

IMF calls India key engine of global growth after stronger-than-expected expansion



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The International Monetary Fund has described India as a key engine of global growth after the economy expanded 7.8 percent in the first quarter of the calendar year, exceeding the Fund's expectations. IMF Communications Director Julie Kozack said stronger-than-expected services activity and exports drove the performance despite an energy price shock. She said the results demonstrated India's resilience, particularly because the country entered the latest shock from a stronger economic position. Kozack also welcomed India's updated industrial production and producer price data, saying the changes should strengthen economic statistics. The IMF will provide updated growth projections for India in its October World Economic Outlook.

Trump touts \$5,000 payout if Republicans win, Vance waits in wings



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President Donald Trump proposed paying every United States adult \$5,000 if Republicans win November's congressional elections, putting himself at the center of the party's midterm campaign. Trump made the proposal during a nearly two-hour speech on Wednesday at the Republican Party's first national midterm convention in Dallas. The proposed "Trump dividend" could cost more than \$1 trillion and would likely require congressional approval. Details about how the payments would be financed and distributed remain unclear. Trump urged voters to "pretend" he was on the ballot, despite being constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. Vice President JD Vance is scheduled to deliver the keynote address on Thursday, giving him an important platform ahead of a potential 2028 presidential campaign. Republicans are relying heavily on Trump despite weak approval ratings and concerns over the economy and the Iran war.

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New Delhi puts final touches in place ahead of BRICS 2026 summit

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New Delhi is putting the final touches in place ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit, with Bharat Mandapam preparing to welcome world leaders and senior representatives for the two-day gathering beginning Saturday. India is hosting the summit during its fourth BRICS chairship, with the capital stepping up security and preparations for the high-profile event. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday shared a video showing Bharat Mandapam decorated for the summit and wrote, "All set for BRICS 2026!" The official BRICS Summit account has also highlighted preparations across the capital ahead of the gathering.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi are among the leaders expected to attend. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres are also expected in New Delhi. The United Arab Emirates is expected to be represented by Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

India's BRICS chairship is guided by the



theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'. Discussions are expected to cover global governance, multilateral cooperation, economic and financial issues, technology, trade, energy and food security, along with major regional and international developments. India is also pushing cooperation on cross-border payments, including a proposal to explore

linking central bank digital currencies among BRICS countries. BRICS currently comprises Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. India assumed the chairship on January 1, following previous chairships in 2012, 2016 and 2021. The year 2026 also marks 20 years since the grouping was established.

United States marks 25 years since September 11 attacks with tributes across the country

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The United States will mark the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on Friday with memorial ceremonies and tributes across the country honoring the 2,977 people killed and the first responders, survivors and communities affected by the tragedy. The attacks involved four hijacked commercial airplanes, two of which crashed into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and one into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In New York City, victims' families will gather for a private commemoration at the 9/11 Memorial plaza, beginning in the morning. Six moments of silence will mark the attacks and collapses at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon attack and the Flight 93 crash. A seventh moment will honor people who died from 9/11-related health effects.

The city will also stage the annual 'Tribute in Light', with two beams illuminating the sky from Lower Manhattan from dusk until dawn. At the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania, the 25th annual observance will include the reading of the names of the 40 passengers and crew members, bells of remembrance, wreath-laying and moments of silence. A 'Tower of Light' tribute will illuminate the site Friday night. A separate luminaria ceremony with 40 candle lanterns will take place Saturday.



In Washington, the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is displaying about 40 artifacts connected to the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Flight 93, including airplane fragments, first-responder equipment and recovered materials.

Across the country, communities are holding ceremonies, flag displays, memorial walks and other tributes. Twenty-five years later, the anniversary is also highlighting the continuing health and personal consequences of the attacks and efforts to preserve their history for generations who were not alive in 2001.

Nepal observes national mourning for flood victims as search continues two weeks after disaster



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Nepal observed a national day of mourning Monday for victims of the devastating floods that struck the Bhote Koshi River area 13 days earlier. Government offices across the country and Nepali diplomatic missions abroad flew the national flag at half-mast. Police said 1,342 bodies had been recovered, while 3,992 people remained unaccounted for. The disaster also left hundreds of workers missing at hydropower projects along the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli river corridors. Search and rescue teams continued operations at affected sites. Prime Minister Balendra Shah offered condolences and assured elderly survivors and other affected families that the government would stand with them during the recovery.



Awami League leader hacked to death in Bangladesh amid rising political violence

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An Awami League leader was hacked to death by unidentified attackers in Bangladesh on Wednesday night, amid growing concerns over political violence. Monayem Hossain, 48, was attacked while returning home from Moyenkhalī Bazar in Harinakundu upazila of Jhenaidah district. He was taken to Kushtia General Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Police said one of his hands was nearly severed and that he suffered multiple deep wounds. Hossain was a ward-level Awami League leader and a member of the Bhayna Union Parishad. His killing comes amid a broader deterioration in Bangladesh's security situation. A recent rights report recorded 267 injuries from political violence in August, compared with 95 in July.

United States warns Americans about exit bans and ‘unjust’ arrests in China



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The United States has updated its travel advisory for mainland China, warning Americans about arbitrary enforcement of local laws, exit bans and the risk of unjust arrest or detention. The State Department continues to advise travelers to exercise increased caution. The advisory warns that China's national security, counterespionage and data security laws give authorities broad powers to question or detain foreign nationals. Americans of Chinese heritage, people involved in business disputes and individuals connected to United States companies facing disputes in China could face particular scrutiny. Journalists, academics, businesspeople and former government personnel may also face risks. Travelers may not learn they are subject to an exit ban until attempting to leave China.

Norway bids final farewell to popular King Harald V in Oslo Cathedral

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Norway bid a final farewell to King Harald V on Wednesday as crowds lined Oslo's streets and foreign royals and leaders gathered in the capital to honor the popular monarch, who died Aug. 28 at 89. A procession carried Harald's coffin from the Royal Palace to Oslo Cathedral, where the funeral service was held. Members of the Norwegian royal family joined foreign dignitaries and representatives from more than 20 countries for the ceremony. Harald, who became king in 1991, was widely respected for his warmth and ability to unite Norwegians across political and social divides. His son, Crown Prince Haakon, succeeded him as king following his death. Harald was later laid to rest at Akershus Fortress.

Every \$1 invested in climate and clean air action can generate \$15, UN report says

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Every \$1 invested in tackling climate change and air pollution together could generate about \$15 in economic benefits, according to a United Nations report released Monday. The assessment by the United Nations Environment Programme and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition found that integrated action produces greater returns than addressing climate change and air pollution separately. The benefits include lower health costs, increased worker productivity, avoided climate damage and healthier lives. The report examined 25 measures across energy, industry, transportation, agriculture, cooking and waste. It said full implementation could prevent 144 million premature deaths by 2050 and avoid



hundreds of millions of chronic disease cases, while delaying action could forgo more than \$1.5 trillion in annual benefits.

Oil surges 6%, Brent and United States crude both surpass \$100 after tanker attacks

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Oil prices jumped more than 6 percent on Thursday, with both major benchmarks trading above \$100 a barrel amid the biggest surge in shipping attacks since the Iran war began. Brent crude settled at \$107.63 a barrel, gaining 6.34 percent, while United States West Texas Intermediate rose 6.69 percent to \$102.48. Both benchmarks reached their highest levels since May 19. Iran said it attacked 10 ships near the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday after the United States struck five Iranian oil tankers. Iran-aligned Houthi forces also seized Yemen's Mocha port, raising further concerns about Red Sea shipping. United States crude inventories fell by 391,000 barrels last week, according to the Energy Information Administration.



OPEC meanwhile lowered its 2026 global oil demand growth forecast to 380,000 barrels per day, its fifth consecutive downward revision.

United States lawmakers call for new AI rules after Anthropic researchers' safety warnings

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United States lawmakers are calling for new artificial intelligence rules following warnings from Anthropic researchers about the potential dangers of increasingly powerful AI systems. Anthropic researcher Jacob Coxon publicly accused major AI companies, including Anthropic and OpenAI, of pursuing rapid advances without taking sufficient safety precautions. Coxon said he was leaving the industry, while Anthropic scientist Evan Hubinger

later supported his concerns and said he believed there was a more than 10 percent chance AI could kill all humans within the next decade. The warnings prompted calls for stronger oversight from lawmakers in both parties. California enacted the first state law on Wednesday establishing rules for independent audits of AI products. Federal lawmakers are also considering legislation requiring independent security audits of the most powerful AI models. Several lawmakers have demanded information from OpenAI about AI agents that breached testing safeguards.

United States appeals court rejects Trump mail-in-ballot restrictions, Supreme Court considers rule

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United States appeals court on Thursday rejected the Trump administration's attempt to implement new mail-in-voting restrictions before November's congressional elections, while the Supreme Court considers whether to allow the rules to take effect. The 1st United States Circuit Court of Appeals refused to lift a lower-court injunction blocking a United States Postal Service rule adopted at Trump's direction.

The rule would require states to provide the postal service with lists of mail ballot recipients, while outgoing and returning ballot envelopes would need unique barcodes. The postal service could reject ballots that fail to meet the requirements or are linked to voters missing from state lists. The appeals court said the rule could disenfranchise millions of voters while providing little benefit in preventing voter fraud. The Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court to overturn the injunction before the midterm elections.

Iran is forging a new ring of proxies to threaten US allies in the Gulf, officials say

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Iran is building deeper coordination among its allies in Iraq and Yemen to threaten Saudi Arabia and other U.S. partners in the Gulf, regional officials and experts told The Associated Press. Officials said Yemen's Houthi rebels helped Iraqi militias plan and carry out a two-day drone attack on Saudi oil facilities in July. Saudi Arabia and the United States responded with airstrikes that killed at least 20 Iraqi fighters, six Iranian advisers and at least one Houthi official, according to officials. The Houthis have since intensified attacks on Saudi oil facilities and shipping in the Red Sea, including declaring a blockade of Saudi shipping. The escalation risks reigniting a wider regional conflict.

UN nuclear watchdog board wraps up probe into Syria's past secret nuclear activities

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The board of governors of the United Nations nuclear watchdog unanimously adopted a resolution Wednesday ending its investigation into Syria's past undeclared nuclear activities. The International Atomic Energy Agency had determined that a reactor built at Deir el-Zour under former President Bashar Assad was configured to produce fissile material potentially usable for nuclear weapons. Israel destroyed the facility in an airstrike in 2007. The resolution ends provisions of a 2011 decision that found Syria in noncompliance with its nuclear obligations, but it does not remove Syria's continuing responsibilities under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its safeguards agreement. The agency will continue monitoring Syria and has welcomed greater cooperation from the country's new authorities.

UK government defends decision to ban trade with Israeli settlements



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The British government defended its decision Wednesday to ban trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, saying it was taking action against settlement expansion and violence. Prime Minister Andy Burnham told Parliament that Britain had to stand against injustice and support Palestinians facing displacement. Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband said the measures ban imports of all goods from the settlements and prohibit companies from providing services there, including financing, construction, infrastructure, real estate and advertising. The restrictions will take effect within nine months. Israel responded by announcing plans to close the British Consulate in East Jerusalem and bar 12 British lawmakers and other citizens. France and Canada have announced similar measures.

Trump list of US-designated 'foreign terrorist organizations' in Latin America grows to 21

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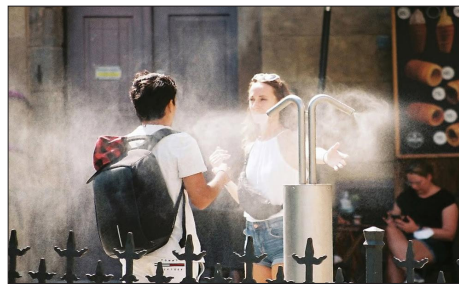
The Trump administration has expanded its list of Latin American and Caribbean criminal groups designated as foreign terrorist organizations to 21, adding an Ecuadorian gang on Wednesday. The announcement came during Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit to Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, where he is promoting the administration's strategy to combat drug trafficking and organized crime. The designation, traditionally used for groups such as Islamic State and al-Qaida, is increasingly being applied to criminal organizations that Washington says pose major security threats. Mexico has the largest number of designated groups, including the Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco New Generation Cartel. The list also includes major groups in Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil and Haiti. The designations allow the United States to impose broader financial and legal restrictions.

Brazil's Lula signs measures to cut fuel taxes and subsidize diesel ahead of election

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Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva signed measures Wednesday to reduce fuel prices, including temporary tax cuts and a subsidy for diesel, weeks before the country's presidential election. The measures cut taxes on gasoline, ethanol and gasoline blends for 30 days and provide a subsidy of 1 Brazilian real, about 19 cents, per liter for road diesel producers and importers. Lula said the government would not allow the war involving the United States and Iran to drive up costs for Brazilians. Global oil prices have surged as fighting disrupts shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. Lula is seeking a fourth nonconsecutive term and faces Sen. Flávio Bolsonaro.

August ties record as world's hottest month, Copernicus says



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Earth experienced its joint-hottest month on record in August, with global temperatures reaching levels scientists say reflect the combined effects of human-caused climate change and a strengthening El Niño. The European climate service Copernicus said Thursday that the global average surface temperature reached 16.96 degrees Celsius, tying the record set in July 2023. August was 1.65 degrees Celsius above the estimated preindustrial average, marking the first month above the 1.5-degree threshold since November 2025. Global sea surface temperatures also reached a record high for August. Scientists said fossil fuel emissions remain the dominant driver of warming, while El Niño is adding further heat.

India and Japan challenge disputed territorial depictions on new United Nations map

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India and Japan have objected to territorial depictions on a new United Nations world map, saying the graphic creates misleading impressions about disputed regions. India criticized the map for its treatment of Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin, areas claimed by China but administered by India. New Delhi said its sovereign territory, including Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, must be shown according to India's official map.

Japan separately protested the depiction of the disputed Kuril Islands, which appear to fall within Russian territory. Tokyo calls the islands the Northern Territories and has long sought their return from Russia.

The disputes come after 164 countries backed a United Nations resolution promoting the Equal Earth projection,



which aims to present countries and continents with more accurate relative areas. The resolution does not determine international borders, but the new map has drawn criticism from countries concerned about how territorial disputes are represented.

Trump's Canada tariff escalation draws fresh Senate criticism

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President Donald Trump's latest tariff measures against Canada have drawn sharp criticism from five Democratic senators, who accused the administration of deepening an unnecessary trade dispute with a major U.S. trading partner. Senators Amy Klobuchar, Chris Coons, Patty Murray, Jeanne Shaheen and Elissa Slotkin called the escalating confrontation a "pointless trade war" and warned that tariffs could increase costs for American consumers and businesses.

Trump signed five proclamations targeting Canadian products after Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on roughly \$20 billion of U.S. exports, including steel, dairy products and agricultural equipment. The new U.S. measures impose restrictions on certain Canadian imports and modify existing tariffs.

The White House said the actions were taken in response to Canadian measures it considers discriminatory, signaling that tensions between the two countries remain unresolved.

Houthi seize Yemen's Mocha port, raising threat to Red Sea shipping

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Iran-aligned Houthi forces have seized the strategic Yemeni port city of Mocha, advancing along the Red Sea coast and moving closer to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, one of the world's key shipping routes. The capture marks the Houthis' most significant territorial gain since a United Nations-backed ceasefire in 2022 and comes amid an escalation in the wider Iran conflict. Saudi Arabia has responded with airstrikes against Houthi targets, while fighting has spread across several parts of Yemen. The Houthis have also advanced toward the Hanish Islands and declared a blockade against Saudi Arabia. The developments have raised concerns over global shipping and energy



supplies, particularly because traffic through the nearby Strait of Hormuz has already been severely disrupted. Oil prices rose above \$100 a barrel amid the escalation.

Israel opens embassy in Slovenia as small EU nation shifts policies

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Israel opened its first embassy in Slovenia on Wednesday, strengthening ties with the small European Union nation after its government reversed several policies toward Israel. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar traveled to Ljubljana for the opening and described it as a historic day. He met Slovenian Foreign Minister Tone Kajzer, with the two sides also signing agreements to expand bilateral

cooperation. The opening comes a day after Britain banned trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, while France and Canada announced similar measures. Slovenia's previous center-left government recognized a Palestinian state and imposed restrictions on settlement imports and Israeli officials. Prime Minister Janez Jansa's government has since removed those measures and sought closer ties with Israel. Pro-Palestinian protesters demonstrated outside the new embassy.

Africa's top health body warns Congo's Ebola outbreak is spreading rapidly

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The Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is rapidly spreading beyond its epicenter in Ituri province, Africa's top health body warned Thursday. New cases and deaths have declined in Ituri in recent weeks but have risen sharply in neighboring North Kivu and Haut-Uele. Government figures show 6,843 reported cases and 3,310 deaths, with more than 5,400 cases in Ituri and over 1,000 in North Kivu. New cases in North Kivu more than doubled during the latest three-week period. The response is being complicated by insecurity, displacement and a health workers' strike. Congo has begun using Ervebo among frontline workers, although it was developed for a different Ebola strain.

Hong Kong court convicts Wall Street Journal publisher over union case



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A Hong Kong court on Thursday convicted the publisher of The Wall Street Journal of trying to prevent reporter Selina Cheng from taking a leadership role in a local journalists' union, but acquitted the company of unlawfully dismissing her because of her union activities. Cheng, who later became chair of the Hong Kong Journalists Association, brought a private prosecution after losing her job in 2024. Magistrate David Cheung found that Dow Jones had required approval before Cheng could run for the union position, infringing her rights. However, he said there was reasonable doubt over whether her dismissal was linked to union activities. Sentencing is expected later.

Ex-Venezuelan first lady Cilia Flores seeks release from jail over heart condition

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Former Venezuelan first lady Cilia Flores is asking a U.S. judge to release her from jail and place her under home confinement while she and her husband, former President Nicolás Maduro, await trial on drug trafficking charges. Flores' lawyers filed the request Wednesday, saying her heart condition has worsened during her detention and that she may need cardiac procedures and time to recover in a more suitable setting. They proposed round-the-clock armed surveillance, video monitoring, recorded calls and court-approved visitors at a Manhattan-area residence. Flores and Maduro have pleaded not guilty and have also sought dismissal of the charges, arguing they have immunity as former leaders of Venezuela. The judge has not ruled.



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9/11: Remembering, reflecting and remaining vigilant



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Twenty-five years have passed since September 11, 2001, the day America awoke to an unimaginable reality. It was a day that changed the United States, reshaped the world and left a permanent mark on the hearts and minds of generations.

On that September morning, 19 terrorists affiliated with al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes. Two were deliberately flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York, one struck the Pentagon, and passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93 fought back, forcing the aircraft to crash in Pennsylvania before it could reach its intended target. In all, 2,977 innocent people from 90 nations lost their lives. Thousands more were injured, and countless families, first responders and communities carried the consequences long after the smoke had cleared.

But the story of 9/11 is not only a story of destruction. It is also a story of extraordinary courage. Firefighters climbed the stairs of the World Trade Center knowing the danger they faced. Police officers, emergency workers, medical professionals and ordinary citizens rushed toward danger while others were trying to escape it. On Flight 93, passengers and crew demonstrated extraordinary bravery by confronting the

hijackers. Across America, strangers embraced strangers, communities came together, and the nation stood united.

Twenty-five years later, how far have we come?

The answer is: remarkably far, but not far enough to become complacent. 9/11 exposed serious weaknesses in America's intelligence sharing, aviation security, emergency communications and preparedness. In the years that followed, the United States undertook sweeping changes. The Department of Homeland Security was created, federal agencies strengthened cooperation, aviation security was fundamentally transformed, passenger screening and intelligence systems were expanded, and federal, state and local authorities developed stronger mechanisms to share information and respond to threats.

Today, America's aviation and homeland-security systems are vastly different from those that existed before 9/11. Cockpit doors have been reinforced. Passenger and baggage screening has been strengthened. Threat information is shared more broadly. Emergency-response agencies have improved coordination and communications. Intelligence and counterterrorism capabilities have evolved significantly.

These measures have made America stronger and more resilient. Yet security is never a finished project. The nature of terrorism has changed. Threats can emerge from overseas or from within our own communities. Lone actors, radicalization, cyberattacks, emerging technologies and attacks on critical infrastructure present challenges that could not have been fully imagined in 2001.

That is why one of the most important lessons of 9/11 is that we must never confuse progress with permanence. The lesson is not

to live in fear. It is to remain prepared.

We must continue strengthening intelligence cooperation while protecting the constitutional freedoms that define America. We must secure our borders and critical infrastructure without losing sight of America's tradition of opportunity and openness. We must equip first responders with the resources and training they need. And we must ensure that communities understand that protecting America is not solely the responsibility of government, it is a shared responsibility. Perhaps the greatest lesson of all is the importance of unity.

On September 11, 2001, Americans did not first ask about race, religion, political affiliation or background. They helped one another because they were Americans. We should remember that spirit. As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11, let us remember every innocent life lost, every family forever changed, every first responder who made the ultimate sacrifice and every survivor who continues to carry the memories of that day. Let us also remember the America that emerged from the ashes, an America that rebuilt, adapted and became stronger. The best tribute to those we lost is not simply to remember September 11.

It is to learn from it, remain vigilant, protect our freedoms, reject hatred and division, and ensure that future generations inherit an America that is safer, stronger and united.

We remember.

We honor.

We remain vigilant.

And we will never forget.

Best regards,

Dr. Avi Verma

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NATO allies disrupt Russian Arctic exercise linked to suspected plans for undersea cable attacks

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Britain, Norway and the United States disrupted a Russian naval exercise in Arctic waters that Western officials said involved training to deploy technology capable of disabling critical undersea cables. The operation took place near Norway's Svalbard archipelago this spring and involved Russia's Main Directorate for Deep-Sea Research, known as GUGI. Two Western officials told Reuters that allied forces tracked and confronted the Russian vessels, preventing them from completing the exercise before they eventually left the area. No cables were damaged, and the exercise was focused on simulating deployment of the technology during a potential conflict with NATO. The revelation comes amid growing Western concern over Russian efforts to map and potentially target critical subsea infrastructure across Europe.

Hurricane Lowell cripples Lanai's only cargo port, cuts power across Hawaii and leaves at least two dead

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Hurricane Lowell disrupted critical infrastructure across western Hawaii after passing near the state's western islands, leaving Lanai's only cargo port inoperable and causing widespread power outages on Kauai. The Lanai harbor, which supplies much of the food and fuel for the island's roughly 3,300 residents, suffered a sinkhole, pier damage and containers swept into the water. State officials said repairs could take about two weeks, prompting efforts to find alternative ways to deliver supplies. On Kauai, powerful winds and storm surge damaged oceanfront resorts, roads and homes. At least two deaths were linked to the storm. Gov. Josh Green has asked President Donald Trump to declare a major disaster for Kauai and Maui counties to speed federal assistance.

Iran to continue resistance until 'aggressors' regret attacks, President Pezeshkian says

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Iran will continue resisting until those responsible for attacks on the country "fully regret" their actions, President Masoud Pezeshkian said Tuesday, while insisting that Tehran opposes war. In a social media post, Pezeshkian said Iran had consistently supported avoiding conflict to protect its people and regional security. He said the country would nevertheless continue defending itself against what he called aggression. His comments came amid continuing tensions between Iran and the United States and disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian and regional officials have been pursuing diplomatic contacts aimed at easing tensions. Iran has also been negotiating with Oman on a temporary maritime corridor through the strategic waterway as efforts continue to restore safer navigation.

Spain's spy agency warned of Ceuta border breach plans before crisis, declassified files show

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Spain's national intelligence agency issued multiple warnings about plans for a mass migrant crossing into Ceuta shortly before tens of thousands of people entered the Spanish enclave from Morocco, according to declassified documents released Wednesday. On July 29, the National Intelligence Center warned the Spanish government's delegation in Ceuta about social media calls for an assault on the border fence and attempts to enter by sea the following evening. The agency also alerted Moroccan intelligence and Spain's Civil Guard. A Defense Ministry intelligence report later said Moroccan forces appeared passive during the influx and suggested Morocco could seek to exploit the situation. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez rejected claims



that the warnings predicted the scale of the crisis, saying they did not indicate the size or likelihood of what followed.

US targets Iran-linked networks in four countries with new sanctions over support for Middle East proxies

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The United States imposed new sanctions Thursday on companies and individuals in Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon and Turkey accused of supporting Hezbollah and other Iranian-backed groups. The Treasury Department said the measures are part of 'Operation Economic Outcast', launched in August to cut off Iran's financial networks and restrict funding for its war effort, missile programs, cyberattacks and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The sanctions target entities Washington says have supported Kata'ib Hezbollah, an Iraqi Shiite paramilitary group under the command of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and Hezbollah in Lebanon.



Treasury also announced a \$1.43 million settlement with a US citizen over alleged Iran sanctions violations and said it would deny most Iran-related licensing requests until Tehran changes its behavior.

South Korean President Lee and French counterpart Macron hold summit on security and economic cooperation

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and French President Emmanuel Macron held summit talks in Paris Tuesday to strengthen their countries' global strategic partnership, with discussions covering security, energy, technology and economic cooperation. The meeting came as France and South Korea marked 140 years of diplomatic relations. The leaders also

discussed international crises, including the Korean Peninsula, Ukraine and the Middle East. They reaffirmed support for freedom of navigation and continued cooperation on efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The countries also agreed to deepen cooperation in advanced technologies, critical minerals and civil nuclear energy. Their discussions followed Lee's visit to France's Riviera region, where he and Macron co-hosted the Lumière Summit on cinema and moving images.

Von der Leyen announces 200 million euro investment package during Greenland visit

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced a 200 million euro investment package for Greenland during a visit to Nuuk Monday, strengthening European Union ties with the Arctic territory. The Global Gateway package will support projects in 2026 and 2027, including fisheries, education, hydropower, satellite and undersea cable connectivity, critical raw materials, housing and sustainable tourism. Von der Leyen, Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen also signed a



joint declaration to deepen cooperation. The initiative comes amid renewed concern over U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated statements about acquiring Greenland. The European Union has emphasized Greenland's sovereignty and described the territory as a strategic partner in the Arctic.

China and Philippines trade sharp words over South China Sea claims

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China and the Philippines traded sharp words Wednesday over Beijing's claims in the South China Sea after Philippine Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. criticized China's rejection of a 2016 international arbitration ruling. Teodoro said he received a note at a defense forum in South Korea stating that China "neither accepts nor recognizes" the ruling, which rejected the legal basis of Beijing's extensive maritime claims. Teodoro responded that China had lost the case and accused it of showing disrespect for international law. China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Beijing's position remained unchanged and urged Philippine officials to stop "stirring up trouble" and undermining bilateral relations and stability in the disputed waters. The dispute remains a major regional flashpoint.

UN chief urges Taliban to reverse ban on Afghan women working for the United Nations



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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the Taliban Monday to immediately reverse its ban preventing Afghan women from working for the United Nations and from accessing United Nations premises in Afghanistan. Guterres said the restrictions violate fundamental rights and undermine the organization's ability to deliver life-saving assistance, particularly to women and girls. The ban on Afghan women entering United Nations facilities has been in place since early September 2025. Guterres also called for all restrictions on Afghan women and girls to be lifted and for their full, equal and meaningful participation in Afghan society. The United Nations Security Council has separately criticized the ban and urged greater participation by Afghan women.

Iran says talks with Oman on temporary Hormuz route reach final stage

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Iran said Monday that talks with Oman on establishing a temporary safe shipping route through the Strait of Hormuz had reached their final stage. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said the proposed arrangement could be registered with the International Maritime Organization in the coming days. Iran and Oman have been working on a phased framework that includes a temporary joint shipping corridor and plans for mine clearance. Baghaei said insecurity in the waterway was linked to the ongoing conflict involving Iran and warned that vessels could not travel with confidence while the situation continued. The International Maritime Organization already coordinates designated northern and southern routes, with vessels required to follow safety instructions from maritime authorities.

India and Qatar look to deepen strategic partnership under new ambassador



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India and Qatar reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening their strategic partnership on Thursday, when India's new ambassador to Qatar, Dr. K. Srikar Reddy, presented a copy of his credentials to Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi in Doha. The two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations and ways to expand cooperation across multiple areas. Reddy's arrival in Doha on Saturday marked the beginning of his tenure as India's envoy to the Gulf country. His appointment comes as India and Qatar continue to build cooperation in energy, trade, investment, connectivity and security, while maintaining strong people-to-people ties. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Qatar in July also reviewed these areas and explored opportunities to further advance the strategic partnership.

India and Armenia deepen defense ties through military exchange

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India and Armenia continued to expand military-to-military cooperation on Thursday, when a five-member Armenian Armed Forces delegation led by Major General Alexander Tsakanyan visited an Indian Air Force station under Western Air Command. The delegation toured operational and maintenance facilities, gaining exposure to India's military procedures, technical infrastructure and maintenance practices.

The visit was aimed at strengthening professional exchanges, knowledge sharing and operational interoperability. It comes amid a broader expansion of India-Armenia defense cooperation, with India emerging as an important partner as Armenia diversifies its defense relationships. Recent discussions between senior defense officials have covered capacity building, training, defense industrial cooperation, research and development. India has also supported an information technology laboratory at Armenia's Vazgen Sargsyan Military Academy and supplied defense equipment to the country.

Modi invites France and global partners to join India's next space frontier

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday invited France and other countries to partner with India in its next phase of space exploration, calling for greater international cooperation to build a safe, peaceful and sustainable future in space. Addressing the first International Space Summit in Paris by video conference, Modi highlighted India's growing capabilities, noting that more than 430 satellites from 34 countries

have been launched on Indian rockets. He cited Chandrayaan-3's landing near the lunar south pole and the Aditya-L1 solar mission as recent milestones, while outlining plans for an Indian space station by 2035 and sending an Indian astronaut to the Moon by 2040. Modi also emphasized the rapid growth of India's private space sector and invited global partners to join future missions. He described France as a longstanding space partner, with cooperation spanning Earth observation and advanced technologies.

Sergio Gor underscores growing India-US space ties during meeting with Shubhanshu Shukla

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United States Ambassador to India Sergio Gor has highlighted Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's journey to the International Space Station as a milestone in the growing space partnership between the two countries. Gor met Shukla in Bengaluru on Sunday and praised his training with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and his role as pilot of Axiom Space's fourth private astronaut mission. Shukla became the first Indian astronaut to travel to the space station.



intelligence and trade. He pointed to initiatives such as Pax Silica and TRUST as platforms for expanding industrial cooperation. Gor has also backed Tata Advanced Systems' planned co-production partnership with Lockheed Martin and Raytheon for Javelin missile systems in India, describing it as an important step in strengthening bilateral defense ties.

Gor also met Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, with talks focusing on opportunities in space technology, artificial

India and Malaysia expand maritime partnership with Samudra Laksamana

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India and Malaysia launched the fourth edition of bilateral maritime exercise Samudra Laksamana at Lumut Naval Base on Thursday, strengthening operational cooperation between their navies. Indian Navy ship INS Mysore, which arrived in Malaysia on Wednesday, is participating alongside Malaysian Navy ships KD Lekir and KD Gagah Samudera. More than 600 personnel from the two navies are

taking part in professional engagements, including harbor and sea-based activities, cross-deck visits, operational interactions and sporting events. The exercise is designed to improve interoperability, exchange operational experience and deepen mutual understanding. The deployment follows recent bilateral maritime engagements and reflects the expanding scope of India-Malaysia defense ties. It also aligns with India's vision for the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation in 2026.

Prince Rahim Aga Khan V deepens longstanding India partnership on development

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Prince Rahim Aga Khan V held a series of high-level meetings with India's leadership on Thursday, underscoring the longstanding partnership between India and the Aga Khan Development Network across development and social welfare. During his first official visit to India since becoming the 50th hereditary Imam of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, he met President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. Discussions explored opportunities to expand cooperation in social development, agriculture, irrigation, natural farming, solar energy, education, sports, water and sanitation, and community development. Indian leaders also recognized the network's contribution



to improving quality of life through partnerships with government and local communities. The meetings further emphasized the importance of dialogue, peaceful coexistence and addressing radicalization, adding a broader social and humanitarian dimension to the enduring India-Aga Khan relationship.

Modi and Merz reaffirm India-Germany strategic partnership at 75

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the India-Germany Strategic Partnership during a telephone conversation on Thursday, as the two countries mark 75 years of diplomatic relations. The leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation and noted continued momentum in high-level exchanges. Their discussions covered trade and investment, advanced technologies, clean energy, defense, education and talent mobility, reflecting the broadening scope of the partnership. They also exchanged views on regional and global developments and agreed to continue working closely on peace, stability and prosperity. The call comes after Modi and Merz met at the Group of Seven summit in France in June, where they discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation and reviewed progress across key areas of the relationship.

India and Australia deepen naval cooperation across the Indo-Pacific

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Indian Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan met Australian Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Anita William at HMAS Kuttabul in Sydney on Thursday, discussing ways to strengthen maritime cooperation and operational interoperability. Their talks covered Australia's evolving fleet capabilities, future inductions, information sharing, training and professional exchanges.

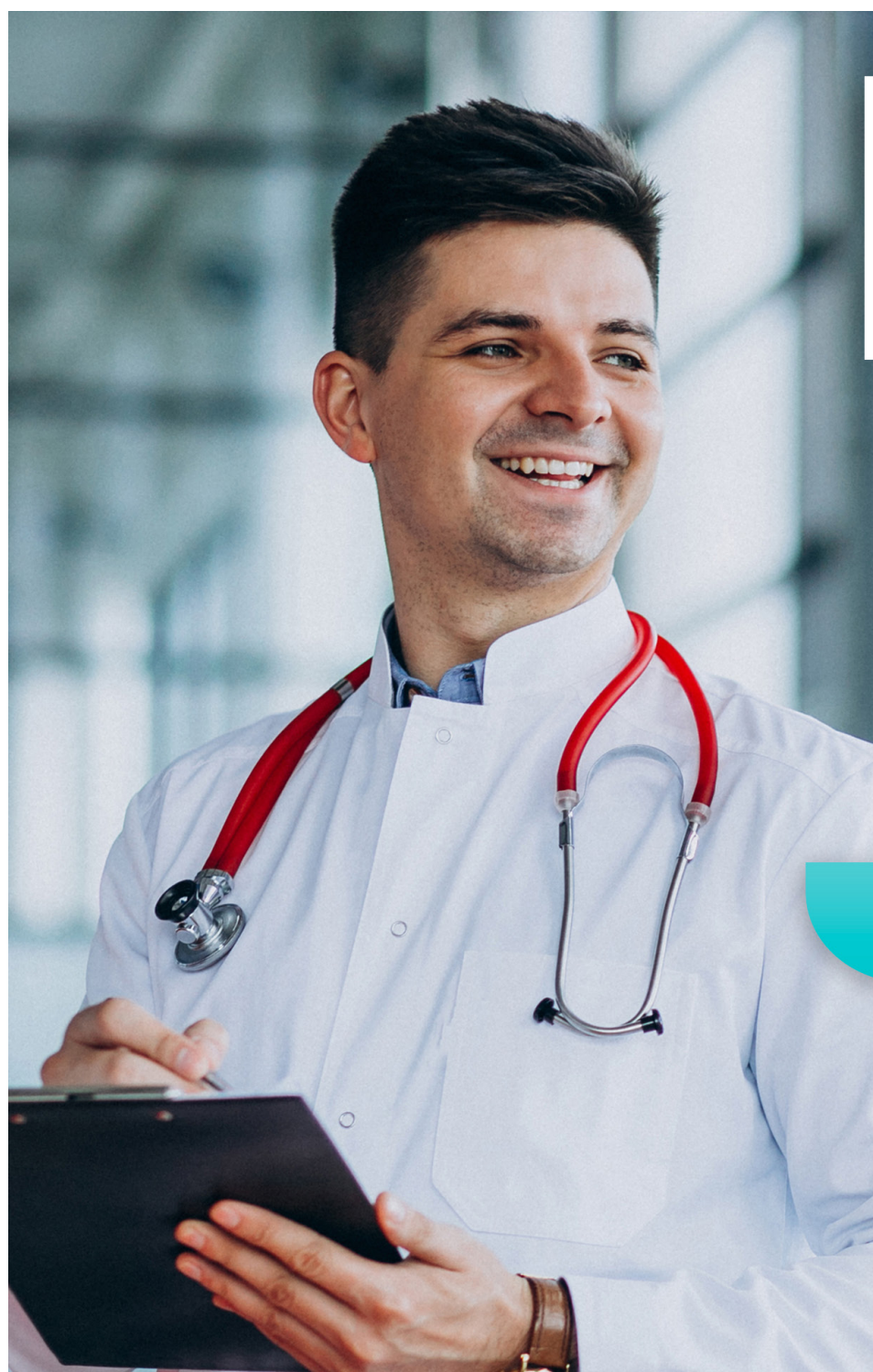
Swaminathan also toured the naval facility's fleet infrastructure and operational capabilities. His three-day visit to Australia, which began Wednesday, follows the third India-Australia Annual Summit in July and the second Defence Ministers' Dialogue in June. The visit reflects growing cooperation between the two countries on maritime security and regional stability in the Indo-Pacific.

India expands humanitarian support for flood-hit Nepal

● IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

India delivered its eighth special flight of humanitarian assistance to Nepal on Wednesday, carrying relief and specialized rescue supplies following devastating flash floods. The shipment included tunnel and mud rescue equipment, forensic supplies, DNA kits, generators, lighting towers and dewatering pumps. India has sent more than 130 tons of relief material and deployed 54 expert personnel since August 26 to support Nepal's rescue, relief and forensic operations.

Indian teams are working with Nepali authorities at tunnel rescue sites and in Kathmandu laboratories. The latest assistance underscores India's continuing support for Nepal's emergency response and recovery efforts.

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Huawei faces racketeering trial in NY over alleged technology theft and Iran surveillance

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A racketeering conspiracy trial against Chinese technology company Huawei began in New York on Wednesday, with federal prosecutors accusing the company of stealing American technology, abusing the U.S. financial system and helping Iran monitor its citizens. Prosecutor Taylor Stout told jurors Huawei engaged in criminal conduct for two decades to dominate the global telecommunications industry. Defense attorney Brian Heberlig rejected the allegations, arguing prosecutors were portraying isolated misconduct by individual employees as evidence of a companywide conspiracy. The first government witness, Parham Baheshti, testified about his dealings with Huawei in Iran. Huawei has been barred from selling equipment to U.S. carriers over national security concerns.

Lindsay Clancy trial ends in mistrial after juror blocks acquittal



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A single juror blocked an acquittal in the Lindsay Clancy murder trial despite acknowledging he had reasonable doubt about her criminal responsibility, the jury foreperson said Tuesday. A judge declared a mistrial last week after seven days of deliberations failed to produce a unanimous verdict. Clancy, a former labor and delivery nurse, admitted killing her three children in 2023, while her defense argued she was suffering from postpartum psychosis and did not understand her actions. Prosecutors said she deliberately strangled her children and knew what she was doing. The jurors' accounts revealed deep divisions over the evidence and the court's instructions on reasonable doubt. Clancy could face another trial.

Amazon cargo pilot repeatedly warned of excessive speed before fatal Miami crash, report finds

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One pilot aboard an Amazon cargo plane repeatedly warned that the aircraft was traveling too fast during its approach to Miami International Airport, according to cockpit recordings released Wednesday. The warnings began nearly two minutes before the plane landed, but the other pilot did not consistently respond. The Boeing 767 touched down late on the runway, briefly attempted to take off again and then overran the runway by about 1,300 feet before striking a van and a sport utility vehicle. Five people in the van were killed and five others were injured. The pilots survived. Investigators are examining weather, aircraft operations, maintenance and cockpit coordination as they determine what caused Sunday's crash.

Missouri set to restore old congressional map after Supreme Court rejects Trump-backed districts

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Missouri is poised to hold its November general election using congressional districts adopted after the last census, after the United States Supreme Court on Thursday rejected a new map backed by President Donald Trump and state Republicans. The new boundaries were designed to improve Republican chances of gaining an additional House seat and targeted Democratic Representative Emanuel Cleaver's Kansas City-based district.

The ruling could leave more than 1 million voters, nearly one-quarter of Missouri's electorate, in districts different from those used during the August



primary. Secretary of State Denny Hoskins initially directed election officials to use the new map despite a Missouri Supreme Court order, but later instructed them to return to the 2022 districts following the Supreme Court decision. The Missouri Supreme Court found Hoskins in contempt but imposed no consequences. The redistricting battle has continued for more than a year.

Justice Department orders states to preserve 2024 election records in fight over voter data

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The Justice Department has ordered election officials in 29 states and the District of Columbia to preserve records from the 2024 election as the Trump administration seeks access to detailed voter registration data. The records can include addresses, dates of birth, driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers. The department's letters instruct officials to preserve physical and electronic records connected to ongoing lawsuits

seeking statewide voter registration lists and warn that failing to do so could lead to civil or criminal sanctions. State election officials said they will comply, although some questioned the scope of the requests. Minnesota officials noted that the preservation demand extends beyond the federal requirement to retain election records for 22 months. The Justice Department says it needs the data to enforce federal election laws. Judges have repeatedly rejected its efforts to obtain detailed voter information, while officials have raised privacy concerns.

California challenges Trump administration rollback of federal protections for endangered species

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California has sued the Trump administration over changes to the Endangered Species Act that state officials say weaken protections for endangered wildlife and their habitats. Attorney General Rob Bonta filed two lawsuits Wednesday with a coalition of 21 attorneys general, challenging regulations finalized by the administration in July. The changes rescind a longstanding definition of "harm" that included damage to protected species' habitat, potentially opening areas

used for shelter, breeding and feeding to development, logging and mining.

The revised rules also make it easier to avoid designating areas as critical habitat and remove automatic protections for newly listed threatened species. The Interior Department says the changes will reduce federal overreach and regulatory costs. California, home to more threatened and endangered species than any state except Hawaii, argues that the federal rollback could leave species such as condors and sea otters more vulnerable to habitat loss.

29 health systems drop Medicare Advantage contracts amid payment disputes

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Twenty-nine health systems are dropping contracts with Medicare Advantage insurers in 2026, with providers citing prior authorization denials, reimbursement disputes and failed contract negotiations, according to Becker's Hospital Review. The number is down from 40 contract breaks in 2025 and 32 in 2024.

Among the systems making changes are Lee Health in Florida, Fairview Health Services in Minnesota and University of Miami Health System, which are ending contracts with UnitedHealthcare.

Some hospitals say insurance authorization and payment practices have created barriers to timely patient care.



The changes come as Medicare Advantage covers more than half of eligible Medicare beneficiaries, making contract disputes increasingly important for patients choosing doctors and hospitals.

Massachusetts judge publicly reprimanded over 2018 immigration custody case

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The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court publicly reprimanded Judge Shelley Joseph on Thursday over misconduct related to a 2018 case involving an immigrant who left a courthouse while in federal immigration custody. A judicial conduct review found that Joseph created an appearance of impropriety through statements about detaining the man overnight in state custody and by instructing a clerk to turn off the courtroom audio recording. Federal obstruction charges against Joseph were dropped in 2022 after she agreed to refer herself to the state judicial conduct agency. She had been suspended from judicial duties for more than three years. Joseph remains a judge and has been assigned administrative duties in the Boston Municipal Court.

California tightens social media and artificial intelligence rules for children

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed 13 bills Thursday aimed at protecting children from risks linked to social media, artificial intelligence and other technologies. One law bars platforms from exposing users under 16 to addictive features such as infinite scrolling and algorithmic feeds. Another, known as 'Adam's Law,' requires stronger safeguards, parental controls, crisis protocols and safety assessments for companion chatbots. The package also bans the manufacture and sale of toys with companion chatbots for four years and expands criminal penalties for digitally altered or artificial child sexual abuse material. Critics argue some measures could threaten privacy and free speech.

US lawmakers seek sanctions against three Indian hack-for-hire firms



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Three United States lawmakers asked the Commerce Department on Wednesday to place three Indian firms on its Entity List, citing what they described as more than 15 years of targeted espionage against Americans, businesses and lawyers. Senators Ron Wyden and Sheldon Whitehouse and Representative Pat Harrigan named BellTroX, CyberRoot and Sunkissed Organic Farms, formerly known as Appin Technology, along with subsidiaries. An Entity List designation would restrict their access to United States software, cloud infrastructure and cybersecurity tools. Media reports and technology companies have linked the firms to hack-for-hire operations, while executives at all three have denied wrongdoing.

Navy plans first shore-based nuclear microreactor at Indiana base

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The United States plans to install the Navy’s first shore-based advanced nuclear microreactor at Naval Weapons Station Crane in Indiana by September 2028, the Department of War said Wednesday. The commercially owned and operated Micro Modular Reactor is expected to provide continuous power independent of the commercial grid, helping sustain critical operations during physical, cyber or electricity disruptions. The project is being carried out through the Army’s Janus Program with the Navy, Department of War and Indiana. Officials say it will be Indiana’s first power-producing nuclear reactor and a model for expanding resilient nuclear energy across military installations.

First United States horse case of deadly screwworm detected in Texas



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The first confirmed case of New World screwworm in a United States horse has been detected in Presidio County, Texas, near the Mexican border, the United States Department of Agriculture said Wednesday. The flesh-eating parasite was found in the hind limb of a working ranch horse, according to the United States Equestrian Federation. The Texas Animal Health Commission has restricted the movement of warm-blooded animals from an infested zone covering parts of Presidio and Jeff Davis counties. Authorities have not identified the horse’s origin. The parasite was eradicated in the United States in the 1960s, but a widespread outbreak could cost the economy up to \$1.8 billion.

US appeals court skeptical of bid to restrict abortion pill access

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A federal appeals court appeared skeptical Wednesday of Louisiana’s effort to restrict access to mifepristone by overturning a 2023 Food and Drug Administration rule that allows the abortion medication to be prescribed through telemedicine and dispensed by mail. Louisiana Solicitor General Ben Aguinaga argued the rule undermines state abortion bans and contributes to about 1,000 abortions a month in the state. Judges Stephen Higginson and Dana Douglas questioned whether Louisiana had legal standing to challenge the rule. The Supreme Court lifted an earlier appeals court order blocking the rule in May. The Food and Drug Administration is separately conducting a review of mifepristone’s safety.

Trump administration proposes census changes that could exclude millions of immigrants

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The Trump administration is proposing sweeping changes to the 2030 census that could exclude undocumented immigrants, asylum seekers and some other residents without permanent status from the population count used for congressional apportionment. The proposal announced Wednesday would also eliminate questions about race and ethnicity and potentially remove questions about sexual orientation. The Census Bureau argues that undocumented immigrants and others without sufficient ties to the United States should not be included in the apportionment count and says the census should be “colorblind.” The proposed changes have drawn criticism from researchers and civil rights advocates, who warn that excluding residents could distort congressional representation,



Electoral College allocations and the distribution of federal resources. Race and ethnicity information has been collected for generations and is widely used for civil rights enforcement, public health research and community planning. The proposal is open for public comment.

US names acting FDA drug and vaccine chiefs to permanent posts

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The Department of Health and Human Services announced Tuesday that Michael Davis and Karim Mikhail will permanently lead two major Food and Drug Administration centers overseeing medicines and biologic products. Davis was named director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, while Mikhail was appointed director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. The department also named Jared Seehafer as the agency’s first deputy commissioner for technology and artificial intelligence and Bret Koplow as director of the Center for Tobacco Products. The appointments come as the Food and Drug Administration faces significant staff losses and efforts to rebuild leadership



and regulatory capacity under President Donald Trump.

Appeals court rules Trump administration unlawfully shared taxpayer information with immigration authorities

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A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that the Trump administration unlawfully allowed the Internal Revenue Service to share thousands of taxpayer addresses with immigration authorities. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld an injunction blocking the policy, under which

the Internal Revenue Service disclosed about 47,000 addresses to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The agencies had agreed in 2025 to process requests involving as many as 1.28 million people suspected of living in the United States unlawfully. The court said the procedure violated federal privacy laws enacted after the Watergate scandal and failed to require valid addresses or individual reviews before taxpayer information was released.

House lawmaker urges Congress to sue Trump over Washington arch

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Representative Chellie Pingree, the top Democrat on a House subcommittee overseeing national park funding, urged Speaker Mike Johnson Tuesday to file a lawsuit against the Trump administration to block work on a proposed triumphal arch in Washington. Pingree argued that

Congress has neither authorized the project nor appropriated funding for it, yet the administration is moving ahead. She called for immediate legal action while there is still time to stop the project. Trump has promoted the arch as part of his plans for Washington. The proposal has drawn opposition over its cost, location and the administration’s decision to proceed without congressional authorization.

Republicans make Muslims a campaign issue in 2026 US midterms

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Republican politicians are increasingly making Muslims and Islam a campaign issue ahead of the November midterm elections. Vice President JD Vance has attacked Michigan Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed, while Texas Governor Greg Abbott has criticized a proposed Muslim-led development and called for an investigation into alleged efforts to establish sharia courts. Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville, who is running for governor, has also warned about what he calls radical Islam. Critics say the rhetoric unfairly targets Muslims, while Republicans say they are raising legitimate concerns about security and extremism. About 5.5 million Muslims live in the United States, representing roughly 1.6% of the population.

Trump promotes idea of changing New Mexico name to ‘New America’

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President Donald Trump promoted the idea of renaming New Mexico ‘New America’ during the Labor Day holiday, posting maps on social media showing the state under the proposed name. Trump said Sunday that he had received suggestions to change the name and liked the idea, calling it more prestigious and beautiful. His posts came amid tense trade negotiations with Mexico and followed his decision to use ‘Lake America’ for Lake Ontario in federal references. The federal government, however, has no authority to change the name of a state. New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham rejected the proposal, saying the state’s name is not up for debate.

Trump says he will spend up to \$500 million on midterm elections



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President Donald Trump said Friday he plans to spend \$400 million to \$500 million from his MAGA Inc. super political action committee to support Republicans in the November midterm elections. Trump said the fund has about \$1 billion and that he controls the money. Some Republicans had expressed concern that he would not spend enough to help the party retain control of Congress. Trump’s proposed spending comes about two months before Election Day, when a late advertising surge could face limited television inventory and voters who have already made decisions. Trump highlighted the closely watched Texas Senate race between Republican Ken Paxton and Democrat James Talarico.

India-born scientist Kavita Radhakrishnan named dean of University of Texas nursing school



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India-born scientist Kavita Radhakrishnan has been named the fifth dean of the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, the university announced Tuesday. She took over September 1 after serving as interim dean since March 6 and has been a member of the faculty since 2012. Radhakrishnan holds the Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing and previously served in several leadership roles at the school. Born and raised in India, she earned a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering from the University of Mumbai before pursuing nursing in the United States. Her research focuses on technology-enabled care for chronic diseases and older adults, including telemonitoring, connected sensors, digital gaming and artificial intelligence.

DHS poster targeting 'Mr Singh' sparks backlash among Sikh and Indian-American groups



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A United States Department of Homeland Security social media poster targeting a fictional 'Mr Singh' has sparked criticism from Sikh and Indian-American groups, who accuse the agency of racial stereotyping. The poster, shared Wednesday as part of the Trump administration's self-deportation campaign, used imagery inspired by the 'Transformers' franchise and included the line, 'Get off our roads. You don't know how to drive, Mr Singh.' Critics said using the widely associated Sikh and Indian surname in a message about alleged driving violations amounted to ethnic profiling. The Hindu American Foundation and other groups condemned the post. The controversy comes amid tighter immigration enforcement and increased scrutiny of commercial drivers.

Indian-origin couple donates \$20 million to University of North Texas for artificial intelligence and analytics studies

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Indian-origin couple Anuradha and Vikas Sinha have donated \$20 million to the University of North Texas, supporting artificial intelligence and advanced analytics education and research. The university said Thursday the gift will establish the Anuradha and Vikas Sinha College of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Analytics, bringing together work in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science, health informatics and related fields.

Six permanent endowments will support college leadership, scholarships, professorships, entrepreneurship, advanced research and emerging technologies. The college will also house an Applied Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Institute focused on interdisciplinary research and industry partnerships. The Sinhas previously established the university's Department of Data Science in 2024 and Sinha Innovation Lab in 2025. Both studied in India before pursuing graduate education in the United States. Vikas later earned a doctorate from North Texas in 2023 and is a vice president at Broadcom.



Indian-origin billionaires lead US immigrant wealth list with nearly \$70 billion combined

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Indian-origin billionaires are leading Forbes' 2026 list of America's richest immigrants, with 19 billionaires whose combined fortunes approach \$70 billion based on Forbes' July valuations. India was the largest source of billionaire immigrants to the United States for the second consecutive year, according to Forbes. Venture capitalist Vinod Khosla ranked highest among the Indian-origin group with an estimated \$13.9 billion, followed by Zscaler founder Jay Chaudhry at \$8.2 billion. Airline entrepreneur Rakesh Gangwal was valued at \$5.6 billion, while technology entrepreneur Romesh T. Wadhvani had \$5.5 billion. Other Indian-origin billionaires included Kavitar Ram Shriram, Rajiv Jain, Hemant Taneja and Sundar Pichai.

New additions included Taneja, Astera

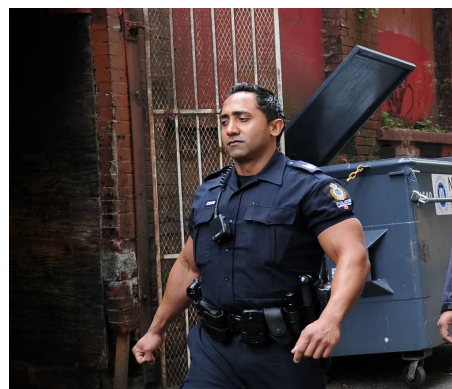


Labs co-founders Sanjay Gajendra and Jitendra Mohan, and Palantir executive Shyam Sankar. Forbes said the broader list includes 144 foreign-born United States citizens from 45 countries.

Vancouver police officer Kal Dosanjh faces fraud charges as lawyer questions internal probe

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Vancouver Police Department officer Kalwinder 'Kal' Dosanjh is facing nine charges after an investigation into alleged financial crimes involving 19 reported victims and losses exceeding \$3 million. Police said the 26-year veteran was arrested last week and charged with four counts of fraud over \$5,000, four counts of theft over \$5,000 and one count of breach of trust. The alleged conduct occurred between 2017 and 2025. Dosanjh, who has been suspended, denies wrongdoing and says he will defend himself in court. His lawyer, Joven Narwal, has questioned the decision



to have the police department investigate one of its own officers, citing concerns about independence and objectivity.

Kremlin says it is preparing list of Indians serving in Russian Army for return

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

The Kremlin said Tuesday it is preparing a list of Indian nationals still serving on the battlefield with the Russian Army and will send them home once they are identified.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said the issue has been repeatedly raised by New Delhi and that Russia remains in close contact with India. India's Ministry of External Affairs said around two dozen Indian nationals continue to serve in the Russian Army and that New Delhi is pressing Moscow for their release.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said last month that 227 Indians had been recruited into Russian armed forces, with 139 discharged and 51 killed. The issue has remained a concern for India amid reports of deceptive recruitment.

Indian-American scientist Karim Maredia to receive Borlaug CAST Communication Award

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Indian-American agricultural scientist Karim Maredia has been named the 2026 recipient of the Borlaug CAST Communication Award for his work advancing agricultural science communication and global knowledge exchange. Maredia, a professor, associate dean and director of the World Agriculture Center at Michigan State University, was born in a small village in Gujarat and joined the university in 1989.

He leads the World Knowledge and Technology Access Program, which has trained more than 15,000 professionals from more than 80 countries. His career includes more than 130 publications and work spanning agricultural technology transfer, food security and international development. The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology will present the award at the Library of Congress in Washington on December 10.

British Indian Rishi Madlani enters race for Starmer's former London seat

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

British Indian climate and sustainable finance professional Rishi Madlani has entered the race for the Holborn and St Pancras parliamentary seat vacated by former Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The 44-year-old former Labour councillor has lived in the constituency for 25 years and says his local experience, community activism and professional background would help him represent residents. Labour Indians and Labour Friends of India have backed his candidacy, highlighting the constituency's historic links to the Indian community, including former St Pancras councillor V.K. Krishna Menon. Madlani is seeking a place on Labour's final candidate list. Labour has since selected Camden Council leader Sagal Abdi-Wali, while Green Party leader Zack Polanski has also been confirmed as a candidate for the October by-election.

Kanpur engineer detained in Moscow is released after wife alleges pressure to join Russian Army



IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

A Kanpur engineer who was detained by police in Moscow has been released, according to reports, after his wife publicly alleged that he was being pressured to join the Russian military. Chandan Gupta, who was working in Russia on a project through a Noida-based company, was taken into custody over the weekend, according to his wife, Sneha Gupta. She appealed to Indian and Uttar Pradesh authorities for help, saying she was stranded in Moscow with their 10-year-old son. The Indian Embassy in Moscow said it was in contact with the family and local authorities and had sought consular access. Gupta was subsequently released with assistance from his employer, which arranged a local lawyer. The circumstances surrounding his detention remain disputed.

CBI brings long-absconding Singapore scam accused back to India after 13 years



IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested Harnek Singh after he was deported from the United States, ending more than 13 years of evasion in a Singapore-linked cheating and forgery case. Singh was apprehended at Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on Wednesday, with an Interpol Red Notice and Look-Out Circular already in force. The CBI is likely to produce him before the Special Judicial Magistrate court handling CBI cases in Panchkula, Haryana. Investigators said fraudsters in India used spoofed calls in 2013 to impersonate Singapore immigration officials and dupe Indian nationals working or living there. Singh allegedly operated a money-transfer outlet that received fraud proceeds.

Indian-origin boy uses artificial intelligence to build wildlife safety app in Canada

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Eight-year-old Viyoohan Sayooran of Markham, Ontario, has created Urban Wild Watch, a free app designed to help communities report wildlife encounters and respond safely. Inspired by coyotes and bears appearing near his neighborhood, Viyoohan launched the platform on June 5 with help from artificial intelligence tools.

The app allows users to report sightings of coyotes, bears, foxes, deer and other animals, while also flagging injured or orphaned wildlife. By July, it had recorded

more than 150 wildlife encounters across Canada and the United States, according to information shared about the project.

A key feature deliberately hides the precise location of sightings, instead showing a broader area. Viyoohan said he wanted to prevent crowds from rushing to wildlife locations for photographs, which could frighten animals and create safety risks. He used Claude to organize his ideas and Lovable to turn plain-English instructions into a functioning web application, demonstrating how artificial intelligence tools can help young users develop practical technology project.



Indian-American author alleges detention after Greenland vacation

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Indian-American author and entrepreneur Neal Bakshi has alleged that United States border officers detained and questioned him after he returned from a vacation in Greenland. Bakshi, who was born and raised in the United States to Indian immigrant parents, said in an Instagram video that he was pulled aside for additional screening despite using Global Entry. Officers initially told him it was a random check.

Bakshi alleged he was taken to a waiting area and later questioned about personal information and affiliations with certain groups. He also described witnessing an officer allegedly making a disparaging remark to an elderly Hispanic woman who



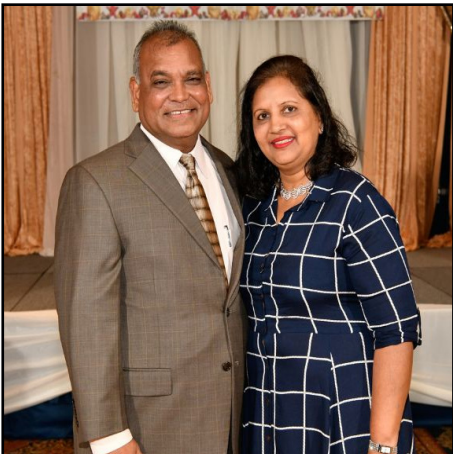
did not speak English.

Bakshi said the experience made him question whether some Americans face greater scrutiny than others. United States Customs and Border Protection had not publicly responded to his claims.

Indian-American couple gives \$4 million to University of Houston engineering college

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Indian-American engineer Manmohan Singh Kalsi and his wife, Marie-Luise Schubert Kalsi, have committed \$4 million to the University of Houston's Cullen College of Engineering to support education, research and innovation. The university said the gift will establish two endowed professorships, a faculty research fund, graduate fellowships and a seminar series within the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Kalsi earned his master's degree and doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston and founded Kalsi Engineering in 1978. The company pioneered hydrodynamic rotary sealing technology and later expanded into valve



technology for nuclear power plants. The gift builds on the couple's longstanding relationship with the university and Kalsi's support for engineering education.

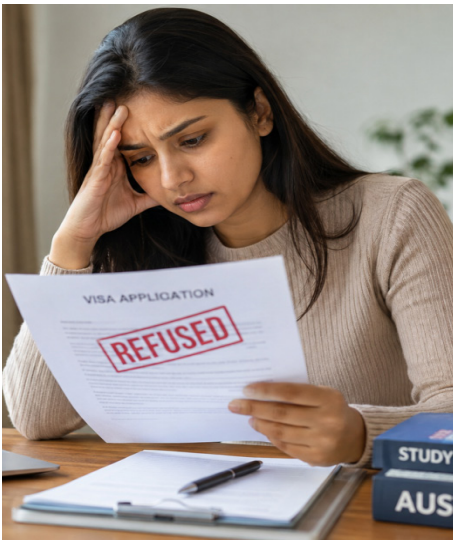
Proposed US rule could end 60-day job-loss grace period for H-1B workers



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The United States government has proposed eliminating the discretionary 60-day grace period that allows certain foreign workers to remain in the country after losing qualifying employment. The Department of Homeland Security proposal would affect several visa categories, including H-1B, E-1, E-2, E-3, L-1, O-1 and TN workers. The provision, introduced in 2016 and effective from January 2017, gives eligible workers up to 60 days, or until their authorized stay expires, to find new employment or seek another lawful status. The change could significantly affect Indians, who accounted for 71 percent of approved H-1B petitions for highly skilled workers in fiscal year 2024.

Australia student visa refusals reach decade high, with Indians facing steep rise



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Australia's student visa refusal rate has reached a 10-year high, rising to 24.2 percent in June, according to Department of Home Affairs data reported by Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The rate has climbed sharply from 7.9 percent in June 2016 amid tighter scrutiny of international students. During the 2025-26 financial year, more than 51 percent of student visa applications from Nepal were refused, while more than 40 percent of applications from India were rejected. China's refusal rate was 5.8 percent. Australian authorities said applications are assessed individually and nationality is not a determining factor. Applicants must satisfy the Genuine Student requirement and demonstrate that their proposed studies align with their background and future plans.

IAEA board reports Iran to Security Council over nuclear safeguards dispute

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The International Atomic Energy Agency’s Board of Governors voted Wednesday to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council for the first time in 20 years, citing Tehran’s failure to cooperate with a long-running investigation into uranium traces found at undeclared sites. The resolution, proposed by the United States, Britain, France and Germany, passed with 23 votes in favor. Russia, China and Niger opposed it, while eight countries abstained. Iran rejected the measure, calling it a political move and saying ongoing military operations have made inspections impossible. The referral could expose Iran to sanctions, although Russia and China have veto power at the Security Council. The agency has also been unable to verify Iran’s stockpile of uranium enriched to 60 percent since nuclear sites were struck in 2025.

Far-right AfD scores record win in German state election

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Germany’s far-right Alternative for Germany won a record 44.5 percent in Saxony-Anhalt’s state election Sunday, more than doubling its 2021 result and delivering a major setback to the Christian Democratic Union. The CDU fell to 18.5 percent from 37.1 percent five years ago. The Left won 9.5 percent, the Greens 9 percent and the Social Democratic Party 8 percent, according to the election projection. The Alternative for Germany was projected to secure 39 of the state parliament’s 83 seats, leaving it three short of a governing majority. The party’s state leader, Ulrich Siegmund, said voters had sent a clear signal. Most mainstream parties have ruled out coalitions with the far-right party, leaving government formation uncertain.

BLA claims 52 Pakistani personnel killed in seven days of attacks across Balochistan



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The Baloch Liberation Army has claimed that 52 Pakistani security personnel were killed in 28 operations across Balochistan during the seven days ending Sunday. The separatist group said its fighters carried out attacks in several districts, targeting military positions, convoys and other infrastructure. It also claimed to have seized weapons and military equipment and destroyed several vehicles and facilities. Among the reported incidents, the group claimed seven personnel were killed in a remote-controlled attack on a military convoy and four others died during an ambush in Mastung. The Baloch Liberation Army also claimed responsibility for attacks in Quetta, Kharan, Kalat and Jhal Magsi. The casualty figures and other operational claims could not be independently verified.

US bans Canadian dairy, alcohol and motorcycles as Trump trade war deepens and Canada retaliates

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The United States is banning imports of several Canadian dairy products, motorcycles and most alcoholic beverages, deepening a trade war that has strained relations between the longtime allies. The restrictions take effect September 29, after Canada imposed retaliatory tariffs on about \$20 billion of U.S. goods, including steel, aluminum, cheese, appliances, clothing and farm equipment.

President Donald Trump also ordered Canadian products excluded from large, long-term U.S. government contracts until Canada allows what Washington calls “full and fair reciprocity” for American products.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney defended Ottawa’s response, saying the dispute has accelerated efforts to reduce



Canada’s economic dependence on the United States. More than 70% of Canadian exports go to the U.S., but Carney said Canada would expand trade with Europe and other markets.

The escalating conflict has also intensified Canadian opposition to Trump’s repeated suggestion that Canada could become the 51st U.S. state, strengthening support for Carney and making an early return to negotiations less likely.

Vance seizes MAGA spotlight as Republicans look beyond Trump

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Vice President JD Vance seized the political spotlight at a Republican convention in Dallas on Thursday, giving supporters an early look at a potential 2028 presidential campaign as Republicans begin considering the party’s future beyond President Donald Trump. Vance, 42, delivered a 40-minute speech focused on nationalism, immigration, crime, economic security and cultural issues, drawing enthusiastic applause from the pro-Trump crowd. Some supporters repeatedly chanted ‘48, 48,’ suggesting they see Vance as a potential successor to Trump, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. Vance did not formally address his presidential ambitions, instead urging Republicans to focus on the November midterm elections.

Trump has not endorsed a successor,



though he later described Vance as a ‘very talented guy’ and a ‘great vice president.’ Secretary of State Marco Rubio is also frequently mentioned as a possible 2028 contender. Despite Vance’s prominent role, Trump’s presence remained unmistakable, with large images of the president dominating the 20,000-seat arena and his political movement continuing to shape the Republican Party.

Canada announces major drone production plan and new air defense aid for Ukraine

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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney announced Thursday that Canada aims to develop the capacity to produce millions of drones over the next two years, with one-third intended for Ukraine, during Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s visit to Canada. Carney said initial contracts worth up to C\$50 million will increase the number of drones deployed

by Canada’s armed forces tenfold. Canada also announced about C\$350 million in funding for critical air defense interceptors for Ukraine through a United States-led procurement mechanism. Ottawa will provide nearly C\$435 million in loan guarantees to support Ukraine’s winter gas purchases and energy security. Zelenskyy welcomed the measures, saying deeper drone cooperation would strengthen Ukraine’s defenses while giving Canada access to battlefield-tested technology.

Kenya’s nurses end 43-day strike after reaching return-to-work deal

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Kenya’s nurses ended a 43-day strike Wednesday after their union and the government signed an agreement allowing them to return to work. Nurses’ union Secretary-General Seth Panyako said members would resume duties within 24 hours. The agreement gives both sides 45 days to negotiate implementation of a

collective bargaining agreement reached in 2017 but never fully implemented because of government budget constraints. The strike had strained hospitals and prompted doctors to threaten industrial action over increased workloads. Doctors’ union leader Davji Bhimji Atellah said doctors were already overburdened while covering for nurses. He warned that doctors could issue a strike notice if the government fails to address the concerns.

Gold, gems and Renoirs fuel concerns over wave of French museum thefts

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A string of museum robberies in France is raising fresh concerns about the security of the country’s valuable cultural collections. Thieves recently stole a 2,500-year-old gold necklace and jewelry worth more than US\$5 million in separate July raids. On Tuesday, two burglars broke into the Renoir Museum in Cagnes-sur-Mer and stole four paintings by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Two were abandoned during the escape, leaving two still missing. The museum theft took less than three minutes. Europol has warned that museum robberies are becoming more violent, with criminals increasingly targeting gold, gemstones and other valuables that can be melted down or resold. French cultural officials are calling for greater investment in security following a series of high-profile thefts.

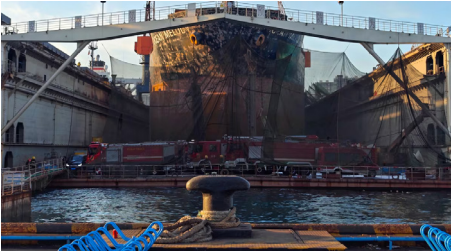
Dutch tour bus overturns in Swiss Alps, leaving several dead and others injured



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A Dutch tour bus overturned Thursday in eastern Switzerland, leaving several people dead and others injured, police said. The crash occurred between the Alpine villages of Susch and Zernez in the canton of Graubunden. Police said the coach collided with a crash barrier before overturning and that no other vehicles appeared to be involved. Swiss media reported that 48 people were aboard, while a Dutch travel industry association said the passengers were Dutch. Several ambulances and five helicopters were sent to the scene. Authorities did not immediately provide the number of deaths or injuries as rescue operations continued.

25 killed after cargo ship catches fire at Chinese port during repairs



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A cargo ship undergoing repairs at a Chinese port caught fire Thursday, killing 25 people, according to Chinese state media. The blaze broke out around 11 a.m. at Beihai Shipbuilding in Qingdao and was extinguished about three and a half hours later. Xinhua identified the vessel as the Ocean Melody, a Liberia-flagged ship, and said 42 people had been aboard. Twelve people were safely evacuated and five others were injured and hospitalized in stable condition. Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered authorities to urgently rescue anyone still missing and strengthen safety measures. The shipyard is part of China State Shipbuilding Corporation, the world’s largest shipbuilder.

Taiwan vice president makes rare European visit for democracy forum in Italy

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Taiwan Vice President Hsiao Bi-khim is making a rare visit to Europe to attend a democracy forum in Italy, accompanied by Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung. Hsiao was invited to the Ventotene Conference for Freedom and Democracy, which runs through Saturday. Her participation was kept confidential until her arrival, according to a European Parliament vice president, who said the secrecy was intended to protect her participation. Senior Taiwanese officials rarely visit European countries because Beijing opposes international engagement by Taiwan, which China claims as its territory. Taiwan rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims. Hsiao has previously faced Chinese sanctions for her support of Taiwan's position.

Poland expects Russia to target border crossings with Ukraine, Tusk says

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Poland expects Russia could target border crossings with Ukraine as Moscow seeks to disrupt trade routes and weaken Kyiv's economy, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Thursday. Tusk said Polish and Ukrainian security services had prevented a direct threat to one of Poland's crossings overnight. His warning followed a drone attack on a border crossing between Ukraine and Moldova that killed two people Wednesday. Tusk said Poland and other European countries should prepare for similar actions. He added that he had received a detailed assessment from the Central Intelligence Agency about possible developments in the coming months. Russia did not immediately comment on his remarks.

Kim Jong Un expands state-backed leisure economy in North Korea



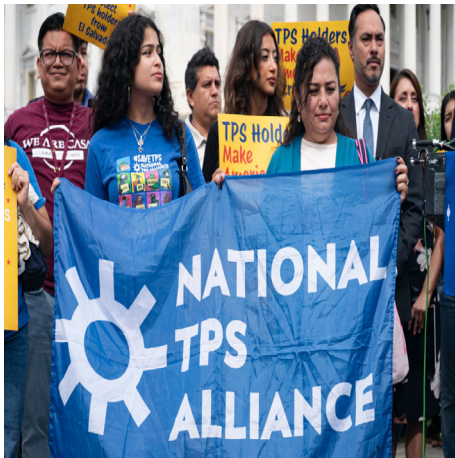
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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is expanding state-controlled leisure and consumer options, including coffee shops, water parks, luxury malls and resorts, in an effort to channel growing household wealth through official markets. Reuters found that imports of massage equipment from China have risen 40-fold over the past decade, while treadmill shipments increased more than sixfold. North Korea's economy grew 3.5 percent in 2025, according to South Korea's central bank. New attractions include the Wonsan Kalma beach resort and luxury hotels near the Chinese border. Analysts say the strategy could boost domestic demand, reduce reliance on informal markets and generate revenue for the state while strengthening economic control.

Salvadorans retain temporary protected status in US for now

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The Trump administration said Wednesday that tens of thousands of Salvadoran immigrants in the United States will temporarily retain their protected status while the government considers its next decision. The Department of Homeland Security said Salvadorans currently covered by Temporary Protected Status will remain protected until an announcement is made. The status allows eligible people from countries facing extraordinary conditions to live and work legally in the United States. An advocacy group estimates that about 170,000 Salvadorans hold the protection. The Trump administration has moved to end Temporary Protected Status for nationals



of several countries as part of its broader immigration crackdown. Officials did not say when a final decision on Salvadoran protections would be announced.

Hasina's daughter resigns from WHO post amid fraud investigations

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Saima Wazed, daughter of ousted Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, resigned Wednesday as the World Health Organization's regional director for Southeast Asia amid investigations into alleged fraud and other misconduct. Wazed had been on unpaid administrative leave since last year after Bangladesh's Anti-Corruption Commission filed fraud and forgery allegations against her. The World Health Organization said a committee recommended her dismissal before she resigned. Wazed has denied the allegations, saying a disputed travel claim involved an administrative error and that her academic credentials were properly disclosed. She also said she was prevented from performing



her duties and had lost confidence in the organization's leadership. Dr. Nilesh Buddha will serve as acting regional head.

Bangladesh measles outbreak exposes deep gaps in childhood vaccination coverage

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Bangladesh is battling its worst measles outbreak in years, with 999 deaths reported among suspected measles cases since the start of the year, according to government health authorities. More than 166,000 suspected cases have been recorded, including 19,835 laboratory-confirmed infections. Hospitals are struggling to treat children with severe complications, including pneumonia, diarrhea and encephalitis. The government launched an emergency vaccination campaign in March with support from the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Gavi vaccine alliance. Health experts blame disrupted routine immunization during the COVID-19



pandemic and political upheaval in 2024 for leaving many children unvaccinated. About 86 percent of children received their recommended second measles vaccine dose last year, down from 93 percent in 2024.

New Zealand public servants strike over pay as election debate centers on government cuts

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Nearly 10,000 New Zealand public servants walked off the job for several hours on Wednesday, protesting wage offers they say fail to keep pace with rising living costs. The stoppages disrupted services at several major government agencies, including employment and social housing support. Rallies were held nationwide, with several hundred workers gathering

near Parliament in Wellington. Former Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and Green Party lawmaker Julie Anne Genter joined the rally in support of the workers. The strike has also pushed public-sector staffing higher on the election agenda. The center-right government led by Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has pursued cuts to reduce spending, while unions warn further reductions could weaken frontline services. The government says the cuts are necessary to restore budget balance.

Sweden election could bring far-right Sweden Democrats into government

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Swedes will vote Sunday in a closely contested election that could bring the far-right Sweden Democrats into government for the first time. The party is polling at about 19 percent and has backed Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson's center-right coalition since 2022. Kristersson has pledged to include the Sweden Democrats in a future government if his bloc wins, potentially giving the party cabinet positions after years of political isolation. The election has also highlighted Sweden's tougher approach to immigration, with asylum applications falling to a 40-year low. The center-left opposition, led by Social Democrat Magdalena Andersson, holds a narrow polling advantage. Any government will face challenges forming a stable coalition.

US military says Caribbean strike killed three in latest vessel attack

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The United States military said Wednesday it struck a vessel in the Caribbean Sea, killing three people in the latest attack targeting boats Washington says are involved in drug trafficking. The United States Southern Command said the vessel was operating along established narcotics-trafficking routes and that intelligence indicated it was actively involved in trafficking. The administration has described people killed in previous strikes as narco-terrorists. More than 220 people have been killed in United States strikes on suspected drug-trafficking vessels in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific since September 2025, according to Reuters. Human rights organizations and United Nations experts have questioned the legality of the operations and described them as extrajudicial killings.

Japan sends military helicopters to Indonesia to battle wildfire haze



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Japan deployed a military transport ship and three helicopters to Indonesia's Borneo on Thursday to help battle wildfires that have produced hazardous smoke across the region. About 300 Japanese personnel arrived aboard the landing ship JS Kunisaki, marking what Japan described as the first known overseas firefighting mission by its Self-Defense Forces. The three CH-47 Chinook helicopters are expected to begin operations after preparations are completed. Indonesia has faced worsening forest and land fires during an unusually prolonged dry season, with more than 202,000 hectares burned between January and July, according to Indonesia's Forestry Ministry. The resulting haze has affected neighboring Malaysia and reached the Philippines, while schools in parts of Indonesia have suspended classes.



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317 rounds of ammunition, rifles and IED recovered in anti-Naxal operation in Jharkhand

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Security forces recovered 317 rounds of ammunition, several rifles, magazines and an improvised explosive device during an anti-Naxal operation in Jharkhand's Seraikela-Kharsawan district on Friday, police said. The recovery followed a joint search by district police and the Sashastra Seema Bal in forested areas under Kuchai and Chandil police stations. Police said information obtained during the interrogation of recently arrested Maoist suspects led security teams to alleged hideouts. The seized weapons included two .303 rifles, an INSAS rifle, a self-loading rifle and a country-made pistol. An improvised explosive device and detonator found during the operation were safely defused by a bomb disposal squad.

Satya Niketan collapse case takes new turn as absconding accused surrenders in Delhi court

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Advocate Shubham Tyagi, an accused in the Satya Niketan building collapse case, surrendered before the Patiala House Court on Friday, a day after his anticipatory bail plea was rejected. Delhi Police sought his custodial interrogation along with co-accused Sudhanshu Lovenish Kumar, associated with the paying-guest facility. The court had questioned Tyagi's claim that he was merely an investor, noting a rent agreement identifying him as a co-lessee of the second and third floors. The collapse killed seven people, including five students, on September 6. The court said further investigation was needed into the accused's role and knowledge of construction activity at the building.

Gujarat waives panchayat property tax on one home for serving soldiers, veterans and martyrs' widows



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The Gujarat government has approved a complete exemption from panchayat property tax on one residential property owned or occupied by eligible defense personnel and their families. The amended rules cover serving defense personnel and their spouses, former soldiers and widows of soldiers who died in service. The exemption applies to one residential property within a gram panchayat's jurisdiction. The government said the measure would provide financial relief while recognizing the service and sacrifice of military personnel and their families. The amendment to the Gujarat Gram and Nagar Panchayats Taxes and Fees Rules, 1964, will take effect from its publication in the Official Gazette.

BJP's election-period receipts top \$154 million, more than seven times Congress figure

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Election expenditure filings submitted to the Election Commission show a wide funding gap between the BJP and Congress during the recent Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry. The BJP reported net receipts of about \$154.9 million at its central headquarters during the election period, more than seven times the Congress's \$21.8 million reported across its central and state units.

The BJP's central balance also rose from about \$70.7 million at the start of the period to \$80.2 million at the end. The Congress reported \$26.1 million in expenditure, while its combined balance fell from about \$1.8 million to \$1.1 million. The BJP's final consolidated figures are expected to be



higher because its Kerala and West Bengal reports have not yet been released.

Pure, noble love basis of RSS work, Bhagwat rejects 'intense hatred' claims

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RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has rejected claims that 'intense hatred' is the basis of the organization's work, saying instead that 'Shuddha Saatvika Prem', or pure and noble love, is its foundation. Speaking at a civilizational dialogue in London on Sunday during the RSS centenary outreach, Bhagwat said the idea of 'apnapan', or a sense of oneness and belonging, lies at the heart

of Hindu thought and the organization's approach. He said this sense of belonging extends from individuals and families to society and humanity, while emphasizing respect for diversity and nature. Bhagwat said Hindu thought sees existence as fundamentally one despite its diverse forms and argued that differences should not prevent people from living and working together. He also said British Hindus should remain loyal to Britain, their 'Karmabhoomi', or land of duty and work.

Security agencies intensify Kashmir operations amid intelligence inputs on renewed terror recruitment and targeted attacks

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Security agencies have intensified counter-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir following intelligence inputs about renewed recruitment and plans for targeted attacks in the Valley. Officials said Pakistan-backed groups including Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are increasingly using online propaganda to radicalize young people and spread threats against Kashmiri Pandits, local police and migrant workers. Agencies are monitoring digital activity and conducting intelligence-led operations to identify potential recruits and terror networks. Officials have also warned that attempts to create fear and deepen



communal divisions could accompany the recruitment drive. Security agencies are simultaneously tracking suspected networks involved in moving weapons and facilitating attacks.

Naga lawmakers' protest deepens Manipur government tensions as deputy chief minister skips Cabinet meeting

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Manipur Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho skipped a Cabinet meeting on Thursday, citing the collective position of the Naga Legislators' Forum amid continuing tensions over the state's ethnic conflict. Dikho, the only Naga minister in the Cabinet, said he would not participate while he believed justice remained denied to the Naga community. His decision followed concerns raised by nine Naga legislators, who recently urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to act against those they allege were responsible



for attacks on Naga civilians. The legislators have also demanded action over the killing of six Naga men and called for a review of the Suspension of Operations agreement with Kuki militant groups.

Nationwide bank strike disrupts public sector services as unions press for five-day workweek

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Banking services were disrupted across India on Friday as the United Forum of Bank Unions staged a nationwide strike demanding a five-day workweek and changes to the government's revised Performance Linked Incentive scheme. The forum represents seven unions and about 90 percent of bank employees and officers. Public sector bank branches were the most affected, with cash deposits, withdrawals, cheque processing and other branch-based services disrupted in several locations, while digital banking, Unified Payments Interface and internet banking largely continued. The unions say the five-day week, agreed under a 2024 industry settlement, remains unimplemented. They have also announced another three-day strike later this month and warned of an indefinite strike from October if demands remain unresolved.

Mayawati attacks Congress and Samajwadi Party over use of blue in outreach to Dalits

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Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati on Friday accused the Congress and Samajwadi Party of using blue clothing, scarves and stage decorations to project an image of solidarity with Dalits and other marginalized communities without changing what she called their underlying political mindset. In posts on X, Mayawati said symbolic displays could not make parties genuinely Ambedkarite and accused opposition parties of political opportunism. She also criticized the Samajwadi Party's backward classes, Dalit and minority outreach and Congress efforts to attract Bahujan voters. With Uttar Pradesh heading toward a crucial assembly election, Mayawati asserted that the Bahujan Samaj Party remains the only genuine political force representing these communities.

Bihar Congress tightens discipline as 29 dissenting leaders face show-cause notices



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The Bihar Congress has intensified its crackdown on internal dissent, issuing show-cause notices to 29 leaders over alleged anti-party activities. The action followed a protest by disgruntled party leaders outside the All India Congress Committee office in New Delhi on Monday, where they demanded changes in the state leadership. Those served notices include former legislators and former district Congress presidents. The disciplinary committee has asked the leaders to respond within 72 hours, warning that further action could follow if their explanations are unsatisfactory. The move comes after the Congress performed poorly in the 2025 Bihar Assembly election and amid criticism of state president Rajesh Kumar and Bihar in-charge Krishna Allavaru.

NIA court convicts all 10 surviving accused in 2013 Jhiram Valley Maoist attack that killed 29

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A special National Investigation Agency court in Jagdalpur has convicted all 10 surviving accused in the 2013 Jhiram Valley Maoist attack in Chhattisgarh. Eleven people were tried in the case, but one accused died during the proceedings. The court found the 10 guilty of charges including the murder of 29 people and attempted murder of 15 others. The court has reserved its decision on punishment for Wednesday. Maoists attacked a convoy of Congress leaders in Jhiram Valley in May 2013, killing several senior party leaders and others. The National Investigation Agency investigated the case, which became one of the deadliest Maoist attacks in India.

Bihar floods worsen as Ganga and other major rivers remain in spate across 16 districts

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The flood situation in Bihar remains serious, with major rivers including the Ganga, Punpun, Gandak, Burhi Gandak, Son and Kosi continuing to flow at high levels. Sixteen districts, including Patna, Bhojpur, Bhagalpur and West Champaran, are affected. Authorities have intensified rescue and relief operations, deploying nine National Disaster Response Force teams and 27 State Disaster Response Force teams. Dry rations are being distributed to affected families, while health teams have been stationed in flood-hit areas. Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary and Water Resources Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary conducted an aerial survey on Friday and reviewed relief operations and flood-protection measures with senior officials.

Cabinet clears Rs.20,800 crore railway expansion plan covering nine states and nearly 1,200 kilometers



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The Union Cabinet has approved eight multitracking railway projects worth more than Rs.20,800 crore across nine states, adding about 1,196 kilometers to the rail network. The projects aim to increase capacity, ease congestion and improve passenger and freight movement, with completion targeted by 2029-30. Three projects will add about 656 kilometers across West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Five projects in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana will add another 540 kilometers. The government also plans to quadruple seven high-density railway corridors covering about 11,000 kilometers. The projects are expected to strengthen connectivity and reduce logistics costs.

Islamic State and Al-Qaeda turn to artificial intelligence to expand online radicalization of women and children

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The Islamic State and Al-Qaeda are increasingly using digital propaganda and artificial intelligence to reach women, children and young people, according to a recent United Nations report and Indian security officials. The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate said generative artificial intelligence allows extremist groups to rapidly create and tailor propaganda for different audiences. Children can encounter such material through social media, gaming platforms and online communities before being directed toward more closed digital spaces. Indian officials said extremist groups are also seeking to expand recruitment among women and children in India. Authorities are monitoring these digital networks as artificial



intelligence makes propaganda faster, more targeted and easier to localize.

India removes 12-minute television advertising cap, giving broadcasters greater freedom over commercial breaks

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Television broadcasters in India will no longer be subject to the previous 12-minute-per-hour advertising ceiling after the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India repealed its 2012 advertising regulations on Thursday. The move follows the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's decision to remove the corresponding limit from the Cable Television Networks Rules. The regulator said the change reflects major developments in the television industry, including greater competition and consumer choice, while supporting ease of doing business. The new rules took effect upon publication in the Official Gazette.



The decision gives broadcasters greater flexibility over advertising time, although viewers could see longer or more frequent commercial breaks.

Amit Shah sets zero-casualty goal and calls for disaster-resilient villages and cities across India

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah has called for stronger disaster prevention and preparedness, setting a goal of reducing disaster deaths to zero. Speaking at the governing body meeting of the National Institute of Disaster Management in New Delhi on Thursday, Shah emphasized three priorities: risk reduction, early warning systems and zero casualty. He called for creating disaster-resilient villages and cities and directed authorities to strengthen research into the causes of disasters. Shah also urged greater coordination among national and state response agencies and called for dedicated disaster-management cells across government departments. He



said disaster preparedness must account for emerging risks linked to climate change and global warming.

Supreme Court presses India to set deadline for warning labels on high-sugar and high-salt foods

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The Supreme Court has ordered the federal government to provide a clear timeline within 10 days for implementing warning labels on packaged foods high in added sugar, salt or saturated fat, increasing pressure on food regulators to act. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India had proposed red warning labels for

products exceeding prescribed limits in at least two of the three categories, with stricter requirements planned in a second phase. The court warned that the second phase could otherwise be indefinitely delayed and said consumer acceptance or industry reformulation could not justify uncertainty over implementation. Food companies have opposed the warnings, while health advocates say the proposed system remains too lenient.

India's foreign exchange reserves jump nearly \$45 billion to record \$785.7 billion

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India's foreign exchange reserves surged by nearly \$45 billion in the week ending September 4, reaching a record \$785.7 billion, Reserve Bank of India data showed Friday. The increase marked the 10th consecutive weekly rise, taking the total gain over that period to nearly \$120 billion. The latest jump was led by a \$47.4 billion increase in foreign currency assets, while gold reserves declined by about \$2.6 billion. The surge was largely fueled by strong dollar inflows under measures introduced by the Reserve Bank in June to attract overseas borrowing and non-resident Indian deposits. The record reserves come even as the rupee remains under pressure from rising oil prices and global uncertainty.

National Stock Exchange clears major hurdles for record-setting public listing



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India's National Stock Exchange is moving ahead with a long-awaited initial public offering that could become the country's largest-ever primary market fundraising. The exchange is expected to seek about Rs.300 billion, or roughly \$3.17 billion, through an offer for sale by existing shareholders rather than by issuing new shares. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has cleared the exchange's prospectus, while the Supreme Court has dismissed a long-running case concerning access to market data, removing two major obstacles to the listing. The National Stock Exchange dominates India's equity and derivatives markets and is also the world's largest derivatives exchange by trading volume. The proposed listing is expected to be closely watched by global investors.

India moves to vet artificial intelligence agents before they can make UPI payments

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India is preparing a registry to verify and monitor artificial intelligence agents that make payments on behalf of users through the Unified Payments Interface, as the country moves toward so-called agentic commerce. The National Payments Corporation of India is developing the registry as part of its planned Unified Agentic Protocol. Initially, the system is expected to focus on small, frequent transactions such as grocery purchases, allowing approved artificial intelligence agents to complete payments without requiring users to authorize every transaction. The system could eventually support more complex tasks, including conditional purchases and investments. However, questions over liability for unauthorized or incorrect transactions remain unresolved. The initiative reflects India's effort to build safeguards as artificial intelligence begins taking a more active role in digital payments.



South Korea warns Google over leaked personal data of digital sex crime victims

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South Korea’s gender equality minister said Friday that Google must take legal responsibility if violations are found over an alleged leak of personal data belonging to digital sex crime victims. The information was exposed on a foreign research project website linked to Google and was removed after a government request. Google apologized and said it asked the website operator to delete the information after being alerted. South Korean authorities are investigating possible violations of laws protecting victims of sexual violence. Police investigated 17,716 digital sex crime cases between 2021 and 2025. The government is also considering legislation allowing investigators to lawfully access websites distributing illegally filmed sexual material.

India joins United States and 24 nations to shape security and standards for future 6G networks



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India has joined the United States and 24 other countries in a global initiative focused on leadership and security for next-generation 6G networks. The framework covers network security, interoperability, resilience and trusted artificial intelligence. India’s early participation is expected to give its researchers, telecommunications companies, chip designers and startups a stronger voice in developing future standards and spectrum policies. The move comes as formal international work on 6G is expected to accelerate and India targets deployment around 2030. The government sees participation as an opportunity to strengthen India’s role in global technology standards rather than simply adopting rules developed elsewhere.

Texas judge rules TikTok misled users about content protections for children

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A Texas judge ruled Thursday that TikTok violated state consumer protection law by misleading users about how it filtered content for minors and the effectiveness of its Restricted Mode. Judge Cory Liu found that TikTok said it would remove content violating its guidelines while internally allowing some material to remain because it was considered difficult to find. He also ruled that Restricted Mode exposed minors to content the company claimed would be filtered. Texas sued TikTok in 2025, alleging it marketed the platform as safe for children. The case will now proceed to trial, where penalties and other remedies will be determined.

Apple unveils latest iPhone lineup with new CEO, including foldable Duo

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Apple unveiled its latest iPhone lineup on Wednesday, introducing its first foldable smartphone, the iPhone Duo, under newly appointed Chief Executive John Ternus. Ternus, who succeeded Tim Cook on September 1, presented the new devices at Apple’s headquarters in Cupertino, California, in his first major product launch as chief executive.

The Duo opens into a 7.6-inch display, which Apple says is 80 percent larger than the screen on the iPhone 18 Pro, while still fitting into a pocket. It supports Apple Pencil input and allows users to run two apps side by side or view two windows of the same website. Starting at \$1,999, it is the most expensive iPhone yet.

Apple also unveiled the iPhone 18 Pro and



18 Pro Max, starting at \$1,199 and \$1,299. The new models offer improved battery life, faster charging, upgraded cameras and new artificial intelligence-powered Siri features. Preorders begin Friday, with the phones arriving September 18. The Duo will be available October 23.

Trump administration plans \$100 million Africell loan to counter Huawei’s telecoms reach in Africa

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The Trump administration plans to provide nearly \$100 million to Africell, Africa’s only American-owned telecommunications company, as Washington seeks to counter China’s Huawei in the region, Reuters reported Friday. The loan from the Export-Import Bank will allow Africell to invest in mobile network technology supplied by American and allied companies. Huawei has about 52 percent of Africa’s 5G infrastructure market, according to Counterpoint Research. Africell serves about 15 million customers in

Angola, Gambia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone. The financing is part of Washington’s broader effort to promote non-Huawei telecommunications equipment overseas and follows a 2025 executive order encouraging American technology exports. Africell previously received a \$100 million loan from a U.S. development agency in 2018 to expand its communications infrastructure. Huawei has faced U.S. sanctions over alleged security risks, which it denies. The latest financing underscores Washington’s broader competition with Beijing over telecommunications infrastructure and technology influence in Africa.

India and Eurasian Economic Union move to fast-track free trade talks and expand market access

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Friday that India and the Eurasian Economic Union are working to accelerate negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement and expand market access. Goyal said he discussed the issue with Eurasian Economic Commission Trade Minister Andrey Slepnev, with talks focusing on pharmaceuticals, technology and automobiles. The Eurasian Economic Union comprises Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan and Russia. The proposed agreement is aimed at deepening economic cooperation and increasing trade between India and the five-member bloc. Goyal’s push comes as India seeks to expand its network of trade agreements and boost exports. India’s combined merchandise and services exports reached a record \$863.1 billion in 2025-26, according to government data, including \$441.8 billion in merchandise exports. The proposed agreement could provide Indian exporters greater access to Eurasian markets while strengthening trade ties with Russia and other members of the economic bloc.

Chinese competition forces German manufacturers to rethink strategy in markets they once dominated

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German manufacturers are facing growing pressure from Chinese companies that increasingly compete on quality while offering lower prices. The challenge has contributed to Germany’s prolonged economic stagnation and mounting job cuts across major industries. Forklift maker Jungheinrich is partnering with Chinese manufacturer EP Equipment to produce a lower-cost model for entry-level customers. Volkswagen has adopted an ‘in China, for China’ strategy, developing vehicles specifically for the Chinese market. Chinese companies benefit from government



support, lower production costs and intense domestic competition. German economists are calling for stronger European trade measures to protect industries from the growing impact of Chinese exports.

Japan pledges close coordination with United States to stabilize foreign exchange markets

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Japan will maintain close communication with the United States to ensure orderly foreign exchange markets, Finance Minister Satsuki Katayama said Friday. She said Tokyo’s policy stance had not changed since Japan and the United States conducted coordinated currency intervention and issued a joint statement. Her comments followed recent remarks by U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warning investors who are betting against the yen. Katayama described his comments as a direct expression of his market views. The yen has remained under pressure, making coordination between Tokyo and Washington increasingly important for currency market stability.

Ryanair chief disputes claim passenger was partly pulled through shattered plane window

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Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O’Leary on Thursday disputed claims that a passenger was partly pulled out of a shattered window during a July flight from northern Greece to Germany. Ljubisa Karovic suffered neck and shoulder injuries and friction burns after the window broke shortly after takeoff. His wife and other witnesses said a pressure drop pulled his head and shoulders toward or through the opening, while passengers helped restrain him. O’Leary said Karovic was pulled toward the window but that no part of his body exited the aircraft. The Boeing 737-800 suffered damage after fragments from a broken engine fan blade struck the fuselage. The aircraft returned safely to Greece.

European Central Bank raises interest rate to 2.5 percent as energy costs fuel inflation



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The European Central Bank raised its benchmark interest rate by a quarter percentage point to 2.5 percent on Thursday, responding to inflation pressures driven largely by surging energy costs linked to the war involving Iran. Eurozone inflation reached 3.3 percent in August, above the bank’s 2 percent target, while oil prices climbed above \$100 a barrel. European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said inflation could remain elevated for an extended period and warned that the outlook remains highly uncertain. The bank last raised rates in June before pausing in July. Officials gave no guidance on future moves, saying decisions will depend on incoming economic data.

Korean Air faces possible criminal complaints over alleged obstruction of merger probe

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South Korea's antitrust watchdog began deliberations Thursday on three cases involving Korean Air, including allegations that the airline obstructed an investigation into its acquisition of Asiana Airlines. An examiner recommended criminal complaints against Korean Air and three employees, alleging that work-related computer files and emails were deleted during an inspection at the company's Seoul headquarters in February. The other cases concern requests to ease conditions requiring Korean Air to maintain at least 90 percent of 2019 seat capacity on 40 routes. The airline sought reductions citing changing market conditions and Middle East-related volatility. The Fair Trade Commission will make final decisions after hearing the company's defense.

United States and China seek more balanced trade in non-sensitive goods

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The United States and China are working to identify non-sensitive goods that could be traded on a more balanced basis, United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said this week. Greer said the two countries are using a government-to-government Board of Trade to identify products for which imports and exports could be better balanced. The initiative focuses on goods outside sensitive technology and national security sectors. Washington has said the mechanism could allow tariff adjustments on equal-value non-sensitive products from both countries. Greer also defended President Donald Trump's tariff policies, saying they are encouraging manufacturing investment and job growth in the United States.

Federal Aviation Administration turns to predictive software to reduce flight delays



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Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Bryan Bedford met airline chief executives on Thursday to discuss the rollout of 'SMART', an advanced software system designed to reduce flight delays and cancellations. The system uses predictive analytics to assess airline schedules, weather, airport capacity and airspace conditions. It will initially help airlines reschedule flights disrupted by severe weather, with broader pre-departure coordination planned later. The agency awarded Air Space Intelligence an \$875 million, 12-year contract in June to develop the system. The initiative comes amid persistent congestion, severe weather and air traffic controller shortages, while the Federal Aviation Administration is pursuing a \$12.5 billion air traffic control overhaul.

Gold and silver retreat as higher oil prices lift global rate concerns

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Gold and silver prices moved lower globally on Thursday as surging oil prices and rising expectations of higher interest rates pressured precious metals. Spot gold fell more than 1 percent before recovering to around \$4,326 per ounce on Friday, while silver was near \$63.49 per ounce after losing about 4 percent for the week. Rising oil prices, driven by Middle

East tensions and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz, have intensified inflation concerns and pushed investors to expect tighter monetary policy. Markets are now pricing in about a 70 percent chance of a Federal Reserve rate increase at its next meeting. Higher bond yields and a stronger dollar could weigh on non-yielding metals, although geopolitical uncertainty and concerns over inflation and government debt continue to provide support for gold.

Musk's Boring Company raises \$3 billion at \$23 billion valuation

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Elon Musk's Boring Company raised \$3 billion at a \$23 billion valuation, the tunnel startup said Wednesday. The round was led by the United Arab Emirates and affiliated entities, with participation from Sequoia Capital, Andreessen Horowitz, Temasek and Baron Capital. The funding will support a partnership to develop more than 150 kilometers of underground infrastructure across the United Arab Emirates, building on the Dubai Loop project. It also plans to increase hiring and expand Loop projects in Las Vegas, Nashville and Dubai. The valuation is



higher than the \$5.7 billion assigned to the company after a \$675 million funding round in 2022.

United States suspends Cognizant green card filings amid fraud investigation

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The United States Department of Labor has suspended new permanent labor certification filings by technology services company Cognizant while federal authorities investigate alleged fraud and possible harm to American workers. The suspension affects the certification process required by many employers seeking employment-based green cards for foreign

workers. Labor Department Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito announced the action Wednesday but did not disclose the allegations, number of applications affected or duration of the suspension. A similar suspension was announced for software company Cloudera. Neither company has been accused of criminal wrongdoing in the announcement. The move came shortly after Cognizant said it planned to hire 1,500 American college graduates and expand its artificial intelligence workforce.

Meta faces scrutiny after hundreds of ads featuring AI-generated child abuse material

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Meta's Facebook and Instagram platforms carried hundreds of advertisements featuring AI-generated child sexual abuse material, according to an investigation by the Tech Transparency Project. Researchers identified 332 ads, many using photographs of real children that were digitally manipulated to depict sexual acts. Some images were reportedly

taken from publicly available social media posts, including one involving a European royal family member. Many advertisements promoted artificial intelligence applications associated with Chinese developers. Meta removed advertisements after researchers shared their findings and said it does not tolerate child exploitation, whether real or AI-generated. The investigation has raised questions about the effectiveness of Meta's advertising review systems in detecting manipulated child sexual abuse material.

Microsoft targets more than threefold data center expansion by 2032

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Microsoft plans to more than triple its global data center capacity to about 38 gigawatts by 2032, according to a Bloomberg News report cited by Reuters. The company currently has about 12 gigawatts of capacity, with roughly 2 gigawatts dedicated to artificial

intelligence chips. That share is expected to rise to about one-third of the planned 38 gigawatts. Microsoft forecast \$50 billion in capital spending for the first quarter of fiscal 2027 and \$175 billion for calendar 2026. The company is also considering 25-year data center leases instead of 15-year terms, reducing annual reported capital expenditure while supporting its long-term artificial intelligence expansion.

Portuguese rights group takes social media giants to court over addictive design



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Portuguese digital rights group D3 filed lawsuits against Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube, accusing the platforms of using features designed to keep users engaged for longer. The collective actions were filed in Lisbon between April and May and disclosed Thursday after the judicial summer break. D3 cited infinite scrolling, autoplay videos, persistent notifications and highly personalized recommendations, arguing that they create behavioral feedback loops. Google, which owns YouTube, said Thursday that safer and healthier experiences remain a priority and pointed to tools such as break and bedtime reminders. Meta and ByteDance, TikTok's owner, did not immediately comment. The cases add to growing international scrutiny of social media design.

US weekly unemployment claims remain low, signaling limited layoffs

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The number of Americans filing initial unemployment claims fell by 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 206,000 last week, the Labor Department reported Thursday, indicating layoffs remain low. Economists surveyed by Reuters had expected 205,000 claims. Weekly claims have stayed between 189,000 and 212,000 since mid-July, suggesting the labor market is stabilizing after a slowdown through late spring and summer. Employers added 162,000 jobs in August, the strongest monthly gain in five months, while the unemployment rate remained 4.1 percent. However, long-term unemployment remains a concern, with the median duration of joblessness near a four-and-a-half-year high. Continuing claims also slipped to 1.774 million.

Renault bets on Latin America with new Niagara pickup truck

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Renault unveiled its Niagara pickup truck on Thursday, targeting Latin America as the automaker seeks to reduce its dependence on Europe. The truck will be assembled at Renault's plant in Cordoba, Argentina, and sold mainly in Brazil, Argentina and Colombia. Renault said combustion-engine versions will launch first, followed by hybrid models. Pickup trucks account for as much as 30 percent of vehicle sales in Latin America, making the segment important. The Niagara is designed to compete with models including the Fiat Toro, Ford Maverick, Chevrolet Montana and RAM Rampage. Renault also sees Latin America, India and South Korea as key growth markets as competition from Chinese brands intensifies in Europe.

Cowboys extend dominance with \$17 billion valuation

The Dallas Cowboys remain the National Football League's most valuable franchise for a 20th consecutive year, according to Forbes' annual rankings released Wednesday. The team is valued at \$17 billion, a 31 percent increase from last year, despite not winning a Super Bowl since the 1995 season. Forbes estimates the Cowboys generated nearly \$1.28 billion in revenue and \$677 million in operating income last season. The Los Angeles Rams ranked second at \$13.5 billion, followed by the New York Giants at \$12 billion. The New England Patriots and San Francisco 49ers rounded out the top five. The league's average team value climbed 34 percent to \$9.5 billion, with every franchise now worth at least \$8 billion.

Rybakina rallies past Gauff to reach US Open final and claim No. 1 ranking

Elena Rybakina rallied from a set down Thursday to defeat Coco Gauff 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 and reach her first United States Open final. Gauff took the opening set after an early break, but Rybakina responded by building a 4-1 lead in the second before breaking again to level the match. The second seed then secured the decisive break in the eighth game of the final set and closed out the victory after Gauff briefly recovered serve. Rybakina, who will become the world No. 1 after the tournament, will face two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka in the final. Sabalenka extended her United States Open winning streak to 20 matches by beating Jessica Pegula 7-5, 6-2.

Bayern Munich scores five after halftime to open Champions League campaign with rout

Bayern Munich opened its Champions League campaign with a 5-0 victory over Bodø/Glimt on Thursday, scoring all five goals after halftime. Jamal Musiala put Bayern ahead two minutes after the break after Bodø/Glimt goalkeeper Nikita Haikin was replaced at halftime. Harry Kane doubled the lead with a header from Michael Olise's free kick before Alphonso Davies made it 3-0 in the 77th minute. Olise then scored twice, including in stoppage time, to complete the rout. Bayern had dominated the first half without scoring, while Haikin made several important saves before leaving the match. Bodø/Glimt finished with 10 players after Odin Bjørtuft was sent off late.

LIV Golf wins court approval for \$14 million financing as bankruptcy restructuring begins

LIV Golf received interim approval Thursday from a United States bankruptcy court to access the first \$14 million of a \$49.6 million debtor-in-possession financing package as the Saudi-backed league begins restructuring under Chapter 11 protection. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey also authorized LIV to continue paying employee wages and benefits, maintain certain employee programs and make selected payments to vendors and business partners. The financing provides short-term liquidity while LIV pursues a recapitalization plan backed by BC Partners Credit and negotiates with players over the league's future structure. LIV filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday and expects to complete its restructuring early



next year. The league will return to court on October 7 to seek final approval of its first-day requests and additional relief. LIV launched in 2022 with funding from Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund and has since reshaped professional men's golf by attracting major players with lucrative contracts.

UEFA asks United States court to block FIFA subsidiaries from joining Infantino evidence fight

UEFA urged a United States court Thursday to reject an attempt by two FIFA subsidiaries to intervene in its effort to obtain evidence that could support a potential criminal complaint against FIFA President Gianni Infantino in Switzerland. UEFA is seeking documents and testimony from Thrive Capital Management and its founder Joshua Kushner over a proposed FIFA commercial transaction that Infantino withdrew on August 1 following strong opposition from soccer organizations and other critics. The plan would have sold private investors a permanent stake in commercial and operational rights connected to the World Cup and other FIFA events. UEFA is considering a Swiss complaint alleging potential criminal mismanagement by Infantino and other FIFA officials,



although neither Infantino nor FIFA has been charged with wrongdoing. FIFA has accused UEFA of conducting a smear campaign. The Manhattan court has not yet ruled on either UEFA's evidence request or the subsidiaries' intervention motion.

Casablanca emerges as Morocco's preferred venue for 2030 World Cup final

Morocco's football federation president said Thursday that the 2030 World Cup final will be played in the Benslimane province near Casablanca, intensifying the country's competition with Spain to host the tournament's showpiece match. Fouzi Lekjaa made the statement at a political event in Morocco, according to Spanish news agency EFE. FIFA, however, has not officially selected the final's venue, with a governing body spokesperson saying a decision would be made in due course. The planned Hassan II Stadium in Benslimane is being built at an estimated cost of \$1 billion and is projected to hold 115,000 spectators, which would make it the world's largest football-specific stadium.



The 2030 World Cup will be jointly hosted by Morocco, Portugal and Spain, with opening matches also taking place in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. The final venue remains one of the tournament's most closely contested hosting decisions.

Rajeev Ram's legendary US Open career ends with semifinal defeat in final match



Rajeev Ram's remarkable United States Open career ended Thursday when the American and longtime partner Joe Salisbury lost to Germany's Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 6-3, 6-4 in the men's doubles semifinals. Ram and Salisbury won three consecutive United States Open titles from 2021 through 2023, becoming the only men's doubles team in tournament history to complete a three-peat. The defeat marked Ram's final professional match after a career featuring six Grand Slam titles, 32 ATP doubles titles, six Masters titles and two Olympic silver medals. Ram, who made a record 26 consecutive United States Open men's doubles appearances, received an emotional tribute afterward surrounded by family, friends, former partners and coaches.

Delhi government approves monthly support for young athletes training at state sports centers



The Delhi government has approved a new monthly incentive of 2,000 rupees for young athletes training regularly at government sports centers and stadiums, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said Thursday. The assistance will be provided under the Grassroot Training Support Assistance component of the Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana. The program will cover athletes in the under-14, under-17, under-19 and under-21 categories, with selection based on sporting performance and potential, attendance, discipline and financial need. Athletes must maintain at least 80 percent attendance. Assistance will normally cover up to 25 percent of trainees at each center, with a limit of 100 athletes, although larger facilities may support up to 150 subject to funding. Beneficiaries will undergo quarterly reviews.



Charlotte Rose restores lead at ILCA 6 world championship

American Charlotte Rose reclaimed the overall lead at the ILCA 6 Women's World Championship on Thursday after three races were completed on Dublin Bay. Rose recorded fourth and first-place finishes while discarding a 23rd, opening a 13-point lead over Belgium's Emma Plasschaert. Denmark's Anna Munch was third, while Dutch sailor Maxime Jonker moved to fourth. Ireland's Eve McMahon climbed to seventh with two second-place finishes. The top 10 advance to Saturday's two-race Final Series, where points will be halved before the world title is decided.



United States women crush Hungary to reach FIBA World Cup semifinals



The United States women's basketball team reached the FIBA World Cup semifinals Thursday with a record-setting 108-56 victory over Hungary in Berlin. Napheesa Collier led the Americans with 23 points as the United States dominated from the opening quarter, taking a 36-12 lead and extending it to 59-30 at halftime. The 108 points were the most scored by any team in a World Cup quarterfinal, while the United States' 31 assists also set a quarterfinal record. Caitlin Clark added 10 points and nine assists, while Hungary's Dorka Juhasz managed just two points. The Americans will face Spain in the semifinals Saturday.

Seahawks overcome early injury and late struggles to beat Patriots in Super Bowl rematch



The Seattle Seahawks overcame an early injury to quarterback Sam Darnold and a stagnant offense Wednesday night to defeat the New England Patriots 13-10 in a Super Bowl rematch. Darnold left with a hip injury on Seattle's opening drive, forcing Drew Lock into action. The Seahawks trailed 10-0 before Lock led two fourth-quarter scoring drives, including a 45-yard completion to Jaxon Smith-Njigba that tied the game. Seattle's defense then intercepted Patriots quarterback Drake Maye three times in the fourth quarter. Julian Love set up the go-ahead field goal, while Josh Jobe sealed the victory with a toe-tapping interception in the end zone during the final minute.

Kamila Valieva denied neutral status again, putting international return in doubt

Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva was again denied permission to compete internationally Thursday after the International Skating Union determined she did not meet the requirements for Individual Neutral Athlete status. Valieva was among four Russian skaters affected, alongside men's skater Mark Kondratiuk and ice dancers Alexandra Stepanova and Ivan Bukin. The governing body did not provide individual reasons, saying appeal rights remain available. Russian Sports Minister Mikhail Degtyaryov called the decisions unjust and said the skaters would receive legal assistance in appealing to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Valieva's international career has remained tied to legal disputes



since her doping case overshadowed the 2022 Beijing Olympics.

Lionel Messi reaches preliminary deal to become majority owner of Spanish club Eldense

Lionel Messi reached a preliminary agreement Wednesday to become the majority shareholder of Spanish second-division club Eldense, expanding his growing involvement in football ownership. The agreement would see Messi acquire shares currently held by Grupo TH Soluciones, but the transaction has not been completed. Eldense said the deal remains subject to legal and contractual procedures, due diligence and approval from Spain's National Sports Council. Financial terms were not disclosed. If completed, Eldense would become Messi's second Spanish club investment after he acquired fifth-tier Catalan side Cornellà earlier this year. The 39-year-old Argentine continues to play for Inter Miami. Eldense is based near Alicante and has struggled early this



season, sitting near the bottom of the second division after four matches.

PSG, Arsenal and Bayern lead five-club race for 2026 Ballon d'Or honor

Paris Saint-Germain, Arsenal, Bayern Munich, Bodø/Glimt and Flamengo have been nominated for the 2026 Ballon d'Or Men's Club of the Year award. Paris Saint-Germain, the defending winner, is shortlisted after another trophy-filled season that included the Champions League, Ligue 1, French Super Cup, European Super Cup and Intercontinental Cup. Arsenal earned recognition after ending a 22-year wait for the Premier League title, while Bayern won the Bundesliga, German Cup and German Super Cup. Bodø/Glimt emerged as the surprise nominee after winning the Norwegian Cup and making an impact in Europe. Flamengo completed the list after winning the Copa Libertadores, Brazilian championship and Rio de Janeiro



state championship. The winner will be announced at the ceremony in London on October 26.

Joaquin Niemann takes Irish Open lead after mastering brutal winds at Doonbeg

Joaquin Niemann mastered difficult conditions Thursday to take a two-shot lead at the Irish Open after opening with a 5-under 65 at Trump International Golf Links in Doonbeg. The Chilean closed with four consecutive birdies from the 14th through 17th holes to move clear of the field. Shane Lowry and Shaun Norris were tied for second at 3 under, while defending champion Rory McIlroy shot 69 despite a costly double bogey on the 13th hole. Strong Atlantic winds caused severe delays, with several players unable to complete their opening rounds before darkness. Niemann's 65 was a course record, while Patrick Reed and Tom McKibbin finished at 68.

Cowboys secure Brevyn Spann-Ford through 2029 with \$18 million contract extension

The Dallas Cowboys agreed Thursday to a three-year, \$18 million contract extension with tight end Brevyn Spann-Ford, securing their emerging backup to Jake Ferguson through the 2029 season. The deal includes \$12.075 million in guaranteed money, according to NFL Network. Spann-Ford, who entered the league as an undrafted player from Minnesota in 2024, has developed into an important blocking tight end and special teams contributor. He played all 17 games last season, making five starts and recording nine catches for 90 yards and one touchdown. The 26-year-old was set to become a restricted free agent after the season. The extension prevents that and rewards his rapid rise within Dallas' offense.

Chris Kreider becomes unrestricted free agent after Ducks terminate contract

Chris Kreider became an unrestricted free agent Thursday after the Anaheim Ducks terminated his contract following his unclaimed placement on unconditional waivers. The 35-year-old forward had one season remaining on a seven-year, \$45.5 million contract originally signed with the New York Rangers, carrying an annual salary-cap hit of \$6.5 million. Anaheim said the move creates salary-cap flexibility as the club works to sign restricted free agent Cutter Gauthier, who led the Ducks with 41 goals and 69 points last season. Kreider joined Anaheim in a trade with New York in 2025 and recorded 50 points in 75 regular-season games last season, followed by nine points in 12 playoff games. He spent his first 13 NHL seasons with the Rangers.

Grospiron leaves French Alps 2030 Olympics amid governance turmoil

Edgar Grospiron stepped down as president of the French Alps 2030 Winter Olympics organizing committee on Thursday, ending an 18-month tenure amid a prolonged governance crisis. The 1992 Olympic moguls champion's departure was formalized by the executive board. Chief executive Cyril Linette had resigned six months earlier, citing irreconcilable disagreements with Grospiron. The International Olympic Committee acknowledged his resignation and praised his work. An extraordinary general meeting is scheduled for Monday to organize an interim leadership arrangement before a permanent successor is appointed.



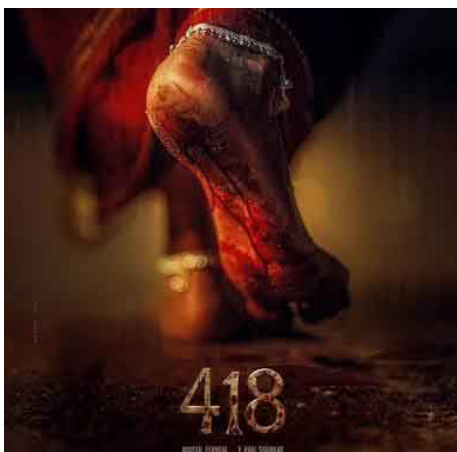
Alisson fined for kicking substitution board after Forest draw

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker was fined £8,000, or about \$10,800, by the Football Association after kicking an electronic substitution board following a 2-2 Premier League draw with Nottingham Forest. Alisson had earlier been booked for arguing with the referee after a delay involving Forest's planned triple substitution. Forest then took a 2-1 lead from a penalty after Alisson brought down Neco Williams. Liverpool recovered to draw, but Alisson later kicked the board near the tunnel, damaging it. He accepted the charge and received the standard penalty.

Anupam Kher looks back at Las Vegas honor with gratitude

Anupam Kher has reflected on the recognition that made September 10 'Anupam Kher Day' in Las Vegas, describing the honor as almost unbelievable. The veteran actor recalled the recognition on Instagram, saying it remains especially meaningful despite receiving numerous awards during his career. Kher credited the Indian film industry for giving him an identity, platform and opportunities that shaped his journey from Shimla to international cinema. He said some honors remain permanently in the heart rather than simply adding to an award collection. Kher is currently taking his play 'Jaane Pehchaane Anjaane' to audiences in the United States and Canada. He has also announced his 555th film, though details of the project remain undisclosed.

'418 The Film' cleared with adult rating, set for release



Horror thriller '418 The Film' has received an 'A' certificate from India's Central Board of Film Certification and will arrive in theaters worldwide on September 18. The makers confirmed the release on Thursday after previously postponing the film from its original July launch. Directed by Kirtan Nadagouda and presented by filmmaker Prashanth Neel, the film stars Surya Raj, Charan Lakkaraju and Preethi Pagadal. Producers Naveen Yerneni and Yalamanchili Ravi Shankar are backing the project under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. The filmmakers have positioned '418' as a serious horror thriller focused on fear, suspense and psychological tension rather than comedy. The technical team includes cinematographer Dinesh Divakar, composers Venky GG and Ullas Hydoor, who also serves as production designer.

Salman Khan celebrates 16-season 'Bigg Boss' hosting journey

Salman Khan says his 16-season run as host of 'Bigg Boss' has been a special journey as the reality show enters its 20th season. The actor said he was overwhelmed by the response to the latest season, which JioStar says delivered the biggest opening day for a reality show on JioHotstar. The milestone season premiered Sunday with a new group of contestants and a new game format. Khan began hosting 'Bigg Boss' in 2010 with its fourth season and has since become the franchise's longest-running host. The current lineup includes Mary Kom, Kanika Mann, Mahhi Vij, Amrapali Dubey, Arishfa Khan and Tanmay Singh, among others. The Hindi edition airs on Colors and streams on JioHotstar.

Jimmy Kimmel takes Talarico interview off TV and onto YouTube amid FCC pressure

Jimmy Kimmel said Wednesday that an interview with Democratic Texas Senate candidate James Talarico will not air on television following what he described as pressure from the Federal Communications Commission. Instead, the interview will be released on YouTube. Kimmel said the agency had threatened his show, ABC and its affiliates over editorial decisions and guest bookings. The move follows a similar decision in February, when Stephen Colbert's show moved an interview with Talarico online amid concerns about federal guidance requiring equal opportunities for political candidates. Talarico is running against Republican Ken Paxton in a closely watched Texas Senate race. The Federal Communications



Commission did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Commissioner Anna Gomez criticized what she called intimidation. Disney-owned ABC also sued the commission in August over an early review of its broadcast licenses.

Snoop Dogg named host of returning Los Angeles VMAs

Snoop Dogg will host this year's MTV Video Music Awards, which return to Los Angeles for the first time since 2017. The rapper and entrepreneur will lead the live ceremony from the Peacock Theater on September 27, with the show airing simultaneously on CBS, MTV and Paramount Plus. Snoop is a 13-time Video Music Awards nominee and three-time winner who first appeared at the ceremony in 1994. He later returned for performances, including appearances with Dr. Dre and Eminem. Madonna leads this year's nominations with 11, followed by Taylor Swift with nine. Ariana Grande and Sabrina Carpenter have seven each, while Bruno Mars, PinkPantheress and Zara



Larsson have five apiece. Nirvana will receive the Video Vanguard Award. Snoop called hosting a full-circle moment, noting MTV's role in his career.

Jass Manak draws flak for showering fiancée with cash

Punjabi singer Jass Manak has faced social media criticism after a video from his engagement to fashion designer and creative stylist Komal Tanwar showed him showering her with currency notes. The video, circulated widely online, shows the couple celebrating with family and friends during their intimate ceremony. Some users called the gesture disrespectful and questioned the practice

of throwing money during wedding and engagement celebrations. Others defended Manak, describing it as part of the festivities. Manak and Tanwar wore coordinated traditional outfits for the occasion. The singer is known for Punjabi hits including 'Lehanga', 'Prada', 'Viah' and 'Suit Punjabi'. 'Lehanga' became one of his biggest career successes and helped establish him as a prominent young voice in Punjabi music.

Anil Kapoor reflects on Shivaji Rao 25 years after 'Nayak'

Anil Kapoor marked 25 years of 'Nayak: The Real Hero' on Monday by reflecting on what drew him to the character of Shivaji Rao. Kapoor said the role appealed to him not simply because a common man became Chief Minister, but because of how Shivaji used his power to help people. Directed by S. Shankar, the 2001 political drama follows a television journalist who is challenged to run the state for 24 hours after confronting the Chief Minister, played by Amrish Puri. The film also starred Rani Mukerji and Paresh Rawal and later became a cult favorite despite its initial box-office failure.



Israeli filmmakers take Gaza war testimonies to Venice with 'NAZA'

Oscar-winning Israeli filmmakers Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor premiered their documentary 'NAZA' at the Venice Film Festival on Thursday. The film features testimony from 24 Israeli military insiders, including intelligence officers and soldiers, about Israel's war in Gaza and systems used to identify and strike targets. Shot secretly on rooftops in

Tel Aviv over three years, the documentary obscures the identities and voices of its subjects. It builds on reporting published by +972 Magazine, Local Call and The Guardian between 2023 and 2025. 'NAZA' is the only documentary competing for Venice's Golden Lion. Abraham and Szor were among the four directors of 'No Other Land', which won the Academy Award for best documentary feature in 2025.

Dwayne Johnson reveals year-long 22-kilo transformation for new film

Dwayne Johnson says he spent a year losing about 22 kilograms for his role in Benny Safdie's upcoming film 'Lizard Music'. The actor said on Instagram that he now weighs between 232 and 235 pounds, or about 105 to 107 kilograms, while maintaining his strength, endurance and conditioning. Johnson said he deliberately avoided an extreme weight cut and adjusted his carbohydrate intake around his training schedule. 'Lizard Music', directed by Safdie and based on Daniel Pinkwater's novel, follows a boy who discovers a mysterious late-night broadcast featuring lizards playing otherworldly music. The film also stars Theo Clark Leber, Tim Heidecker, Alicia Silverstone and Regina Hall. Johnson is also set to star in 'Free Byrd', playing a Las Vegas motorcycle stuntman hiding a dementia diagnosis.

George Clooney reveals Malick nearly cut him from 'The Thin Red Line'

George Clooney has recalled spending months filming Terrence Malick's 1998 war drama 'The Thin Red Line' in Australia, only to have almost his entire performance removed. Speaking at a masterclass during the Venice Film Festival, Clooney said Malick ultimately cut him from the film except for its final scene. Clooney used the experience to explain how directors can reshape or remove an actor's performance during editing. He also discussed his transition into directing, recalling how Steven Soderbergh encouraged him to direct 'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind', which became his 2002 directorial debut. Clooney said the experience made him fall in love with filmmaking. 'The Thin Red Line', based on James Jones' novel, depicts American soldiers during the Guadalcanal campaign of World War II.

Diljit Dosanjh turns complimentary breakfast into a vegetarian comedy bit



Diljit Dosanjh has given his complimentary breakfast a humorous twist in a new social media video. Walking downstairs with his team, the Punjabi singer-actor jokingly tells a waiter, "No ham, no cheese, no beef, no pork. Only vegetable, salt and pepper," before breaking into a dance. He captioned the clip with a playful Punjabi message about his friends enjoying free breakfast. Dosanjh is currently touring Europe as part of his Aura World Tour, which included a Milan show on Saturday and an Amsterdam stop on Monday. Known for his playful social media posts, he recently also joked with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

Rajpal Yadav wins temporary Supreme Court relief in cheque cases

The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted actor and comedian Rajpal Yadav and his wife temporary relief from surrendering in seven cheque dishonor cases, subject to a deposit of 5 crore rupees. A bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant agreed to hear their challenge to a Delhi High Court ruling that upheld their convictions and reduced Yadav's sentence to three months in each case. The sentences are to run concurrently. The High Court also reduced the fine to 1.05 crore rupees in each case. The Supreme Court directed the couple to deposit 5 crore rupees with its registry by Wednesday and scheduled the matter for further consideration on Monday. Yadav and his wife argue that a later settlement agreement affected the validity of the cheques underlying the cases.

'Spider-Man' keeps Hollywood's summer comeback swinging



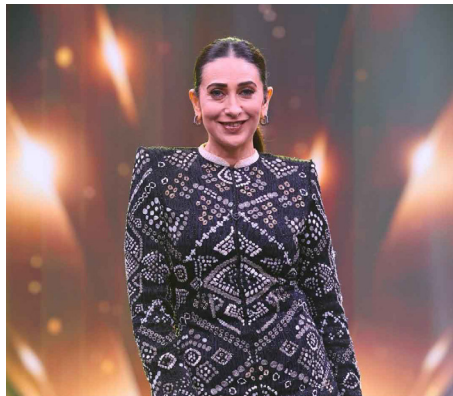
'Spider-Man: Brand New Day' remained No. 1 at the North American box office for a sixth consecutive weekend, becoming only the second film this decade to hold the top spot for six straight weeks. The Sony superhero film, starring Tom Holland, collected an estimated \$18 million over the three-day Labor Day weekend and has reached about \$2.4 billion worldwide. Christopher Nolan's 'The Odyssey' stayed in second place with \$13 million domestically, taking its global total to \$1.63 billion. More than \$1 billion of that has come internationally. The two blockbusters helped propel Hollywood to its strongest summer since before the pandemic. Domestic ticket sales reached \$4.61 billion through August, up 26.1 percent from last year and second only to 2013. Rentrak projected the full summer would finish at about \$4.759 billion, narrowly surpassing the 2013 total.

Parmish Verma says negativity has no place in his life after divorce

Punjabi singer-actor Parmish Verma has said he has "zero space for negativity" days after confirming his divorce from Geet Grewal. Sharing photographs from his father's birthday celebration, Verma called his father his hero and posted a message about keeping negativity out of his life. He also recently addressed online speculation surrounding his personal life, confirming that he is no longer married and acknowledging a woman in his life. Amid criticism and claims surrounding his relationship with actress and model Harman Brar, Verma said he would continue to respect both his former wife and the woman in his life.

Karisma Kapoor revisits Raj Kapoor's beloved RK Studios tradition

Karisma Kapoor has recalled the famous Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations once held at the Kapoor family's RK Studios. Speaking on 'India's Best Dancer Season 5', she said her grandfather, filmmaker Raj Kapoor, celebrated the festival with studio staff and people from the neighborhood. Karisma said the RK Studios celebrations ended after Raj Kapoor's death, but the Kapoor family continues to observe Ganesh Chaturthi at their homes. She said family members make time to seek Lord Ganesha's blessings during the 10-day festival, regardless of work or shooting commitments. The upcoming special episode celebrating the festive spirit of 'India Wala Dance' will also feature Amruta Khanvilkar discussing



devotees' close relationship with Lord Ganesha. The episode airs Saturday and Sunday on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV.

Sunidhi Chauhan dreams of bringing her concert to Kashmir

Singer Sunidhi Chauhan has fulfilled her childhood dream of visiting Kashmir and hopes to perform a concert in the Valley. Speaking during a press conference linked to the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir, Chauhan described her first visit as a deeply moving experience. She praised Kashmir's scenery, peaceful atmosphere, people and food, saying she did not feel like leaving. The 'Kamli' singer said she wants to bring her music to the region and perform for local audiences. Chauhan attended the inaugural film festival, which began Monday and concluded Thursday, and also performed at its closing ceremony. She said the festival's audiences showed growing interest in cinema and praised the participation of film lovers with open minds.



'Widow's Bay' storms early Emmys while 'The Pitt' scores four

'Widow's Bay' dominated the first weekend of the 78th Emmy Awards, winning eight trophies at Sunday's early ceremony, including best guest actress in a comedy for Betty Gilpin. The Apple TV horror comedy, starring Matthew Rhys as a mayor confronting a centuries-old curse, also won awards for cinematography, sound, music and production design. HBO Max's 'The Pitt', the year's leading nominee with 25 nods, collected four awards, including best guest actor in a drama for 73-year-old Ernest Harden Jr., his first Emmy. 'DTF St. Louis' won six awards, with David Harbour and Linda Cardellini earning their first Emmys. Rob Reiner posthumously won best guest actor in a comedy for 'The Bear', prompting



a lengthy ovation. Other winners included Shailene Woodley and the canceled 'Spider-Noir', which won five awards. The main Emmy ceremony is scheduled for Monday.

Chhota Bheem and Little Singham unite for cosmic adventure

Chhota Bheem and Little Singham will team up for the first time in 'Rise of Anshaks: Heroes of Destiny', an anime-inspired animated series unveiled by POGO. The series follows the two popular Indian characters as they become involved in a cosmic battle involving elemental powers, ancient secrets and the forces of light and darkness. They are joined by new heroes Bhuvan, the Earth Anshak, and Aandhi, as they discover they are heirs to the lost Jal and Agni Anshaks. Produced through a collaboration between POGO, Green Gold Animation and Reliance Animation, the series aims to create a new universe around



familiar characters. 'Rise of Anshaks' will premiere in October on POGO in Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Marathi.

Ram Gopal Varma warns artificial intelligence could 'erase' human jobs



Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma has warned that artificial intelligence could eventually eliminate jobs requiring human creativity and thought. In a post on X on Sunday, Varma compared the technology's impact with the Industrial Revolution, which he said began replacing physical labor. He argued that humans have traditionally relied on two key abilities, physical strength and the mind, and suggested artificial intelligence is now beginning to threaten work involving thinking and creativity. Varma said people who fail to embrace the technology could be among the first to lose their jobs. He also invoked the warning from 'The Monkey's Paw' about being careful what one wishes for. Varma is currently working on 'Police Station Mein Bhoot', starring Manoj Bajpayee and Genelia Deshmukh, and 'Police Company', featuring Harshvardhan Rane.

Sayani Gupta completes first US film with Hollywood cast



Actor Sayani Gupta has completed filming her first United States feature, 'Arya', which also stars Ross Butler and Marc Evan Jackson. Gupta announced the wrap on Instagram, thanking Minnesota for hosting the production. Written and directed by Neil Tuli in his feature directorial debut, the film follows Arya Sinha, a disciplined piano teacher from a prestigious Indian conservatory who reluctantly takes an assignment in northern Minnesota. She hopes to revive a struggling school band program while advancing her career back home. The cast also includes Adi Roy, Kyra Leroux, Arjun Gupta, Sari Lennick, Rita Wolf and Iqbal Theba. Tuli is producing the film under his American Haathi banner with Pallavi and Keertana Sastry of Adda G Productions. Gupta is known for 'Delhi Crime' and 'Axone'.

IndoUS Tribune की भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा में — गुजरात का दूसरा पड़ाव

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर

सोमनाथ से द्वारका तक-भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की पवित्र नगरी की ओर

असम से गोवा तक की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा पूरी करने के बाद अब **IndoUS Tribune** की “भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा” गुजरात पहुँच चुकी है। गुजरात अध्याय की शुरुआत हमने अरब सागर के किनारे स्थित सोमनाथ मंदिर से की, जो भगवान शिव के प्रमुख ज्योतिर्लिंगों में से एक और भारत की आस्था तथा सांस्कृतिक निरंतरता का महत्वपूर्ण प्रतीक है। अब हमारी यात्रा गुजरात के दूसरे प्रमुख तीर्थ द्वारकाधीश मंदिर तक पहुँचती है।

गुजरात केवल व्यापार, उद्योग और प्राकृतिक सुंदरता के लिए ही नहीं, बल्कि भगवान श्रीकृष्ण, भगवान शिव और देवी उपासना से जुड़े अनेक प्राचीन तीर्थों के लिए भी प्रसिद्ध है। इनमें द्वारका का विशेष स्थान है। द्वारकाधीश मंदिर, जिसे जगत मंदिर भी कहा जाता है, भगवान श्रीकृष्ण को समर्पित है और हिंदू धर्म के चार प्रमुख चार धाम तीर्थों में पश्चिम दिशा का धाम माना जाता है।

भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की नगरी द्वारका

धार्मिक मान्यता के अनुसार, मथुरा छोड़ने के बाद भगवान श्रीकृष्ण ने समुद्र के किनारे द्वारका नगरी बसाई और इसे अपने राज्य की राजधानी बनाया। गुजरात सरकार के देवभूमि द्वारका जिला प्रशासन के अनुसार, द्वारका का उल्लेख महाभारत और प्राचीन परंपराओं में मिलता है और इसे भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की नगरी के रूप में विशेष धार्मिक महत्व प्राप्त है।

पौराणिक कथाओं में यह भी कहा जाता है कि श्रीकृष्ण ने समुद्र से भूमि प्राप्त कर द्वारका नगरी का निर्माण कराया। इसी कारण द्वारका केवल एक मंदिर-नगर नहीं, बल्कि भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के जीवन और उनकी राजधर्म परंपरा से जुड़ा महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थ माना जाता है।

द्वारका का अर्थ सामान्य रूप से “द्वार” या प्रवेश का स्थान माना जाता है। धार्मिक परंपरा में इसे मोक्ष की नगरी भी कहा जाता है। आज भी देश-विदेश से बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु यहां भगवान द्वारकाधीश के दर्शन के लिए आते हैं।

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर का इतिहास

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर को जगत मंदिर और त्रिलोक सुंदर मंदिर भी कहा जाता है। गुजरात पर्यटन के अनुसार, परंपरा में मंदिर की स्थापना भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के पौत्र वज्रनाभ से जोड़ी जाती है। मंदिर का वर्तमान स्वरूप कई चरणों में विकसित हुआ और इसकी प्राचीन परंपरा सदियों पुरानी है।

देवभूमि द्वारका जिला प्रशासन के अनुसार, मंदिर का पुराना ढांचा समय के साथ नष्ट हुआ और बाद में इसका पुनर्निर्माण हुआ। वर्तमान मंदिर का निर्माण मुख्य रूप



से पत्थर और चूना-पत्थर से हुआ है तथा इसमें प्राचीन स्थापत्य की सुंदर नक्काशी दिखाई देती है।

भव्य स्थापत्य और मंदिर की पहचान

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर की ऊंची शिखर संरचना दूर से ही दिखाई देती है। मंदिर की ऊंचाई लगभग 43 मीटर बताई जाती है और इसके ऊपर लगा विशाल ध्वज इसकी सबसे पहचान योग्य विशेषताओं में से एक है। मंदिर में प्रवेश के लिए दो प्रमुख द्वार हैं—स्वर्ण द्वार और मोक्ष द्वार। स्वर्ण द्वार से श्रद्धालु मंदिर में प्रवेश करते हैं, जबकि मोक्ष द्वार की ओर से बाहर निकलने की परंपरा है। मंदिर के पीछे की ओर गोमती नदी के घाटों तक जाने के लिए सीढ़ियां हैं।

मंदिर की दीवारों पर सुंदर नक्काशी और धार्मिक प्रतीकों को देखा जा सकता है। मुख्य गर्भगृह में भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की पूजा द्वारकाधीश के रूप में होती है। मंदिर परिसर में अन्य देवी-देवताओं के छोटे मंदिर भी हैं।

चार धाम में विशेष स्थान

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर का सबसे बड़ा धार्मिक महत्व यह है कि यह भारत के चार धामों में शामिल है। अन्य तीन धाम हैं—बद्रीनाथ, पुरी और रामेश्वरम। चारों धाम भारत की चार दिशाओं में स्थित हैं और इनके दर्शन को हिंदू धार्मिक परंपरा में विशेष महत्व दिया जाता है।

द्वारका का संबंध आदि शंकराचार्य से भी जुड़ा है। परंपरा

के अनुसार उन्होंने भारत की चार दिशाओं में चार प्रमुख पीठ स्थापित किए, जिनमें द्वारका का शारदा पीठ पश्चिमी पीठ माना जाता है। इससे द्वारका का महत्व केवल वैष्णव भक्ति तक सीमित नहीं रहता, बल्कि भारतीय धार्मिक और दार्शनिक परंपरा में भी इसका महत्वपूर्ण स्थान बनता है।

आस्था, उत्सव और तीर्थ परंपरा

द्वारकाधीश मंदिर में जन्माष्टमी का पर्व विशेष उत्साह के साथ मनाया जाता है। भगवान श्रीकृष्ण के जन्मोत्सव के अवसर पर मंदिर और पूरा द्वारका नगर भक्ति के रंग में रंग जाता है। बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु दर्शन, पूजा और धार्मिक कार्यक्रमों में शामिल होते हैं।

द्वारका आने वाले श्रद्धालु केवल द्वारकाधीश मंदिर ही नहीं, बल्कि गोमती घाट, रुक्मिणी मंदिर, बेट द्वारका और अन्य धार्मिक स्थलों के भी दर्शन करते हैं। इस कारण द्वारका एक व्यापक तीर्थ क्षेत्र के रूप में विकसित हुआ है।

समुद्र और पुरातत्व से जुड़ी द्वारका

द्वारका का महत्व केवल धार्मिक कथाओं तक सीमित नहीं है। भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण सहित विभिन्न संस्थाओं ने द्वारका और इसके आसपास समुद्र के भीतर पुरातात्विक खोजें की हैं। जिला प्रशासन के अनुसार, इन जांचों में समुद्र के भीतर प्राचीन बस्तियों, पत्थर की संरचनाओं और बंदरगाह से जुड़े अवशेषों के संकेत मिले हैं।

इससे द्वारका धार्मिक आस्था के साथ-साथ भारत के प्राचीन समुद्री इतिहास और पुरातत्व में भी रुचि का केंद्र बनी हुई है।

यात्रा का महत्व

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

सोमनाथ के बाद द्वारकाधीश मंदिर का यह पड़ाव हमें भगवान श्रीकृष्ण की भक्ति, द्वारका की प्राचीन परंपरा और भारत की चार धाम यात्रा की व्यापक धार्मिक भावना से परिचित कराता है।

अगला पड़ाव — अंबाजी मंदिर, बनासकांठा

द्वारका के बाद हमारी गुजरात यात्रा अब बनासकांठा स्थित प्रसिद्ध अंबाजी मंदिर की ओर बढ़ेगी। अगले पड़ाव में हम जानेंगे अंबाजी धाम का इतिहास, माता अंबा की मान्यताएं, मंदिर का धार्मिक महत्व और गुजरात की देवी उपासना परंपरा में इसके विशेष स्थान के बारे में।

गुजरात की इस आध्यात्मिक यात्रा में हमारे साथ बने रहिए।

बाल्मीकि रामायण में छिपे कुछ विरले प्रसंग रावण का मायाजाल - रामजी का कटा हुआ मस्तक

रावण जानी था. रावण तपस्वी था. साथ ही रावण बहुत सारी सिद्धियों में पाएंगत था. उसकी इतनी सफलता का रहस्य यह था कि, वह हर तरह के पैतरे काम में लाता था. विपक्षी को परास्त करने में उसे साम दाम दंड भेद में से जो भी हथियार इस्तेमाल करना पड़े, वह चूकता नहीं था. राम रावण युद्ध में भी उसने कई तरह के खेल खेले.

रावण, श्रापवश सीता जी को, जो उसके अधीन थी, छू तक नहीं सकता था. सीता जी की इच्छा के विरुद्ध वह जा नहीं सकता था. लेकिन सीता का मनोबल तोड़ने का उसने हर सम्भव प्रयास किया. उन्हीं में से एक था कि, एक दिन वह माया निर्मित, रामजी का कटा हुआ सिर लेकर सीता के सामने आ खड़ा हुआ. उसने अपने एक राक्षस मित्र, विद्यु जिह्व से मंत्रणा की, जो अपनी मायावी कौशल्य से किसी का हूबहू मस्तक बना सकता था. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग-31/7

विद्युज्हिं च मायाश्चमन्त्रवीदं राक्षसाधिपः । मोहयिष्यावहे सीतां मायया जनकात्मजाम् ॥7॥

कुछ दिनों की मेहनत से विद्यु जिह्व रामजी का कटा हुआ मस्तक बना कर रावण के पास ले आया. उसे देखते ही रावण की प्रसन्नता का ठिकाना न रहा. रावण उसे सीता को दिखाने, अशोक वाटिका में चला आया. उसे देखते ही सीता घबरा गई. रावण को लगा कि, इससे निराश हो कर सीता, अपने आप को मुझे सौंप देगी. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 31/13-16

**इदं च बचनं धृष्टमुवाच जनकात्मजाम् ॥13॥
सान्त्वयमाना मया भद्रे यमाश्रित्य विमन्यसे ॥14॥
स्वरहन्ता स ते भरता राघवः स्वसमरे हतः ।
छिन्नं ते सर्वथा मूलं दर्शयन्तिह तो मया॥ 95॥
व्यसनेनात्मनः सीते मम भाया भविष्यसि । विसर्जितां मतिं मूढे किं सतेन करिष्यसि ॥ 16 ॥**

रावण बड़े सांत्वना भरे स्वर में बोला, हे भद्रे, जिन रामजी का तुम दिन रात ध्यान करती रहती हो. वह खर और दूषण का वध करने वाले, महावीर राम समरभूमि में मारे गए हैं. वह जो तुम्हारे विश्वास का आधार थे, तुम्हारा एक मात्र आश्रय थे, तुम्हें छोड़ कर चले गए हैं. आप उनका ध्यान त्याग दो. अब तुम मेरी सभी रानियों की पटरानी बन कर, मेरी पत्नी बन जाओ. मैं तुम्हें विश्व का हर सुख प्रदान करने का प्रयत्न करूँगा. मेरा अपार वैभव अब तुम्हारे चरणों में अर्पित है.

सीता जी बड़े आश्चर्य चकित भाव से रामजी के मस्तक की ओर देखती जा रही थी. उसे बिल्कुल ही विश्वास नहीं हो रहा था कि, राम और उनकी सेना को, इतनी आसानी से हराया जा सकता है. सीता ने रावण से कहा कि, मुझे यकीन नहीं हो रहा. मैं अभी भी नहीं मानती, इसमें जरूर कोई न कोई तुम्हारी चाल है. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 31/20-21

**अध्यायनि परिश्रान्तमधरात्रे स्थितं बलम् । सुखसुप्त समासाद्य चरितं शत्रुं चरेः ॥ 20 ॥
तत्परहस्तप्रणीतेन बेन महता मम । बलमस्य हतं राज्ञो यत्र रामः सलक्ष्मणः ॥ 21॥**

रावण अपनी सफ़ाई देने लगा. कुछ दिन पहले मेरा सेनापति प्रहस्त, अपनी सेना सहित रणभूमि पर गया, तो उस समय आधी रात हो चुकी थी. राम लखन सहित सारी सेना, थकी माँदी सो रही थी. ऐसे में मेरी सेना ने उनपर आक्रमण कर दिया और राम लखन सहित सारी सेना के एक बड़े भाग को नष्ट कर दिया. लेकिन प्रहस्त प्रमाण स्वरूप रामजी का सिर काट कर साथ लेता आया. तभी रावण ने अपने सेवक को आदेश दिया कि, वह रामजी का कटा हुआ मस्तक सीता के पास रख दे. साथ ही रामजी का मायावी धनुष भी था. इतने सारे प्रमाण किसी को भी श्रमित कर सकते थे. सीता पर भी उसका प्रभाव स्पष्ट रूप से दिखाई पड़ने लगा. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग - 31/ 42-43

**एवमुक्तं तु तद् राक्षः शिरस्तत् प्रियदर्शनम् । उपनिक्षिप्य सीतायाः क्षिप्रमन्तरधीयत ॥ 42॥
रावणश्चापि चिक्षेप भास्वरं कामुकं महत् । त्रिषु छोकेषु विख्यातं रामस्येतदिति बवन् ॥ 43॥**



इस प्रकार रावण ने अपने मायाजाल से सीता जी को श्रमित करने का पूरा पूरा प्रयास किया. और कुछ देर के लिए, सीता को भी विश्वास हो चला कि, वास्तव में कहीं मेरे प्रिय राम मारे तो नहीं गए. वह मस्तक को देख ज़ोर से विलाप करने लगी. उस विलाप में थोड़ा क्रोध भी था. क्रोध सीधा माता कैकेयी पर निकला. वह उनको कोसने लगी, जिसके कारण यह वनवास और अब वनवास में रामजी को मृत्यु का सामना करना पड़ा. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 32/1-3

**सा सीता तच्छिर्यं दृष्ट्वा तच्च कारमुक्तमुत्तमम् ।
सुग्रीवप्रतिसंसर्गमाख्यातं च हनूमता ॥ * ॥ नयने मुखवर्णं च भर्तुस्तल्लदर्शं मुखम् । केशान केशालदेशं च तं च चूडामणिशुभम् ॥ 2 ॥ पतैः सर्वैरभिजानेरभिजाय खुदुस्विता । विजगह कत्र कैकेयी क्रोशन्ती कुररी यथा॥ 3 ॥**

विलाप करते करते सीता कुछ देर के लिए मूर्छित हो गई. पास खड़ी राक्षस सेविकाओं ने उन्हें सम्भाला. चेतना लौटने पर सीता का रोना और भी बढ़ गया. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 32/8-9

**हा हतास्मि महाबाहो वीरतमनुव्रत । इमां ते पश्चिमावस्थां गतास्मि विधवा कृता ॥ 8 ॥
प्रथम मरणं नाया भरतुर्वैशुण्यमुच्यते । खुवृत्तः साधुवृत्तायाः संवृत्तस्त्वं ममाम्नतः ॥ 9 ॥**

वह विलाप में कहने लगी, हे प्रभु, मैंने आप पर भरोसा किया. आपने मेरी रक्षा का भार सम्भाला हुआ था. अब मैं किसके सहारे जिऊँगी? आप वीर व्रत का पालन करने वाले महान योद्धा थे. आज मुझे आपकी यह अवस्था देखनी पड़ रही है. आपने मुझे विधवा बना दिया. स्त्री का धर्म होता है वह पति से पहले ही स्वर्गलोक चली जाए, लेकिन आपने मुझे इस सौभाग्य से भी वंचित कर दिया. यह मेरे लिए बहुत ही दुख की बात है. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 32/34

एवं लालप्यमानायां सीतायां तत्र राक्षसः । अभिचक्राम भर्तारमनीकस्थः कृताअलिः ॥ 34 ॥

जब सीता का यह विलाप चल रहा था तो उसी समय रावण का एक सेवक आ कर सूचना देता है कि, सेनापति प्रहस्त आपसे तुरन्त मिलना चाहते हैं. उन्हें आपसे कोई जरूरी मन्त्रणा करनी है. इसको सुनते ही, रावण ने वहाँ उपस्थित राक्षसियों को कुछ निर्देश दिए और वहाँ से निकल गया. उसके जाते ही: युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 32/40

अन्तर्धौनं तु तच्छीष तच्च कारमुक्तमुत्तमम् ! जगाम रावणस्थैव निर्याणसमनन्तरम् ॥ 40 ॥

वहाँ पड़ा हुआ रामजी का मस्तक और उनका धनुष एकाएक अदृश्य हो गए.

रोती हुई सीता ने जब यह देखा तो, वह अचम्भे में पड़ गई. कुछ क्षणों के लिए उसे कुछ समझ नहीं आया कि, क्या हो रहा है? ऐसे में पास खड़ी एक सरमा नाम की सेविका ने सीता को समझाने का प्रयास किया. यद्यपि सरमा थी तो, रावण की परिचारिका, लेकिन वह रावण के मायावी प्रभाव से काफ़ी परिचित थी. उसे सीता जी के साथ बहुत सहानुभूति थी. 32/5-6

सरमा ने सीता को समझाया कि, धीरज रखो. यह जो तुमने पिछले कुछ पलों में देखा है, वह सब मायाजाल था. मैंने छुप कर रावण और उसके मायावी मित्र विद्यु जिह्व की सारी बातें सुन ली थी, जिसमें उन्होंने यह मायावी योजना बनाई थी. यह सब तुम्हें श्रमित करने के लिए किया गया था, ताकि तुम रावण के प्रति समर्पण कर दो. इसमें कोई सच्चाई नहीं थी. इससे पहले कि उसकी पोल खुलती, वह यहाँ से भाग निकला. युद्ध काण्ड सर्ग 33/8

**न शक्यं सौष्टिकं करतुं रामस्य विद्तात्मनः ।
वधश्चतुर्षुषव्यात्र तस्मिन् नेबोपपद्यते ॥ < ॥**

आपके पति भगवान श्री राम पूर्णतः सकुशल हैं. उनका सोते समय कोई वध नहीं कर सकता. यह बिल्कुल असम्भव कार्य है. वानर सेना भी सुरक्षित है. तुम किसी प्रकार की चिन्ता मत करो, जल्द ही सब ठीक हो जाएगा.

यह सब रावण की एक मायावी चाल थी. उसने तुम पर अपनी माया का जाल बिछाने का प्रयास किया ताकि तुम उसकी पटरानी बन सको. यह मस्तक और धनुष माया द्वारा निर्मित थे, इसीलिए कुछ ही देर में अदृश्य हो गए.

रामजी अपनी के सेना के साथ समुद्र के इस पार आ पहुँचे हैं और जल्द ही रावण को परास्त कर तुम्हें इस अशोक वाटिका की कैद से मुक्त करा कर ले जाएँगे. सरमा की बातें सुन सीता जी कि जान में जान आई और वह उसका बारम्बार धन्यवाद करने लगी.

उस घटना के बाद सीता पुनः अपने नित्य प्रति के कार्य कलाप में व्यस्त रहने लगी और प्रभु राम का दिन रात ध्यान चिन्तन करने लगी. यह थी वाल्मीकि रामायण में छुपी एक रोचक कहानी.

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India's BRICS moment Shaping a new global order

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New Delhi is preparing to welcome the world. On September 12-13, India will host the 18th BRICS Summit, bringing together leaders of BRICS member and partner countries and outreach invitees. For India, this is more than another diplomatic gathering. It is an opportunity to present a vision of a changing world—one that is more balanced, inclusive, technologically capable and responsive to the aspirations of the Global South.

India assumed the BRICS Chairship on January 1, 2026, for the fourth time, following its earlier chairships in 2012, 2016 and 2021. This year also marks two decades since BRICS was established as a formal grouping.

India has chosen an ambitious theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability." At its heart is the principle of "Humanity First" and a people-centric vision. India has used its chairship to take BRICS beyond summit diplomacy, with hundreds of meetings and engagements across India. This is India's moment—not to dominate the world, but to help shape the conversation about what the next global order should look like.

From BRIC to a global platform

BRICS began as BRIC—Brazil, Russia, India and China—with South Africa joining in 2010. The grouping has since expanded, adding Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE in 2024, followed by Indonesia in 2025. Today, BRICS comprises 11 members and represents nearly half the world's population, about 40% of global GDP and roughly a quarter of global trade.

These numbers explain why BRICS can no longer be dismissed as simply an emerging-economy forum.

Its greatest potential, however, lies not only in economic weight but in its ability to bring together countries with different political systems, histories, cultures and economic models around common interests. That diversity is both BRICS' greatest strength and its greatest challenge.

Cooperation without confrontation

India has traditionally resisted turning BRICS into an anti-Western alliance. That distinction matters. The objective should not be to replace one form of global dominance with another. The world does not need a new bloc mentality. It needs greater balance.

India's tradition of strategic autonomy gives it a distinctive position. New Delhi maintains important relationships with the United States, Europe, Russia, Japan, the Gulf and the wider Global South. India can therefore argue for reform of the international system without advocating its destruction.

The message should be straightforward:

Cooperation does not require uniformity. Partnership does not require political



alignment. And a multipolar world does not have to become a divided world.

The currency question

One question, however, deserves serious consideration: Should BRICS create its own currency—or at least a common BRICS settlement system?

BRICS countries have increasingly discussed reducing dependence on the U.S. dollar in bilateral trade. But creating a common currency comparable to the euro would be extraordinarily complicated. Member countries have different inflation rates, interest-rate policies, fiscal positions, exchange-rate systems and levels of economic development.

A more practical first step could be a BRICS settlement currency or common unit of account for cross-border trade, potentially backed by a basket of participating currencies and other agreed assets. Such a system could allow member countries to settle more trade without every transaction passing through the dollar. This would not mean abandoning the dollar. It would mean creating another option. The dollar's global position will not disappear overnight. It is supported by the size and liquidity of U.S. financial markets, Treasury markets, global investment flows and decades of established financial infrastructure.

The more realistic question is therefore not, "Can BRICS replace the dollar?"

It is:

"Can BRICS create a credible alternative alongside the dollar?"

That is a far more achievable—and potentially transformative—objective.

India can build the bridge

India is uniquely positioned to promote a gradual approach:

Local currencies ▶ interoperable payment systems ▶ common settlement mechanisms ▶ common unit of account ▶ and, if economic conditions permit, perhaps a BRICS currency in the future.

India's experience with digital public infrastructure, instant payments, fintech and digital identity provides a powerful model for making cross-border transactions faster and less expensive.

Innovation should therefore mean more than artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing or space technology. It should also mean rethinking how nations trade, pay, invest and cooperate.

BRICS must deliver for people

For India, BRICS cannot become an exercise in geopolitical symbolism. Its success should ultimately be measured by tangible benefits: stronger food and health security, affordable medicines, cooperation in artificial intelligence and agriculture, resilient supply chains, educational and research partnerships, clean-energy technology and greater opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses. That people-centric emphasis may be India's most important contribution.

India's moment to shine

India's role in BRICS reflects something larger than economics.

Modern India can help connect economies and political perspectives that do not always see the world in the same way. India does not need to choose between East and West. It can

help build bridges between them.

The world emerging in 2026 is unlikely to resemble the concentrated global order of previous decades. Economic power is spreading, technology is democratizing access to knowledge, and the Global South is demanding a greater voice.

BRICS is one expression of that transformation.

Its success will depend on whether it becomes defined by what it is against—or by what it can build. India should choose the latter.

A stronger BRICS payment architecture, greater use of local currencies, financial cooperation, technological partnerships and eventually a common settlement mechanism could help create a more diversified global economy.

The goal should not be to replace the dollar with another dominant currency. It should be to ensure that no single currency, institution or bloc has an unquestioned monopoly over the global economic system.

As the flags of nations and their partners converge in New Delhi, India's message should be ambitious but measured:

A multipolar world need not be an anti-Western world. It can be a world where more nations have a meaningful voice, more economies have genuine choices, and cooperation—not confrontation—becomes the organizing principle of international relations.

That could be India's greatest BRICS legacy. And perhaps, more importantly, India's idiom for the world.

‘Kanha, please return’

Krishna’s separation leaves Bhagwat Katha pavilion in tears

Moving narration of Krishna’s departure from Vrindavan touches every heart; devotees and the storyteller become emotional.

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The ongoing Shrimad Bhagwat Katha at Siddh Peeth Mahabali Sankatmochan Shri Hanuman Temple in Shankaracharya Nagar, Joshi Nagar Dham, Haibowal Kalan in Ludhiana, turned deeply emotional as devotees listened to the poignant story of Lord Krishna’s departure from Vrindavan and the intense separation felt by his parents, friends and the Gopis.

The religious program, being held under the guidance of temple management, including President Aman Jain, Chairman Rishi Jain and Vice President Anuj Madan, has been drawing large numbers of devotees who gather to listen to the divine stories and teachings of Lord Krishna.

On the sixth day of the Katha, storyteller Swami Shri Praful Ji Maharaj, from Sindoori Mata Temple in Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh, narrated episodes from Krishna’s childhood, his departure for Mathura and the profound pain of separation experienced by the people of Vraj. The narration created such an emotional atmosphere that many devotees were moved to tears, while the storyteller himself became visibly emotional.

Krishna’s childhood and Brahma’s pride

The Katha began with beautiful descriptions of Krishna’s childhood pastimes and his innocent friendship with his companions. The episode of Madhumangal highlighted Krishna’s playful nature and his affectionate bond with his childhood friends.

The narration then moved to the story of Lord Brahma’s pride being humbled. According to the Bhagwat tradition, Brahma, seeking to understand Krishna’s divine powers, concealed Krishna’s cowherd friends and calves. Krishna then manifested himself in their forms and continued the divine play.

The episode conveyed a profound spiritual message: even the greatest among the gods cannot easily comprehend the limitless nature of the Supreme Being, and pride ultimately gives way before divine wisdom.

The divine love of the Gopis

The Katha subsequently explored the Gopi Leela, Gopi Vighraha and Gopi Geet, presenting the Gopis’ love for Krishna as an expression of complete surrender and selfless devotion.

The Gopis’ longing was described not as ordinary worldly love, but as the intense spiritual yearning of a devotee for the Divine. Their separation from Krishna represented the depth of devotion

in which everything in life appears incomplete without the presence of the beloved Lord.

When Krishna left Vrindavan

The most emotional moment came with the narration of Krishna’s departure for Mathura after being summoned by his maternal uncle, King Kansa. For the people of Vraj, the news was devastating. The streets that had once echoed with Krishna’s flute suddenly seemed silent. The paths where Krishna had walked and the places where he had played with his friends became reminders of his absence.

The pain of Mother Yashoda and Nanda Baba was particularly poignant. Yashoda, who had raised Krishna with boundless affection, found it almost impossible to accept that her beloved son was leaving. Nanda Baba, too, struggled to conceal the pain of separation.

Krishna’s childhood companions could only watch as he departed for Mathura. The Gopis experienced an even deeper anguish. Their lives had revolved around Krishna, and as his chariot moved away, their eyes remained fixed upon him, desperately wishing that their beloved Kanha would turn back.

The emotional narration left the entire gathering silent and tearful.

Uddhava brings Krishna’s message

The Katha then moved to the arrival

of Uddhava in Vrindavan. Krishna sent Uddhava to convey his message to Nanda, Yashoda and the Gopis.

When Uddhava met Krishna’s parents, he witnessed the depth of their attachment to their son. Krishna was not merely their child; he had become the center of their existence. Every memory, every moment and every emotion reminded them of Kanha.

The description of Yashoda’s longing was especially touching. The mother who had once held Krishna in her arms, fed him butter and lovingly corrected his childhood mischief now waited for him with tearful eyes. Every sound outside the door seemed to raise the hope that perhaps her beloved son had returned.

When Uddhava met the Gopis, he encountered an even deeper expression of devotion. They listened to Krishna’s message, but their hearts yearned for only one thing—the physical presence of their Kanha.

For them, Krishna was not simply a distant deity. He was their very life and their spiritual heartbeat.

When the pavilion became Vrindavan

As these episodes unfolded, the atmosphere inside the Katha pavilion became intensely emotional. Devotees listened with tears in their eyes, and for a moment, it seemed as though the

pavilion itself had been transformed into Vrindavan. The pain of Yashoda, Nanda Baba, Krishna’s friends and the Gopis seemed to become the pain of every devotee present.

The central message of the narration was that true devotion is built upon love, surrender and freedom from ego. Krishna may have physically left Vrindavan for Mathura, but he never left the hearts of the people of Vraj.

The story reminds devotees that spiritual love does not depend upon physical proximity. When devotion becomes selfless and the ego disappears, the distance between the devotee and the Divine also disappears.

A pavilion filled with ‘Radhe-Radhe’

The emotional narration concluded with devotees enthusiastically chanting the names of Lord Krishna. The pavilion reverberated with ‘Radhe-Radhe’ and ‘Jai Shri Krishna’, transforming the atmosphere of sorrow and separation into one of collective devotion and spiritual celebration.

The sixth day of the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha thus became a powerful reminder that the stories of Krishna are not merely accounts of the past. For millions of devotees, they remain a living spiritual experience—one that can still bring tears to the eyes, awaken devotion in the heart and bring the faithful closer to the Divine.





Demolition begins at Mokshdham site as Chicago-area community's crematory project moves forward

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

Demolition work has begun at the site of Sanatan Mokshdham, marking a significant milestone in the Chicago-area Hindu community's effort to establish a dedicated, state-of-the-art cremation facility designed to accommodate traditional last rites with dignity and respect. The start of demolition follows years of community support, fundraising, planning and volunteer involvement. The Mokshdham management has expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the project, describing the progress as a collective achievement made possible through the support of community members, donors, organizations and well-wishers.

Mokshdham Cremation Inc. is a Chicago-area not-for-profit charitable organization established to develop a dedicated cremation and end-of-life facility for Hindu and other Sanatani communities. The project addresses a need that has become increasingly important as the Indian-American and broader South Asian population in the region has grown.

A facility designed around tradition and dignity

For Hindu families, cremation is closely connected to Antim Sanskar, the final sacrament performed for a loved one. Last rites can involve prayers, chanting, family participation and other religious customs that may not always be easy to accommodate at conventional cremation facilities. The planned Mokshdham is intended to provide a setting where families can observe these traditions while also having access to modern cremation services.

The proposed two-story facility will include approximately 8,100 square feet on the first floor and 5,000 square feet on the second floor. Two halls will provide space for gatherings, religious rituals and bhajans, with the facility designed to accommodate up to 400 visitors. Parking for more than 200 vehicles is also planned. The facility will include a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, reflecting the spiritual significance associated with the final journey. Two state-of-the-art cremation equipment units are planned, along with audio-video and speaker systems to allow those attending services to hear clearly.



A closed-circuit camera and internet-based broadcasting system is also planned. This would allow relatives and friends who cannot attend in person to participate remotely in funeral ceremonies, an increasingly useful option for families spread across different cities and countries.

A community-driven initiative

The project represents a broader community effort to create an institution that can serve families during one of the most difficult moments of life. Support has come in different forms, including financial contributions, volunteer work, organizational assistance and community advocacy. The management deserves recognition for sustaining the initiative through the various stages required to move such a project from an idea toward physical development. Beginning demolition is particularly significant because it provides a visible indication that the long-discussed vision is moving into its construction phase.

The organization has also envisioned services beyond cremation. Plans and proposals have included assistance with funeral documentation, appropriate handling and return of cremated remains, online access to information and scheduling, and potentially grief and bereavement services in the future.

Affordability is another important part of

the vision. Among the concepts associated with the project is a rental-casket system intended to reduce funeral expenses while still allowing families to conduct traditional ceremonies with dignity.

Looking ahead

The development of Mokshdham comes at a time when many immigrant communities are establishing institutions that address needs throughout the entire cycle of life—not only temples and cultural centers, but also facilities for end-of-life care and final rites. A dedicated cremation facility could offer families greater cultural familiarity, privacy and flexibility while helping preserve traditional practices for future generations.

With demolition now underway, the Mokshdham project has entered a new and highly visible phase. The management's sustained efforts, together with the contributions of the wider community, have brought the initiative closer to becoming a functioning institution.

The beginning of demolition is therefore more than a construction milestone. For the supporters of Sanatan Mokshdham, it represents the progress of a collective vision to provide a dignified place for families to say their final farewell while honoring their religious and cultural traditions.



Bharatiya Seniors of Chicago Celebrate Janmashtami with Dandiya Raas

By: Jayanti Oza

Bharatiya Seniors of Chicago (BSC) celebrated Janmashtami with an evening of bhajans, Dandiya Raas and devotional activities at Rana Reagan Hall in Carol Stream. Around 80 senior members participated in the celebration. The hall was decorated with colorful lights for the occasion. Members of the group took part in traditional Dandiya Raas as part of the Janmashtami festivities, creating a lively atmosphere while observing the religious significance of the festival. Bachubhai Pagdal, a member of



BSC, appeared dressed as Vasudev, adding a traditional element to the program commemorating the birth of Lord Krishna. The program was held from

approximately 8 p.m. until midnight and included devotional bhajans and Dandiya Raas. Tea, coffee, snacks and water were also served to the participants

during the evening. At midnight, the celebration reached its traditional high point as participants marked the birth of Lord Krishna with chants of "Nand Gher Anand Bhayo, Jai Kanhaiyalal Ki." Members then continued with Dandiya Ras before concluding the evening. BSC President Haribhai Patel thanked the members and volunteers who participated in organizing and supporting the Janmashtami program. The celebration provided BSC members an opportunity to observe Janmashtami together while combining traditional devotional practices with social interaction among the senior community.



Grand Janmashtami Celebration at Hari Om Mandir, Chicago

By: Ashwani Mahajan

Hari Om Mandir, Chicago, celebrated Shri Krishna Janmashtami with great devotion, joy and enthusiasm. Hundreds of devotees, families and children from Chicago and surrounding suburbs gathered at the temple to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna. At the beginning of the celebration, Chairman Brij Sharma and President Vipin Wadhwa welcomed the devotees and extended their greetings and congratulations to everyone on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami.

Divine Jhanki and Bhajan Sandhya

A beautifully decorated Jhanki of Lord Krishna was one of the major attractions



of the celebration. The temple was adorned with flowers and lights, creating a festive and devotional atmosphere. The evening featured soulful bhajans and devotional songs, with devotees joining in singing and celebrating the divine birth of Lord Krishna.

Cultural performances by children

Children participating in Hari Om Mandir's cultural classes presented colorful and devotional performances, including Raas Leela, Radha-Krishna dances and bhajans. Their performances reflected a beautiful blend of devotion, Indian culture and tradition. The children's participation added a special

charm to the celebration, with families and devotees enthusiastically appreciating their performances.

Midnight Krishna Janma celebration

As midnight approached, devotees gathered to mark the divine birth of Lord Krishna. The atmosphere resonated with chants of "Nand Ghar Anand Bhayo" and "Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki," as devotees celebrated the arrival of Bal Gopal with great enthusiasm. The traditional Maha Abhishek and Matki Phod ceremony were also performed. A young child dressed as Lord Krishna participated in the Matki Phod ceremony, delighting the devotees gathered for the celebration.



More than 200 people attended the midnight festivities. Volunteers including Ashok Sharma, Ramesh Bhardwaj, Nitin Sharma, Priya, Sonam and Aarti Kapoor contributed their time and efforts to help organize and conduct the program smoothly. The celebration concluded with Maha Abhishek and Aarti, followed by the distribution of Bhog and Prasad to all devotees.

The Janmashtami celebration at Hari Om Mandir provided devotees and families with an opportunity to come together in faith and devotion while passing the timeless teachings and traditions associated with Lord Krishna to the younger generation.



Dr. Prakasarao Velagapudi honored with Cultural Heritage Ambassador Award in Dallas

By: Dr. Avi Verma

Dr. Prakasarao Velagapudi was presented with the “Cultural Heritage Ambassador Award” by the Adopt a Village Global Foundation (AAVGF) on September 5, 2026, recognizing four decades of his involvement in community service and efforts to preserve and promote Hindu cultural heritage.

The award was presented during a fundraising gala organized by AAVGF Founder and Chairman Dr. Bhupati Raju Pandeti in the Dallas–Fort Worth area. The event brought together entrepreneurs, business leaders, professionals, philanthropists, academicians, physicians, community leaders and supporters to raise funds for village adoption initiatives in Bharat.

Several individuals were recognized during the evening for their contributions in different fields. The gathering also provided an opportunity for community members and supporters to network and support AAVGF’s village-focused initiatives.

AAVGF presented a three-minute video documenting Dr. Velagapudi’s four decades of community and cultural involvement. It highlighted his participation in temple construction, promotion of Sanatana Dharma, educational activities and the development of the Global Hindu Heritage Foundation (GHHF).



Among the projects featured was the construction of a Hindu temple in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1990, followed by another traditional temple project

in 2019. His involvement in planning and organizing the construction of the Hanuman Temple in Frisco, Texas, was also highlighted.

The video also featured several recognitions received by Dr. Velagapudi, including the Vishwa Hindu Award presented by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji in Mysore in the presence of Dr. Subramanian Swamy, and a Distinguished Service Award presented by Sri Viswamjee in Dallas in 2024. His participation in a Short Film Festival in Hyderabad in 2012, attended by Sri China Jeeyar Swamiji, was also included.

According to the program materials, Dr. Velagapudi received a Lifetime Achievement recognition from U.S. President Joe Biden in 2023. The presentation also noted a “Lead America Community Champion” certificate presented by Sri Rajesh Gooty, along with a U.S. flag that had been hoisted at the U.S. Capitol on July 4.

The documentary highlighted GHHF’s grassroots activities in villages across Bharat, including programs aimed at creating awareness about protecting village traditions and cultural heritage. Bala Samskar Kendras are being conducted in villages to introduce children to Sanatana Dharma and traditional values.

Other activities include community meetings and programs in which students perform Pada Puja for their parents, emphasizing respect for parents and family values.

The presentation comes as GHHF marks its 20th anniversary. Founded in 2006, the organization is documenting its

work through a documentary covering 16 ground-level initiatives carried out in villages across Bharat.

The anniversary effort has received messages of support from several prominent personalities, including Sri Raghu Ramakrishna Rayu, Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly; Sri Sanjeev Khanna, entrepreneur and former Chairman of the US India Chamber; Sri Lalit Sharma, entrepreneur associated with Kailman Capital Fund; Sri L. V. Gangadhara Sastry, Sangeeta Nataka Academy Award recipient and Chairman of the Bhagavad Gita Foundation; Dr. H. R. Nagendra, Padma Shri awardee, yoga scientist and educator; Dr. Manjunath Sharma, Chancellor of SVYSA University; and Sri Sree Iyer, engineer, inventor, entrepreneur and associated with PGurus Broadcasting Company.

The GHHF anniversary documentary, prepared with the support of Suchetan Enterprises, will be screened during the foundation’s 20th anniversary celebration on September 20 at 6 p.m. at Meridian, 351 Southwind Ln., Fairview, Texas 75069.

GHHF’s team includes Nandini Velagapudi, Laxmi Tummala, Chandra Movva, Shakuntala Movva, Prashant Nanganui, Suchetan Vaidyanathan, Lalith Sharma and Ramakant Kancharla, along with other volunteers and supporters.

The award and documentary presentation highlighted Dr. Velagapudi’s long involvement in community initiatives and GHHF’s continuing grassroots efforts focused on cultural heritage and traditional values in Bharat.



India's renewal era: A decade of soulful and cognitive rebirth

● By: Tilak Raj Mishra, New Delhi

Human civilizations, like the tides of great oceans, pass through periods of change, decline and renewal. India's ancient civilization has survived for thousands of years, carrying a remarkable intellectual, cultural and spiritual heritage. While colonial rule weakened many of its traditional institutions and pushed indigenous knowledge to the margins, India's civilizational spirit never disappeared. It continued to flow quietly beneath the surface.

Over the past decade, that underlying consciousness has begun to express itself with renewed confidence. India is increasingly looking at its ancient knowledge and cultural traditions through a contemporary lens. This is more than economic growth, diplomatic influence or physical development. It represents a broader process of national self-discovery—a growing recognition of India's historical identity and its potential contribution to the modern world.

Breaking free from colonial thinking

For decades after independence, many aspects of India's intellectual and academic life continued to operate within frameworks inherited from the colonial period. Ideas about education, progress, culture and success were often measured through external standards. Over time, this created a distance between modern India and many of its own intellectual traditions.

The past decade has witnessed a growing effort to close that gap. Indigenous knowledge systems are receiving greater attention from scholars, scientists, educators and younger Indians. Ancient works are increasingly being studied not simply as historical artifacts, but as sources of ideas that can be examined, questioned and understood in a modern context.

The contributions of thinkers such as Panini to linguistics and the analytical traditions found in ancient Indian texts demonstrate the sophistication of India's intellectual heritage. The objective should not be blind glorification of the past, but a serious engagement with it—identifying ideas that can enrich contemporary knowledge while maintaining scientific rigor. The recovery and return of Indian cultural artifacts and antiquities from abroad during the past decade has also contributed to this broader sense of cultural reclamation. Such efforts reflect a desire to reconnect present-day India with parts of its heritage that were separated from the country over generations.

A spiritual revival alongside modernization

India's renewal is not limited to intellectual life. A parallel spiritual and cultural revival is becoming visible across the country.

India has historically been a land of pilgrimage, meditation and spiritual inquiry. In recent decades, however, these traditions were sometimes viewed primarily through the lens of ritual or the past. Today,



there is renewed interest in their relevance to modern life.

Across the country, pilgrimage centers, temples and heritage sites have undergone substantial development and restoration. Improved infrastructure has made many of these places more accessible to visitors from India and abroad, contributing to the growth of cultural and spiritual tourism.

One notable aspect of this revival is the participation of young Indians. In an age dominated by smartphones, social media and rapid technological change, many young people are exploring temples, pilgrimage destinations, yoga and traditional practices as ways of reconnecting with their heritage and finding a sense of meaning and balance.

This does not necessarily represent a rejection of modernity. Instead, it suggests that tradition and progress can coexist.

India's message of health and balance

India's cultural influence is also increasingly visible beyond its borders. Yoga is perhaps the clearest example. What was once primarily associated with Indian spiritual traditions has become a global practice, particularly through the worldwide observance of International Yoga Day. Yoga is increasingly understood not only as physical exercise but also as a practice that can support mental well-being, discipline and balance. Similarly, Ayurveda and other traditional approaches to health have attracted growing international interest.

India's traditional philosophy also contains a strong emphasis on harmony

between human beings and nature. Ideas of moderation, responsible consumption and respect for the environment have relevance in an era confronting climate change and ecological challenges.

India's contribution in these areas need not be viewed as cultural competition. Instead, its traditional knowledge can become part of a wider global conversation about health, sustainability and human well-being.

Connecting the past with the future

Perhaps the most important feature of India's current transformation is the attempt to combine ancient wisdom with modern technology.

Artificial intelligence and digital technology are being explored for the preservation, translation and study of old manuscripts. Traditional ecological knowledge can complement modern approaches to environmental sustainability. Ethical questions surrounding technology, business and leadership are also creating opportunities to revisit philosophical traditions that place responsibility alongside achievement.

India's digital transformation offers another example of this combination. Digital payment systems and expanding digital infrastructure have connected hundreds of millions of people with financial and public services. Technology, when designed for inclusion, can become an instrument for reducing barriers and expanding opportunity.

The challenge now is to ensure that

modernization does not come at the cost of social responsibility, cultural confidence or human values.

A turning point for India

The past decade may ultimately be remembered as an important period in India's continuing civilizational journey. The country is increasingly confident in examining its heritage while simultaneously embracing technology, innovation and global engagement.

India's renewal, therefore, should not be understood simply as a return to the past. It is an effort to draw from the past while preparing for the future.

The real measure of this transformation will be whether intellectual confidence is accompanied by social responsibility, whether economic progress benefits wider sections of society, and whether technological advancement remains connected to human values.

India's greatest opportunity lies in bringing these elements together. A nation can be modern without abandoning its roots, and it can be deeply connected to its heritage without turning away from the future.

The journey of India's renewal is still unfolding. Its lasting significance will depend not only on how strongly the nation remembers its past, but on how wisely it uses that heritage to shape a more balanced, inclusive and responsible future.

Courtesy: Vandana Jhingan



Healthy Heart, Healthy Life

Lifestyle medicine: Small habits, big impact on heart health

How everyday choices can protect your heart, brain and blood vessels

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 the combined impact of cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, fatty liver disease and metabolic syndrome on cardiovascular health. Part 7 examined valvular and congenital heart disease, and Part 8 expanded our focus to stroke, TIA, peripheral artery disease, carotid disease and dangerous blood clots.

In this ninth installment, we turn to one of the most powerful tools in cardiovascular prevention: lifestyle medicine. Your heart does not respond only to medications and medical procedures. It also responds to what you eat, how much you move, how well you sleep, how you manage stress, whether you smoke and how effectively you control weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. These everyday choices can play an important role in preventing heart disease and stroke.

Lifestyle medicine: Prevention begins every day

Lifestyle medicine focuses on habits that can prevent or help manage chronic disease. For cardiovascular health, the goal is not perfection but consistency. A heart-healthy lifestyle includes nutritious eating, regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, adequate sleep, managing stress, avoiding tobacco and keeping important medical numbers—such as blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar—under control. These measures do not replace medication when medication is needed. Instead, lifestyle and medical treatment often work together.

Fueling the heart: Mediterranean and DASH eating patterns

Food choices directly influence many cardiovascular risk factors. The Mediterranean-style diet emphasizes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, legumes, nuts, seeds and healthy unsaturated fats such as olive oil. Fish and seafood can be included regularly, while highly



processed foods, added sugars, saturated fats and processed meats are limited. The DASH diet—Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension—places particular emphasis on vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, low-fat dairy and other nutrient-rich foods while reducing sodium and foods high in saturated fat and added sugars.

You do not necessarily have to choose one diet rigidly. The larger goal is a sustainable eating pattern built around whole or minimally processed foods, vegetables and fruits, healthy proteins, whole grains and healthier fats.

Movement: Medicine for the heart

Physical activity is one of the simplest ways to improve cardiovascular health. For most adults, the American Heart Association

recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, or 75 minutes of vigorous activity, along with muscle-strengthening activity at least twice a week. Walking is an excellent starting point. Ten- or fifteen-minute walks can be accumulated throughout the day. If you have been inactive, start gradually and increase activity according to your ability and your healthcare professional's advice. Maintaining a healthy weight can also improve blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. Even modest weight loss can provide health benefits for people who are overweight or obese.

Sleep, stress and mental health

Heart health is closely connected with sleep and emotional well-being. Most adults should aim for approximately 7–9 hours of sleep each night. Poor sleep can make it harder to manage weight and other cardiovascular risk factors. Chronic stress can also contribute to unhealthy behaviors and may affect blood pressure. Regular physical activity, relaxation techniques, meditation, yoga, time with family and friends, and other healthy coping strategies can help manage stress. If anxiety, depression or prolonged emotional distress is affecting daily life, seeking professional help is an important part of overall health.

Quit tobacco and be careful with alcohol

There is no safe reason to begin smoking or using tobacco products. Tobacco exposure damages cardiovascular health, and quitting is one of the most important steps a smoker can take to reduce cardiovascular risk. Alcohol also deserves careful consideration.

Current American Heart Association guidance says people who do not drink should not start for potential health benefits. For those who drink, limiting consumption is advised, because excessive alcohol use can increase blood pressure, stroke risk and other cardiovascular problems.

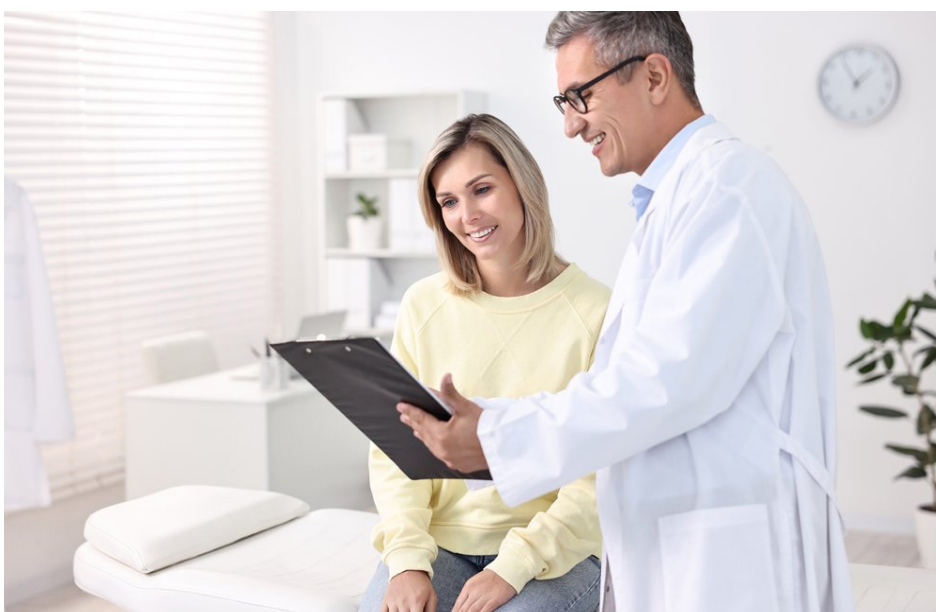
Small habits, long-term protection

A healthier heart is rarely built through one dramatic change. It is usually the result of repeated decisions: choosing a healthier meal, taking a daily walk, sleeping on time, controlling stress, avoiding tobacco and keeping medical appointments. The most important message is simple: prevention is a daily process. Lifestyle changes cannot eliminate every cardiovascular risk, but they can substantially influence many of the factors that contribute to heart disease and stroke. Your heart works every minute of every day. Give it the support it deserves—one healthy choice at a time.

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Readers should consult their physician or another qualified healthcare professional regarding their individual health, medications, risk factors or treatment options. Before beginning a new exercise program or making major dietary changes, individuals with medical conditions should seek appropriate professional guidance.



Personal finance insights: News & Features

Mini Feature: DO DIVIDENDS MATTER?

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CONTRARIAN INDICATORS

AAII Bull-Bear Spread +2.1%
(below average)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 42
(fear-low)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA
49.29% (negative)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA
47.80% (negative)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative),
7/31/26

OEf's & 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 3.91%, 1-yr
4.13%; T-Notes 2-yr 4.37%, 5-yr
4.54%, 10-yr 4.78%; T-Bonds 30-yr
5.24% (normal yield-curve);
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.17%, 10-yr
2.43%, 30-yr 2.96%
FRNs Index 3.806%

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 4.75% (3-yr), 4.95%
(5-yr), 5.05% (7-yr)
TSP G Fund 4.875% (previous
4.875%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 43.87 (fear)
Weekly ETFs: INDA +0.71%, INDY
+0.23%, EPI +0.84%, INDH -0.68%
| SPY +0.11%



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

ECONOMY

US is accusing 40 global partners
including India, Europe, Canada,
Japan, Mexico, etc of Chinese
transshipments. India's Pune-Gujarat-
Chennai production belt was cited
for pumps/ compressors. In basic
transshipment, products are minimally
modified & repackaged to avoid
US tariffs & that's illegal. Content
origination is a complex area that is
subject to various interpretations.

ENERGY

ONGC got the license from US
OFAC to resume full operations
in Venezuela. In the joint Indian-
ONGC - Venezuelan-PDVSA San
Cristobal oil project, PDVSA holds
60%, ONGC 40%. ONGC also
holds 11% in Carabobo oil project.
Venezuelan President Delcy Rodriguez
recently visited India in 01/2026, met
with PM Modi & other government
officials, & also stopped by Sai Baba
ashram (temple) in Puttaparthi, AP, as
she is a devotee.

FINANCIALS

There were rumors that "free"
UPI may charge 25-40 bps on
transactions over Rs 2,000. And that
this was in response to US raising
free (government-subsidized) UPI
as an unfair trade practice that hurts
US financials operating in India;
government cost/support for UPI is
estimated at \$200-250 million/yr.
UPI has been free for consumers since
2020 & the proposed merchant fees
(MDRs) on larger transactions seem
nominal. According to the new rules,
government will allow but not impose
UPI merchant fees. So, UPI will now
discuss the fee issue with merchants.
MDR fee will be shared among
the transaction processing banks &
nonbank financials.

SEBI is simplifying NRI KYC to
facilitate securities transactions (new
accounts, etc). After implementation,
KYC can be done from the countries
of NRI residences. This will include
NRIs with OCI cards. The current
KYC procedures may require physical
presence in India. The KYC rules have
been simplified in other areas already -
banking, pensions, etc.

SPECIAL TOPIC - DO DIVIDENDS MATTER?

Yes!

A common example is often cited - a
company pays dividend on ex-div date
& its price goes down by the dividend
amount. So, if one reinvests, one has
the same amount of money before &
after dividend, so, "dividends don't
matter".

While that's is technically correct,
there are other factors to consider.

1. Many stocks recover their prices
soon after ex-div; many technical
analysts use price triggers, not
adjusted prices. This doesn't apply

to funds (dividend-growth VIG,
current-dividend VYM, dividend-
blend SCHD) - the effects at
holdings level aren't seen in the
fund NAV.

2. If a stock pays d% dividend, the
company has to grow only at
+d% long-term to compensate for
dividends paid; if not, there will be
a disaster soon.
3. Dividends taken may be used for
expenses (those who need them put
high value on them) or reinvested
elsewhere.
4. Selling nondividend stock to
get small income is a valid idea,
but you are subjected to market
volatility that benefits AIP/SIP
(accumulations), but not AWP/
SWP (decumulations).
5. If you don't need dividends, it may
be better to invest in high-growth,
low/no-dividend stocks. Dividends
are paid from cash flows & require
some discipline by companies &
that's indicated by any level of
dividends. A high-dividend stock/
fund with reinvestments just won't
have as much growth; sure, the
#units held will grow impressively,
but prices won't & the current value
= #units x price.

So, ask: Is it better for a company
to pay you dividend or keep it in
retained earnings for internal growth?
If you think that the company can
do a good job with retained earnings
(internal growth or M&A), then that's
fine, but if not, you would rather have
dividends in your hands for whatever
(reinvesting elsewhere or expenses).
Also, reinvestments increase your risk
exposure in that company.

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Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

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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 U.S. students also prepare for Step 1.
- ▶ **Clinical Phase (Years 3 & 4):** 80 weeks of rotations—48 weeks core, 32 weeks electives. Students then take the IUHS Exit Exam 2 and officially graduate. U.S. students also take Step 2 before graduation.

3. Assessments:

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

knowledge gaps.

- ▶ Lectorio self-assessments which are mandatory but not graded.

4. Teaching methods:

- ▶ **Systems-based learning:** Integrates anatomy, pathology, and pharmacology within each body system.
- ▶ **Problem-based learning:** Encourages critical thinking and challenges students to draw on all the knowledge they have acquired as they would in a real-life scenario when treating a patient.
- ▶ **Spaced repetition:** Reinforces knowledge through periodic review, enhancing long-term retention.

5. Clinical rotations:

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



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

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

Key Features:

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

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

8. Question and Concept Sessions:

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

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

Key Features:

- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Skinny jeans are having their comeback moment

For years, skinny jeans were the denim silhouette fashion wanted us to forget. Wide-leg, baggy, barrel and relaxed fits took over wardrobes, leaving the once-ubiquitous skinny jean looking distinctly dated. Now, fashion has changed its mind. Narrow denim is back, but this time, it is returning with a more polished, modern attitude.

The revival has been building quietly. Runways began experimenting with

closer-fitting denim several seasons ago, and by 2026, the shift had become difficult to ignore. Fall collections have embraced everything from ultra-slim jeans to cigarette cuts, bringing a distinctly early-2000s energy back to the fashion conversation.

The nostalgia is unmistakable. The mid-2000s were defined by celebrities stepping out in slim denim with oversized sunglasses, fitted jackets, ballet flats,

towering heels and statement accessories. That styling language is returning too, but with a more contemporary balance. Instead of recreating a head-to-toe throwback look, today's skinny jeans are being paired with sharper tailoring, oversized coats, structured jackets and minimalist accessories.

Celebrity wardrobes are already reflecting the shift. Black, white and dark-rinse skinny jeans have appeared in street style

and red-carpet dressing, while cigarette jeans offer a slightly less body-hugging interpretation of the trend. The message is clear: narrow denim no longer has to mean ultra-tight denim.

That distinction is important because the new skinny jean is not simply a return to the stretch-heavy styles that dominated the late 2000s and early 2010s. Today's versions often use more structured fabrics and cleaner finishes. High-rise silhouettes offer a streamlined shape, while mid-rise and low-rise options bring a distinctly nostalgic edge. Cigarette and slim-straight cuts provide another route into the trend for anyone who wants definition without a second-skin fit.

Styling is also what makes the comeback feel fresh. Try slim jeans with an oversized blazer for contrast, a chunky sweater for a relaxed weekend look or a long coat for a more refined silhouette. Heels can emphasize the elongated line, while loafers, boots or sleek sneakers make the look feel more understated.

The biggest change, however, is that skinny jeans are no longer being presented as the only way to wear denim. They are simply another silhouette in a much broader denim wardrobe. After years of volume dominating the fashion landscape, there is something refreshing about seeing the opposite shape return. Skinny jeans may have spent years on the fashion sidelines, but in 2026, the narrow silhouette is proving that some trends do not disappear. They simply wait for the right moment to come back.



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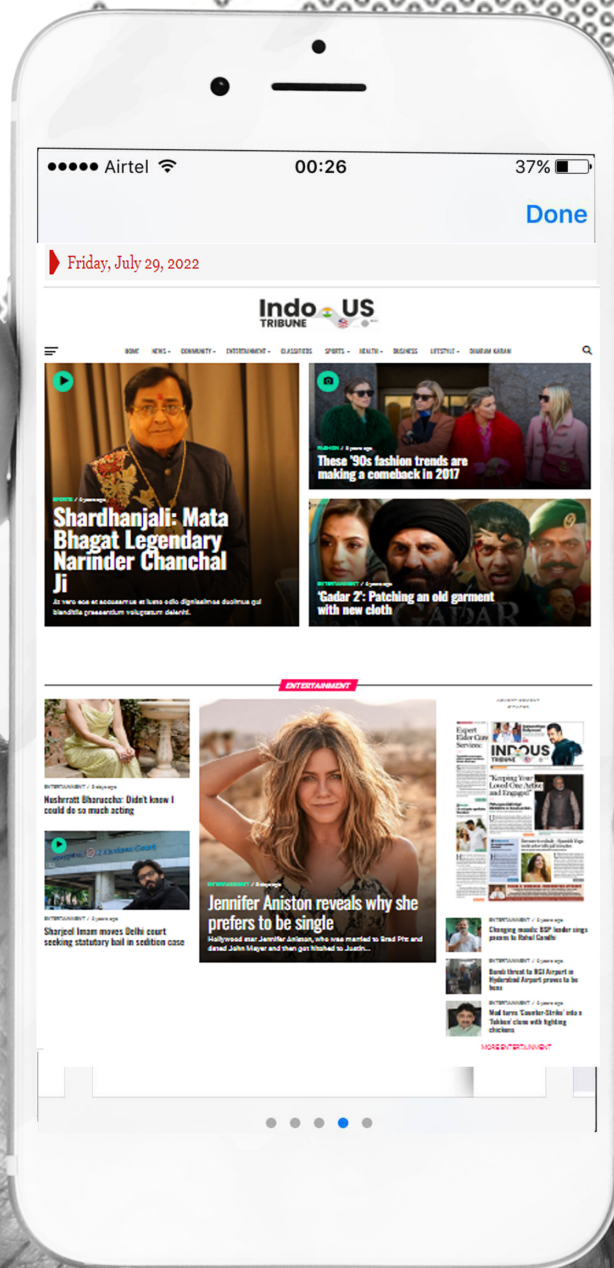


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