment to the wider Indo-Pacific.

Piyush Goyal to visit United States for G20 Trade Ministers' meeting and India-United States trade talks

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will visit the United States later this month to attend the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting and hold talks on ongoing India-United States trade negotiations, United States Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said Wednesday. Speaking at the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India's annual session, Gor said both governments were working closely to strengthen their trade relationship and had made significant progress in negotiations. He said Washington looks forward to hosting Goyal for the G20 discussions as the two countries work toward a fair, reciprocal and mutually beneficial trade relationship. The visit comes as New Delhi and Washington seek to advance a bilateral trade agreement. Gor also highlighted the Pact Silica declaration, which aims to establish an innovation-friendly regulatory framework and encourage greater cross-border investment by Indian and American companies.

United States sees India as an 'extraordinary' artificial intelligence partner, says Howard Lutnick

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The United States sees India as an "extraordinary opportunity" for artificial intelligence cooperation, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said Wednesday, highlighting efforts by both countries to build an integrated artificial intelligence technology stack. Speaking after the G20 Innovation Ministerial in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Lutnick said the approach would allow countries to develop national technology champions while integrating with American frontier models and technology companies. White House science

adviser Michael Kratsios said artificial intelligence is increasingly important to scientific research and could transform fields including chemistry, mathematics, physics and materials science. The two-day ministerial concluded with G20 consensus on the Carolina Principles for Emerging Technology, which call for investment in foundational research, stronger development and commercialization pathways, and trusted adoption of new technologies. Lutnick said Washington wants American artificial intelligence technology to be used globally while allowing individual countries to decide which models to deploy.

India and Canada hold Foreign Office Consultations, carry forward 'sustained momentum' in bilateral ties

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India and Canada held their annual Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi this week, with both sides seeking to build on what India described as sustained momentum in bilateral relations since June 2025. Secretary East Rudrendra Tandon led the Indian delegation, while Canadian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Arun Thangaraj headed the visiting team. The discussions reviewed cooperation in energy and critical minerals, science and technology, education, security and defense, culture, people-to-people ties and consular matters. Both sides also reaffirmed their commitment to conclude negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement before the end of the year, with a shared goal of



more than doubling bilateral trade to 70 billion Canadian dollars by 2030. The consultations followed a series of high-level exchanges aimed at rebuilding and broadening ties. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also called for deeper financial-sector cooperation during a business roundtable in Toronto Friday, highlighting opportunities in investment, digital payments and cross-border remittances.

India and Seychelles seek to strengthen parliamentary exchanges and cooperation

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met Seychelles National Assembly Speaker Azarel Ernesta and a parliamentary delegation Wednesday in New Delhi, with discussions focused on strengthening parliamentary exchanges and cooperation in capacity building, digital parliament, artificial intelligence, technology, infrastructure, renewable energy and healthcare. Birla said continued engagement between the two legislatures would give fresh momentum to the close

India-Seychelles partnership. The meeting came during a year marking 50 years of Seychelles' independence and five decades of diplomatic relations with India. Birla also described Seychelles as an important partner in advancing India's Vision MAHASAGAR in the Indian Ocean region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Seychelles in June for the country's golden jubilee celebrations, held talks with President Patrick Herminie and was honored with the Guardian of the Blue Horizon, Seychelles' highest distinction for environmental conservation and sustainable development.

India and Ethiopia discuss ways to strengthen defense cooperation

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India and Ethiopia discussed ways to expand defense cooperation this week in New Delhi, including military training, defense industry collaboration and United Nations peacekeeping operations. Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defense Amitabh Prasad met Ethiopian Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Nebiyu Tedla, with the two sides also focusing on new and emerging areas of cooperation. The discussions build on broader strategic engagement between the two countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Ethiopia last year, holding talks with Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali, addressing a joint session of Parliament and



receiving Ethiopia's highest civilian honor, the Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia. Modi also congratulated Abiy in June on his parliamentary election victory and reaffirmed India's interest in strengthening the strategic partnership and longstanding ties between the two countries.

Russian envoy meets BJP chief Nitin Nabin, discusses strengthening India-Russia ties

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Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov met Bharatiya Janata Party President Nitin Nabin Tuesday in New Delhi, with the two discussing the continued strengthening of India-Russia relations. Nabin highlighted the longstanding relationship between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying their regular high-level interactions have sustained bilateral momentum. The two also discussed Modi's meeting with Putin Monday on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit and looked ahead to further high-level engagement, including the upcoming BRICS summit in India. People-to-people ties were also discussed, with Alipov highlighting opportunities for skilled Indian professionals to contribute in Russia. Both sides looked toward 2027, when India and Russia will mark 80 years of diplomatic relations, and expressed confidence that the milestone would provide opportunities to deepen cultural, academic and people-to-people connections.

India and Denmark deepen cooperation on small business development, innovation and intellectual property



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India and Denmark agreed to strengthen cooperation on micro, small and medium enterprises, innovation and intellectual property during the fourth meeting of their Joint Working Group Tuesday in Copenhagen. Discussions covered technology adoption, entrepreneurship, technology commercialization, intellectual property and cluster-based development. The Indian delegation also visited Aarhus University Innovation Kitchen and Agro Food Park to study Denmark's innovation support and business cluster ecosystems. It met officials from Denmark's Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs and participated in the Nordic-India Startup Summit 2026, engaging with stakeholders from the Nordic startup ecosystem. Indian Ambassador to Denmark Manish Prabhat welcomed the continued functioning of the joint working group and encouraged exploration of new areas of cooperation. The meeting highlighted a shared commitment to innovation and intellectual property-led growth among small businesses, along with stronger institutional links, knowledge exchange and support for entrepreneurs.



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Musk's America PAC steps into midterms with \$800,000 push for Republicans

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Elon Musk is stepping up his political spending ahead of the 2026 United States midterm elections, with his America PAC putting more than \$800,000 behind Republican candidates in competitive congressional races. The spending, disclosed Wednesday, marks the PAC's first reported outlay of the election cycle and comes from a war chest of about \$50 million funded by Musk. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton received \$247,595, while Maine Senator Susan Collins and Ohio Senator Jon Husted received \$170,224 and \$105,675, respectively. Several targeted lawmakers serve on committees overseeing areas relevant to Musk's businesses, including defense and federal spending. The PAC could ultimately deploy up to \$120 million to boost Republican voter turnout.

US unemployment claims drop ahead of annual payroll revisions



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The number of Americans filing new unemployment claims fell last week, suggesting layoffs remain limited despite slower hiring. The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial claims declined by 4,000 to 203,000 for the week ending Saturday, below economists' forecast of 208,000. The four-week average rose slightly above 205,000, while continuing claims fell to 1.778 million. Weekly claims have remained historically low throughout 2026, indicating relatively few layoffs across the labor market. Private employers have recently increased hiring modestly, and job postings have edged higher. Attention is now turning to annual payroll revisions, which could show whether employment growth was weaker than initially reported. The August jobs report is due Friday.

Deadlocked jury in Lindsay Clancy trial enters sixth day without a verdict

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The jury in the Lindsay Clancy murder trial entered a sixth day of deliberations Thursday without reaching a verdict, raising the possibility of a mistrial. Clancy, a 36-year-old former labor and delivery nurse, is accused of killing her three children, Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months, at their Massachusetts home in 2023. She does not dispute strangling the children, but her defense argues that postpartum psychosis left her unable to understand that her actions were wrong. Prosecutors contend she understood her actions and deliberately killed the children. The jury has twice reported an impasse. Judge William Sullivan urged jurors to continue deliberating while reconsidering opposing views.

House passes stopgap funding bill to avert shutdown before midterms

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The US House of Representatives on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved a temporary funding measure to keep the federal government operating beyond the October 1 start of the new fiscal year, avoiding a potential shutdown during the midterm election campaign. The legislation passed 370-48 and extends current funding through December 11. The Senate had approved the measure in August, and President Donald Trump signed it into law on Wednesday. The stopgap legislation was necessary because Congress has not completed any of the 12 annual spending bills needed to fund the government through September 2027. The bills cover major areas including



defense, homeland security, federal law enforcement, housing and energy.

Lawmakers from both parties supported the extension, seeking to avoid another shutdown while voters remain concerned about food and housing costs. The measure postpones major budget decisions until after the November elections, setting up difficult negotiations over long-term spending priorities in December.

Judge again blocks Trump mail ballot executive order ahead of midterm elections

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A federal judge on Thursday again blocked the Trump administration from implementing an executive order seeking to limit mail voting, temporarily halting the policy less than two weeks before the November midterm elections. United States District Judge Indira Talwani ordered the government not to enforce the directive for two weeks after Democrats and voting rights groups refiled lawsuits following a recent Supreme

Court procedural ruling. The Supreme Court had allowed the administration to move forward temporarily but did not decide whether Trump's order was lawful. The administration has since issued a formal rule governing whether the Postal Service will deliver states' mail ballots, including requirements for voter lists and envelope formats. Election officials say they lack the time and resources to redesign ballots and update election systems before the midterms. The administration is expected to appeal Talwani's ruling.

Trump declares national emergency to secure US power grid from foreign cybersecurity threats

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President Donald Trump on Wednesday declared a national emergency to protect the United States power grid from what his administration described as unusual and extraordinary foreign cybersecurity and security threats. The order prohibits certain foreign-made equipment, including software used in the bulk-power system, when it presents risks of sabotage, unauthorized access or disruption. Trump said foreign actors are increasingly exploiting vulnerabilities

in infrastructure that supports national defense, emergency services and the economy. The energy secretary was directed to impose conditions on the continued operation of potentially risky equipment and establish rules addressing the security concerns. The move follows warnings from federal officials about cyberattacks targeting critical infrastructure, including water and wastewater systems. The administration has also raised concerns about foreign-made energy technology, particularly equipment linked to China, and its potential use for remote access or operational disruption.

ICE agent re-arrested after being charged with lying over Minnesota shooting

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent Christian Castro was back in custody in Texas on Thursday after a federal grand jury indicted him on six counts of allegedly making false statements about the shooting of a Venezuelan man in Minnesota. Castro is accused of shooting Julio Cesar Sosa-Celis in the leg in January during the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. He separately faces state assault charges and allegations that he falsely reported being attacked with a snow shovel and broom. Video evidence contradicted that account, prosecutors said. Castro had spent 90 days in a Texas county jail before being released last week. Minnesota has sought his extradition, but Texas Governor Greg



Abbott has refused to sign the extradition papers. The federal indictment marks the first known Justice Department criminal case against an immigration agent over alleged misconduct during the Minneapolis operation.

Cyclospora outbreak expands to 20 states with more than 11,000 cases

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A multistate Cyclospora outbreak linked primarily to contaminated iceberg lettuce has expanded to 20 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday. Georgia, Tennessee and Texas were the latest states added after health officials interviewed additional patients. The outbreak has sickened 11,458 people, with illnesses reported from June through August. Michigan, Ohio and Missouri have recorded the most cases. At least 495 people have been hospitalized, and two deaths have been reported in Michigan. Investigators linked most illnesses to iceberg lettuce processed at Taylor Farms de Mexico in Guanajuato, Mexico. The company recalled the lettuce and temporarily suspended production while reviewing food safety procedures.

Justice Department sues Kansas school district over transgender student policies

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The Justice Department sued Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools on Tuesday over policies concerning transgender students and parental access to information. The lawsuit follows a federal investigation into four Kansas districts after a conservative group alleged schools were withholding information about students' gender transitions from parents. The Education Department said in April that the districts violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act by maintaining policies that could prevent disclosure of gender transitions. Kansas City officials, whose district serves more than 20,000 students, disputed the federal government's findings and expressed disappointment over the lawsuit. The Justice Department is seeking changes to the district's policies and greater parental access to student records.

Justice Department threatens states with funding cuts over migrant reporting

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The Justice Department warned Wednesday that states could risk billions of dollars in federal welfare funding if agencies fail to report people known to be unlawfully present in the United States to the Department of Homeland Security. The department said the requirement applies to all state agencies in states receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Supplemental Security Income funding, expanding an earlier interpretation that applied only to agencies administering those programs. The legal opinion could affect all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and several territories. States are expected to challenge the policy, which the Justice Department says could lead to funding losses for noncompliance.

More cities abandon Flock cameras amid growing surveillance concerns

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A growing number of United States municipalities are ending contracts with Flock Safety over concerns about privacy and potential misuse of automated license plate reader technology. Tempe, Arizona, officials announced Wednesday that they had turned off the city’s Flock system, citing concerns raised by misuse cases elsewhere despite finding no improper use locally. Other communities in Arizona, Massachusetts and Texas have also moved to discontinue the cameras. More than 100 jurisdictions have canceled contracts with Flock and other license plate reader providers, according to the Institute for Justice. Concerns intensified after officials learned about expanded artificial intelligence features that can search camera data using plain-language queries. Flock recently reduced standard data retention from 30 days to one week.

Grand Canyon flash floods leave two dead and others missing



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Two people are dead and others remain missing following flash flooding in Arizona’s Grand Canyon on Saturday, according to the National Park Service. Authorities found the body of a 46-year-old man near Crystal Rapids along the Colorado River, while officials have not released details about the second victim. More than 20 people were initially reported missing or unaccounted for after flooding struck the Bright Angel Creek area near Phantom Ranch. Search and recovery operations continued as officials assessed extensive infrastructure damage, including to a waterline serving the park. Phantom Ranch, Bright Angel Campground and the North Kaibab Trail remain closed. The park has also halted overnight stays at the South Rim and imposed water restrictions.

House passes bill to crack down on university boycotts of Israel

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The US House of Representatives on Thursday passed a bill that would block federal funding for universities that boycott Israel, advancing another Republican-backed measure amid growing Democratic criticism of Israel’s conduct in Gaza. The Protect Economic and Academic Freedom Act passed 237-169, with 33 Democrats joining Republicans in support and two Republicans voting against it. The legislation must still clear the Senate to become law. Supporters said it would prevent federally funded universities from discriminating against academic partnerships or investments involving Israel. Opponents, including Democratic Representative Jerrold Nadler of New York, said it could threaten free speech protections. The measure comes after years of campus protests and boycott campaigns over Israel’s war in Gaza.

Nearly 100 US politicians pledge to reject campaign donations linked to RSS

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Nearly 100 US elected officials and political candidates have signed a pledge to reject campaign contributions linked to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, or RSS, following chief Mohan Bhagwat’s recent visit to the United States.

The pledge was announced Monday by Hindus for Human Rights Action and the South Asian American Coalition to Renew Democracy, known as SACRED Acts. It calls on signatories to reject political violence and intimidation, refuse donations linked to the RSS and its affiliates, and return or redirect such contributions to organizations supporting democracy. The organizers said the coalition includes Democratic and Republican officials and candidates at the federal, state and local levels across eight states. Their published list contained 90 signatories as of August 28.

Prominent names include Democratic Representatives Pramila Jayapal of Washington, Ro Khanna of California and Robin Kelly of



Illinois, along with California State Senator Aisha Wahab, Michigan Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed, New York congressional candidate Brad Lander and former Seattle City Council member Kshama Sawant.

Khanna said he would return or redirect a \$6,600 contribution from a donor he described as a pro-MAGA billionaire with ties to the RSS. SACRED Acts first launched the pledge in Illinois in 2023.

Former US pardon attorney Liz Oyer sues Justice Department over firing

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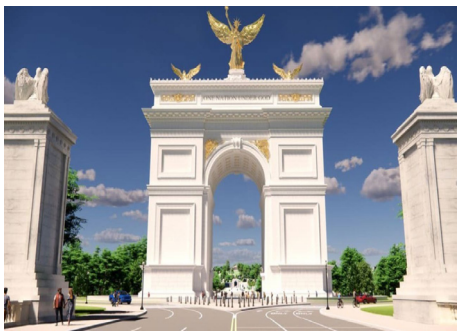
Former US Pardon Attorney Elizabeth Oyer sued the Justice Department on Thursday, alleging she was unlawfully fired after refusing to recommend restoring actor Mel Gibson’s gun rights. Oyer said she was asked to overlook concerns about Gibson’s history of domestic violence and support restoring his firearm access. After she refused, she received termination papers from security

officers, according to her lawsuit. Oyer, who served as pardon attorney from 2022 to 2025, is seeking reinstatement and back pay. Attorney General Todd Blanche has denied that the Gibson matter was behind her firing, saying he knew nothing about the issue when she was dismissed. Blanche has said her removal was partly connected to commutation recommendations she made under former President Joe Biden. The Justice Department did not immediately comment on the lawsuit.

Trump plans to break ground on Washington arch without final approval

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The Trump administration plans to begin excavation for a proposed 250-foot arch in Washington within the next two weeks, despite legal challenges and the project’s lack of final approval from a federal planning authority. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum announced the planned start of work Thursday on the Great Triumphal Arch and Military Observation Deck near Arlington National Cemetery. Inspired by Paris’ Arc de Triomphe, the monument is intended to honor American veterans. Opponents argue that it would damage the historic sight line between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House and contend



that Congress must approve the project. A federal lawsuit challenging the arch is pending before Judge Tanya Chutkan. The National Capital Planning Commission has also yet to approve an exception to Washington’s 130-foot height limit.

Pentagon temporarily rescinds guidance on testosterone screening for US troops

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The Pentagon has temporarily withdrawn newly issued clinical guidance for mandatory testosterone deficiency screening of US service members aged 30 and older. The guidance was posted Wednesday and removed Thursday while officials update the document. Under the plan, men could receive questionnaires followed by blood tests and, if necessary, testosterone treatment.

Women would also undergo screening for certain hormonal conditions. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced the screening initiative in July, saying it was intended to improve military readiness. Medical experts have questioned whether widespread testing would improve combat readiness and warned that unnecessary testosterone treatment could create health risks. The Pentagon said interim guidance remains in effect while the document is revised. The withdrawal follows Reuters’ initial report on the change.

Billionaire Leon Black sues US House committee over Epstein investigation

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Billionaire investor Leon Black sued the US House Oversight Committee on Thursday, seeking to block subpoenas issued as part of its investigation into the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Black also declined to appear for a scheduled deposition after walking out of a voluntary congressional interview in June. His lawsuit argues that the committee exceeded its constitutional authority by demanding nondisclosure agreements connected to Epstein and launched an unlawful “fishing expedition.” Committee Chairman James Comer defended the investigation, saying Black’s testimony is important because he was an Epstein client and had several nondisclosure agreements. Black has said he never abused women or engaged in sex trafficking. He left Apollo Global Management in 2021 after an external review found he had paid Epstein \$158 million for tax and estate planning.

Trump appoints Adam Telle as acting US Army secretary

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President Donald Trump on Thursday appointed Adam Telle as acting US Army secretary following Dan Driscoll’s departure from the position. Telle previously served as assistant secretary of the Army for civil works, where he oversaw programs involving the Army Corps of Engineers and infrastructure projects. His appointment follows Driscoll’s resignation after months of reported tensions with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. Driscoll, an Iraq War veteran, had served as Army secretary since earlier this year. The White House did not immediately provide details about the circumstances surrounding his departure. Telle now assumes leadership of the Army while the administration addresses military readiness, modernization and defense priorities. His appointment was announced by Trump in a social media post on Thursday.

FBI operation targeting gangs in tribal communities leads to 86 arrests



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The FBI said Wednesday that an operation targeting violent gangs and drug trafficking in tribal communities led to 86 arrests and 50 criminal charges. Operation Trusted Trails, conducted from May through July with tribal, state, local and federal partners, also resulted in 62 drug seizures, including 25 kilograms of methamphetamine and 4 kilograms of cocaine, and the recovery of 156 weapons. The initiative involved 11 FBI field offices and targeted gangs and transnational criminal organizations operating on tribal lands. FBI Director Kash Patel said the operation demonstrated a stronger federal commitment to combating violent crime and drug trafficking in Indian Country.



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Punjab Police book two Canadian citizens in alleged Rs 4-crore salon franchise fraud

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The Punjab Police NRI Wing has registered an FIR against two Canadian citizens over an alleged Rs 4-crore fraud involving investments in the proposed Canadian expansion of an Indian salon chain. The accused are Kamalpreet Singh Khehra and Crispy Khehra, alias Chris Gill. The case followed a complaint by Inderjit Kaur Boparai, a Canadian citizen of Indian origin and Overseas Citizen of India cardholder, who alleged she was persuaded to invest in the venture and lost more than Rs 4 crore. She claimed at least six other Canadian investors were also affected. Police said the role of salon founder and promoter Munish Bajaj is being verified. Bajaj has denied involvement, saying Khehra acted independently and was responsible for the alleged wrongdoing. The investigation is continuing.

Four Indian-origin Texans remain missing after Nepal-Tibet floods

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Four Indian-origin people from Texas remain missing after catastrophic flash floods struck areas near the Nepal-Tibet border. Deepak Ahuja, 60, and his wife, Madhu Ahuja, 57, were returning from a Mount Kailash pilgrimage when contact was lost near Gyirong Port after communications were disrupted. Another Texas couple, Archana Suresh and Raghu Rajan of Murphy, also remains unaccounted for in the Rasuwagadhi-Timure area. Texas-based Sewa International USA established an emergency missing persons desk and released \$100,000 for relief efforts. The organization said it raised more than \$55,000 within 24 hours through its Nepal flood relief campaign. Its relief teams have sent shelter materials, food and medical supplies to affected communities in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading districts.

Punjabi-origin man identified as victim of targeted Calgary shooting



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Calgary police have identified 25-year-old Harjas Ahluwalia as the victim of a fatal shooting in the city's northeast. Officers responded to reports of shots fired shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday in the Cornerstone area and found Ahluwalia deceased. An autopsy conducted Tuesday by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined that his death was a homicide. Police said the shooting is believed to have been targeted, but no one was in custody at the time of the latest update. Investigators are continuing to examine the circumstances surrounding the killing and have appealed for information from the public. Police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or has relevant information to contact investigators or Crime Stoppers.

Canada tightens student pathway, raising costs and narrowing options for Punjabi applicants

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Canada has tightened the pathway for new international students, with higher financial requirements and fewer places available under its temporary resident targets, creating additional uncertainty for students from Punjab who have traditionally looked to the country for education and longer-term opportunities. From Tuesday, international students applying for study permits from outside Quebec must show C\$23,448 in funds for living expenses, up from C\$22,895. They must also demonstrate that they can cover tuition and transportation costs. The higher requirement comes as Canada seeks to reduce the growth of its temporary resident population.

Under the federal government's 2026 to 2028 immigration plan, Canada has set a target of 385,000 new temporary residents for 2026, including 155,000 new international students. The student target is scheduled to fall to 150,000 in each of the next two years. There is some opportunity for people already working in Canada. On Tuesday, the government invited 2,000 candidates



through the Canadian Experience Class, with a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System score of 521. Canada also plans to transition up to 33,000 temporary workers to permanent residence during 2026 and 2027.

For Punjabi families, the changes could make the traditional study-to-work-to-permanent-residence route more expensive and increasingly competitive. Students with limited financial resources face a higher entry barrier, while those already in Canada may have stronger prospects if they have Canadian work experience and competitive immigration scores.

Canadian Sikh police officer makes history at Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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Vancouver Police Department constable Sukhvinder "Suki" Singh Sunger has made history at the 2026 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, becoming the first turbaned Sikh Drum Major to lead a performance at the internationally renowned event. Sunger led the Vancouver Police Pipe Band onto the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade during this year's Tattoo, which featured the production 'A Call to Gather'. The performance brought together military pageantry, Scottish musical traditions and performers from around the world.

For the occasion, Sunger wore the band's traditional Highland attire, including a Royal Stewart tartan kilt, while wearing a ceremonial turban instead of the customary feather bonnet. The Vancouver Police Pipe Band was making its fourth appearance at the Tattoo, while Sunger was taking part in the event for the first time. Raised in Victoria, British Columbia, Sunger began his policing career with the Victoria Police Department before joining the Vancouver



Police Department in 2002. He has spent more than two decades with the department, primarily working in traffic enforcement. His appearance on the historic Edinburgh Castle Esplanade marked a significant moment for Sikh representation, bringing together his identity as a Sikh, his career in Canadian public service and the centuries-old traditions of Scottish pipe-band performance before an international audience.

New Zealand tribunal rejects 40 Khalistan-linked asylum claims in 2025 and 2026

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New Zealand's Immigration and Protection Tribunal rejected all 40 published asylum cases linked to Khalistan that it decided during 2025 and 2026, according to a review of tribunal decisions. The cases included 15 decided in 2025 and 25 so far in 2026, with none resulting in refugee recognition. The outcome represents a significant contrast with 2024, when the tribunal recognized two Indian nationals as refugees after finding that their highly visible support for Khalistan could expose them to persecution if they returned to India. Those applicants had prominent political profiles,

including sustained pro-Khalistan activity on social media and involvement with separatist groups. More recent decisions have focused on whether applicants can demonstrate an individual and credible risk of persecution, rather than simply showing support for Khalistan. In one case, an applicant had participated in a Khalistan referendum in Auckland and attended a protest outside the Indian High Commission in Wellington, but the tribunal considered those activities low-level and found no evidence that Indian authorities were aware of them. The rulings indicate that political support alone does not establish refugee status. Applicants must demonstrate circumstances showing a genuine risk of persecution if returned to India.

Kerala woman charged in death of friend, probe continues into second California killing

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Two women from Kerala were killed in separate incidents in California, and a 32-year-old friend has been charged with murder in connection with one of the deaths. Anjana Hari, 35, from Thrissur, died after being struck by a vehicle in a Milpitas apartment parking lot. Police arrested her friend, Anila Baby, 32, from Kottayam, and a criminal complaint now accuses her of intentionally killing Anjana. Ann Mary Mathew, 40, from Thiruvananthapuram, was found dead with a stab wound inside her San Jose home the same day. Her death was classified as a homicide. Although relatives have raised concerns about a possible connection between the cases, Anila has not been charged in Ann's death. Investigators are continuing to determine the circumstances and motive.

Federal court revokes US citizenship of India-born convicted rapist

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A federal court has revoked the United States citizenship of Gurmeet Singh, an India-born former taxi driver who was convicted of raping and kidnapping a female passenger. Singh entered the United States in 1992 and became a permanent resident in 2000. In May 2011, he kidnapped and sexually assaulted a passenger, but concealed the crimes during his naturalization proceedings. He became a naturalized US citizen in October 2011. Singh was later convicted in New York of first-degree rape and second-degree kidnapping as a sexually motivated felony and sentenced to 20 years in prison. The Justice Department filed a denaturalization case in February, and a federal court in the Eastern District of New York subsequently entered judgment revoking his naturalization. Federal officials said Singh obtained citizenship by concealing his criminal conduct.

Punjab police trace alleged ISI recruitment network to Dubai-based handler

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Punjab Police investigating an alleged espionage network linked to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence say a Punjab-origin man based in Dubai recruited operatives in the state through Instagram. Investigators allege the suspect connected recruits with Pakistani handlers and helped direct their activities. The probe began after police arrested Rashpal Singh of Gurdaspur, who they allege rented a shop in Ludhiana and installed internet-connected CCTV cameras to monitor security-related movement near a sensitive military area. Police later arrested Varinder Masih and Rohit of Amritsar district, who investigators allege were sent to check the cameras after the surveillance feed stopped. Police said the Dubai-based suspect moved there three to four months ago and may have played a key role in recruiting young men for intelligence-gathering activities. The investigation is continuing, with further arrests possible.

SGPC delegation reaches
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and plan relief



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A Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee delegation reached Nepal on Monday to assess flood-affected areas and plan humanitarian assistance for families hit by the disaster. The delegation, sent on the directions of SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami, includes Rajinder Singh Mehta, Gurcharan Singh Grewal, Advocate Bhagwant Singh Siyalka and Deputy Secretary Azad Deep Singh. Local Sikh representatives are assisting the team. Mehta said the delegation would visit affected areas, meet families and assess their immediate needs before finalizing relief plans. The SGPC intends to provide ration, essential commodities and other supplies based on local requirements.

Indian-origin anti-apartheid
activist Narottam Patel dies in
South Africa at 92



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Indian-origin South African activist Narottam Govind Patel, who participated in the country's anti-apartheid liberation struggle, has died at the age of 92 in Johannesburg. Patel, born to immigrant parents from Gujarat, died on Friday. After establishing his law practice, he became involved in the liberation movement and helped support political prisoners held on Robben Island, including Nelson Mandela. He also participated in civic struggles through organizations including the Natal and Transvaal Indian Congresses. The Ahmed Kathrada Foundation described Patel as a steadfast figure whose death marked the end of an important chapter in Johannesburg's Indian community and South Africa's liberation history.

Seven-year-old Indian-origin boy earns Grade 8 in
United Kingdom GCSE mathematics

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Seven-year-old Indian-origin boy Jivyan Reddy Dhruva has achieved a Grade 8 in the United Kingdom's General Certificate of Secondary Education Higher Mathematics examination, a qualification normally taken by students around age 16. Jivyan scored 196 out of 240 across three papers in the Pearson Edexcel examination, which he took in May.

Jivyan lives in South Ruislip in west London and attended a mainstream primary school until February. His parents then moved him to home education after recognizing that he was progressing through mathematics much faster than the standard curriculum. His father, Dhruva Kumar Reddy Katta, said the family noticed his exceptional interest in

numbers even before nursery.

The family uses games, puzzles, diagrams, conversations and artificial intelligence tools to make learning interactive. Jivyan is now preparing for A-level Mathematics and has expressed an interest in Further Mathematics.

Despite his advanced studies, his parents emphasize maintaining a normal childhood. He continues to socialize through activities including chess, football and tennis. Jivyan says he hopes to become an inventor and create robots and other useful technologies.

His achievement has attracted attention not only because of his age, but because his parents say his progress has followed his curiosity rather than a predetermined plan to take the examination so early.

Michigan Haryanvi community celebrates
Teej in first major festival

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

The Haryana Association of America-Michigan has hosted its first Haryanvi Teej Festival at Maybury State Park in Northville, Michigan, bringing together nearly 100 Haryanvi families and individuals to celebrate their cultural heritage. The gathering featured traditional activities, games and opportunities for different generations to connect with their roots.

Families, friends and members of the wider Indian community took part in an afternoon that included traditional swings, kho-kho, pithu and other family-friendly activities. Children, young people and adults participated together, giving younger members an opportunity to experience customs associated with Haryana while strengthening community ties. The organization began as a small group of families seeking to remain connected to their Haryanvi heritage and build a stronger community in Michigan. It has since grown to nearly 100 families and individuals.



Haryana Association of America-Michigan president Ravi Yadav described the first Teej celebration as an important beginning for the organization and said its focus is on building a stronger and more inclusive Haryanvi community. The group plans to organize additional cultural, social and community service programs, including a Haryana Day celebration. Board chair Dr. Ashok Kumar said the organization aims to provide an inclusive platform for Haryanvi families and friends of Haryana in the United States, with an emphasis on cultural preservation, social engagement and community service.

Indians lead United Kingdom settlement and citizenship
grants ahead of proposed rule changes

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Indian nationals remained the largest nationality group receiving settlement in the United Kingdom in the year ending June 2026, while also leading citizenship grants, according to newly released Home Office statistics. A total of 35,384 Indian nationals were granted settlement, an increase of 51 percent from the previous year.

The Home Office said the increase largely reflected Indian nationals who had entered Britain through work routes and completed the qualifying period for settlement. Indians also accounted for 24,851 British citizenship grants during the year, ahead of Pakistani nationals with 18,489. Most grants to both groups were obtained through naturalization after settlement.

The figures come amid major proposed



changes to Britain's settlement system. The government has proposed increasing the standard qualifying period for settlement from five years to 10 years for most migrants under its earned settlement reforms. The proposed system would allow reductions for people making strong economic or social contributions.

Punjabi men allege religious
discrimination after reported
hotel dispute in Austria



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Two Punjabi men have accused a hotel in Salzburg, Austria, of denying them entry because they were wearing turbans, sparking allegations of religious discrimination. Jaspreet Singh, a stock market trader from Mohali, said the hotel cited its dress code and maintained that turbans were not permitted on the premises. The men also alleged that they were denied refunds for their bookings after being refused entry. Singh described the incident as racism in a social media video and said he had traveled widely without experiencing similar treatment. The Tribune said it had not independently verified the video.

Hoshiarpur cricketer Supreet
Kaur selected for Alberta
under-19 team



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Hoshiarpur cricketer Supreet Kaur has been selected for Alberta's under-19 women's cricket team in Canada, earning an opportunity to compete at the national level. Kaur, who trained for nearly three years at the Hoshiarpur District Cricket Association center under coach Davinder Kaur Kalyan, has been studying in Calgary for the past two years. She represented Alberta at the Canada Under-19 Championship in Toronto, which began Tuesday. Hoshiarpur District Cricket Association officials, including secretary Raman Ghai and president Daljit Khelan, congratulated her on the selection. Her achievement was hailed as a proud moment for Hoshiarpur and another milestone for women's cricket from the district.



Norway seizes Russian vessel over Ukraine’s \$4.22 billion arbitration claim

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Norwegian authorities seized a Russian commercial vessel in Svalbard on Wednesday at the request of Ukraine’s state-owned energy company Naftogaz, seeking to enforce a \$4.22 billion arbitration award. The award, issued in 2023 by a tribunal in The Hague, concerns Russia’s seizure of Ukrainian energy assets in Crimea following its 2014 annexation. Russia has refused to pay, prompting Naftogaz to pursue Russian commercial assets through courts in other countries. The vessel, Professor Molchanov, was seized under an order from a Norwegian district court issued Monday. It is being held in Barentsburg and cannot leave its current location, according to Svalbard authorities. The ship operates commercial expedition cruises in the Arctic archipelago.

Bessent says nineteen G20 members back action on cheap exports, China dissents

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United States Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Tuesday that nineteen G20 members agreed that a continuing flow of cheap exports from non-market economies is unsustainable, with China dissenting. Bessent argued that trade imbalances threaten jobs and manufacturing and urged countries to consider tariffs and other measures. He said Chinese exports could flood markets after the United States imposed higher trade barriers. Bessent also said President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are expected to discuss artificial intelligence policy when they meet later this month. He said the United States and China found some common ground on Iran, including opposition to Iran obtaining a nuclear weapon and support for the flow of oil and other goods through the Strait of Hormuz. Russia’s participation also drew criticism from some European officials.

Joshua Wong pleads guilty in second Hong Kong national security case



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Hong Kong pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiring to collude with foreign forces under the city’s national security law. It is his second prosecution under the law, imposed by Beijing in 2020. Prosecutors accused Wong of supporting overseas efforts led by activist Nathan Law to seek sanctions and other pressure on Hong Kong and China. Wong confirmed the prosecution’s account during the hearing. The offense carries a sentence of three to 10 years, or life imprisonment for a grave offense. Wong was already serving four years and eight months for a separate national security case linked to an unofficial political primary. His lawyer urged the court to reduce any sentence because of his guilty plea and time already spent in prison.

Sánchez defends Morocco over Ceuta migrant surge as opposition demands his resignation

● Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez on Thursday rejected claims that Morocco orchestrated the mass migrant surge into Ceuta, saying there is no solid evidence linking Moroccan authorities to the crisis. More than 70,000 migrants crossed from Morocco into the Spanish enclave during the July crisis, with at least 141 people believed to have died. Sánchez acknowledged that Moroccan border controls effectively broke down for about 10 hours at the height of the incident, but said it remains unclear whether this reflected an inability to control the situation or a failure to act.

A leaked Spanish police report has alleged that Moroccan security forces showed “total permissiveness” toward the crossings, although it did not identify anyone who ordered them. Sánchez called



for the episode to be investigated on facts rather than speculation. Opposition leader Alberto Núñez Feijóo accused Sánchez of incompetence or complicity and demanded his resignation and early elections. Sánchez defended his migration strategy, calling irregular migration a structural issue and proposing stronger European support for Ceuta, including a permanent border agency presence.

Finland stages Europe’s largest civil defense exercise since World War II amid Russia concerns

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Finland staged Europe’s largest civil defense exercise since World War II in Kuopio on Wednesday, involving more than 2,000 volunteers, students and military conscripts. The exercise simulated a crisis in which cyberattacks disrupted power and water infrastructure while missile strikes from neighboring Russia threatened the city. Participants practiced using an underground shelter capable of protecting thousands, including measuring radiation levels and preparing for biological hazards. The drill reflects Finland’s heightened security concerns since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine and Finland’s 2024 entry into NATO. Officials also stressed lessons from Ukraine, where civilians often have only minutes to find shelter. Finland’s long-standing conscription system and wartime history have helped build a culture of



preparedness. Authorities say civilians should be ready to manage without outside assistance for at least 72 hours during major disruptions.

Pacific island leaders seek climate funding as rising seas threaten communities

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Pacific island leaders meeting in Palau on Wednesday renewed calls for urgent climate action and greater financing, warning that rising seas and extreme weather are already threatening communities. Leaders said their countries need funding to adapt to damage they cannot reverse while continuing to press major emitters to keep global warming close to the 1.5-degree Celsius goal. A new United

Nations report said the world is likely to exceed that threshold within the next few years. Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr. urged countries seeking greater influence in the Pacific to support climate projects, including renewable energy. Regional leaders also criticized delays in funding through the Pacific Resilience Facility and questioned Australia’s climate policies. The Pacific Islands Forum summit has again placed climate finance at the center of debate over the region’s future.

Giorgia Meloni’s government sets Italy’s postwar longevity record

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Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni’s government reached 1,413 days in office on Thursday, becoming Italy’s longest-serving uninterrupted government since World War II and surpassing Silvio Berlusconi’s previous record. Meloni has maintained the same coalition since taking office in 2022. Supporters point to more than 1 million additional jobs, unemployment below 6%

and tighter public finances. Critics say weak productivity, demographic decline, inflation and problems in health care and public administration remain unresolved. Her support for Ukraine and pragmatic approach to European institutions have also strengthened Italy’s international standing. Meloni faces a national election due by the end of 2027, with debate increasingly focused on whether her government’s stability has translated into enough results to win another term.

Heatwaves and drought expected to shave 0.1 percentage point off French growth in 2026

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Heatwaves and drought are expected to shave 0.1 percentage point off France’s economic growth in 2026, mainly because of weaker agricultural production, the French Treasury said Wednesday. The estimate was presented during a National Assembly hearing examining the economic cost of heatwaves. Preliminary data showed that extreme heat and drought have significantly affected several crops, with corn production projected to fall 35 percent from 2025. The Treasury also cited higher gas prices and disruptions to global fertilizer trade linked to the conflict in the Middle East, which have raised fertilizer costs. France’s economic growth was revised to zero in the second quarter from an earlier 0.2 percent estimate, with the statistical agency citing worsening agricultural production.

Abduction and alleged forced conversion of Hindu woman raises minority rights concerns in Pakistan

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Allegations that a 21-year-old Hindu woman was abducted, forced to convert to Islam and married have renewed concerns over the treatment of religious minorities in Pakistan. Rita, a resident of Sanghar district in Sindh province, reportedly disappeared from her home on August 24 and was later taken to Gujranwala in Punjab, according to a report cited by Indian news agency IANS. Her brother alleged that she was taken by unidentified people and coerced into marrying Nazir Hussain, who was already married. Punjab Police later recovered her and produced her before a judicial magistrate Monday. Rita initially faced a request for placement in a government shelter but told the court under oath that she wanted to return to her parents. The magistrate ordered that she be handed to her brother and taken home.

Gaza seed bank rebuild helps farmers cultivate shrinking pockets of farmland



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Farmers in Gaza are rebuilding a local seed bank destroyed during the war and encouraging Palestinians to cultivate the limited farmland still accessible to them. Farmer Salama Muhanna said his seed bank in Qarara was destroyed in early 2024. Before the war, it held about 70 tons of seeds representing 42 crops, including black-eyed peas, watermelon and sage. Muhanna, 71, and other farmers have since rebuilt a smaller collection of about 32 local seed varieties in a makeshift tent in Deir Al-Balah. Farmers say the native seeds are more resilient than imported hybrid varieties because they can be saved and replanted each year. Much of Gaza’s prewar farmland is now inaccessible, including areas near the so-called Yellow Line. Farmers say the seed bank offers a vital source of planting material despite the wider devastation of Gaza’s agricultural sector.

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Typhoon Saudel traps more than 2,500 students and teachers in Zhejiang floods

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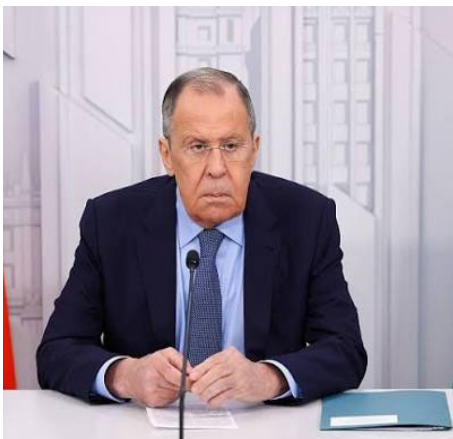
Typhoon Saudel's heavy rains trapped more than 2,500 teachers and students in a school compound in Wenzhou, Zhejiang, after flash flooding hit the low-lying area on Wednesday, Chinese state media reported. Authorities used drones to deliver food and drinking water to those stranded. The storm made a third landfall in Zhangzhou, Fujian, on Thursday after strengthening over the South China Sea. Heavy rain was forecast to continue in Fujian and Guangdong through Friday. Floodwaters also submerged vehicles in Fuding, where work, industrial activity and classes were suspended. Authorities warned of further flash floods as Saudel moved westward across southern China.

South Korea plans Sejong presidential office and relocation of 350 institutions

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South Korea will establish a presidential office in the administrative city of Sejong by 2029 and relocate about 350 additional public institutions from the Seoul metropolitan area, the government said Thursday. The moves are part of a broader effort to reduce Seoul's dominance and spread administrative functions more evenly across the country. Relocations are scheduled to begin in 2027. The government also plans to complete an additional National Assembly building in Sejong by 2033. The planned moves would strengthen Sejong's role as a national administrative center and support efforts to ease the concentration of institutions, jobs and population around the capital.

Russia to close German cultural centers after escalating drone dispute



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Russia will close Germany's Goethe-Institut cultural centers in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Thursday, escalating a dispute over a drone incident at Leipzig/Halle Airport. Germany has accused Russia of involvement, while President Vladimir Putin rejected the allegation and accused Berlin of fabricating evidence. Germany responded by closing a Russian cultural center in Berlin and a consulate in Bonn. Lavrov said Moscow's closures followed Germany's decision to halt the Russian center's operation. Russia's deputy foreign minister Alexander Grushko said Wednesday that Moscow would retaliate for the Bonn consulate closure.

Haiti mourns victims of gang attack that killed 47 and displaced families

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

More than 100 mourners gathered Wednesday at a church in Kenscoff, Haiti, where gangs killed dozens of people during a recent attack on the mountain community. The victims being mourned included two brothers and three cousins. The attack killed 47 people and led to the kidnapping of more than 50 others. The United Nations said about 150 heavily armed gang members took part, killing people who tried to flee and later executing victims who had sought refuge at the church. Six children and seven women were later released after community leaders and the United Nations children's agency



intervened. Only 17 of the 47 victims had been buried by Wednesday. The violence has fueled protests and anger toward police, who are investigating possible complicity or negligence.

Baloch group stages Netherlands protest over alleged human rights abuses in Balochistan

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The Baloch National Movement staged a protest in Utrecht, Netherlands, on Sunday to highlight alleged human rights abuses in Balochistan, including enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. The demonstration coincided with the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, observed annually on August 30. Activists displayed photographs of people they said had been forcibly disappeared and called for information about their whereabouts, an end to enforced disappearances and accountability for those responsible. Speakers said the practice has affected political and social activists, students, teachers, journalists, lawyers, writers, human rights defenders and civilians. The group alleged that thousands of people remain



missing and described the disappearances, killings and other violations as part of an ongoing human rights crisis. It called for independent and transparent investigations into reported abuses.

White House construction contributed to radio problems that brought Trump's helicopter close to jet

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White House construction contributed to radio problems that prevented air traffic controllers from hearing a warning that President Donald Trump's helicopter was preparing to take off, federal investigators said Thursday. The National Transportation Safety Board said controllers consequently cleared an Envoy Air jet for takeoff near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport as Marine One lifted off on August 4. The helicopter crew had issued the required three-minute warning, but controllers did not hear it. Investigators found the temporary launch site at the Ellipse lacked adequate radio



line of sight with the airport receiver. The Federal Aviation Administration later moved the receiver to the airport tower. The aircraft came within about 700 feet vertically, but Trump was never in danger.

China seeks answers after Chinese man dies in United States immigration custody

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China's government is seeking answers from United States authorities after a Chinese man died hours after being taken into Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody in the Northern Mariana Islands. Lianyong Wei, 51, was arrested Sunday on charges related to an alleged assault on a family of five and transferred to immigration custody the following day. He was found

unresponsive during a morning check Tuesday and later died at a hospital. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the cause of death remains under investigation. Wei had entered the US territory in 2019 and had been placed in removal proceedings this year. The Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles demanded a thorough investigation and notification of the findings. Wei is at least the fifth Chinese national to die in Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Border Patrol custody since March 2025.

Trump administration threatens welfare funding over immigration reporting

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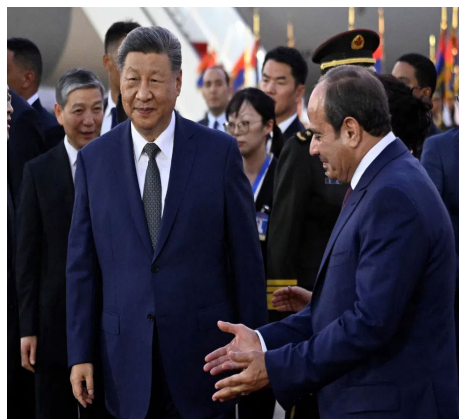
The Justice Department warned Wednesday that states could lose billions of dollars in federal welfare funding if they fail to report immigrants without legal status known to any state agency to the Department of Homeland Security. A new legal opinion expands the reporting requirement beyond agencies administering Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Supplemental Security Income to other state bodies, including universities and motor vehicle departments. The opinion reinterprets a 1996 welfare law and reverses a narrower interpretation issued in 1998. It is binding on federal agencies but is not itself law and is expected to face legal challenges.

Denmark deploys conscripts to Greenland amid rising Arctic tensions

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Denmark has deployed conscripts to Greenland for the first time in recent history, strengthening its Arctic presence amid rising tensions and repeated calls from President Donald Trump to acquire the Danish territory. Denmark and Greenland have firmly rejected the idea. The troops are part of Denmark's expanded conscription program and are training in the Arctic during the military exercise Arctic Endurance. The exercise falls under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Arctic Sentry mission, launched this year to strengthen the alliance's regional presence. Copenhagen has pledged billions of dollars to bolster Arctic defenses after years of underinvestment. Russia has criticized increased alliance activity in the region.

Xi calls for new Middle East security framework during Egypt visit



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Chinese President Xi Jinping urged Middle Eastern countries on Wednesday to oppose external interference and consider a new regional security framework during his visit to Egypt, as Beijing seeks a broader role in the region. Xi, visiting the Middle East for the first time in four years, said China was ready to work with regional countries to protect shipping routes disrupted by conflict. Egypt and China agreed to deepen security and counterterrorism cooperation and expand work on data centers, semiconductors and critical metals. They also backed greater use of their currencies in trade and investment. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has pursued stronger ties with China while diversifying Egypt's international partnerships.



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Supreme Court quashes cases against student protesters over exam irregularities

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed criminal cases registered against students who participated in protests over examination irregularities, providing relief to protesters while allowing authorities to pursue individuals facing serious criminal allegations. The court exercised its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution after the central government and several states sought permission to withdraw the cases. The ruling covers protests held across multiple states and prevents fresh cases arising from the same incidents against students who participated peacefully. The decision addressed a major demand from student protesters amid continuing concerns over examination integrity and accountability.

Chief Justice flags low recovery of money from laundering cases

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Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has warned that authorities recover only about one rupee for every 100 rupees laundered, highlighting difficulties in tracing and confiscating illicit wealth. Speaking at an international economic crime symposium in Cambridge, Kant said offenders can move money across borders faster than governments can coordinate investigations and legal action. He cited weak international cooperation, lengthy extradition proceedings and difficulties recovering overseas assets as major obstacles. Kant referred to high-profile Indian cases involving Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi while calling for stronger cooperation. He also backed better use of asset-forfeiture mechanisms and financial intelligence sharing.

Centre reviews Himalayan states' preparedness for glacial floods and avalanches



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The government on Thursday reviewed disaster preparedness across India's Himalayan states and Union territories following severe flooding in neighboring Nepal. Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan assessed preparations for glacial lake outburst floods and snow avalanches, emphasizing stronger monitoring and faster early-warning systems. Officials stressed the need to identify vulnerable areas, improve real-time surveillance and ensure warnings reach communities quickly. The meeting came after deadly flooding in Nepal highlighted wider risks facing Himalayan communities. The government is seeking closer coordination among central agencies, state authorities and disaster-response teams to strengthen preparedness and reduce risks to lives and infrastructure.

Janmashtami fervor grips nation as devotees celebrate Lord Krishna's birth with faith and devotion

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Devotees across India celebrated Krishna Janmashtami on Friday with prayers, devotional programs, colorful decorations, processions and special ceremonies marking the birth of Lord Krishna. In Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, regarded as Krishna's birthplace, large crowds gathered at the Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple, where Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath offered prayers and extended greetings to devotees. The Chief Minister also highlighted the transformation of Ayodhya, citing improved roads, rail connectivity, water facilities and other infrastructure. Celebrations were held at major temples in Patna, Patiala, Amritsar, Delhi, Mumbai and Kapurthala, drawing devotees for darshan and religious programs. At the International Society for Krishna Consciousness temple in Mumbai's Chowpatty area, the festival was particularly



significant as the organization marked 60 years of its spiritual journey and service. In Amritsar, the Durgiana Temple was decorated with flowers and lights for midnight celebrations and traditional rituals.

India's 7.8% growth surprises markets, but questions mount over what the number shows

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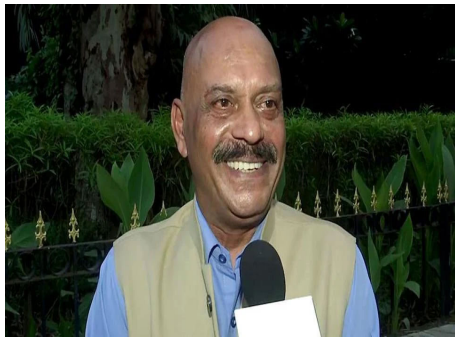
India's economy grew 7.8% in the April-June quarter, its strongest pace in five quarters, beating the Reserve Bank of India's 7% forecast and signaling continued strength in domestic demand. Manufacturing expanded 9.2%, private consumption rose 7.1%, and gross fixed capital formation increased 11.9%, pointing to a recovery in investment. Yet the headline number has prompted debate among economists following the

introduction of a new GDP series with 2022-23 as the base year, replacing 2011-12. Critics, including former finance secretary Subhash Chandra Garg, have questioned whether revisions to earlier data and changes in price measurement make comparisons with previous growth rates less meaningful. Former Reserve Bank governor Raghuram Rajan has also urged caution, citing weak job creation and subdued foreign investment. The government maintains that the revised methodology provides a more accurate picture of India's changing economy.

BJP leaders praise Jeetendra Mishra's record after Ram temple CEO appointment

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Bharatiya Janata Party leaders on Thursday praised retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra following his appointment as the first chief executive officer of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. Party spokespersons highlighted his leadership during Operation Sindoor and said his experience could strengthen administration and transparency at the Ram temple. Mishra served as head of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command during the 2025 operation and retired in April. He was selected from three finalists after the trust's selection process reviewed 5,585 applications. The appointment



follows allegations of irregularities in temple donation collections. Opposition leaders have raised questions about accountability and called for greater transparency. Mishra is expected to oversee the trust's expanding administrative responsibilities.

West Bengal chief minister accuses previous government of distorting Bengali syllabus

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West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Thursday accused the previous Trinamool Congress government of deliberately altering Bengali-language content in school textbooks for political reasons. Speaking at an education event, Adhikari alleged that words such as "Ma" were replaced with "Ammma" and "Akash" with "Asman," which he said distorted Bengali language and weakened cultural education. He also criticized the previous government for emphasizing the Singur movement in school lessons while giving less attention to figures such as Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and Swami



Vivekananda. Adhikari further blamed both the earlier Left Front and Trinamool Congress governments for weakening West Bengal's education system. His claims are political allegations and were not independently established in the report.

Congress, Vijay's party clash over his possible 2029 prime ministerial bid

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A political dispute between the Congress and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam has intensified in Tamil Nadu over speculation about a possible opposition prime ministerial candidate for the 2029 Lok Sabha election. Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam has projected actor-turned-politician Vijay as a potential national leader, while Congress leaders have indicated that Rahul Gandhi remains their preferred choice. A Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam legislator said Wednesday that Vijay could become prime minister with Rahul Gandhi's support. Congress leaders, however, have urged Vijay to focus first on becoming an effective chief minister, highlighting differences between the alliance partners.

Centre strengthens National Testing Agency with three senior appointments

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The central government has appointed three senior officers to the National Testing Agency as part of efforts to strengthen the agency following controversies surrounding major competitive examinations. The appointments include two directors and a joint director. The move comes amid scrutiny of examinations including the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test and University Grants Commission National Eligibility Test. The government has been restructuring the agency and strengthening examination security after errors, paper leaks and other concerns triggered student protests. The latest appointments are intended to improve administration, oversight and examination systems while reducing disruptions and irregularities in future tests.

Indian Standard Time to become mandatory nationwide from March 2027



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The government will make Indian Standard Time mandatory for legal, commercial, administrative and digital activities across India from March 2027. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has notified rules establishing a nationwide framework for standardized timekeeping. Organizations across sectors will be required to use Indian Standard Time as the common reference for official and commercial records. The move aims to create a uniform national time standard and reduce reliance on other time references. Officials say synchronized timekeeping is increasingly important for digital systems, financial transactions and communications requiring precise timestamps. Certain specialized sectors will be exempt under the new rules.

Delhi court grants bail to Satyendar Jain in Delhi Jal Board case

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Delhi court on Thursday granted bail to Aam Aadmi Party leader and former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a corruption case involving alleged irregularities in Delhi Jal Board sewage treatment plant tenders. Special Judge Dig Vinay Singh granted bail after criticizing the Anti-Corruption Branch over the unexplained 27-month gap between registration of the case and Jain's arrest. The court said the agency had not shown a significant change in circumstances requiring his arrest after such a long period. Jain was arrested in August along with five others. The Anti-Corruption Branch has alleged that tender conditions were manipulated to favor a private company. Jain has denied wrongdoing.

Akali Dal seeks CBI probe into alleged corruption in Punjab chief minister's office

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The Shiromani Akali Dal on Thursday urged Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria to recommend a time-bound, court-monitored Central Bureau of Investigation probe into alleged corruption involving the chief minister's office. Party president Sukhbir Singh Badal also demanded Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's resignation and criminal cases against Mann's officer on special duty, Rajbir Ghuman, and Mann's wife, Gurpreet Kaur Mann. The allegations include claims of a Rs. 5 crore bribe linked to efforts to settle two rape and abduction cases. The party cited an Enforcement Directorate affidavit submitted to the Punjab and Haryana High Court concerning alleged corruption in transfers, tenders and other approvals. These remain allegations, and the accused have not been convicted.

Owaisi demands public release of Ram temple donation theft probe



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AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Thursday demanded that the Special Investigation Team report into alleged theft of donations at the Ayodhya Ram temple be made public. Owaisi questioned why the report had not been released despite an investigation and a police case, saying devotees deserved to know who was responsible. His comments came after the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust appointed retired Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra as its first chief executive officer. The Uttar Pradesh Home Department had earlier handed the Special Investigation Team's final report to the temple trust for further action. Eight people involved in donation counting were arrested following the initial investigation, according to reports.

India faces fresh flood threat as heavy monsoon rain lashes north

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India is facing another round of monsoon disruption, with heavy rainfall triggering floods, landslides, road closures and swollen rivers across northern and central regions. Uttarakhand has been among the worst affected, with at least eight people reported dead in rain-related incidents, including landslides, house collapses and vehicles swept away by strong currents. Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have also reported flooding, landslides and damage, while several communities have faced disrupted travel and evacuations. The India Meteorological Department has warned of continued heavy rain across Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, with alerts also covering Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and northeastern states. Delhi,



Haryana and Punjab are also under rainfall warnings, raising the risk of waterlogging and localized flooding. Authorities are monitoring vulnerable areas and advising residents to follow local safety directions. This spell has renewed concerns over fragile mountain roads and flood-prone settlements as emergency teams remain on alert.

Nagaland Assembly urges Centre to withdraw Protected Area Permit regime

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The Nagaland Legislative Assembly on Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution urging the central government to withdraw or relax the Protected Area Permit regime in the state. Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton moved the resolution, which cited Nagaland's peaceful environment and its growing potential in tourism, investment, entrepreneurship and international engagement. Legislators said the permit system has created obstacles for foreign tourism, business activity and cultural exchanges, particularly affecting opportunities for young people. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio stressed that



national security remains important but argued that regulations should reflect changing conditions. The Assembly said foreign nationals could continue to be registered and monitored through modern technology and coordination with central agencies while allowing greater economic and cultural engagement.

Calcutta High Court orders armed security for Mahua Moitra

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The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday directed West Bengal Police to deploy two armed personnel whenever Trinamool Congress Member of Parliament Mahua Moitra enters her Krishnanagar constituency, following allegations of harassment and egg pelting. Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya ordered the security for 30 days, with Moitra required to inform police in advance about her visits. Her lawyer said crowds had allegedly thrown eggs, potatoes and stones at her. The court said an elected representative should not be prevented from working in her constituency. The order followed another protest in Nadia's Chapra,



where demonstrators reportedly waved black flags and shouted slogans against Moitra.

ISRO launches EOS-05 in major boost to India's Earth observation capabilities

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The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched the EOS-05 Earth observation satellite aboard the GSLV-F17 rocket from Sriharikota on Friday, marking the 19th flight of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle. The three-stage rocket placed EOS-05 into its designated sub-geosynchronous transfer orbit. The satellite is India's

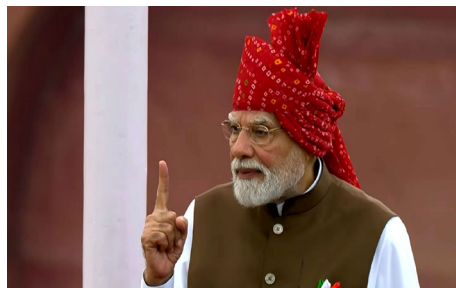
first imaging satellite designed for geosynchronous orbit and will provide advanced imaging across visible, infrared, multispectral and hyperspectral bands. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the achievement a proud moment and praised the growing partnership between the space agency and Indian industry. Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh also hailed the mission, while ISRO said EOS-05 will strengthen continuous Earth observation capabilities.

Assam ranks among top states in rollout of new criminal laws

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Assam has emerged as one of India's top-performing states in implementing the new criminal laws, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said Thursday. Assam recorded 92.16 percent compliance, above the national average of 74.86 percent. Sarma said the state achieved full compliance in areas including implementation of the three laws and Model Rules, the Inter Operable Criminal Justice System data-sharing matrix, the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System and medico-legal reporting. The laws took effect in 2024, replacing the Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act. Sarma said technology and interagency coordination would support timely justice.

BJP launches nationwide campaign to mark Modi's 25 years in public life



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The Bharatiya Janata Party will launch a nationwide 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' from Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, to mark 25 years of his public service. The campaign will feature programs highlighting Modi's political journey and government initiatives, including service activities, exhibitions, youth events and innovation contests. The opening program, 'Public Representatives, Public Servants Mahakumbh: From Panchayat to Parliament,' will feature Modi's address. Other initiatives include 'Vadnagar se Varanasi,' 'Seva Setu Abhiyan' and 'Seva Jyoti Yatra.' The BJP has described the campaign as a review of Modi's record and a renewed commitment to public service and a developed India.

Delhi offers zero-cost rooftop solar to eligible households



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The Delhi government has approved a revised solar policy under which eligible domestic consumers using up to 400 units of electricity can receive rooftop solar systems of up to 3 kilowatts without an upfront payment. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the plan combines the central government's subsidy of 78,000 rupees with an equal Delhi government subsidy, while an additional top-up will cover any gap with the tendered cost. Households using up to 200 units will retain existing electricity subsidies and can receive incentives for solar savings. Eligible consumers will receive net metering and payment for surplus electricity supplied to the grid.

France tests Tesla technology as Europe weighs wider approval

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France began on-road testing of Tesla's Full Self-Driving system Thursday, moving the technology closer to a potential European approval. The French government is testing two Tesla vehicles to assess performance and safety on French roads and verify data supplied by Tesla and the Netherlands. The Netherlands granted provisional approval in April, followed by Belgium, Denmark, Estonia and Lithuania. France had previously raised concerns about speed controls and driver attention monitoring. Transport officials expect testing to conclude by mid to late September, ahead of a possible European Union vote as early as October or in December.

Apple faces \$2.7 billion lawsuit over app tracking practices in Britain



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Apple is facing a \$2.7 billion lawsuit in Britain over its App Tracking Transparency rules, with app developers accusing the company of abusing its market power. The case was filed Thursday at London's Competition Appeal Tribunal and alleges Apple imposed tougher tracking requirements on third-party developers than on its own services, giving its advertising business an advantage. Apple says the feature was designed to give users greater control over tracking and insists the same requirements apply to all developers. The policy has also faced regulatory scrutiny in Germany, France, Italy and Poland.

Boeing pays \$3.1 million penalty over safety violations



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Boeing paid a \$3.1 million penalty to the United States Federal Aviation Administration in January after the agency found multiple safety violations, including issues linked to the 2024 Alaska Airlines 737 Max 9 emergency. The penalty, issued in September 2025, was not publicly disclosed until Wednesday. Regulators also found hundreds of quality system violations at Boeing's Washington production facility and a former supplier's Kansas plant. In one case, a Boeing employee pressured a colleague working for the agency to approve an aircraft that did not meet regulatory standards. The findings add to ongoing scrutiny of Boeing's manufacturing and safety practices.

India and World Bank discuss expanding partnership and mobilizing private capital

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met World Bank Group President Ajay Banga Tuesday in Asheville, North Carolina, on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, with talks focused on expanding India's partnership beyond traditional lending. Sitharaman welcomed the World Bank's continued engagement, including the rapid processing of \$1.5 billion in Development Policy Financing and support for micro, small and medium enterprises through the International Finance Corporation.

The two discussed infrastructure finance, private capital mobilization and a larger role for the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency in India. Sitharaman also raised the proposed Global Digital



Public Infrastructure Knowledge Hub and discussed technology applications in sectors including agriculture. Tourism was another focus, with India proposing globally competitive destinations supported through coordinated public financing, private investment and guarantees. The meeting explored a broader strategic partnership centered on knowledge, innovation and private capital.

Asian markets gain on technology rally as oil heads for biggest weekly rise since July

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Asian stocks mostly advanced Friday after a technology-led rally on Wall Street boosted investor sentiment, while escalating United States-Iran tensions pushed oil prices toward their strongest weekly gains since July. Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 0.6 percent, South Korea's Kospi rose 0.9 percent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed 2.1 percent and the Shanghai Composite added 0.8 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged lower. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 rose 1.1 percent, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 1.2 percent

and the Nasdaq Composite advanced 1.4 percent, supported by gains in Microsoft, Apple, Meta Platforms and Nvidia. Brent crude was around \$95.67 a barrel Friday and was on track for a 7.1 percent weekly gain, while West Texas Intermediate was up 9.8 percent. The surge reflects growing concerns over energy supplies and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Vice President JD Vance said the United States would not negotiate with Iran until it stops attacks on commercial shipping. Iran has also expanded its list of vessels considered non-compliant. Investors are balancing strong technology-sector momentum against rising energy costs and renewed inflation risks.

Nvidia expands beyond chips with \$12.93 billion Hugging Face acquisition

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Nvidia is making a major push into artificial intelligence software with its \$12.93 billion acquisition of Hugging Face, extending the chipmaker's influence across the technology stack. Hugging Face provides developers with access to artificial intelligence models, datasets, software tools and cloud services, giving Nvidia a direct connection to a large developer ecosystem.

Nvidia will pay about \$11.9 billion to investors and offer up to \$1 billion in equity-based retention incentives to employees joining the company. Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang said Thursday that Hugging Face will remain an open platform, with developers free to choose models, chips and cloud providers. The acquisition comes as major Nvidia customers, including technology giants, increasingly develop their own artificial intelligence chips, creating a strategic challenge for Nvidia's core business.

Airbus deepens India investment with new Nagpur aircraft repair hub

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Airbus is expanding its aftermarket business in India by selecting Indamer Technics to establish South Asia's first comprehensive aircraft radome repair facility in Nagpur. The facility will repair, store and exchange radomes for Airbus A320, A330, A350 and A380 aircraft, creating a specialized maintenance capability closer to airlines operating across the region. Services will include structural inspections, testing, repainting, major and minor repairs, advanced non-destructive testing and certification for return to service. The facility will also serve as a regional hub for radome storage and exchanges. The partnership



strengthens India's position in the growing aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul market and supports Airbus' broader strategy of developing localized aftermarket capabilities as airline fleets across India and South Asia expand.

Dutch central bank shifts gold to London to strengthen crisis readiness

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The Dutch central bank said Wednesday it has moved 86 metric tons of gold from New York and Ottawa to London to strengthen crisis preparedness. The relocation is designed to make its reserves more easily tradable and accessible during emergencies. More than 27 metric tons were physically transferred from North America to a secure Dutch facility, while about 59 metric tons was sold in New York and replaced with gold purchased in London. The central bank holds 612.4 metric tons of gold valued at about \$83.6 billion at the end of 2025, making London its preferred trading location.

Chevron commits \$7 billion to expand Venezuelan oil operations



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Chevron said Wednesday it will invest more than \$7 billion in Venezuela over the next five years after receiving additional acreage in the Orinoco Belt. The company aims to more than double its current production to about 600,000 barrels a day. Chevron's expansion follows new energy agreements between the United States and Venezuela aimed at reviving the country's oil industry. Venezuela holds the world's largest proven crude reserves, but years of underinvestment and sanctions have severely weakened production and infrastructure. Energy experts caution that restoring the industry will require substantial investment and several years of development.

Uday Kotak warns of volatility as global bond yields climb



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Veteran banker Uday Kotak warned Wednesday that global interest-rate markets could face a "roller coaster ride" as government debt and fiscal deficits rise. His warning came after Japan's 10-year government bond yield crossed 3 percent for the first time since 1996, while the United States 10-year yield approached 4.8 percent. Kotak said rising government borrowing could force central banks to expand their balance sheets, potentially fueling inflation and pushing short-term rates higher. Rising Japanese yields could also affect global markets by making domestic assets more attractive and reducing Japanese demand for overseas bonds, potentially lifting global borrowing costs.

Apple sets \$58 million compensation package for new CEO John Ternus

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Apple has set a compensation package worth about \$58 million for new Chief Executive Officer John Ternus for fiscal 2027, underscoring the importance of the leadership transition at one of the world's most valuable companies. Ternus, who took over from Tim Cook on Tuesday, will receive a \$3 million base salary and a stock award with a target value of \$55 million. About 75 percent of the equity award will be linked to Apple's performance against the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Cook, who becomes executive chairman, will receive a \$2 million salary and a \$45 million stock award. He led Apple for 15 years.

WhatsApp expands India payments push with in-app bill payment service

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WhatsApp is expanding its payments business in India with a new bill payment service that allows users to settle household and financial bills directly within the messaging application. The service connects users to 22,722 billers across 30 categories through Bharat Connect, covering electricity, gas, water, insurance, credit cards, loans and highway toll payments. Users can access the feature through a rupee icon, view payment history and upcoming bills, and use multiple payment accounts. Meta said the service will gradually roll out to Android and iOS users over the coming weeks. The move strengthens WhatsApp's position in India's expanding digital payments market and broadens the commercial services available through its platform.

Tving breach exposes 39.54 million accounts, raising security concerns



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South Korean streaming service Tving has confirmed that a major data breach compromised information linked to 39.54 million user accounts and 361 technical assets. The investigation found exposed names, birth dates, phone numbers and email addresses across about 70 types of data. The breach, reported in June, also involved a stolen developer access key. Tving faces potential penalties after authorities found that it did not report the incident within the required 24-hour period. The company recorded about \$103.6 million in second-quarter sales and its first quarterly operating profit since becoming a standalone company in 2020. Tving has pledged to quadruple cybersecurity investment over five years.

Disney and FCC clash over ABC licenses in high-stakes regulatory fight

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Disney is facing a potentially significant regulatory battle over its ABC television business after the United States Federal Communications Commission asked a federal judge Thursday to dismiss the company's lawsuit challenging early reviews of licenses for eight ABC-owned stations. The regulator says the reviews are part of an investigation into allegations

of unlawful discrimination, while Disney argues the action is retaliatory and threatens broadcasters' First Amendment protections. The dispute carries broader business implications because broadcast licenses are essential to operating stations that use public airwaves. The regulator ordered the reviews in April, years before the stations' scheduled renewals. The case also comes amid repeated criticism of ABC and other broadcasters from President Donald Trump. A federal hearing is scheduled for October 5.

Tesla's Cybercab rollout draws regulatory scrutiny after Austin launch

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Tesla has begun offering rides in its Cybercab in limited areas of Austin, Texas, marking a major step in Elon Musk's strategy to build a driverless transportation business. The two-seat vehicle operates without a steering wheel or pedals, placing the rollout under close regulatory scrutiny. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is evaluating the deployment, while regulatory rules continue to limit the use of vehicles without conventional controls. Tesla had 420 autonomous vehicles registered in



Texas, including 45 Cybercabs, according to state records. The company is counting on autonomous vehicles to become a major growth engine as it seeks to expand beyond its traditional electric vehicle business.

Volkswagen approves historic restructuring with 50,000 more job cuts

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Volkswagen has approved a major restructuring plan that will eliminate another 50,000 jobs worldwide, adding to roughly 50,000 positions already being phased out. The company said Thursday that its 'Future Plan 2030' is the largest transformation in its 89-year history. Four German plants in Emden, Zwickau, Neckarsulm and Hannover face production changes and model phase-outs from 2031, with their long-term futures under review. The restructuring aims to simplify Volkswagen's corporate structure and improve



competitiveness amid weak demand in China, pressure from Chinese rivals, United States tariffs and excess production capacity. Volkswagen shares rose 7.9 percent following the announcement.

Adobe names Anil Chakravarth as next CEO amid artificial intelligence push

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Adobe has named longtime executive Anil Chakravarth as its next president and chief executive officer, marking a leadership transition as the software company intensifies its artificial intelligence strategy. Chakravarth will take over December 1 and join Adobe's board, while

current chief executive Shantanu Narayen will become executive chair. Chakravarth currently leads Adobe's Customer Experience Orchestration and worldwide field operations and has overseen artificial intelligence initiatives. He joined Adobe in 2020 after serving as chief executive of Informatica. The transition comes as Adobe faces growing competition from artificial intelligence-driven software platforms.

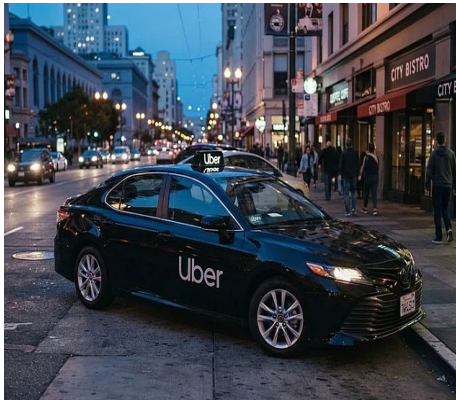
European Union ban puts \$1.84 billion of Brazilian meat exports at risk

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A European Union ban on certain animal products from Brazil took effect Thursday, putting about \$1.84 billion in annual Brazilian exports at risk. Beef accounted for roughly \$1.05 billion and chicken another \$763 million in exports to the bloc last year. European authorities imposed the restrictions

after raising concerns that Brazil had not provided sufficient guarantees that prohibited antimicrobials were not being used. Brazil is one of the world's largest exporters of beef and chicken, making the European market an important source of revenue for its agricultural industry. Inspections of Brazilian poultry and honey products were continuing, with no immediate indication that the restrictions would be lifted.

Uber cuts 3,300 jobs in major push to streamline management



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Uber is cutting about 3,300 jobs, or roughly 10 percent of its global workforce, as the ride-hailing and delivery company moves to simplify management and redirect spending toward growth. The cuts include a roughly 20 percent reduction in management positions, while some managers will move into individual contributor roles. Uber also plans to reduce the number of small operating teams by about half and sharply limit remote work. The company said the savings will be redirected toward drivers, couriers, merchants, product innovation and its autonomous vehicle strategy. Uber has committed more than \$10 billion to robotaxi partnerships in the coming years as it prepares for a more automated transportation market.

Meta expands speech technology in India with Muse Voice Transcribe

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Meta has launched Muse Voice Transcribe, its first real-time audio perception model developed by Meta Superintelligence Labs, with support for Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam. The system supports more than 70 languages globally and is designed to provide fast streaming transcription while handling multiple speakers and code-switching between languages. Meta said the model ranked first on the Artificial Analysis streaming speech-to-text leaderboard as of September 1. The technology is available through Meta's Model Application Programming Interface and is being used in products including Meta artificial intelligence for Mac and Muse Code. The launch highlights the growing commercial importance of multilingual artificial intelligence tools in India's large digital market.

Odisha takes investment pitch to UAE amid global competition for capital

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Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi will lead the state's second investment outreach to the United Arab Emirates next week, seeking global capital and industrial partnerships. The three-day visit will feature government-to-business and business-to-business meetings with investors, institutions and the Indian business community. Odisha will showcase opportunities in manufacturing, metals, energy, petrochemicals, logistics, food processing and emerging sectors. Officials said the state has attracted investment proposals worth about Rs 21 lakh crore over the past two years, with projects worth Rs 3.5 lakh crore already inaugurated or grounded, creating jobs and supporting industrial growth.

Nordic soccer federations seek European Union talks over FIFA governance concerns

The soccer associations of Finland, Sweden and Denmark have asked European Union Sport Commissioner Glenn Micallef for a meeting to discuss concerns over FIFA governance, Reuters reported Wednesday. The federations cited issues involving transparency, consultation and decision-making, including FIFA's now-abandoned plan to create a commercial entity that could bring private investors into competition rights. The proposal sparked widespread criticism and intensified pressure on FIFA President Gianni Infantino. Last month, all six Nordic associations called for an independent investigation into the proposal and a broader external review of FIFA governance. The European Commission confirmed it had received the letter, but it was unclear whether Micallef would accept the meeting.

United States begins World Cup title defense without A'ja Wilson

The United States begins its FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup title defense against China on Friday without star A'ja Wilson, who withdrew from the tournament because of health concerns. The four-time most valuable player had been expected to anchor a team seeking its fifth consecutive world title. Guard Kelsey Plum is also absent after a lower left leg injury, with Sonia Citron and Kiki Iriafen added to the roster. Coach Kara Lawson said the United States must focus on its available players despite growing global competition. Breanna Stewart, Kahleah Copper, Paige Bueckers and Caitlin Clark headline the roster. France, Belgium and Spain are among the leading challengers in Berlin.

Cardinals rally in 10th inning to extend Dodgers' losing slide

The St. Louis Cardinals rallied in the 10th inning Wednesday to defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-6, handing the National League West leaders their sixth loss in eight games. Thomas Saggese hit a home run earlier and delivered the go-ahead infield single in the 10th before Joshua Baez followed with a two-run double. Rookie Leo Bernal also homered for his first major league home run. The Dodgers built an early 3-0 lead on Freddie Freeman's three-run homer and extended it with Mookie Betts' two-run shot. Los Angeles starter Yoshinobu Yamamoto carried a no-hitter into the sixth before allowing four runs over seven innings.

Lionel Messi retires from international soccer after historic Argentina career

Argentina superstar Lionel Messi announced Monday that he is retiring from international soccer, ending a 21-year national team career that cemented his place among the greatest players in the sport's history. The 39-year-old Messi won the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and led Argentina to the final in 2014 and again in 2026, when the team lost to Spain in extra time. He played in a record-tying six World Cups and finishes his international career with 207 appearances and a national-record 125 goals, including 21 at the World Cup.

Messi also helped Argentina win Copa America titles in 2021 and 2024. He briefly retired from international soccer in 2016 following Argentina's Copa America final



defeat to Chile before returning. Messi will continue playing for Inter Miami in Major League Soccer. He is also an eight-time world player of the year and remains the second-highest scorer in men's international soccer behind Cristiano Ronaldo.

Wasim Akram urges fans to keep India-Pakistan cricket rivalry in perspective

Pakistan cricket great Wasim Akram has urged fans to treat India-Pakistan matches as sporting contests rather than carry emotions linked to past conflicts into the rivalry. Speaking on the 1 Mint podcast, Akram said supporters should accept that one team wins and the other loses before moving on, instead of allowing old grievances to fuel hostility.

'It's only a frikkin game,' Akram said, arguing that bringing historical revenge into cricket was outdated.

Akram also discussed his long-standing relationship with former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan. The two first met during India's tour of Australia in 2004, when Pathan was emerging internationally and



had grown up watching Pakistan's leading left-arm fast bowlers. Akram said he offered Pathan advice on mindset, wrist position, reading batsmen and using variations. He praised Pathan while joking about his social media posts criticizing Pakistan, saying fans on both sides are quick to respond.

NBA strips Clippers of five first-round picks over Leonard salary cap case

The National Basketball Association stripped the Los Angeles Clippers of five first-round draft picks and fined the team \$30 million on Wednesday following a yearlong investigation into salary cap circumvention involving Kawhi Leonard. Team owner Steve Ballmer was suspended from all league and team activities for one year for knowingly helping Leonard obtain off-court income opportunities. Leonard was ordered to pay \$700,000 over violations involving an endorsement arrangement with a now-bankrupt environmental company linked to Ballmer. The Clippers will forfeit first-round picks from 2029 through 2033 and enter a five-year league-monitored compliance program. Clippers executives



Gillian Zucker and Lawrence Frank also received suspensions. The team rejected the findings and plans to challenge the penalties through arbitration.

Manchester City faces renewed challenge from Arsenal and Chelsea in WSL



The Women's Super League begins its expanded 14-team season Friday with defending champion Manchester City facing strong challenges from Arsenal, Chelsea and ambitious London City Lionesses. City ended a decade-long title drought last season and will open against promoted Birmingham City on Sunday. Arsenal, last season's runners-up, have strengthened their squad and will visit Brighton and Hove Albion. Chelsea, after winning only the League Cup last season, have undergone major changes under manager Sonia Bompastor. London City Lionesses have made a statement with high-profile arrivals including two-time Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas and former England goalkeeper Mary Earps. Promoted Crystal Palace and Charlton Athletic add further competition.

Equestrian federation lifts Russia restrictions and restores competition hosting



The International Equestrian Federation will lift restrictions on Russian athletes and officials beginning October 5 and allow Russia to host internationally sanctioned competitions again, the governing body said Wednesday. Russian and Belarusian competitors have been barred from representing their countries under national symbols since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, although some have competed as neutrals. The federation said its decision followed the International Olympic Committee's provisional lifting of the Russian Olympic Committee's suspension. Russian flags, anthems, colors and uniforms will again be permitted at federation events. The federation said Russia had confirmed it does not operate equestrian programs in occupied Ukrainian territories. It also said its Ukraine relief fund would remain active.



Russell Westbrook joins Project B as co-founder and chief strategy officer

Russell Westbrook has joined Project B as co-founder and chief strategy officer, taking an ownership stake and a seat on the board of the new basketball league. The two-time National Basketball Association scoring champion and 2017 Most Valuable Player recently announced his retirement. Project B is scheduled to launch in January 2027 and plans to stage games across Europe, Asia and the Americas. Several prominent women's players have committed to the league, while its men's division is being developed. There is no indication Westbrook will play.



Alcaraz and Sabalenka advance while Gauff and Zverev face tougher US Open tests



Defending champions Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka advanced at the US Open on Wednesday, helping organizers clear a rain-delayed backlog. Alcaraz recovered from a first-set loss to defeat Portugal's Jaime Faria 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2, while Sabalenka overwhelmed Russian qualifier Polina Iatcenko 6-1, 6-1. Jessica Pegula, Ben Shelton, Emma Navarro and Frances Tiafoe also advanced, while Daniil Medvedev, Linda Noskova and Karolina Muchova progressed. On Thursday, fourth-seeded American Coco Gauff faces Spain's Paula Badosa, who leads their career meetings 5-3. Top seed Alexander Zverev meets Quentin Halys after a marathon first-round win, while Felix Auger-Aliassime takes on former semifinalist Karen Khachanov.

India takes over hosting of inaugural Women's Champions Trophy from Sri Lanka



The International Cricket Council has moved the inaugural Women's Champions Trophy from Sri Lanka to India, dealing a reported economic blow of at least \$20 million. The six-team tournament will be played in Mumbai and Vadodara from February 14 to 28, 2027. The relocation follows continuing concerns over Sri Lanka Cricket's governance and political interference. Australia, England, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka are competing for qualification through the women's Twenty20 international rankings. Sri Lanka will retain its place despite losing hosting rights. The teams will play a round-robin league, with the top two advancing to the final. The move is another major international event lost by Sri Lanka amid its cricket governance dispute.

Praggnanandhaa becomes first Indian to win Grand Chess Tour title

Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa made history by becoming the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour, defeating Fabiano Caruana 15-13 in the final at the Saint Louis Chess Club in Missouri on Thursday. The 21-year-old Chennai player overcame an early deficit after losing the classical section 3-9, sweeping the rapid section 8-0 and then drawing the blitz section 4-4 to secure the overall victory. The Grand Chess Tour finale tests players across classical, rapid and blitz formats, with points awarded differently in each discipline. Praggnanandhaa earned \$200,000 for the title, while Caruana received \$125,000. Wesley So finished third after beating Vincent Keymer in the playoff. Praggnanandhaa had reached the final by defeating Keymer 19-9, while Caruana beat



So 18-12. The Indian grandmaster, who earned the title at 13, finished as the top seed after the regular season.

Tiger Woods reaches plea deal in Florida crash, loses driving privileges for five years

Tiger Woods pleaded no contest Wednesday to a reckless driving charge stemming from a rollover crash near his Florida home in March, avoiding jail but losing his driver's license for five years. The 50-year-old golfer initially faced a driving-under-the-influence charge after his sport utility vehicle clipped a truck and rolled over on a residential road near Jupiter Island. Deputies reported finding two hydrocodone pills in his pocket, while Woods refused a urine test after a breath test was negative. Prosecutors later said two toxicologists found insufficient evidence to establish impairment and determined Woods had developed a tolerance to pain medication. He was also fined \$1,500 for refusing testing. Woods has not returned to tournament golf since the crash and continues treatment. The



no-contest plea is treated as a conviction but does not constitute an admission of guilt.

Folarin Balogun abandons Everton transfer after medical concerns emerge

United States striker Folarin Balogun pulled out of a proposed move to Everton at the end of the European transfer window after concerns emerged during his medical examination. Monaco sporting director Thiago Scuro said Wednesday that Everton initially questioned the results, although Monaco's medical staff and Balogun's personal doctors found the concerns unjustified. The clubs later resumed discussions, but Balogun decided against signing, saying he was uncomfortable with doubts raised about his health. The proposed transfer was reportedly worth about \$54 million. Monaco had also negotiated Lamine Camara's move to



Chelsea, but that deal collapsed after Everton revived its pursuit of Balogun. Both players ultimately remained at Monaco, leaving the French club facing further financial pressure.

Hampshire cancels Kuggeleijn signing after backlash from fans and staff

Hampshire has reversed its decision to sign New Zealand seam-bowling all-rounder Scott Kuggeleijn following strong opposition from supporters and staff. The 34-year-old had been named in Hampshire's squad for its County Championship match against Warwickshire, but the club withdrew the signing five minutes before play began. Kuggeleijn was tried twice in New Zealand over an alleged 2015 rape and was acquitted after a jury failed to reach a verdict at his first trial. His selection for New Zealand and domestic teams has repeatedly prompted protests.

Mehrajuddin Wadoo begins India under-17 coaching role ahead of Asian qualifiers

Former India international Mehrajuddin Wadoo has been appointed head coach of the India under-17 men's national football team, with preparations beginning Wednesday in Margao, Goa. The 42-year-old will oversee trials as India builds its squad for the Asian Football Confederation under-17 Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers. India are in Group E alongside hosts Malaysia, Palestine, Singapore and Guam, with matches scheduled in Kuala Lumpur from November 11 to 20. Wadoo holds an Asian Football Confederation Pro Licence and has previously coached Mohammedan Sporting Club and Real Kashmir. During his playing career, he represented India at the 2011 Asian Cup and helped the country win the 2008 Challenge Cup and 2005 South Asian Football Federation Championship.

Jonathan David embraces fresh challenge with ambitious Atletico Madrid

Canadian striker Jonathan David said Wednesday he is delighted to join Atletico Madrid after agreeing to a season-long loan from Juventus, with the Spanish club holding an option to make the move permanent. The 26-year-old said his future will depend largely on his performances and ability to score goals. David acknowledged that his time at Juventus had not been easy but believes Spain's top division suits his qualities. He also expressed pride in the growing number of Canadian players competing in Europe. David said he was fit to make his Atletico debut Saturday against Athletic Bilbao. Atletico recently strengthened its attacking credentials by beating Sevilla 3-1 without Julian Alvarez, who was absent amid reported interest from Barcelona.

Real Madrid opens disciplinary case against Raúl Asencio after DUI conviction

Real Madrid has opened disciplinary proceedings against defender Raúl Asencio following his conviction for driving under the influence, coach José Mourinho said Thursday. The 23-year-old was fined and had his driving license suspended over the incident earlier this month. Asencio has not played this season because of a muscle injury and is expected to remain sidelined for several weeks. He also faces a separate case involving allegations that he distributed a sex video without consent in 2023. Mourinho praised his professionalism but said off-field conduct can damage Real Madrid's reputation.



VVS Laxman named India men's coach for Asian Games

VVS Laxman will coach India's men's cricket team at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, after the Sports Ministry approved the country's 768-member contingent Thursday. Laxman will be assisted by Sunil Joshi, Hrishikesh Kanitkar and Subhadeep Ghosh, while Amol Muzumdar will coach the women's team. Regular head coach Gautam Gambhir will remain with India's senior side for the upcoming home series against the West Indies. India's men's and women's teams are defending Asian Games champions after winning gold at the Hangzhou Games.

Peter Cullen, the voice of Optimus Prime, dies at 85

Peter Cullen, the prolific voice actor best known for giving Optimus Prime his authoritative baritone, died Wednesday at his Los Angeles home at age 85. Cullen became the voice of the Autobot leader in the original 1984 ‘Transformers’ animated series and continued in the role across the franchise, including the live-action films through ‘Transformers: Rise of the Beasts’ in 2023. His career also included voicing Eeyore in ‘Winnie the Pooh’ projects and KARR in ‘Knight Rider’. Cullen received a lifetime achievement award at the Children’s and Family Emmy Awards in 2023. He is survived by four children.

Puerto Rican singer Kany García brings her biggest tour yet to the United States



Puerto Rican singer-songwriter Kany García is taking her ‘Puerta Abierta’ tour to the United States for its largest run yet, beginning Monday in Highland, California. The tour follows major performances in Latin America, including shows attended by more than 14,000 people in Mexico City and 15,000 in Medellín. García, a seven-time Latin Grammy winner, will perform across cities including San Antonio, Orlando, Los Angeles and Chicago, with additional stops in Toronto and Montreal. Her concerts combine intimate acoustic performances with expanded instrumentation and regional Mexican influences. The tour also features songs from her latest work and collaborations with artists including Carín León, Christian Nodal and Yuridia.

South Korean police seek indictment of BTS agency founder Bang Si-Hyuk

South Korean police on Thursday referred Bang Si-Hyuk, founder and chairperson of Hybe, to prosecutors and sought his indictment over alleged violations of the country’s capital markets law. Authorities allege that Bang misled investors in 2019 by indicating that Hybe had no immediate plans to go public, prompting some investors to sell their stakes before the company’s initial public offering. Police allege that a private equity fund subsequently agreed to pay Bang about 200 billion won, or roughly \$147 million, from profits generated after the offering. Four other people were also referred. Bang has denied wrongdoing.

Met cancels John Galliano retrospective after backlash over designer’s controversial past

The Metropolitan Museum of Art and fashion designer John Galliano have called off the planned exhibition ‘John Galliano: Horizons’, ending a highly anticipated tribute to one of fashion’s most influential yet controversial figures. The decision was announced Monday, only about a month after the Met revealed that its Spring 2027 Costume Institute exhibition would celebrate Galliano’s four-decade career, spanning his work at Givenchy and Dior through his transformative years at Maison Margiela. The exhibition quickly faced opposition because of Galliano’s history of antisemitic and racist remarks. In 2011, video of Galliano making hateful comments in a Paris bar sparked international outrage, led to his dismissal from Dior and resulted in a French court conviction for hate speech. Galliano later apologized, accepted responsibility and spent years rebuilding his career and personal life. The controversy intensified after the exhibition announcement, with Jewish community leaders, New York political figures and some Met donors voicing



opposition. The planned timing also became particularly sensitive because the exhibition and Met Gala were scheduled around Holocaust Remembrance Day. Galliano ultimately withdrew from the exhibition after discussions with the museum, saying he did not want his past actions to cause further pain or overshadow the Costume Institute’s work. Met director Max Hollein, curator Andrew Bolton and longtime Galliano supporter Anna Wintour backed the decision. The Met says a replacement exhibition and theme for the 2027 Met Gala will be announced later.

Gloria Steinem remembered by Hollywood stars and cultural icons after death at 92

Gloria Steinem, the pioneering feminist, journalist and author whose activism became deeply woven into American popular culture, died Wednesday in New York at 92. Her death has prompted tributes from figures across entertainment and public life, including Meghan Markle, Oprah Winfrey, Julianne Moore, Jane Fonda, Barbra Streisand, Lena Dunham and Priyanka Chopra Jonas. Markle remembered Steinem as a friend and mentor, while Chopra Jonas thanked her for “lighting the way.” Steinem co-founded ‘Ms.’ magazine and became a defining voice of the women’s rights movement. Her influence also reached Hollywood, with Moore portraying her in the 2020 film ‘The Glorias’, directed by Julie Taymor. Steinem made memorable appearances in films and television shows



including ‘The First Wives Club’ and ‘And Just Like That...’, further cementing her place in popular culture. Her decades-long advocacy for gender equality, reproductive rights and women’s political participation made her an enduring cultural figure whose influence extended far beyond journalism and activism.

Kangana Ranaut weighs in on Gen Z versus millennials debate, calls millennials ‘most intelligent generation ever’

Actress Kangana Ranaut has weighed in on the ongoing Gen Z versus millennials debate after sharing a discussion featuring social psychologist Jonathan Haidt and commentator Oli Dugmore. In her Instagram Stories post, Ranaut highlighted Haidt’s description of millennials as the “most intelligent generation ever,” adding her own humorous reaction to the conversation. Haidt discussed how political and technological experiences during formative years can shape people’s outlook, while describing millennials as the last generation to grow up before the widespread influence of the internet and social media. Ranaut’s comments come weeks after she faced criticism over remarks about



Gen Z protesters at a student demonstration in New Delhi and later said her comments had been misconstrued.

Sonu Nigam sings Mohammed Rafi classic on the legendary singer’s personal harmonium at Rafi Mansion

Singer Sonu Nigam, cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and composer Salim Merchant recently visited Rafi Mansion, the former Mumbai residence of legendary playback singer Mohammed Rafi. During the visit, Nigam played Rafi’s personal harmonium and sang the evergreen ‘Deewana Hua Badal’, originally recorded by Rafi and Asha Bhosle for the 1964

film ‘Kashmir Ki Kali’. Tendulkar watched the performance, while the trio also met Rafi’s son Shahid Rafi. Part of the Bandra mansion has been preserved as a museum showcasing Rafi’s personal and professional belongings, including his harmonium, tanpura, awards, photographs, crockery and old landline telephone. Nigam later shared glimpses of the musical tribute on social media.

D4vd loses prominent lawyers defending him in teenager’s killing



Singer D4vd lost his prominent private defense team Monday during proceedings in the case involving the killing of 14-year-old Celeste Rivas Hernandez. D4vd, whose legal name is David Anthony Burke, entered a new not guilty plea after lawyers Blair Berk, Marilyn Bednarski and Regina Peter withdrew from the case. Los Angeles County Public Defender Walid Kandeel was appointed after a judge determined Burke qualified for court-appointed representation. Burke faces murder and other charges and could be eligible for the death penalty, although Los Angeles County District Attorney Nathan Hochman has not decided whether prosecutors will pursue it. A status conference is scheduled for October, with no trial date set.

Jury convicts Duane ‘Keffe D’ Davis in Tupac Shakur killing



ALas Vegas jury on Monday convicted Duane “Keffe D” Davis of first-degree murder for orchestrating the 1996 killing of rap icon Tupac Shakur. The 63-year-old Davis was found guilty after jurors deliberated for less than three hours following a multi-week trial. Prosecutors argued that Davis obtained the gun and directed younger men involved in the shooting after an earlier confrontation involving his nephew. Davis was not accused of firing the fatal shots but acknowledged being inside the Cadillac from which the shooting occurred. He is the only surviving person prosecutors say was in the vehicle. Davis faces a possible life sentence, with sentencing scheduled for October.

Tom Cruise announces 2028 follow-up to ‘Days of Thunder’



Tom Cruise announced Saturday that a follow-up to his 1990 racing film ‘Days of Thunder’ will hit theaters in 2028, with Cruise returning as NASCAR driver Cole Trickle. Cruise made the announcement at Daytona International Speedway, where the original film has retained a strong following among racing fans despite its mixed critical reception. Anne Hathaway will co-star as a team owner and engineer. Jonathan Levine will direct from a script by Will Staples, while Cruise will produce alongside Jerry Bruckheimer and Tommy Harper. Production is scheduled to begin early next year, with Paramount Pictures planning a June 2028 theatrical release.

Diljit Dosanjh reaches Milan for Aura World Tour and playfully asks Giorgia Meloni to welcome him



Punjabi singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh has reached Milan, Italy, for the next leg of his ongoing Aura World Tour, and he marked his arrival with a playful message for Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. In a video shared from his journey, Dosanjh jokingly addressed Meloni in Punjabi and asked her to come and welcome him in Italy, while tagging the prime minister in his post. The singer has been sharing glimpses of his European travels between concerts. Before arriving in Milan, he explored Prague by boat, performed bhangra and taught the dance moves to members of the boat crew. During his earlier Berlin stop, he also performed bhangra on the streets with a friend.

Sajid Nadiadwala announces ‘Heyy Babyy 2’ as sequel returns to Australia for filming



Producer Sajid Nadiadwala announced ‘Heyy Babyy 2’ on Thursday as part of a new three-film collaboration that will see Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment shoot upcoming productions in Australia. The announcement came during Nadiadwala’s meeting with New South Wales Premier Chris Minns at his Mumbai office. The original 2007 comedy ‘Heyy Babyy’, starring Akshay Kumar, Vidya Balan, Riteish Deshmukh and Fardeen Khan, was also filmed in Australia. The new partnership, developed with Sydney-based TEMPL, strengthens the production company’s ties with the country. Minns said the projects represent a major vote of confidence in Australia’s screen industry and will create opportunities for local crews, creatives and businesses.

Zubeen Garg death case sees first Singapore-based yacht witness testify before Guwahati fast-track court

ASingapore-based member of the Assam Association, Parikshit Sharma, appeared before a special fast-track court in Guwahati on Wednesday to testify in the death case of singer and musician Zubeen Garg. Sharma is understood to be the first association member who was present aboard the yacht during Garg’s final outing in Singapore to appear as a witness, making his testimony significant to the ongoing trial. Garg, 52, died after drowning near Lazarus Island in September 2025 while visiting Singapore for the North East India Festival. Seven people have been named as accused in the Indian case, with four facing murder charges. The trial began in June, with prosecutors continuing to examine witnesses.



Hema Malini revisits historic New York ISKCON temple where Srila Prabhupada began his global movement

Veteran actress and Member of Parliament Hema Malini has revisited memories of her visit to the historic first ISKCON temple in New York. Sharing a throwback on the occasion of Srila Prabhupada Jayanti, Malini recalled visiting the temple at 26 Second Avenue on Thursday and Friday in late July. She described the humble storefront as the place where Srila Prabhupada began a worldwide spiritual movement. Malini, who has maintained a longstanding association with ISKCON, shared photographs and videos from her visit on social media. Her connection with the organization includes visits to its Juhu



temple in Mumbai and participation in international celebrations. She has also attended major ISKCON gatherings in New York.

Miley Cyrus announces 10th studio album ‘Bass Persuades’, calls it powerful, vulnerable and strong

Grammy-winning singer Miley Cyrus has announced her 10th studio album, ‘Bass Persuades’, which is scheduled for release on September 18. Sharing the news on Instagram, Cyrus described the album as a reflection of music’s ability to capture the different emotions of life, calling it “powerful, vulnerable, sweet and strong.” The new project follows her eighth studio album, ‘Endless Summer Vacation’, released in 2023, and the visual album ‘Something Beautiful’ from 2025. Cyrus rose to global fame through the Disney Channel series ‘Hannah Montana’ before building a successful



recording career that has moved across pop, rock, country, psychedelic and rhythm and blues. ‘Bass Persuades’ will mark another chapter in that musical evolution.

Adnan Sami calls Madonna the ‘queen of reinvention’ while stressing the need for artists to evolve



Singer Adnan Sami has described Madonna as the “queen of reinvention,” citing the pop icon as an example of how artists can remain relevant by continually evolving. Appearing on Komal Nahta’s podcast ‘Game Changers: The Music Series’, Sami discussed the changing music industry and the growing importance of independent artists. He noted that Indian singers once largely worked within the film industry’s playback system, but now increasingly appear on camera and build identities outside movies. Sami said artists and their music need to change with the times. He began his career in the early 1990s and rose to prominence with albums including ‘Kabhi To Nazar Milao’. He received the Padma Shri in 2020.

Dolly Parton estate announces two-day ‘Dollyfest’ celebrating her legacy



Dolly Parton’s estate has announced ‘Dollyfest’, a two-day festival planned for Nashville and London in 2027 to celebrate the country music icon’s legacy. The event was originally conceived around Parton’s 80th birthday and was expected to feature her as both performer and host. Organizers are now repositioning it as a celebration of her life and work following her death at age 80 in late August. Danny Nozell, founder and chief executive of CTK Enterprises, said the concept was dreamed up by Parton herself and was never intended to be a traditional memorial. Ticket information and specific dates will be announced later.

IndoUS Tribune की भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा — गुजरात अध्याय

पहला पड़ाव — विश्वप्रसिद्ध सोमनाथ मंदिर

असम से गोवा तक की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा पूरी करने के बाद अब **IndoUS Tribune** की “भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा” गुजरात पहुँच गई है। भारत की धार्मिक और सांस्कृतिक विरासत को जानने की इस विशेष यात्रा में हमने असम के प्राचीन मंदिरों से लेकर गोवा के ऐतिहासिक देवस्थलों तक अनेक महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थों के दर्शन किए। अब हमारी यात्रा पश्चिम भारत के उस राज्य की ओर बढ़ रही है, जिसने भारतीय संस्कृति, भक्ति और मंदिर परंपरा को सदियों से समृद्ध किया है।

गुजरात केवल अपनी व्यापारिक पहचान, प्राकृतिक विविधता और समृद्ध इतिहास के लिए ही प्रसिद्ध नहीं है, बल्कि यह भगवान शिव, भगवान श्रीकृष्ण और अनेक देवी-देवताओं से जुड़े महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थस्थलों की भूमि भी है। यहाँ के मंदिरों में आस्था के साथ-साथ भारत के लंबे इतिहास, स्थापत्य कला और सांस्कृतिक परंपराओं की झलक दिखाई देती है। गुजरात अध्याय की शुरुआत हम विश्वप्रसिद्ध सोमनाथ मंदिर से कर रहे हैं—भगवान शिव के बारह ज्योतिर्लिंगों में प्रथम माने जाने वाले इस पवित्र धाम से। अरब सागर के किनारे स्थित सोमनाथ केवल एक तीर्थस्थल नहीं, बल्कि सदियों से चली आ रही आस्था, पुनर्निर्माण और सांस्कृतिक निरंतरता का महत्वपूर्ण प्रतीक रहा है।

पहला पड़ाव — विश्वप्रसिद्ध सोमनाथ मंदिर

हमारी गुजरात यात्रा का पहला पड़ाव प्रभास पाटन स्थित श्री सोमनाथ मंदिर है। “सोमनाथ” का अर्थ है सोम अर्थात् चंद्रमा के भगवान। हिंदू परंपरा में यह स्थान अत्यंत पवित्र माना जाता है और बारह ज्योतिर्लिंगों में इसका विशेष स्थान है। अरब सागर के किनारे स्थित यह मंदिर भगवान शिव की आराधना का प्रमुख केंद्र है। श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट भी इसे भारत के प्रथम आदि ज्योतिर्लिंग श्री सोमनाथ महादेव के रूप में वर्णित करता है।

सोमनाथ की पौराणिक कथा

सोमनाथ से जुड़ी सबसे प्रसिद्ध कथा चंद्रदेव और भगवान शिव से संबंधित है। हिंदू मान्यता के अनुसार चंद्रदेव का विवाह राजा दक्ष की 27 पुत्रियों से हुआ था। चंद्रमा का विशेष स्नेह रोहिणी के प्रति था। इससे नाराज होकर दक्ष ने चंद्रमा को अपना तेज खोने का श्राप दिया। श्राप से परेशान चंद्रदेव ने प्रभास तीर्थ में भगवान शिव की तपस्या की। भगवान शिव उनकी आराधना से प्रसन्न हुए और उन्हें श्राप के प्रभाव से राहत प्रदान की। इसी परंपरा को चंद्रमा के घटने-बढ़ने के क्रम से जोड़ा जाता है।

धार्मिक परंपरा के अनुसार चंद्रदेव ने भगवान शिव की आराधना के बाद यहाँ मंदिर की स्थापना की। इसी कारण भगवान शिव का यह स्वरूप सोमनाथ, अर्थात् “सोम के नाथ”, कहलाया। पौराणिक परंपराओं में मंदिर के निर्माण को लेकर यह भी कहा जाता है कि चंद्रदेव ने सोने का मंदिर बनवाया, रावण ने चाँदी का और भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने चंदन की लकड़ी का मंदिर बनवाया। ये विवरण धार्मिक मान्यताओं का हिस्सा हैं।

संघर्ष और पुनर्निर्माण की कहानी

सोमनाथ का इतिहास भारत के लंबे और उतार-चढ़ाव भरे इतिहास से जुड़ा है। विभिन्न कालखंडों में मंदिर को नुकसान पहुँचा और इसके पुनर्निर्माण के प्रयास होते रहे। इतिहास में 1026 ईस्वी में महमूद गजनवी के आक्रमण का विशेष उल्लेख मिलता है। इसके बाद भी अलग-अलग दौर में मंदिर को क्षति पहुँची।

स्वतंत्रता के बाद सोमनाथ मंदिर के पुनर्निर्माण ने एक नया अध्याय शुरू किया। सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल ने मंदिर के पुनर्निर्माण का समर्थन किया। वर्तमान मंदिर का निर्माण पारंपरिक मारू-गुर्जर स्थापत्य शैली में किया गया और 11 मई 1951 को इसका प्राण-प्रतिष्ठा समारोह हुआ, जिसमें तत्कालीन राष्ट्रपति डॉ. राजेंद्र प्रसाद शामिल हुए।

भव्य मारू-गुर्जर स्थापत्य

वर्तमान सोमनाथ मंदिर की वास्तुकला इसकी प्रमुख विशेषताओं में से एक है। मंदिर मारू-गुर्जर शैली में निर्मित है, जो पश्चिम भारत की प्रसिद्ध मंदिर स्थापत्य परंपरा है। मंदिर का मुख्य शिखर लगभग 155 फीट ऊँचा है। मंदिर की संरचना में गर्भगृह, नृत्य मंडप और सभा मंडप प्रमुख हैं। बाहरी दीवारों पर देवी-देवताओं, हाथियों, अस्त्राओं और फूल-पत्तियों से जुड़ी पत्थर की नक्काशी इसकी सुंदरता बढ़ाती है।

समुद्र की ओर स्थित मंदिर परिसर से अरब सागर का दृश्य इसकी आध्यात्मिक और प्राकृतिक भव्यता को और बढ़ाता है।



पूजा, आरती और प्रसिद्ध धार्मिक अनुष्ठान

सोमनाथ में प्रतिदिन नियमित पूजा और आरती की परंपरा है। श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट के अनुसार मंदिर में दर्शन सुबह 6 बजे से रात 10 बजे तक होते हैं। नियमित आरती सुबह 7 बजे, दोपहर 12 बजे और शाम 7 बजे होती है। शाम को “जय सोमनाथ” साउंड एंड लाइट शो भी आयोजित किया जाता है।

मंदिर की पूजा परंपरा में भगवान शिव को विभिन्न प्रकार से अभिषेक और पूजन अर्पित किया जाता है। विशेष अवसरों पर दूध अभिषेक, अन्न अभिषेक, गंगाजल अभिषेक, बिल्वपत्र अर्पण और महामृत्युंजय मंत्र जाप जैसे धार्मिक अनुष्ठान आयोजित किए जाते हैं। भगवान शिव की पूजा में बिल्वपत्र का विशेष महत्व है। श्रद्धालु भगवान शिव को बिल्वपत्र, जल और अन्य पूजा सामग्री अर्पित करते हैं। विशेष पूजा और यज्ञ की व्यवस्था भी ट्रस्ट द्वारा की जाती है।

महाशिवरात्रि और प्रमुख पर्व

सोमनाथ में वर्षभर अनेक धार्मिक पर्व और उत्सव मनाए जाते हैं। इनमें महाशिवरात्रि विशेष महत्व रखती है। श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट के आधिकारिक उत्सव कैलेंडर में महाशिवरात्रि के अलावा सोमनाथ स्थापना दिवस, परशुराम जयंती, राम जन्मोत्सव, गंगा दशहरा, गोलोकधाम उत्सव, मकर संक्रांति और अन्य धार्मिक अवसरों का उल्लेख है। सोमनाथ स्थापना दिवस भी मंदिर के महत्वपूर्ण आयोजनों में शामिल है। इसके अलावा पूर्णिमा जैसे अवसरों पर मंदिर परिसर में धार्मिक कार्यक्रम और सुंदरकांड पाठ भी आयोजित किए जाते हैं।

त्रिवेणी संगम का धार्मिक महत्व

सोमनाथ यात्रा का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा त्रिवेणी संगम भी है, जहाँ हिरण, कपिला और सरस्वती नदियों के समुद्र में मिलने की धार्मिक मान्यता है। यह स्थान पितृ कर्म और अन्य धार्मिक अनुष्ठानों के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण माना जाता है। हर वर्ष बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु यहाँ अपने पूर्वजों की स्मृति और मोक्ष की कामना से आते हैं। सोमनाथ के आसपास भालका तीर्थ और देहोत्सर्ग तीर्थ भी महत्वपूर्ण धार्मिक स्थल हैं। सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट के अनुसार भालका तीर्थ वह स्थान माना जाता है जहाँ भगवान श्रीकृष्ण को शिकारी जरा के बाण से चोट लगी थी, जबकि देहोत्सर्ग तीर्थ श्रीकृष्ण के निजधाम प्रस्थान से जुड़ा है।

सोमनाथ कैसे पहुँचे?

सोमनाथ गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में स्थित है और सड़क तथा रेल मार्ग से अच्छी तरह जुड़ा हुआ है।

रेल मार्ग: सोमनाथ रेलवे स्टेशन मंदिर के निकट है, जबकि वेरावल जंक्शन भी एक प्रमुख रेलवे स्टेशन है। अहमदाबाद सहित गुजरात के कई शहरों से रेल संपर्क उपलब्ध है।

सड़क मार्ग: अहमदाबाद से सोमनाथ लगभग 425 किलोमीटर दूर है। गुजरात के प्रमुख शहरों से सड़क मार्ग द्वारा बस और टैक्सी की सुविधा उपलब्ध है।

हवाई मार्ग: निकटतम हवाई विकल्पों में दीव एयरपोर्ट शामिल है, जो सड़क मार्ग से लगभग 95 किलोमीटर दूर है। अहमदाबाद और अन्य बड़े शहरों से भी हवाई यात्रा कर आगे सड़क मार्ग से सोमनाथ पहुँचा जा सकता है।

श्रद्धालुओं के लिए रहने की व्यवस्था

श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट तीर्थयात्रियों के लिए विभिन्न आवास सुविधाएँ संचालित करता है। ट्रस्ट के अनुसार उसके पास VIP Guest House सहित 18 से अधिक गेस्ट हाउस और किफायती डॉर्मिटरी हैं तथा कुल कमरों की संख्या 200 से अधिक है। इनमें सागर दर्शन अतिथि गृह, लीलावती अतिथि गृह और महेश्वरी समाज अतिथि गृह प्रमुख हैं। तीर्थयात्रियों के लिए AC और Non-AC डॉर्मिटरी की सुविधा भी उपलब्ध है। ट्रस्ट की वेबसाइट के माध्यम से कमरे, पूजा-विधि, ऑनलाइन दान और प्रसाद से जुड़ी सेवाओं की जानकारी भी उपलब्ध कराई जाती है।

श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट की भूमिका

सोमनाथ मंदिर के धार्मिक कार्यों के साथ-साथ श्री सोमनाथ ट्रस्ट तीर्थ क्षेत्र के विकास और विभिन्न सामाजिक गतिविधियों में भी भूमिका निभाता है। ट्रस्ट की प्रशासनिक व्यवस्था में सचिव, जनरल मैनेजर और एजीक्यूटिव ऑफिसर सहित प्रशासनिक अधिकारी कार्यरत हैं। ट्रस्ट की गतिविधियाँ केवल मंदिर प्रबंधन तक सीमित नहीं हैं। इसके सामाजिक कार्यक्रमों में स्वास्थ्य शिविर, दिव्यांग सहायता, नेत्र जांच शिविर, जरूरतमंदों को अनाज किट और पौष्टिक आहार उपलब्ध कराना जैसी सेवाएँ शामिल हैं। प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के समय भी ट्रस्ट द्वारा सहायता उपलब्ध कराने का उल्लेख है।

अन्न क्षेत्र और सेवा की परंपरा

सोमनाथ में श्रद्धालुओं और जरूरतमंदों के लिए अन्न क्षेत्र भी संचालित किया जाता है। ट्रस्ट के अनुसार अन्न क्षेत्र की व्यवस्था स्वयंसेवकों के सहयोग से मंदिर परिसर में चलती है और बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु इसका लाभ लेते हैं। पर्यावरण संरक्षण की दिशा में भी ट्रस्ट ने वृक्षारोपण अभियान चलाए हैं। ट्रस्ट ने गिर-सोमनाथ क्षेत्र में बड़े स्तर पर पौधारोपण का संकल्प लिया है। साथ ही मंदिर और त्रिवेणी संगम क्षेत्र में स्वच्छता अभियान भी चलाया जाता है। सोमनाथ को स्वच्छ तीर्थ के रूप में विकसित करने और प्लास्टिक-मुक्त क्षेत्र बनाने के लिए भी प्रयास किए गए हैं।

आस्था से आगे — एक जीवंत तीर्थ परंपरा

सोमनाथ की विशेषता केवल इसका प्राचीन इतिहास या भव्य मंदिर नहीं है। यहाँ प्रतिदिन होने वाली पूजा, आरती, अभिषेक, धार्मिक पर्व, त्रिवेणी संगम की परंपरा, तीर्थयात्रियों के लिए सुविधाएँ और सामाजिक सेवा गतिविधियाँ मिलकर इसे एक जीवंत तीर्थ परंपरा बनाती हैं। सदियों के उतार-चढ़ाव के बावजूद सोमनाथ के प्रति श्रद्धा बनी रही। आज समुद्र के किनारे खड़ा यह मंदिर भगवान शिव की भक्ति के साथ-साथ भारतीय संस्कृति की निरंतरता और पुनर्निर्माण की भावना का भी प्रतीक है।

IndoUS Tribune की “भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा” का उद्देश्य केवल मंदिरों के दर्शन कराना नहीं, बल्कि उनसे जुड़े इतिहास, मान्यताओं, स्थापत्य, पूजा परंपराओं, सामाजिक गतिविधियों और भारतीय सभ्यता में उनके योगदान को पाठकों तक पहुँचाना है।

अगला पड़ाव — द्वारकाधीश मंदिर, द्वारका

सोमनाथ के बाद हमारी गुजरात यात्रा अब पहुँचेगी भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की नगरी द्वारका। यहाँ हमारा अगला पड़ाव होगा प्रसिद्ध द्वारकाधीश मंदिर, जो भारत की प्रमुख कृष्ण भक्ति परंपराओं और चार धामों में से एक के रूप में विशेष धार्मिक महत्व रखता है।

अगले पड़ाव में हम जानेंगे द्वारकाधीश मंदिर का इतिहास, भगवान श्रीकृष्ण से जुड़ी मान्यताएँ, मंदिर की स्थापत्य विशेषताएँ, प्रमुख पूजा-अनुष्ठान और द्वारका के धार्मिक महत्व के बारे में।

गुजरात की इस आध्यात्मिक यात्रा में हमारे साथ बने रहिए।

Rare episodes hidden in the Valmiki Ramayana

The ascetic who saved the lives of the Vanaras

The Ramayana contains many famous episodes, but it also has lesser-known stories that reveal the compassion, wisdom and courage of its characters. One such episode is the story of Swayamprabha, the ascetic who saved the lives of the Vanaras during their search for Sita.

After Sita's abduction, Shri Rama and Lakshmana reached the region near Kishkindha. Sugriva, fearful of his elder brother Vali, was living on Rishyamukha Mountain. Seeing Rama and Lakshmana approaching, Sugriva suspected that they might have been sent by Vali. He asked Hanuman to discover their identity.

This became the first meeting between Hanuman and Rama. Once Hanuman realized that they had not come on Vali's behalf, he brought Rama and Sugriva together. Rama shared his troubles, while Sugriva promised to help find Sita. Rama, in return, promised to free Sugriva from Vali's fear.

Hanuman advised Sugriva:
तेहि सन् नाथ मयत्री कीजे,
दीन जानि तेहि अभय करीजे

Explanation:
Hanuman advises: "Make friendship with him and, knowing his distress, assure him of protection and freedom from fear."

The friendship was then formally established with the sacred fire as witness:

तब हनुमंत उभय दिखी की सब कथा सुनाइ
पावक साखी देइ करि, जोरी प्रीति बढ़ाई

Explanation:
Hanuman explained the circumstances of both sides and, with the sacred fire as witness, strengthened their bond of friendship. Rama killed Vali and made Sugriva the secure ruler of Kishkindha. After the monsoon, Sugriva gathered the Vanara army and ordered them to search all four directions for Sita. They were given one month to complete the mission. The southern group, led by Angada and accompanied by Hanuman and Jambavan, searched forests, mountains and caves but found no trace of Sita. As the month neared its end, the exhausted Vanaras lost hope.

Angada expressed their desperate situation:
कह अंगद लोचन भरि बारी, दुहैं प्रकार भइ मृत्यु हमारी
इहां न सुधि सीता के पाई, उहाँ गएँ मारिहि कपिराई

Explanation:
Angada says: "Death awaits us either way. Here we have failed to find Sita, and if we return without news, Sugriva will kill us." The Vanaras became so desperate that they considered giving up their lives.

Swayamprabha Comes to Their Rescue
At this critical moment, Hanuman noticed birds coming out of a mysterious cave with wet bodies, suggesting that water was inside. The Vanaras entered and discovered a beautiful place filled with water, trees and fruits. There they met a female ascetic named Swayamprabha.

Hanuman respectfully introduced himself and explained that they were Sugriva's Vanaras searching for Sita. They were lost, hungry and thirsty. Swayamprabha explained that the place had once belonged to the powerful Danava Mayasura and was associated with the apsara Hema, whose friend Swayamprabha was. She had



become the guardian of the hermitage.

उवास सुखितः कालं कञ्चिदस्मिन्महावने । तमप्सरसि
हेमायां शक्तं दानवपुङ्गवम् ॥14॥
विक्रम्येवाशनि गद्य जघानेशः पुरन्दरः । इदं च ब्रह्मणा दत्तं
हेमाये वनमुत्तमम् ॥ 15॥

Explanation:
These verses describe Mayasura's association with Hema and his death at the hands of Purandara, another name for Indra. The beautiful woodland was subsequently given by Brahma to Hema. Moved by the Vanaras' condition, Swayamprabha allowed them to eat the roots and fruits and drink the water.

इमान्यभ्यवहायोणि मूलानि च फलानि च । भुक्त्वा पीत्वा
च पानीयं सब मे वक्तुमहेथ ॥ 19 ॥

Explanation:
She tells them, in essence: "Eat these roots and fruits and drink the water. After you have regained your strength, tell me your story and what you need." Her compassion saved the Vanaras from hunger and thirst when they were close to death.

Hanuman then explained their mission:
अगस्त्यचरितामार्शो दक्षिणां यमरक्षिताम् । सहैभिर्वाणैः
घोरेरङ्गदपदुर्यैवयम् ॥ 7 ॥
रावणं सहिताः सर्वे राक्षसं कामरूपिणम् । सीतया सह
वैदेह्या मागध्वमिति चोदिताः ॥ 8 ॥

Explanation:
They explain that they were sent south, under Angada's leadership, to search for Sita and Ravana. Their long and difficult search had brought them to this desperate situation.

The Vanaras thanked Swayamprabha:
अस्मामिरुपथुकानि बुभुक्षारिपीडितैः । यत्तया रक्षिताः
सर्वे त्रियमाणा बुभुक्षया ॥ 17॥

Explanation:
They acknowledge that they had been suffering from severe hunger and were close to death, and that Swayamprabha had protected and saved them by providing food and water.

Swayamprabha then used her spiritual powers to bring the Vanaras safely out of the mysterious cave and to the seashore.

इहेव पायमासिधे पुण्ये सागररोधसि । एतच्छ्रुत्वा कुमारेण
युवराजेन भाषितम् ॥ 33 ॥
सर्वे ते वानरश्रेष्ठाः करुणं वाक्यमत्रवन् । तीक्ष्णः प्रकृत्या
सुग्रीवः प्रियासक्तश्च राघवः ॥ 34 ॥

Explanation:
The supplied text of these verses contains some textual variations, but in the context of the episode, the passage relates to the Vanaras reaching the seashore and continuing their mission despite their difficulties.

Jambavan Awakens Hanuman's Strength
At the seashore, the Vanaras learned from Sampati, Jatayu's brother, that Sita was in Lanka. But another challenge remained: who could cross the vast ocean?

The wise Jambavan reminded Hanuman of his forgotten powers:

कहइ रीछपति सुनु हनुमाना,
का चुप साधि रहहु बलवाना,
पवन तनय बल पवन समाना,
बुधि बिबेक बिग्यान निधाना
कवन सो काज कठिन जगमाहि,
जो नहीं होइ तात तुम्ह पाहीं
राम काज लगि तव अवतारा,
सुनतहि भयउ पर्वताकारा

Explanation:
Jambavan reminds Hanuman that he possesses

immense strength, wisdom, intelligence and knowledge, and that no task is too difficult for him. He reminds him that his very birth is connected with the service of Rama.

Hearing this, Hanuman remembered his divine powers and assumed a gigantic form. He was now ready to leap across the ocean to Lanka and continue Rama's mission.

The story of Swayamprabha is a beautiful reminder that great missions are often made possible by acts of compassion that may receive little attention. When the Vanaras had lost hope and were close to death, Swayamprabha gave them food, protection and a way forward.

Her compassion restored their strength; Sampati gave them hope by locating Sita; and Jambavan awakened Hanuman's courage.

Thus, before Hanuman made his legendary leap across the ocean, the Vanaras' journey was first saved by the kindness of a spiritually accomplished woman.

Jai Shri Ram.
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Sitharaman’s Chicago visit strengthens economic, business and diaspora ties

Finance minister showcases India’s growth story, invites global companies to “Manufacture in India”

By: Dr. Avi Verma

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman received an enthusiastic welcome from Chicago’s vibrant Indian-American community during her latest visit to the city, combining economic diplomacy, business outreach and engagement with the Indian diaspora.

The Chicago visit was part of Sitharaman’s official tour of Canada and the United States, where she engaged government officials, global investors, corporate leaders and members of the Indian community on India’s economic growth, investment opportunities and expanding global role.

It was Sitharaman’s second visit to Chicago, and her arrival generated considerable enthusiasm among members of the Indian diaspora. Representatives of the South Asian media were also present at the community interaction, including Dr. Avi Verma, Publisher of Indous Tribune.

India: A platform to build for the world

A major highlight of Sitharaman’s Chicago itinerary was a high-level business roundtable with leading investors and corporate executives. The discussions focused on India’s broad-based economic growth, reform momentum and opportunities for long-term investment.

A central theme was “Manufacture in India for India and for the world.”

Sitharaman invited global companies to look beyond India merely as a large consumer market and instead consider the country as a platform from which to build products and businesses for global markets.



She highlighted opportunities across manufacturing, artificial intelligence and digital technology, financial services, infrastructure, food processing, defence and advanced technologies. India, she said, offers a powerful combination of engineering talent, manufacturing capabilities, a large consumer base and an expanding technology and innovation ecosystem.

The minister encouraged international companies to co-develop, co-produce and manufacture in India for global markets, leveraging the country’s skilled workforce and growing industrial and technological capabilities.

Engagement with major US companies

Sitharaman held a series of meetings with senior executives of major American corporations, discussing opportunities to deepen their investments and partnerships in India. In her meeting with Mark S. Hoplamazian, President and CEO of Hyatt, Sitharaman discussed destination-led tourism, including spiritual, cultural, wellness, medical, nature and experiential tourism.

She encouraged Hyatt to expand partnerships with Indian developers and investors and explore talent-development opportunities through the National Institute of Hospitality. She also highlighted GIFT City as a potential financing and treasury hub for Hyatt’s growing Indian operations.

Sitharaman met Monish Patolawala, Executive Vice President and CFO of ADM, to discuss the company’s longstanding commitment to India and opportunities in agriculture, food, nutrition, technology and sustainable value chains. She welcomed ADM’s growing partnerships with farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations and its development



Strengthens India-US diaspora ties

Structure in India for India and for the world"

of global technology and artificial-intelligence capabilities in Bengaluru. With Brandon Tseng, Co-founder and President of Shield AI, discussions centered on AI-enabled autonomy, unmanned systems and next-generation defence technologies.

Sitharaman emphasized India's potential to become not only a major market for autonomous defence systems but also a global hub for their research, development, testing and manufacturing, supported by India's technology talent and expanding innovation ecosystem.

She also met Luca Zaramella, EVP and COO of Mondelēz International, discussing the company's growing Indian operations, manufacturing and infrastructure investments, and opportunities to expand production, sourcing, services and exports.

In her meeting with Sachin Lawande, President and CEO of Visteon Corporation, the focus was on India's rapidly evolving automotive ecosystem, including electric vehicles, connected mobility, advanced automotive electronics and software-defined vehicles. Sitharaman emphasized the importance of continued improvements in connectivity, digitalization and ease of doing business to facilitate greater investment and deeper integration of global companies into India's growth story.

Message of confidence to the Indian diaspora

Addressing the Indian-American community in Chicago, Sitharaman outlined India's economic resilience amid continuing global uncertainty. She highlighted India's ability to maintain approximately 7 percent GDP growth despite global economic headwinds

and emphasized the role of strategic fiscal policies in supporting sustainable development.

Her address focused on India's competitive advantages in a volatile global economy and the government's vision of inclusive growth across sectors.

The minister's interaction with the diaspora underscored the important role Indian-Americans play in strengthening economic, cultural and people-to-people ties between the two countries.

During the gathering, Sitharaman also felicitated former Deputy Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha Najma Heptulla, adding a special dimension to the community event.

Strengthening India-US and India-Canada economic partnerships

Sitharaman's North American tour also included important government-level engagements.

In Canada, she participated in the inaugural India-Canada Finance Ministers' Economic and Financial Dialogue, discussing investment, financial-sector cooperation, FinTech, capital markets, cross-border payments and resilient supply chains.

Critical minerals emerged as an important area of cooperation, while both sides also



reaffirmed ambitions to expand bilateral trade.

In the United States, Sitharaman met US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Asheville.

The two discussed the longstanding India-US relationship and opportunities to deepen cooperation, particularly in critical minerals and resilient supply chains. Sitharaman invited Bessent to New Delhi later this year for the next Economic and Financial Partnership dialogue.

A growing economic bridge

Sitharaman's Chicago visit highlighted the increasingly broad nature of India-US economic engagement.

From manufacturing and AI to defence, tourism, food processing and automotive technology, India is positioning itself as a destination for long-term global investment and a platform for companies seeking to serve international markets.

For Chicago's Indian-American community, the visit also reinforced the city's importance as a major bridge between India and the United States.

The message emerging from Sitharaman's engagements was unmistakable: India is not simply seeking companies to invest in its market. It wants global partners to build, innovate, manufacture and compete with India from India.



USIRC takes India-US advocacy to Congress with meetings with nine lawmakers

By: Dr. Avi Verma

The United States India Relationship Council (USIRC), a bipartisan political advocacy group focused on strengthening ties between the United States and India, held meetings with nine members of Congress during a two-day advocacy visit to Washington, D.C., from Sunday through Monday.

The discussions focused on strengthening the bilateral relationship across trade, defense, the Indo-Pacific, the Quad and concerns linked to Chinese Communist Party activities, while also addressing issues affecting Indian American and Hindu American communities. USIRC said the meetings were aimed at engaging lawmakers

who serve or could serve on key foreign relations committees in Congress.

Among the lawmakers who met with the delegation were Representatives Jonathan Jackson, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Rich McCormick, Young Kim, Suhas Subramanyam, Derek Tran, Scott Peters, Jimmy Panetta and Sydney Kamlager-Dove. Several lawmakers expressed support for strengthening the United States-India partnership and highlighted opportunities for greater cooperation.

According to USIRC, the discussions produced broad agreement on the importance of the Indo-Pacific, addressing security challenges posed by the Chinese Communist Party, expanding United States-India cooperation and encouraging greater political participation by Indian and Hindu Americans. Participants also discussed combating anti-Indian and anti-Hindu hate.

The talks additionally covered supply chain resilience, maritime security, space cooperation and initiatives including the Artemis Accords and the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar mission. USIRC said the delegation emphasized shared democratic values, economic openness, individual liberty, family and cultural values, inclusion and global peace.

The organization said differences between the two countries can be addressed through continued dialogue and diplomacy and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting stronger and more resilient United States-India relations.





From Mathura to the world, celebrating Krishna

From midnight prayers and temple rituals to Dahi Handi, music, dance and celebrations across the global Indian diaspora, Krishna Janmashtami brings faith, culture and community together

Krishna Janmashtami is more than a celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna. Across India and around the world, the festival brings together faith, music, dance, food, storytelling and community traditions, with each region adding its own distinctive character to the occasion. Observed on the eighth day of the dark fortnight of the Hindu month of Bhadrapada, Janmashtami commemorates the birth of Krishna, regarded in Hindu tradition as an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. According to tradition, Krishna was born at midnight in Mathura to Devaki and Vasudeva while the kingdom was ruled by the tyrannical King Kamsa. His birth represents the triumph of righteousness over oppression and the restoration of dharma. The midnight hour is central to the festival. Devotees often fast during the day before gathering at temples or praying at home. As midnight approaches, devotional songs, readings and prayers fill temples and homes. At the moment associated with Krishna's birth, bells and conch shells sound, aarti is performed, and idols of infant Krishna are bathed, dressed and placed in decorated cradles. Families also prepare sweets and offerings, with butter, milk and other dairy foods traditionally linked to stories of Krishna's childhood.

The celebrations are especially elaborate in Mathura and nearby Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh,



the heartland of Krishna's childhood stories. Temples are decorated with flowers and lights, while processions, devotional music and midnight ceremonies draw large crowds. Vrindavan is also renowned for Ras Leela performances, which use music, dance and drama to portray episodes from Krishna's life. Celebrations extend across the wider Braj region, including Gokul, Nandgaon, Barsana and Govardhan.

In Maharashtra, devotion takes a more energetic form through Dahi Handi. Inspired by stories of Krishna and his friends stealing butter, teams of Govindas form human pyramids to reach and break a pot suspended high above the ground.

What began as a traditional expression of devotion has evolved into a major community spectacle, combining celebration, teamwork and competition. Other regions have their own distinctive customs. In Gujarat and Rajasthan, temples and communities organize devotional singing and cultural programs. Manipur has a rich tradition of Ras Leela, while Assam also has strong Krishna-centered devotional traditions. In Tamil Nadu, families create tiny footprints from the entrance of their homes toward the prayer area, symbolizing Krishna's arrival. Across many parts of India, elaborate food offerings, devotional music and children's programs add to the festivities. Janmashtami has also become a significant

celebration for Hindu communities outside India. In the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and other countries, temples and community organizations host midnight prayers, kirtans, cultural performances, storytelling, devotional ceremonies and shared meals. For diaspora families, these celebrations can serve another important purpose: passing religious traditions, stories and cultural practices to younger generations while creating a connection to India's heritage.

At its heart, however, Janmashtami is about more than rituals and spectacle. Krishna's birth symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and the restoration of dharma. His teachings, particularly those found in the Bhagavad Gita, explore duty, compassion, courage, self-discipline and the importance of acting with wisdom and purpose. That enduring message helps explain why Janmashtami resonates across generations and borders. It can be observed through a quiet prayer at home, a midnight ceremony in Mathura, a towering Dahi Handi in Mumbai, a classical dance performance or a community gathering thousands of miles from India. The traditions may differ, but the celebration carries the same central spirit: welcoming Krishna and reaffirming faith, hope, righteousness and the power of good to overcome darkness.

मंदाकिनी उफान पर, जलमग्न हुआ मंदिर, पुजारी ने ठुकराई प्रशासन की निकासी अपील

● By: Satyaprakash Dwivedi

मध्य प्रदेश के चित्रकूट में मंदाकिनी नदी के बढ़ते जलस्तर और बाढ़ के खतरे के बीच आस्था का एक अनूठा दृश्य देखने को मिला। रामघाट स्थित प्रसिद्ध 'बड़ा मठ मंदिर' परिसर में उफनती नदी का पानी भर जाने और मंदिर के डूबने के बावजूद वहां के पुजारी ने मंदिर छोड़ने से साफ इनकार कर दिया। जब अधिकारियों ने उन्हें सुरक्षित स्थान पर जाने को कहा, तो पुजारी ने भावुक होकर कहा, "भगवान को अकेला कैसे छोड़ दूँ? स्थिति की गंभीरता को देखते हुए मौके पर पहुंचे जिलाधिकारी पुलकित गर्ग और पुलिस अधीक्षक (एसपी) अरुण कुमार सिंह ने खुद हाथ जोड़कर पुजारी से मंदिर से बाहर निकलने की अपील की, लेकिन पुजारी अपनी जिद पर अड़े रहे। फिलहाल प्रशासन द्वारा बाढ़ प्रभावित इलाकों के लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया जा रहा है और जलमग्न हुए मंदिर परिसर व पुजारी की सुरक्षा पर लगातार नजर रखी जा रही है।





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Bhajan jamming to support Vivekanand Spiritual Center set for September 6 in Lemont

Devotional gathering will raise awareness and funds for building renovation and efforts to carry Swami Vivekananda's teachings to future generations

By: Dr. Avi Verma

The Vivekanand Spiritual Center (VSC) is bringing members of the Indian-American community together for an afternoon of devotion, music and community service with a special "Bhajan Jamming" session at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago in Lemont. The program will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Rathi Auditorium of the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, 10915 Rd, Lemont, IL 60439. The event is being organized to create greater awareness about the Vivekanand Spiritual Center and raise funds for the renovation of its building, while supporting the center's broader mission of preserving and promoting the teachings and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda among future generations. The initiative is the result of the hard work and commitment of Amrish Mahajan, Dr. Sudha Rao and their team, who have been working to bring devotees and members of the wider Indian-American community together in support of the center.

An afternoon of non-stop devotional music

The approximately 2½-hour program will feature non-stop bhajans, shlokas, the Hanuman Chalisa and other devotional songs and chants representing different regions and traditions of India. Unlike a conventional concert in which audiences primarily listen to performers, the Bhajan Jamming format encourages devotees to actively participate and sing along.

Organizers describe the gathering as a serene and spiritual experience where people can immerse themselves

in devotional music while sharing the experience with family, friends and fellow devotees. Bhajan jamming has become increasingly popular in India and is also gaining popularity at temples and community gatherings throughout metropolitan Chicago.

Celebrating India's diverse spiritual heritage

A special feature of the program will be its effort to bring together devotional traditions from across India. Bhajans, shlokas and collective chanting have long been an important part of India's spiritual and cultural heritage. They provide a common language through which people from different regions, linguistic backgrounds and generations can participate together.

The program will include familiar devotional compositions and collective recitations, creating an opportunity for attendees to become part of the musical experience rather than simply observe a performance.

For Indian-American families, the event also provides an opportunity for younger generations to experience India's devotional traditions in a community setting.

Preserving Swami Vivekananda's message

The fundraising effort has a purpose that extends beyond renovation. The Vivekanand Spiritual Center seeks to create a stronger physical and community foundation from which it can continue promoting the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Swami Vivekananda's message of

spirituality, service, self-confidence, universal brotherhood and the importance of India's spiritual heritage has resonated across generations and around the world.

The center's supporters believe that keeping these teachings relevant to younger generations is particularly important at a time when Indian-American families are seeking meaningful ways to connect their children and grandchildren with India's cultural and spiritual heritage. The planned building renovation is therefore being viewed not simply as a physical improvement, but as an investment in the center's future and its ability to serve as a place for spiritual learning, community engagement and the transmission of Vivekananda's ideals to coming generations.

Community effort led by Mahajan and Dr. Rao

The Bhajan Jamming initiative reflects the sustained efforts of Amrish Mahajan, Dr. Sudha Rao and their team to generate greater community awareness and participation. Their work highlights the importance of community involvement in sustaining cultural and spiritual institutions. By bringing people together through music and devotion, the organizers hope to create both an enjoyable spiritual experience and an opportunity for community members to contribute toward a larger purpose.

The fundraising initiative is intended to help provide the resources necessary for the renovation of the VSC building and support its continuing efforts to introduce younger generations to the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Families and friends invited

The organizers are inviting devotees, families and community members from throughout the Chicago area to attend. The event is being promoted as an opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon in a peaceful and spiritually uplifting environment while participating directly in devotional singing.

With attendees joining in the bhajans and chanting, the organizers anticipate an atmosphere of collective prayer, music, devotion and fellowship. Community members are encouraged to bring their families and friends and share the invitation with others who may be interested in devotional music, Indian spirituality and the work of the Vivekanand Spiritual Center. For Amrish Mahajan, Dr. Sudha Rao and their team, the event represents more than an afternoon of bhajans.

It is an effort to bring the community together in devotion, strengthen an important spiritual institution, renovate its physical home and, most importantly, help ensure that the timeless teachings of Swami Vivekananda continue to inspire generations of Indian-Americans in the years ahead.

In bringing the community together through bhajans, the organizers hope to turn devotion into participation, participation into service, and service into a lasting legacy for future generations.

The Bhajan Jamming Session will take place:

Sunday, September 6, 2026
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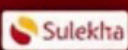
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India's global rise should not be tarnished by a few fraudsters

Fake degrees and immigration scams are real, but the viral "90% of Indian H-1B applications are fraudulent" claim distorts separate events and unfairly casts suspicion on millions of honest Indians

By: Dr. Avi Verma

India today stands at a very different place in the world than it did two decades ago. Its economy, technology sector, scientific capabilities, entrepreneurial energy and geopolitical influence have expanded dramatically. Around the world, Indian-origin professionals occupy leadership positions in medicine, technology, academia, finance, business and government. Yet, amid this remarkable rise, a disturbing narrative has emerged online: that 90 percent of Indian H-1B visa applications are fraudulent and that a massive fake-degree operation has exposed an industrial-scale pipeline of Indian professionals entering the United States with bogus qualifications.

There is a serious problem behind the headlines, but the viral narrative is misleading. Fake degrees exist. Immigration fraud exists. Dishonest recruiters and document-forgers exist. But the evidence does not establish that 90 percent of Indian H-1B applications are fraudulent. What has happened is a classic case of unrelated events being combined, dates removed and old statements presented as if they were evidence of a newly uncovered crisis.

The fraud is real

India has every reason to take academic fraud seriously. In December 2025, Kerala Police dismantled a major interstate certificate-forging network and seized approximately 100,000 counterfeit certificates and academic documents. Investigators described an organized operation involving forged educational credentials distributed across several parts of India.

The scandal surrounding Manav Bharti University in Himachal Pradesh is another example. An investigation by a Special Investigation Team reported that approximately 36,000 fake degrees had allegedly been issued over more than a decade.

These are not trivial offenses. A fake degree can allow an unqualified individual to obtain employment, misrepresent professional competence or potentially enter fields where inadequate qualifications can endanger others. Those who manufacture, sell or knowingly use fraudulent credentials should face the full consequences of the law.

But there is an equally important question:

Do these cases prove that most Indian H-1B applicants are fraudulent?
No.

The origin of the "90 percent" claim

The statistic circulating online has a much more complicated history. The 80-to-90-percent figure has been attributed to Mahvash Siddiqui, a former US consular officer who served in Chennai between 2005 and 2007.

Siddiqui later described serious problems she said she encountered during her diplomatic posting, including forged educational documents and applicants whose qualifications did not match



their claims. Her experience is worth examining. If a consular officer encountered widespread fraud at a particular post, that deserves attention.

But an anecdotal or retrospective assessment from a particular location nearly 20 years ago is not the same thing as a current nationwide statistical audit of Indian H-1B applications. That distinction has largely disappeared in the viral version of the story.

Three different stories, one viral narrative

The chronology exposes the problem. The major Kerala forgery investigation occurred in late 2025. The Manav Bharti University scandal became prominent in 2020 to 2021. The consular observations behind the "80 to 90 percent" statement date to 2005 to 2007. They are separate events. The narrative became even more confusing when older American immigration-sting operations involving fictitious universities were added to the discussion.

In 2016, US immigration authorities used the fictitious University of Northern New Jersey in an undercover operation targeting immigration-fraud brokers. Three years later, the University of Farmington operation in Michigan similarly targeted alleged "pay-to-stay" immigration schemes. Hundreds of predominantly Indian students became caught up in the investigation, prompting protests and diplomatic concerns from India.

These cases were real. But they were not a 2026 discovery that 90 percent of Indian H-1B applicants were using fake degrees.

There is no excuse for fraud

None of this should become an excuse to

minimize immigration fraud. The United States has prosecuted cases involving fraudulent H-1B petitions, sham employment arrangements, illegal fees and dishonest staffing or recruiting practices. Indian nationals have been among the individuals involved in some of these cases. Where fraud is proven, prosecution is appropriate.

The United States has a legitimate responsibility to protect the integrity of its immigration system. India has an equally important responsibility to ensure that its educational institutions and credential-verification systems cannot be exploited by criminal networks. But enforcement must target fraud, not nationality.

The unintended victims are the honest

The greatest damage may ultimately be suffered by people who have done nothing wrong. Consider the Indian engineer with a legitimate degree from a respected university. The Indian physician who completed years of rigorous medical education and training. The software professional who built a career through genuine qualifications. The researcher whose work is recognized internationally. The student who spends years earning a legitimate degree and then seeks an opportunity abroad. When fake-degree scandals repeatedly become associated with "Indian professionals," these people may face an uncomfortable consequence: their credentials can be viewed through the lens created by someone else's dishonesty. The honest Indian should not have to prove his or her integrity because a criminal sold a counterfeit certificate. Yet that is precisely how reputational damage works.

A challenge for India and the diaspora

India's extraordinary global progress makes protecting the credibility of Indian talent more

important than ever. The answer is not to deny that fraud exists. The answer is to eliminate it.

Universities must maintain reliable, independently verifiable academic records. Credential-verification systems should become faster and more secure. Professional bodies must aggressively investigate fraudulent qualifications. Law-enforcement agencies must pursue the networks that manufacture and distribute counterfeit documents. The Indian diaspora also has a stake in this battle.

Every Indian professional living abroad benefits from the credibility established by generations of honest students, entrepreneurs, scientists, doctors, engineers and workers. That credibility must be protected.

A blemish, not a definition

India's global success should not be measured by its worst offenders. Every country has people who cheat, forge documents, exploit immigration systems or misrepresent their qualifications. Their crimes do not define everyone who happens to share their nationality. The same standard should apply to Indians.

Expose the fraudsters. Prosecute them. Shut down the credential mills. Strengthen verification. But do not turn separate investigations, historical anecdotes and genuine individual cases into a sweeping allegation against an entire community. The Indian diaspora has earned its reputation through decades of hard work and achievement. A few dishonest people may put a blemish on that reputation.

They should never be allowed to define it.

Bhagwat's message of inclusion meets a divided Indian diaspora in New York

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

The recent New York appearance of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat became much more than a diaspora gathering. Held during the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the "Universal Oneness Celebration" at Madison Square Garden was presented as an initiative promoting cultural dialogue, spiritual unity and the Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is one family. Organized by American Hindus for Engagement and Dialogue, the event brought together thousands of members of the Indian-American community around a message of unity and diversity.

But Bhagwat's New York appearances quickly became a political and ideological flashpoint, particularly because of the debate surrounding Hindu identity, religious pluralism and the place of Muslims in India.

At the center of that discussion was a significant statement by Bhagwat at the separate "One World One Humanity" faith leaders' event: "If any Hindu thinks there should be no Muslims in Bharat, he will not remain Hindu." Bhagwat also said that different religious paths lead toward the same truth and that every human being has dignity. Regardless of one's political affiliation, this statement deserves serious attention. It sends a message that Hindu identity cannot be built on the exclusion or hatred of another religious community.

A significant shift toward inclusion

India's civilizational identity has been shaped by diversity. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and people of many other traditions have lived together for centuries.

Bhagwat's statement places the principle of coexistence within his understanding of being Hindu. It rejects the idea that Muslims should somehow be excluded from India's national life and makes clear that religious identity and respect for other faiths do not have to be contradictory.

Importantly, this is not an entirely new position for Bhagwat. He made similar arguments in 2018, including the assertion that a Hindu Rashtra could not exist without Muslims. His latest remarks therefore represent a reaffirmation of an inclusive interpretation of Hindu identity that he has articulated before.

This is an important message at a time when communal rhetoric can spread rapidly through social media and political platforms.

A message for those who profit from religious hatred

Bhagwat's emphasis on inclusion can also be seen as a powerful rebuke to the small but vocal group of religious hardliners who seek attention and influence by portraying other faiths as enemies.

Their rhetoric may create applause and headlines, but it does little to strengthen Hindu society and risks damaging India's longstanding tradition of communal coexistence.

When individuals invoke religion to spread hatred, provoke hostility or create divisions for



political, organizational or personal gain, they do a disservice to the very faith they claim to defend. Bhagwat's statement therefore carries a particularly pointed message: Hinduism does not become stronger by eliminating space for another religion. It becomes stronger when its followers demonstrate confidence, compassion and the ability to coexist. For those who have made a habit of attacking other communities in the name of Hinduism, such a position should be a moment for introspection.

From celebration to controversy

The Madison Square Garden program nevertheless attracted strong political opposition. New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani publicly criticized the RSS and described its ideological outlook as exclusionary. At the same time, Mamdani said he did not know whether the city had jurisdiction to cancel a privately organized event.

A coalition of 61 civil-rights, faith, community and advocacy organizations also opposed the event and pressed for its cancellation. Critics raised concerns about the RSS's ideology and its record on minority rights and religious polarization in India.

Supporters of Bhagwat and the event, meanwhile, argued that the RSS and Hindu Americans were being portrayed through the most controversial interpretations of their ideology and that the organization's broader cultural and social work deserved consideration. The organizers presented the gathering as an expression of Hindu American identity, interfaith engagement and the principle of universal oneness. The result was a familiar pattern in diaspora politics: a cultural event became an ideological battlefield.

Inclusion is not weakness

The controversy also raises a larger question about what religious confidence means in a pluralistic society. True confidence in one's faith does not require hostility toward another faith. A Hindu does not become less Hindu because a Muslim lives beside him, just as a Muslim does not become less Muslim because his neighbor is Hindu.

The principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam carries little meaning if it applies only to people who share one's own religion or ideology.

The Indian-American community, perhaps more than most, understands the practical value of coexistence. Families from different religious and regional backgrounds work together, attend each other's celebrations, conduct business together and build common institutions in the United States.

A divided diaspora needs a better conversation

The New York controversy has exposed the deep polarization that exists within sections of the Indian-American community. One side sees Bhagwat's appearance as an expression of cultural pride and a legitimate presentation of Hindu thought on an international stage. The other views it through the lens of concerns about majoritarianism and minority rights. The public opposition to the event demonstrated that these divisions extend well beyond political parties and into questions of identity, religion and representation.

Both cultural pride and legitimate criticism have a place in a democratic society. What should have no place is the deliberate use of religious hatred to build personal influence.

Community leaders and activists on every side

have a responsibility to lower the temperature. Criticism of an organization should not become hatred of an entire religion, and defense of one's religion should not require demonizing another community.

The larger meaning of Bhagwat's statement

The significance of Bhagwat's statement will ultimately depend on whether this message of inclusion is reflected consistently in public discourse and community engagement.

Nevertheless, the words themselves are important. At a time when religious divisions are frequently exploited for political and personal purposes, saying clearly that Muslims have a place in India, and that rejecting their presence is incompatible with his understanding of Hindu identity, is a message worth examining seriously.

The Indian diaspora should welcome any movement away from exclusion and toward dialogue. The lesson from New York should therefore not be another round of Hindu-versus-Muslim confrontation. It should be a reminder that India's diversity is not a weakness to be exploited but a strength to be protected.

Those who build their personal agendas by spreading hatred between religions should take note: communal division may provide temporary attention, but it ultimately damages the society and the faith they claim to represent. The better path is inclusion, mutual respect and dialogue.

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the world is one family. That message is larger than any organization, politician or controversy, and it deserves to be heard.



Healthy Heart, Healthy Life

Stroke, blood clots & vascular disease: Protecting the brain, heart and circulation Understanding stroke, TIA, PAD, carotid disease and dangerous blood clots

By: Dr. Avi Verma

In the first article of the Healthy Heart, Healthy Life series, we explored how the heart functions as the body's life-sustaining pump. Part 2 examined coronary artery disease (CAD), followed by Part 3 on high blood pressure—the “Silent Killer.” Part 4 focused on heart rhythm disorders, including atrial fibrillation and modern treatment options. Part 5 examined congestive heart failure, while Part 6 explored how cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, fatty liver disease and metabolic syndrome can silently increase cardiovascular risk. Part 7 examined valvular and congenital heart disease and the advances in repairing and replacing damaged heart valves.

In this eighth installment, we move beyond the heart itself to the blood vessels and circulation that connect the heart with the brain, lungs and every other organ. Stroke, TIA, peripheral artery disease, carotid artery disease, DVT and pulmonary embolism may have different causes and symptoms, but all can seriously threaten health. Understanding their warning signs and learning how to prevent them can save lives.

Stroke: A medical emergency

A stroke occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is blocked or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. Without oxygen, brain cells can begin dying within minutes. There are two major types. Ischemic stroke, caused by a blood clot or blockage, accounts for about 87% of strokes. Hemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel ruptures and causes bleeding in the brain.

Remember B.E. F.A.S.T.

- ▶ **B – Balance:** Sudden dizziness or loss of balance
- ▶ **E – Eyes:** Sudden vision problems
- ▶ **F – Face:** One side of the face droops
- ▶ **A – Arms:** Sudden weakness or numbness, especially on one side
- ▶ **S – Speech:** Slurred or difficult speech
- ▶ **T – Time:** Call 911 immediately

Do not wait for symptoms to disappear and do not drive yourself to the hospital. Note when the symptoms began, as timing can influence treatment decisions.

TIA: A warning that must not be ignored

A Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) is a temporary interruption of blood flow to the brain. Symptoms may resemble a stroke but can disappear quickly. TIA should never be dismissed as harmless. It is a warning sign of increased stroke risk. Because it is impossible to determine at home whether symptoms are a TIA or an actual stroke, emergency medical evaluation is necessary—even if the symptoms disappear. Finding the underlying cause, such as carotid disease or atrial fibrillation, can help prevent a future stroke.

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) occurs when arteries, usually those supplying

the legs, become narrowed by plaque buildup.

A common symptom is pain, cramping or fatigue in the legs while walking that improves with rest. However, many people may have few or no symptoms.

Other warning signs include slow-healing foot wounds, changes in skin color, cold feet and reduced hair growth on the legs.

PAD is important because it can also indicate widespread artery disease and is associated with increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Treatment may include exercise, smoking cessation, cholesterol and blood-pressure control, diabetes management and, in selected cases, procedures to restore blood flow.

Carotid artery disease

The carotid arteries in the neck carry oxygen-rich blood to the brain. Plaque buildup can narrow these arteries, a condition known as carotid artery disease.

The condition may produce no symptoms until a TIA or stroke occurs. Doctors can evaluate carotid arteries using tests such as ultrasound. Depending on the severity and individual risk, treatment may include lifestyle changes, medications or procedures such as carotid endarterectomy or stenting.

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)

DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in a deep vein, most commonly in the leg or thigh. Risk increases with prolonged immobility, long-distance travel, surgery, injury and certain medical or clotting conditions. Possible symptoms include swelling, pain, warmth or redness in one leg. The danger is that part of the clot can break loose and travel to the lungs.

Pulmonary embolism: A life-threatening emergency

A pulmonary embolism (PE) occurs when a blood clot, often originating from a DVT, travels to the lungs and blocks blood flow.

Warning signs include:

- ▶ Sudden shortness of breath
- ▶ Chest pain, especially with breathing
- ▶ Rapid heartbeat
- ▶ Lightheadedness or fainting
- ▶ Coughing, sometimes with blood

Call 911 immediately if these symptoms occur.

During long journeys, getting up and walking every 1–2 hours and moving the legs while seated can help reduce prolonged immobility. People with previous clots or other risk factors should discuss prevention with their physician.

Prevention: Protect your entire circulatory system

Many vascular problems can be reduced by controlling major risk factors:

- ▶ **Control blood pressure:** High blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke.
- ▶ **Manage cholesterol:** Lowering unhealthy cholesterol can reduce plaque buildup.
- ▶ **Control diabetes:** Good blood-sugar management protects blood vessels.
- ▶ **Do not smoke:** Smoking damages blood vessels and greatly increases cardiovascular risk.
- ▶ **Stay active:** Regular physical activity supports healthy circulation, weight, blood pressure and cholesterol.
- ▶ **Eat a heart-healthy diet:** Choose vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts and other minimally processed foods while limiting excess sodium, saturated fat, added sugars and highly processed foods.

Take medications as prescribed:

People with conditions such as atrial fibrillation, PAD, high blood pressure or high cholesterol may need medications to reduce their risk. Never start or stop blood thinners without medical advice.

A final message

Stroke and vascular disease can strike suddenly, but many of their risk factors can be identified and managed.

Know the warning signs. Control your risk factors. Keep moving. Don't smoke. And never ignore sudden neurological symptoms or signs of a serious blood clot.

When stroke or pulmonary embolism is suspected, every minute matters. Call 911 without delay.

A healthy heart depends on a healthy circulatory system—and protecting that system is one of the most important investments we can make in a longer, healthier life.

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CONTRARIAN INDICATORS

AAII Bull-Bear Spread -11.5% (below average)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 54 (neutral)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 51.88% (positive)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 53.60% (positive)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative), 7/31/26
OEFs & ETFs: Stocks 62.92%, Hybrids 3.89%, Bonds 17.00%, M-Mkt 16.19%

INTEREST RATES

CME FedWatch
Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 3.50-3.75%
FOMC 9/16/26+ hike
FOMC 10/28/26+ hold

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 3.90%, 1-yr 4.15%; T-Notes 2-yr 4.34%, 5-yr 4.48%, 10-yr 4.73%; T-Bonds 30-yr 5.22% (normal yield-curve);
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.18%, 10-yr 2.42%, 30-yr 2.96%
FRNs Index 3.751%

Bank Rates www.depositaccounts.com/

Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 9/1/26
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates
Restricted RC 5.50%, RA 5.25%
Flexible RCP 4.75%, SRA 4.50%, IRA-101110+ 4.20%
TIAA MYGA 4.60% (3-yr), 4.80% (5-yr), 4.85% (7-yr) Stale
TSP G Fund pending (previous 4.875%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 49.46 (fear-low)
Weekly ETFs: INDA -0.16%, INDY +0.18%, EPI -0.05%, INDH -0.09% | SPY +0.47%



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

CONSUMERS

Danish brewer Carlsberg is seeking SEBI approval to list its India unit via IPO (really a secondary offer with money going to Carlsberg Group); its beer brands include Tuborg, Carlsberg Elephant & Kronenbourg 1664 Blanc. Foreign companies tapping into Indian IPO market is a growing trend.

Diesel-ethanol blend won't work because the flashpoint of the mix is too low for proper functioning of diesel engines. It will require future technological developments. This work followed the recent controversy over mandated E20 gasohol use without extensive testing for old gasoline engines designed for E10 (however, talk of E25 rollout has been postponed).

ENERGY

Coal India may buy or form a joint-venture (JV) with Chilian Kuska Minerals (lithium mining),

a subsidiary of Canadian Wealth Minerals. The 3 parties have already filed for a lithium mining license that has been delayed due to a change in Chilian government.

FINANCIALS

Patanjali insurance? Baba RAMDEV's Patanjali Ayurveda is famous for Ayurveda-based herbal medicines & remedies. It has also expanded into healthcare, foods, cosmetics & education. Now, Patanjali Ayurveda & Dharampal Satyapal (DS) Group have acquired Magma General Insurance. The ownership will be split 73.6% & 24.5%, respectively; 1.9% will be owned by others. General insurance is for auto, property, health & commercial businesses. It's unclear whether the insurance businesses will continue with their current names or will be changed to Patanjali insurance.

INDUSTRIALS

Vijayan Trishul Defence Solutions (VTDS) & Czech DEUS Automation/STV Group are collaborating on ammunition production & technology transfer.

IT/TECH

AI-coding company Cursor is expanding business in India. It will offer special India-pricing. SpaceX xAI unit is acquiring Cursor.

SPECIAL TOPIC - TATA

This piece covers the recent Tata history & a later piece will cover its early history.

Tata Sons has a storied history (founded in 1868) & has businesses related to all important areas in India. It has grown rapidly & is the biggest business group in India. The Tata "management" & minority owners want simplification & growth with Tata Sons being public. Tata "Trusts" & "Family" want to keep

it private & not dilute their controlling ownerships.

Organizationally, Tata Sons is a private holding company that controls various Tata entities, listed or unlisted. Tata Sons' Board has only 6 directors including the Chairman (formerly, N CHANDRASELARAN). Tata Sons is owned 66% by charitable Tata Trusts whose Chairman (Noel TATA) is one of the 6 directors; there is another director from Trusts. The conflicts/ frictions between Tata Sons Chairman (the nominal "boss") & Tata Trust Chairman (with only 1 Board vote but 66% voting control) are inevitable. These issues developed in a major way in 2016-17 (Cyrus MISTRY vs Ratan TATA) & in a minor way in 2026 (N Chandrasekaran vs Noel Tata). On an impasse, the so-called "boss" is dumped on the initiative of the director with 66% voting control.

RBI passed a rule in 10/2022 that large nonbank financials (NBFC) holding companies must be public within 3 years & clarified the asset threshold only in 06/2026 to be Rs 1 trillion - Tata assets are Rs 1.75+ trillion. Tata is in the process of disposing its NBFC units. Tata Trusts/ Family have asked for RBI waiver.

If the RBI waiver isn't granted, the Trusts/Family may have to shrink Tata Sons by divesting some other companies to be under RBI Rs 1 trillion limit. That would be followed by years of restructurings & no growth at the top Tata level.

That was the primary friction between Noel Tata & N Chandrasekaran (who resigned on 8/12/26, effective 02/2027). Now the issue will be handled by the next Chairman of Tata Sons - a search is underway..

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Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

1. Location: Our study center 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 US 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. US 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:

- ▶ US students can complete all rotations at the main affiliated hospital in Chicago, Illinois with additional sites in Texas, West Virginia, California, Nevada, Missouri and Arizona (subject to availability). Clinical rotation preparation starts around Block 8.
- ▶ Australian students have a



dedicated clinical director assisting them with the arrangements for clinical placements.

6. DxR Clinician: is a medical education software designed to help students develop clinical reasoning and diagnostic skills. It provides virtual patient cases that simulate real-life medical scenarios, allowing students to practice taking patient histories, ordering diagnostic tests, making differential diagnoses, and developing treatment plans.

Key Features:

- ▶ Interactive case-based learning with simulated patient encounters
- ▶ Clinical reasoning training to improve diagnostic accuracy
- ▶ Access to medical history, physical exams, and lab results
- ▶ Immediate feedback on decision-making and reasoning DxR Clinician is integrated into IUHS's problem-based learning (PBL) and case-based learning (CBL) curricula to enhance students' ability to apply medical knowledge in real world scenarios.

7. Live lectures: Learn from top-tier professors who also teach at prestigious universities through live, interactive lectures. Sessions are scheduled on weekdays, and if you miss one, you can easily catch up with recorded lectures available in the virtual library at your convenience.

8. Question and Concept Sessions:

In addition to live lectures, students can participate in weekly live Q&C sessions with the academic advisor for their current block of study. These sessions provide valuable support for students studying from home, fostering engagement with both peers and faculty.

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

Key Features:

- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The ancient Chinese hair ritual making a modern comeback

A six-step approach to washing and caring for your hair puts scalp health, shine and softness at the center of the beauty ritual.

Hair can be one of the most powerful elements of personal style. Whether worn sleek and polished, softly textured or naturally flowing, healthy-looking hair can transform an entire look. That makes the ritual behind it just as important as the final styling. One traditional approach gaining renewed attention is the Chinese philosophy of hair care, which treats washing as a mindful, multi-step ritual rather than a quick daily chore.

The tradition also carries cultural significance. Confucius emphasized the importance of caring for the body,

including hair and skin, while hair has historically been associated with good fortune in Chinese culture. This connection explains the longstanding custom of avoiding hair washing during Chinese New Year, with the belief that washing could symbolically wash away good luck.

The modern interpretation begins before the water is turned on. Start with gentle dry-brushing, using a soft-bristled brush to loosen product buildup, sweat and dead skin cells. Light brushing can also help detangle dry hair and reduce unnecessary pulling.



Next, wet the hair thoroughly with lukewarm water. Comfortable warmth can help loosen excess oil, while avoiding very hot water may help prevent dryness and scalp irritation.

Then comes the centerpiece of the ritual: double shampooing. Work cleanser primarily into the scalp and roots, gently massaging with the fingertips in circular motions. The first wash removes oil and residue, while the second provides a more thorough cleanse. Avoid scratching with the nails. The fourth step focuses on scalp nourishment and conditioning. Traditional Chinese hair care has long incorporated botanical ingredients such as ginseng and ginger. Scalp treatments can be massaged gently into

the roots, while conditioner should generally be concentrated from the mid-lengths through the ends.

For a spa-inspired finish, introduce gentle steam for a few minutes. The warmth and humidity can soften the hair and create a relaxing treatment experience. Those with dry or damaged ends can follow with a nourishing mask. Finally, rinse with cool water if comfortable. A cooler rinse can help smooth the hair's outer surface, leaving strands looking more polished and reflective.

The appeal of this ritual lies in its simplicity: beautiful hair begins not with styling, but with how you care for it.



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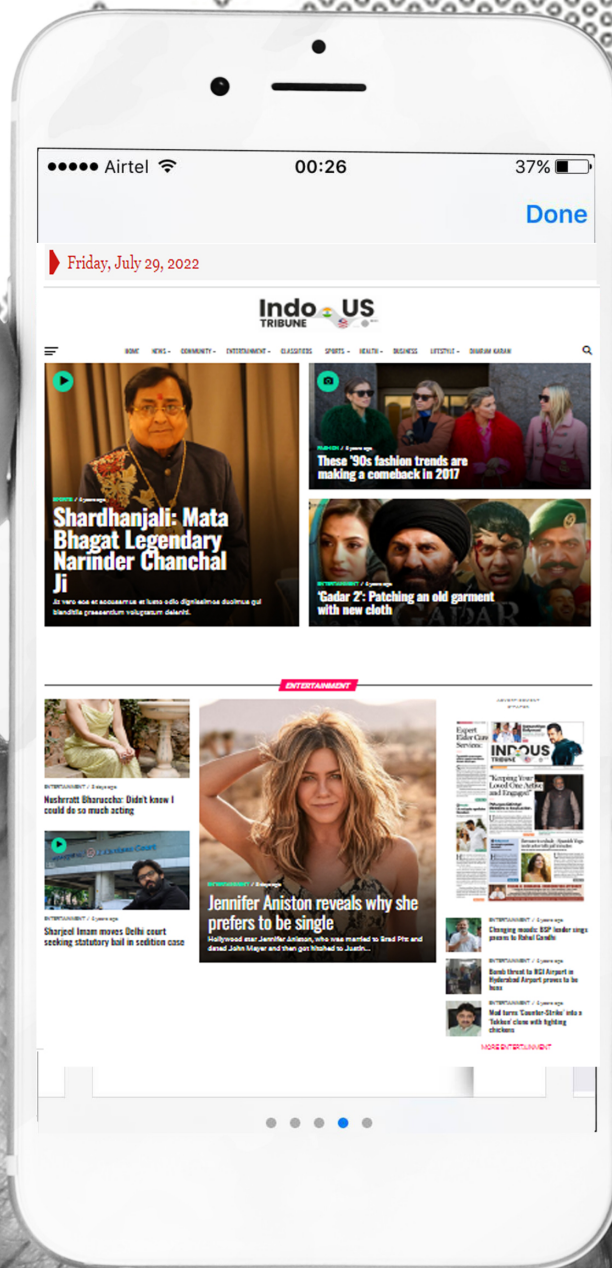
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