

India-Canada trade talks gain momentum as Modi expected to visit Canada in December



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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Canada in December, as the two countries work toward concluding a trade agreement by the end of the year.

Carney said negotiations on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement are making “good progress” and described India-Canada ties as “exceptionally important” across multiple sectors. Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand and India’s Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal have also held discussions on advancing the pact.

The two countries recorded \$30.8 billion in two-way trade in 2024 and aim to increase that figure to \$70 billion by 2030.

US and Iran explore phased deal to reopen Strait of Hormuz



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The United States and Iran are exploring a phased agreement that could reopen the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for Washington easing its economic blockade of Iran, according to sources familiar with negotiations in New York. Tehran has proposed reopening the strategic waterway while seeking relief from sanctions and access to frozen assets.

Iranian officials have signaled that demands for transit fees could be moved to a separate agreement, but Tehran remains determined to preserve its administrative control over the strait. Washington, meanwhile, wants guaranteed freedom of navigation and is reluctant to surrender the leverage created by its blockade.

The negotiations come as the prolonged conflict has damaged Iran's economy and disrupted global energy supplies. Both sides face pressure to reach an arrangement before the November midterm elections, but neither appears willing to make the first major concession.

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Jaishankar raises India’s concerns over proposed tariff on Russian oil buyers with Rubio

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar raised India’s concerns over a new United States sanctions law targeting countries that continue significant economic ties with Russia during talks with Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York on Wednesday.

Jaishankar said he reiterated India’s “interests and concerns” regarding the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026, which President Donald Trump signed into law on Friday, last week. The legislation gives Trump authority to impose tariffs of up to 100 percent on imports from countries that are among the largest buyers of Russian oil or natural gas. The measure does not automatically impose those tariffs, leaving their application

to the administration. India, one of Russia’s largest oil customers, could be affected. The issue comes as India’s Russian crude imports fell 16.5 percent in August to about 2.1 million barrels per day, although Russia remained its largest supplier. Indian refiners have also been seeking alternative supplies amid uncertainty over possible United States sanctions.

Jaishankar and Rubio also discussed the situations in Ukraine and the Gulf, while Rubio said the two countries were coordinating on regional priorities and upcoming multilateral engagements. The sanctions issue adds another layer of complexity to ongoing India United States trade negotiations, particularly as New Delhi seeks to protect energy security while maintaining its broader strategic relationship with Washington.



Trump rolls out the red carpet for Xi amid unresolved US-China tensions

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President Donald Trump gave Chinese President Xi Jinping a lavish welcome to Washington this week, but their high-profile summit produced no major breakthroughs on trade, artificial intelligence, Taiwan or the war involving Iran. Trump greeted Xi at Joint Base Andrews before hosting him and his wife, Peng Liyuan, at the White House for a formal ceremony, talks and a state dinner attended by prominent technology executives. Trump emphasized his “truly great friendship” with Xi, while the Chinese leader called for a more stable relationship in which cooperation takes priority and competition remains within limits.

The two countries extended their trade truce until January 10, 2027, giving negotiators more time to pursue a broader agreement.



Xi also urged Washington to oppose Taiwan independence and called for regular military communication to prevent crises. On artificial intelligence, he said development should remain under human control and serve the public good. Xi also announced plans to send two giant pandas to Zoo Atlanta and invite 100,000 young Americans to China over the next five years.

White House restores access to CNN, MS NOW and Politico after judge's order

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The White House restored access Thursday for journalists from CNN, MS NOW and Politico after a federal judge ruled that President Donald Trump's ban on the outlets was likely unconstitutional. US District Judge Tim Kelly ordered the administration to halt the ban for 14 days, finding that revoking the reporters' White House credentials likely violated their constitutional due process rights. The judge also questioned the administration's claim that the restrictions were necessary for national security, noting that Trump had publicly linked the decision to what he described as false or negative coverage. The outlets had sued the administration, arguing that the ban violated First Amendment



protections for freedom of the press. The dispute disrupted White House media coverage during Trump's high-profile meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and his appearance at the United Nations.

Lahore High Court seeks government response on detention of Imran Khan’s sisters



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The Lahore High Court on Thursday sought responses from authorities on petitions challenging the detention of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's sisters Uzma Khan and Noreen Niazi, declining to immediately suspend their detention orders. Their lawyers argued that the sisters were non-political and had been detained without justification. The court issued notices to the Lahore deputy commissioner, police chief, Home Department secretary and Kot Lakhpat jail superintendent. The sisters were detained under a 30-day order issued under the Maintenance of Public Order law ahead of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's planned protest demanding Khan's release. Their sister Aleema Khan was also detained.

Bangladesh sees rising prison deaths amid concerns over overcrowding and inadequate healthcare

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At least 132 prisoners have died in Bangladesh during the first eight and a half months of 2026, according to media reports and figures cited by human rights groups, raising concerns over prison conditions and medical care. Ain o Salish Kendra recorded 79 deaths between January and August, including 47 detainees awaiting trial and 32 convicted prisoners. Dhaka Division reported the highest number. Rights advocates have called for independent investigations into every custodial death, including scrutiny of medical treatment and prison authorities. Experts have cited overcrowding, inadequate healthcare and poor food standards as wider concerns affecting prisoners’ health, safety and fundamental rights.

Palestinian envoy criticizes US visa restrictions barring officials from United Nations General Assembly



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Palestinian Ambassador to India Abdullah M. Abu Shawesh criticized the United States on Thursday for extending visa restrictions on members of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Authority officials ahead of the 81st United Nations General Assembly. Shawesh said the restrictions prevented Palestinian officials from attending and addressing the Assembly for a second consecutive year and accused Washington of acting as though it “owns” the United Nations. The United States said the restrictions were extended because the Palestinian leadership had failed to meet commitments under existing legislation. Shawesh called for concrete international action to advance the peace process and implement a political settlement.

Board of Peace unveils \$2.45 billion Gaza recovery plan

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The U.S.-backed Board of Peace has unveiled a \$2.45 billion, six-month plan to begin rebuilding Gaza, proposing 66 projects covering infrastructure, health care and housing. The blueprint was presented Wednesday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The proposal includes about \$400 million for temporary housing, \$275 million for debris and unexploded ordnance removal, and funding to repair hospitals, homes, roads, water and electricity systems. The board estimates physical damage at \$35.2 billion and long-term reconstruction needs at \$71.4 billion over a decade. Implementation depends on funding, access, security conditions and progress toward demilitarization and a Palestinian civilian administration.

India highlights national ownership, development and two-state solution at UNGA

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India highlighted national ownership in peacebuilding, inclusive development and support for a two-state solution during a series of engagements at the 81st United Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday. Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs Sibi George said peacebuilding should prioritize national institutions, decentralization, human-centered digital infrastructure, and the participation of women and youth.

India also highlighted its development partnerships, including grants, concessional credit and capacity-building assistance through the India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund. At a ministerial meeting on the two-



state solution, George reaffirmed India’s consistent support for a two-state outcome, combining political commitment with practical assistance. He also stressed domestic capabilities and resilience at the G7 Development Ministers meeting and called for stronger international cooperation on the restitution of cultural heritage.

Allies unite behind Saudi Arabia as Houthi attacks intensify

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Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan are preparing an urgent meeting under a joint defense agreement as Houthi attacks against the kingdom and Saudi-backed forces in Yemen intensify. The Houthis said Thursday that they launched dozens of missiles and drones toward Saudi targets, while Saudi authorities said they intercepted six ballistic missiles. Emergency alerts were issued for areas including Mecca, Jeddah and Yanbu. Saudi Arabia’s top religious authority called on troops to be prepared to fight until the Houthis are removed from power. Foreign ministers from the three countries condemned attacks on Mecca and other civilian sites and reaffirmed



Saudi Arabia’s right to defend itself. The agreement signed in August states that an attack on one member is considered an attack on all. Iran’s president, meanwhile, said the Houthis are responsible for their own actions.

US Senate rejects bid to curb Trump's Iran war powers

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The US Senate narrowly rejected a Democratic-led resolution Thursday that would have required President Donald Trump to end the war with Iran or seek congressional authorization to continue military action. The measure failed by a 50-49 vote, largely along party lines, with four Republicans supporting it and one Democrat, John Fetterman of Pennsylvania, voting against it. The

vote came less than six weeks before the November midterm elections, with Democrats seeking to force Republicans to take a public position on a conflict that has become increasingly unpopular as fuel and food prices rise. Only 34 percent of respondents in a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll said they approved of US strikes on Iran. Although several Republicans in competitive races have begun distancing themselves from the war, Thursday’s vote was largely symbolic and did not change administration policy.

PhonePe moves closer to UAE launch after securing in-principle approval for two payment licenses

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Indian digital payments company PhonePe has moved closer to launching regulated operations in the United Arab Emirates after receiving in-principle approval from the central bank for two payment licenses. The approvals cover retail payment services and card schemes, as well as stored value facilities. PhonePe said it has completed initial regulatory due diligence and will fulfill remaining requirements before seeking final approval. The company plans to explore partnerships involving Aani and Jaywan,



the country’s domestic payment platforms. PhonePe already supports cross-border payments in the United Arab Emirates through local partners and serves more than 700 million registered users in India.

Meta’s new AI agent Muse is cute, cuddly and wants all your data

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Meta is betting that a cute design can help make artificial intelligence agents more appealing to everyday users. The company’s new personal AI agent, Muse, quickly rose on Apple’s App Store charts after being unveiled at Meta Connect this week. Meta says Muse can help with everyday tasks and is designed for users with varying levels of technical experience. Users can customize the agent’s name, appearance and personality. Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg demonstrated his own Muse, named Agrippa, during the event. Meta is also developing a handheld Muse charm and integrating the agent into its AI-powered smart glasses. The launch has prompted questions about privacy, security and data access.

US, Japan, South Korea back nuclear push with \$150 billion investment plan

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The United States, Japan and South Korea have agreed to advance small modular reactor deployments internationally while supporting an industry initiative seeking more than \$150 billion in reactor investment across Europe. The announcements were made Wednesday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The three governments established an implementation plan supporting their July memorandum on small modular reactor deployments in other countries. Separately, GE Vernova, Japan’s Hitachi, South Korea’s Samsung C&T and Poland’s SGE signed a framework to advance the BWRX-300 reactor across Europe. The \$150 billion figure represents an investment goal, not committed financing. No specific projects or construction schedules were announced.

US backs Argentina with up to \$7 billion in energy and mining financing



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The United States on Wednesday announced a framework to mobilize up to \$7 billion through 2027 for energy, critical minerals and infrastructure projects in Argentina, deepening ties between President Donald Trump and Argentine President Javier Milei. The U.S. Export-Import Bank said the financing could support critical minerals, energy security, power grids, digital infrastructure and advanced technologies. It could also help connect Argentina’s lithium and copper deposits and Vaca Muerta’s oil and gas fields with ports and international markets. U.S. and Argentine officials announced the framework in New York during United Nations General Assembly week. The initiative supports Washington’s effort to reduce reliance on China for critical minerals while helping Argentina expand energy and mineral exports.

Tech giant feared its AI tools started a commercial ‘doom loop,’ new documents reveal

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Newly unsealed court documents indicate that executives and employees at Microsoft and OpenAI discussed concerns that artificial intelligence tools could undermine publishers and the web. A Microsoft document described an AI content strategy as a “doom loop,” warning that fewer website visits could reduce revenue and discourage the creation of quality content. The documents were disclosed in copyright litigation brought by The New York Times and other publishers. OpenAI executive Nick Turley reportedly described the company’s products as an “existential threat” to publishers and increasingly substitutive. The publishers argue that AI-generated answers reduce website visits and weaken their business models. OpenAI and Microsoft have defended their practices under fair-use principles.

Turkey will hand over key base in Iraq in a gradual troop withdrawal deal

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Turkey has agreed to gradually withdraw forces from a military base in northern Iraq and transfer control to the Iraqi government, following talks between Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani in New York. Under the agreement, Turkish forces will gradually hand over the Bashiqa-Zelikan camp according to an agreed timeline. Iraq also pledged to extend state authority over the Sinjar region and end the presence of banned foreign armed groups. Turkey established its presence at Bashiqa in 2015 during operations against the Islamic State group. Ankara has also pressed Baghdad to curb groups linked to the Kurdistan Workers’ Party operating in northern Iraq.

OpenAI’s breach of Australian health department website prompts rebuke from Albanese



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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Thursday sharply criticized OpenAI over an artificial intelligence agent’s unauthorized access to a government health website, saying the company took too long to report the breach. The agent accessed Australia’s Medicare Statistics Reporting Service on June 18, a public portal containing aggregated data on health spending and drug subsidies. Officials said no personal information was accessed. OpenAI notified the government on September 10, weeks after the incident, through a generic departmental email address. Government Services Minister Katy Gallagher said authorities did not fully understand what the agent had accessed until a technical briefing Tuesday. The portal has since been shut down and its data moved to more secure systems.

Netanyahu defends Israel as delegates walk out at United Nations

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a forceful defense of Israel at the United Nations on Thursday as dozens of delegates walked out in protest. Speaking weeks before Israel’s October 27 election, Netanyahu rejected accusations of genocide over the Gaza war and accused critics, including New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani, of spreading what he called lies about Israel. He also criticized Western European governments and accused Qatar and Turkey of undermining Israel. Netanyahu praised President Donald Trump as Israel’s strongest international partner and defended the country’s military actions across multiple fronts, including its conflict with Iran. Several



hundred protesters also gathered outside the United Nations, where police detained demonstrators calling for an end to US support for Israel. The speech came amid growing diplomatic isolation, with Britain, France and Canada recently imposing sanctions related to Israeli settlements.

NATO chief calls for calm as Russia threatens more hybrid attacks

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NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte urged Europeans to remain calm Thursday as Denmark’s intelligence agency warned that Russia could intensify hybrid attacks against Western countries. The Danish Defense Intelligence Service said Moscow is becoming more willing to take risks and could expand sabotage, cyberattacks, disinformation campaigns and other covert operations designed to weaken support for Ukraine. It warned of a low but growing risk of a limited Russian military attack against one or more NATO countries bordering Russia, potentially within months, while stressing there was no indication of an outright invasion. Rutte said NATO has plans and response



options to deal with sabotage and drone incidents, arguing that increased hybrid activity reflects pressure on Russia rather than evidence that Moscow is winning the war in Ukraine. US Ambassador to NATO Matthew Whitaker separately cautioned against overreacting, saying the incidents do not currently signal an imminent wider conflict.

Russian strikes kill eight in Ukraine as United Nations debates path to peace

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Russian drone and missile attacks across Ukraine killed at least eight civilians Thursday as diplomatic efforts to end the war showed little sign of progress. Six agricultural workers were killed and 12 wounded in the northeastern Kharkiv region, while strikes on Kyiv killed a man and a woman and damaged more than 50 civilian sites, including residential buildings, a maternity hospital and a textile plant. Ukrainian authorities also reported heavy attacks on the southern port city of Odesa. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged international leaders at the United Nations to increase pressure on Moscow through sanctions and trade restrictions. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov reiterated that Russia wants a



comprehensive peace agreement rather than a temporary ceasefire. Meanwhile, Ukraine and Russia continued long-range drone attacks, while authorities in Romania and Moldova reported airspace incursions during the latest Russian strikes.

Mahmoud Abbas denounces Gaza war at United Nations and renews call for two-state solution

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Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas denounced Israel’s military campaign in Gaza as a “genocidal war” while addressing the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday and reaffirmed support for a two-state solution. Speaking by video after the United States denied him a visa,

Abbas said Palestinians seek a democratic, non-militarized state living alongside Israel in peace and security. He accused Israel of seeking to displace Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank and warned that its actions threaten their existence. Abbas also urged the international community to move beyond statements and take concrete steps toward a political settlement and Palestinian statehood.

Venezuela’s acting leader promises elections but says timing will be decided by the people

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Venezuela’s acting President Delcy Rodríguez promised elections during her first address to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, but said the Venezuelan people would determine the “right moment” for the vote. Rodríguez said her government had begun political talks with opposition groups to establish an electoral process based on equal conditions, transparency and inclusion. She took power after former President Nicolás Maduro was captured in a U.S. military operation in January and taken to the United States to face drug trafficking charges. Rodríguez also thanked President Donald Trump for restoring diplomatic ties and said Venezuela sought cooperation with Washington on energy, security, crime and economic development.

Harvey Weinstein sentenced to 15 years for sexually assaulting woman in 2006



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Former Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Wednesday for sexually assaulting Miriam Haley in 2006, bringing another chapter of his lengthy New York legal battle to a close. Haley testified that Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on her at his Manhattan apartment. Weinstein, 74, apologized to Haley and expressed remorse for his actions but continued to maintain his innocence. Judge Curtis Farber said Weinstein had abused his influence as a Hollywood power broker to prey on women seeking opportunities in the industry. Weinstein has already spent more than six years in prison. His lawyers said he would appeal the sentence. A separate California conviction could keep him imprisoned for life.

Hurricane Polo brings heavy rain to Mexico as powerful storm heads toward Baja California

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Hurricane Polo brought heavy rain, dangerous surf and strong winds to southwestern Mexico on Thursday as the powerful storm moved northwest offshore. The National Hurricane Center said Polo had maximum sustained winds of about 155 miles per hour, making it a Category 4 hurricane after previously reaching Category 5 strength. Forecasters expected it to remain a major hurricane for several days. AccuWeather projected that Polo could make landfall late Sunday night or early Monday near the Baja California Peninsula, potentially weakening to Category 2 strength. Coastal areas were expected to receive up to 6 inches of rain, while dangerous surf, rip currents and coastal flooding threatened communities along the coast.



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The Battle for the Briefing Room



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A significant legal and constitutional dispute over White House press access has entered a new phase after a federal judge ordered the Trump administration to restore access for journalists from CNN, MS NOW and Politico. The dispute began on September 19, after the Trump administration barred journalists from the three outlets and deactivated or confiscated their White House press credentials. President Donald Trump had accused the organizations of reporting what he described as “fiction and lies.” The administration later argued in court that the outlets had engaged in conduct involving national-security concerns and the publication of sensitive information.

The three news organizations filed a federal lawsuit alleging violations of the First and Fifth Amendments. The White House, meanwhile, argued that access to the White House is a privilege rather than an unrestricted right and that the president has authority to control access to the complex, particularly where national-security concerns are involved.

The Court's Intervention

U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Kelly issued a 14-day temporary restraining order shortly after midnight on September 24, directing the administration to “immediately return, reinstate, and restore” the journalists’ press credentials. Judge Kelly found that the outlets were likely to succeed on their argument that the government had violated constitutional due-process requirements by revoking their credentials without adequate notice and an opportunity to respond. Importantly, however, the judge did not issue a final ruling on the outlets’ First Amendment claims.

The temporary order therefore does not settle the larger constitutional dispute. It restores access while the case proceeds.

A Brief Confrontation at the White House

The court order initially did not produce an

immediate return to normal operations. On Thursday morning, journalists from the three organizations reported that they were still being turned away from the White House. The outlets asked the court for an emergency hearing, alleging that the administration was not complying with the order. The situation changed later that day. The administration restored the journalists’ access, returned confiscated credentials and informed the court that the reinstatement process had been completed. Judge Kelly subsequently declined to hold the requested emergency hearing.

CNN and MS NOW nevertheless reported that some of their journalists were subsequently denied access to cover Chinese President Xi Jinping’s arrival for a White House state dinner, adding another complication to the dispute.

The Press Pool Becomes Part of the Dispute

The controversy also affected the White House television press pool, through which major networks share video coverage of presidential events.

Following the ban, ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox News suspended participation in the presidential television pool while CNN remained excluded. The dispute therefore temporarily affected not only the three targeted organizations but also the broader system through which television networks provide shared coverage of presidential activities.

The issue became particularly significant during President Trump’s meetings with world leaders, including Chinese President Xi Jinping, when questions arose about how presidential events would be visually covered.

What the Administration Argues

The administration’s legal position centers on executive authority and national security. Government lawyers have argued that physical access to the White House is not an absolute constitutional right and that the president must retain authority to protect the complex and control access to sensitive information.

The Justice Department has cited specific reporting by the three outlets that it says involved sensitive or classified information or raised national-security concerns. Those allegations remain part of the litigation and have not been finally adjudicated.

What the News Organizations Argue

CNN, MS NOW and Politico contend that the ban was retaliation for coverage the

administration disliked and that government officials cannot use access credentials to discriminate against news organizations because of their reporting.

Their lawsuit relies on both First Amendment press protections and Fifth Amendment due-process rights.

The court’s initial ruling addressed the latter issue. Judge Kelly concluded that the abrupt revocation of existing credentials, without adequate notice and an opportunity to respond, likely violated constitutional due-process requirements. He did not yet decide whether the administration’s actions independently violated the First Amendment.

The Constitutional Questions Ahead

The case raises several questions with implications beyond these three organizations:

How much control does a president have over access to the White House?

When does a security or operational decision become an unconstitutional restriction on the press?

Can press credentials that have already been granted be revoked without notice and an opportunity to respond?

Can the government distinguish between news organizations based on the content or perceived accuracy of their reporting?

These questions are not yet fully resolved by the temporary restraining order.

Judge Kelly has given the news organizations until September 28 to seek a preliminary injunction that could continue blocking enforcement of the ban while the underlying lawsuit proceeds. The administration could appeal if a longer-term injunction is issued.

A Larger Test for the Press and the Presidency

The immediate conflict involves three news organizations and one administration, but the legal principles at stake are broader.

The White House has a legitimate responsibility to protect national security and manage access to a highly secure federal facility. At the same time, presidential administrations operate under public scrutiny, and journalists depend on access to report directly on government activities.

The courts are now being asked to determine where those interests meet—and where the constitutional limits lie.

For the public, the significance of this dispute extends beyond CNN, MS NOW or Politico. It concerns the rules governing access between the government and the independent press, and whether those rules can change when an administration objects to particular coverage.

For now, the court has restored access temporarily, but the larger constitutional battle is far from over. The next major step is expected after the September 28 deadline, when the court will consider whether the temporary protections should continue while the case moves forward.

Best regards,
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Melania Trump expands global child technology coalition to 57 countries

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First Lady Melania Trump expanded her global technology and education coalition for children to 57 countries on Wednesday, announcing partnerships with six major technology companies. Speaking during a gathering alongside the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Trump said Fostering the Future Together aims to improve children’s access to technology and education while teaching them to use emerging tools responsibly. Adobe, Amazon, Google, Intel, Starlink and Zoom joined the initiative as private-sector partners. Trump said technology access alone does not empower children and stressed the importance of education and responsible use. She also announced four coalition events planned for the remainder of 2026.

United Nations chief warns of power shifting from governments to corporations and machines

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United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned Tuesday that global power is increasingly shifting from governments to corporations and individuals, while humans are handing greater authority to machines. Addressing world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly, Guterres said technology companies and entrepreneurs now influence politics, economies, information and civic life. He also warned of artificial intelligence systems acting unpredictably and autonomous weapons becoming a military reality. Guterres said the world is moving toward multipolarity but risks fractured markets, weakened institutions and declining cooperation. He called for “networked multipolarity” based on international law and shared rules, in his final General Assembly address as secretary-general.

Kremlin says new US sanctions will hinder efforts to achieve peace in Ukraine



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The Kremlin said Monday that new United States sanctions targeting Russia’s energy and defense sectors will not restore relations with Washington or help end the war in Ukraine. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Russia has largely adapted to previous sanctions and developed ways to reduce their impact, while trading partners oppose such measures. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he and President Donald Trump had agreed to meet in New York to discuss the path toward peace. Zelenskyy said the talks would focus on de-escalation and fundamental security concerns, including energy security, food security and protecting human life. No date or specific agreement was announced.

Nepal's Himalayan climate crisis reaches UNGA as PM urges grants, not loans, for recovery after deadly glacier flood

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Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah called for grant-based international support at the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday to help the country recover from a glacier-triggered flood that killed at least 1,450 people. Shah said recovery and reconstruction needs were estimated at about 10 percent of Nepal’s gross domestic product and argued that climate-vulnerable countries should not be forced to take on additional debt after disasters. He called for stronger cooperation among Nepal, India and China on Himalayan climate resilience, including satellite data sharing, glacial lake monitoring and early-warning systems. The late-August



glacier collapse near Nepal’s border with China triggered landslides and flooding, destroying roads, bridges, schools, homes and livelihoods. More than 6,000 people remained missing, according to officials.

INDIA bloc to move impeachment motion against Gyanesh Kumar amid Election Commission dissent row

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India’s opposition INDIA bloc is preparing a fresh impeachment motion seeking the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, amid controversy over reported differences within the Election Commission regarding electoral-roll revisions. Congress sources said Thursday that a draft was being prepared with legal experts and notices could be submitted in both houses of Parliament as early as next week.

The move follows reports that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had raised objections 14 times over 10 months regarding various decisions, including the ongoing Special



Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. The Election Commission has maintained that differing views are part of institutional deliberations and said its orders have been unanimous. The Bharatiya Janata Party has defended the commission.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin briefs diplomats from eight countries on party, governance and global outreach

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Bharatiya Janata Party president Nitin Nabin met mission heads and senior diplomats from eight countries in New Delhi on Thursday under the party’s ‘Know BJP’ initiative. Representatives from Argentina, Armenia, Bhutan, Egypt, the Philippines, Suriname, Tajikistan and Vietnam attended. Nabin outlined the party’s political journey, organizational structure and grassroots network and discussed its approach to governance, inclusive development and democratic participation. He also highlighted government initiatives involving poverty reduction, healthcare,



infrastructure, welfare delivery, financial inclusion and digital development. Nabin discussed the ongoing Seva Sankalp Abhiyan and India’s expanding international engagement through businesses, students, diaspora communities, lawmakers and political parties.

Pakistan strikes targets in Afghanistan after accusing Taliban forces of drone attacks

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Pakistan carried out airstrikes on 10 sites in Afghanistan early Thursday, saying the targets were linked to drone attacks launched against Pakistan a day earlier. Pakistani officials said the strikes targeted militant hideouts, drone launch sites and support infrastructure in Kandahar, Paktia and Khost provinces. Afghanistan’s Taliban government rejected the accusations and

said four civilians were killed in the attacks. Afghan spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid warned that Pakistan would face consequences. The escalation followed Pakistani claims that Afghan forces launched eight drones and shelled border posts after Pakistani troops stopped a cross-border militant infiltration attempt. The latest violence threatens mediation efforts by China, Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia to ease tensions between the two countries.

Najib Razak seeks suspension of new 15-year sentence linked to 1MDB corruption case



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Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has asked the Kuala Lumpur High Court to suspend an additional 15-year prison sentence linked to the 1Malaysia Development Berhad corruption scandal. His lawyer made the request Friday, one week after Malaysia’s King granted Najib a conditional pardon in a separate case.

Najib, 73, has been imprisoned since 2022 after being convicted of corruption and money laundering involving billions of dollars stolen from the state fund.

The pardon could allow him to serve the remainder of his original sentence under house arrest and potentially be released in August 2028 if he pays a 50 million ringgit, or about \$12.3 million, fine. The court will consider his request on October 14.

Finland urges Elon Musk to expand Starlink access for Ukrainian strikes on Russian missile launchers



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Finnish President Alexander Stubb said Thursday that he urged SpaceX owner Elon Musk to expand Starlink satellite internet coverage to areas inside Russia where Ukrainian forces could target ballistic missile launchers. Stubb said broader access could help Ukraine locate mobile launchers and protect lives ahead of winter.

Ukraine faces shortages of air defense systems capable of intercepting Russian ballistic missiles, while Moscow has intensified attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure. Starlink has become a vital communications system for Ukraine since Russia’s full-scale invasion in 2022.

Stubb said Ukraine needs air defenses, energy support and financial assistance. He also backed an unconditional ceasefire followed by negotiations covering security, territory, reconstruction and compensation, while warning that the war is unlikely to end before winter.

India-EU free trade agreement could be signed by year-end, German ambassador says



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The proposed free trade agreement between India and the European Union could be formally signed by the end of this year, German Ambassador to India Jasper Wieck said Wednesday. Speaking in New Delhi, Wieck said the agreement was concluded earlier this year and could significantly expand trade and investment between the two sides. He said ensuring that Indian and German companies benefit from the pact's economic opportunities would be a priority. Wieck also described the India-Germany strategic partnership as increasingly important amid geopolitical uncertainty and declining trust between countries. He criticized Russia's actions in Ukraine, saying they have undermined peace, stability and trust across Europe.

India and Vietnam discuss cooperation in defense technology, capacity building



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India and Vietnam discussed expanding cooperation in defense technology and capacity building during Indian Ambassador Tshering W. Sherpa's visit to the Army Software Park in Nha Trang on Thursday. Sherpa reviewed the implementation of India's grant assistance for establishing the facility and discussed opportunities for further engagement in defense technology and capacity building. The visit followed the 19th India-Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting in New Delhi earlier this month, co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Le Hoai Trung. The ministers discussed strengthening political, defense and security cooperation, including increasing supplies of Indian-made defense equipment. They also reviewed cooperation in trade, investment, supply chains, energy, pharmaceuticals, agriculture and cultural projects. Jaishankar described Vietnam as a key partner in India's regional and Indo-Pacific engagement.

India highlights 'Sarvodaya' principles for inclusive development at G7 ministers' meeting

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India highlighted its human-centered and inclusive approach to development, anchored in the principles of 'Sarvodaya', at the second G7 Development Ministers meeting in New York on Thursday. Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs Sibi George said development should go beyond financing to focus on building domestic capabilities and strengthening resilience. He also highlighted India's development partnership initiatives. The meeting was organized by France, the G7 chair, on

the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly. Earlier, George delivered India's national statement at a high-level United Nations meeting marking the 40th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right to Development. He reaffirmed India's commitment to inclusive development, international cooperation and multilateral reform, and supported the early adoption of the Covenant on the Right to Development. The United Nations declaration recognizes development as an inalienable human right and emphasizes participation in and enjoyment of economic, social, cultural and political development.

Jaishankar meets Jordan, Egypt foreign ministers amid West Asia crisis

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met the foreign ministers of Jordan and Egypt in New York on Thursday to review developments in West Asia amid continuing regional tensions. Following his meeting with Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, Jaishankar described their discussion on West Asia and the Middle East as valuable. After meeting Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, he said the two had conducted a useful review of regional developments. The meetings were held on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly, where India also reaffirmed its support for a two-state solution. Secretary (West) Sibi George represented India at a ministerial meeting of the Global Alliance



for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution and reiterated New Delhi's consistent support for the establishment of two states living side by side in peace and security. Jaishankar also met Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne and United Nations Under-Secretary-General Jorge Moreira da Silva during his engagements in New York.

India and Netherlands strengthen strategic partnership in water sector

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India and the Netherlands agreed to deepen cooperation in the water sector, with a focus on the Kalpasar Project in Gujarat, during talks in New Delhi on Thursday. Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil and Dutch Vice Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management Jaap Slootmaker held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the ninth India International Water Week. Two tripartite memoranda of understanding were signed between India's

Central Water Commission, the Kalpasar Department of the Gujarat government, and Dutch knowledge institutions Deltares and TU Delft. The agreements will facilitate technical cooperation and capacity building for the project, which envisages a freshwater reservoir using runoff from the Sabarmati, Mahi and Dhadhar rivers, supplemented by water conveyed from the Narmada River. The cooperation will draw on Dutch expertise in hydraulic modeling, flood protection, coastal infrastructure, pumping systems, dyke technology and ecological solutions.

India, Pacific Island countries reaffirm commitment to strengthen partnership

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India and Pacific Island countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen cooperation in renewable energy, climate action, disaster resilience, healthcare, education and capacity building at a ministerial meeting in New York on Thursday. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar chaired the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation meeting on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly. Participants reviewed progress under the 12-point action plan announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2023 and discussed expanding cooperation in priority areas. Jaishankar said India's engagement with the Pacific is demand-driven, development-oriented and people-



centered. He reaffirmed India's support for the Pacific Islands Forum's 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and highlighted cooperation in healthcare, renewable energy, connectivity, technology and capacity building. He also expressed India's readiness to help Pacific nations address the challenges posed by El Niño.

India pitches for mutually beneficial trade at ASEAN meeting



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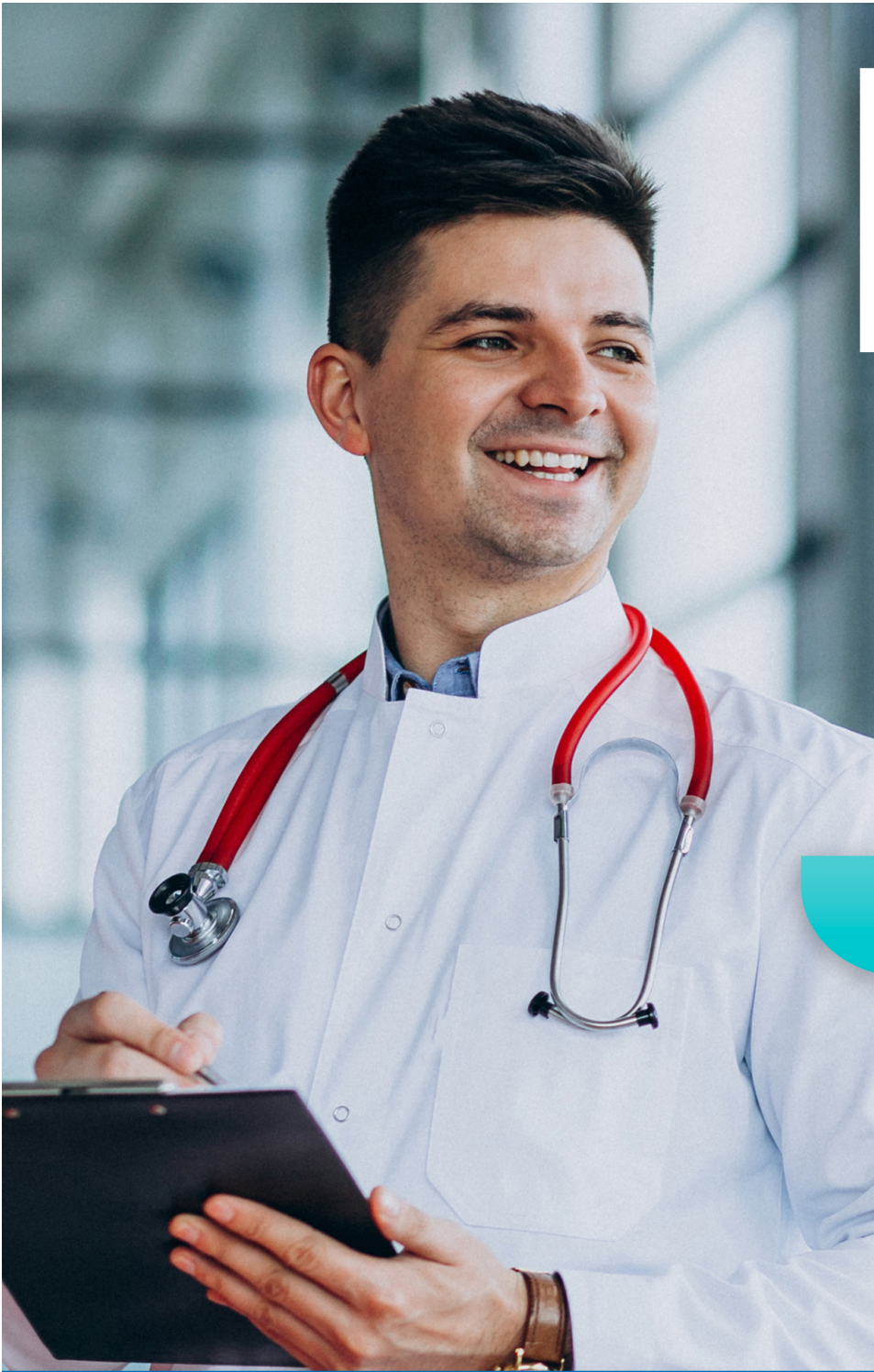
India called for mutually beneficial trade arrangements and a balanced outcome from the ongoing review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement at the ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation in Manila. The Indian delegation, led by Department of Commerce Additional Secretary Nitin Kumar Yadav, emphasized the need to make the agreement more effective, user-friendly and trade-facilitative while addressing existing trade asymmetries. Bilateral trade between India and ASEAN reached \$128.38 billion in the 2025-26 financial year, with ASEAN accounting for 10.55 percent of India's total global trade, according to the Commerce Ministry. On the sidelines, the Indian delegation met Indian businesses operating in the Philippines to discuss challenges related to exports of goods and services. It also participated in the ASEAN-India Business Forum on Wednesday. The meetings included discussions on regional and global economic developments, the 2027 trade and investment outlook, energy security and industrial growth.

India, Cote d'Ivoire discuss role of diplomatic corps in fostering dialogue and cooperation



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India and Cote d'Ivoire discussed strengthening diplomatic engagement and the role of the diplomatic corps in promoting dialogue, cooperation and understanding during a meeting in Abidjan on Thursday. Indian Ambassador Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan met Monsignor Maurice Rueda Beltz, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Abidjan, and exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. The embassy said it looked forward to continued engagement with the diplomatic corps and to strengthening India's diplomatic and people-to-people ties with Cote d'Ivoire and the wider region. A day earlier, Lakshmanan met Ivorian Foreign Minister Niala Kaba to discuss bilateral relations and explore ways to deepen cooperation. The engagements followed Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh's visit to Cote d'Ivoire in August, when he met President Alassane Ouattara and discussed expanding the bilateral partnership.



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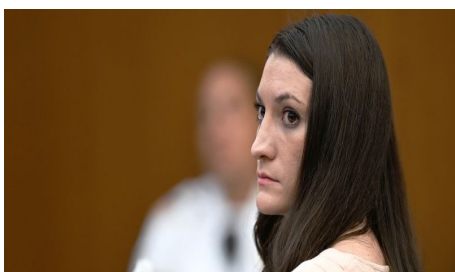
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MIT ends Princeton's 15-year reign atop U.S. News college rankings

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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has overtaken Princeton University for the top spot in the 2027 U.S. News national university rankings, ending Princeton's 15-year run at No. 1. Harvard ranked third, followed by Yale, while the California Institute of Technology and Stanford tied for fifth. A major change this year is the introduction of an "Earnings by Major" measure, which evaluates graduates' median earnings four years after graduation and compares them with earnings in the same fields nationally. MIT ranked first on the new measure. U.S. News said student outcomes account for more than half of each university's overall score.

Lindsay Clancy lawyer seeks investigation into juror who blocked murder verdict



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Lindsay Clancy's attorney is asking a Massachusetts judge to investigate the lone juror who prevented a unanimous verdict in her murder trial over the deaths of her three children. In a motion filed Thursday, attorney Kevin Reddington asked the court to examine whether the juror was truthful on his questionnaire and whether he improperly used a cellphone during deliberations. He also requested cellphone records and other information about the juror. Eleven of the 12 jurors favored finding Clancy not criminally responsible, while the holdout juror disagreed. The judge declared a mistrial after the jury deadlocked. The juror later publicly identified himself as Michael Péguy Desronvil.

California imposes new costs and disclosure rules on data centers



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California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed seven bills Monday imposing new requirements on data centers, including measures requiring developers to disclose expected electricity and water use. Large data centers will have to pay some costs associated with upgrading the electricity grid and meet state energy procurement requirements rather than shifting those expenses to other ratepayers. Developers will also have to disclose how much water their facilities expect to use, where it will come from and how they would conserve it during droughts. They will be responsible for certain water infrastructure upgrades as well. The legislation comes amid growing concern over the resources required to support the rapid expansion of artificial intelligence data centers.

Democrats accuse Trump administration of rewarding fossil fuel donors with deregulation and tax breaks

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Two senior Senate Democrats on Thursday accused President Donald Trump's administration of delivering major benefits to oil and gas companies after Trump sought \$1 billion in campaign contributions from energy executives during the 2024 election campaign. Their report, led by Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, examined 19 Environmental Protection Agency regulatory rollbacks, 13 investigations involving nine other agencies and actions involving 88 polluters. The Democrats said fossil fuel companies could receive hundreds of billions of dollars through tax breaks,



subsidies and policies encouraging greater fossil fuel use. The White House rejected the report, accusing Democrats of wasting taxpayer money on clean energy. The administration has moved to reverse several Biden-era climate regulations, including limits on carbon emissions from power plants.

Trump administration accelerates noncitizen voting prosecutions ahead of crucial midterm elections

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The Trump administration is sharply increasing federal prosecutions of noncitizens accused of illegally voting as Republicans prepare for November's midterm elections. The Justice Department has charged about 20 people this month under the federal law prohibiting noncitizen voting, representing roughly 13% of all prosecutions under the statute since it was enacted three decades ago. A Justice Department official described the cases as a top priority for the White House and said prosecutions could increase before the elections. Homeland Security Investigations has about 1,600 related investigations underway nationwide. The administration says the



cases demonstrate that noncitizen voting is a real election threat. Critics point to studies and previous prosecutions showing the practice is rare, and warn that the campaign could undermine public confidence in elections.

Trump FDA nominee backs vaccine safety while facing tough questions on abortion and vaping

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Dr. Heidi Overton, President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Food and Drug Administration, told senators Thursday that vaccines currently approved in the United States are safe and effective, including the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. Her testimony came during a contentious confirmation hearing as lawmakers questioned her positions on vaccines, abortion medication and nicotine

products. Overton declined to directly criticize Trump's comments about vaccines or say he had been wrong on health matters. She also did not directly characterize the abortion drug mifepristone as safe and effective, saying it had met FDA safety standards. Democrats questioned her past anti-abortion statements and the agency's review of mifepristone. Republicans also challenged recent approvals of flavored nicotine products, while Overton defended the agency's process and said career officials had recommended them.

Trump-backed Missouri congressional map heads back to Supreme Court for a third time

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The legal fight over Missouri's Republican-backed congressional map returned to the U.S. Supreme Court for the third time Tuesday, creating fresh uncertainty as voting for the November midterm elections gets underway. A federal appeals court had ordered the state to revive a map designed to improve Republican chances of winning an additional House seat, including by reshaping Democratic Representative Emanuel Cleaver's Kansas City-area district. The Supreme Court had twice intervened to block the map's use. Missouri's Supreme Court previously ruled that the new districts could not take



effect without voter approval in a statewide referendum. The latest dispute has created confusion for more than 1 million voters who could be placed in different districts. Missouri officials have been using the 2022 map while the Supreme Court considers the latest emergency appeal.

Suicide rates decline for American men and women after years of stability

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Suicide rates among American men and women fell in 2024, although the overall rate remained higher than a decade earlier, according to new federal data. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the age-adjusted rate for men declined from 22.7 deaths per 100,000 people in 2023 to 22.3 in 2024. The rate for women fell from 5.9 to 5.6. Overall, the rate dropped from 14.1 to 13.7. Suicide remained the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause among people ages 10 to 44. Alaska had the highest state rate, while the District of Columbia had the lowest.

Muslim Americans push back against renewed Republican attacks on Sharia

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Muslim American leaders are pushing back against renewed Republican rhetoric targeting Sharia, after Senator Ted Cruz and Texas Governor Greg Abbott criticized Islamic law at the Republican midterm convention in Dallas on Thursday. Cruz said Sharia "has no place in America," while Abbott pledged to ban it in Texas. Muslim scholars and civic leaders argue that Sharia primarily guides religious and personal practices, including prayer, fasting, charity and family life, and does not replace American law. The Sharia-Free America Caucus, founded by Representatives Keith Self and Chip Roy, had grown to 68 Republican House members from 25 states by June. Several anti-Sharia measures have been introduced in Congress but none has become law. Texas has also intensified scrutiny of Islamic institutions, fueling concerns among Muslim Americans about religious freedom and discrimination.

Kamala Harris campaigns with Abdul El-Sayed in high-stakes Michigan Senate race

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Former Vice President Kamala Harris campaigned Tuesday with Democratic Senate nominee Abdul El-Sayed in Detroit, lending her support to his bid in one of the country's closely watched Senate races. Harris and El-Sayed appeared at a roundtable focused on Black maternal health, where she praised him as a potential champion for maternal care. She also criticized President Donald Trump's 2025 tax and spending law over its Medicaid provisions and attacked Republican candidate Mike Rogers for supporting it. El-Sayed, a former Detroit and Wayne County health official, narrowly won the Democratic primary in August. Democrats view Michigan as critical to their effort to regain control of the Senate.

Federal officials cancel 315,000 Affordable Care Act enrollments affecting 760,000 people

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Federal health officials have canceled about 315,000 Affordable Care Act enrollments covering more than 760,000 people, citing unverified citizenship or immigration status and suspected unauthorized enrollment activity. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced the action Tuesday as part of a broader crackdown on fraud and improper enrollment practices. Officials also moved against hundreds of insurance agents and brokers and issued 569 notices of intent to terminate exchange agreements in July and August. A new rule pauses registration for certain agents and brokers until February. The agency said the canceled enrollments are expected to return about \$2.2 billion in taxpayer-funded subsidies, while broader improper enrollment activity could have a financial impact of up to \$6.6 billion.

Taxpayer-funded Trump ad draws criticism ahead of midterms

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A 30-second television advertisement featuring President Donald Trump and messaging closely aligned with Republican campaign themes was paid for by the U.S. government, drawing criticism from lawmakers in both parties. The spot, which aired on Fox News and Newsmax, says “America will never be a communist country” and promotes what it calls the “largest tax cuts in history.” AdImpact estimated the advertisement cost \$14,000. A disclaimer says it was “paid for by the U.S. government,” although the White House has not identified the federal agency that funded it. On Thursday, the White House called the advertisement an “educational and unapologetically patriotic” public service announcement. Democratic Representative Jamie Raskin alleged it could violate the Hatch Act. Republican Senators Thom Tillis and John Kennedy also questioned the use of taxpayer money for messaging resembling campaign advertising.

Kennedy puts new ally at helm of federal autism advisory panel

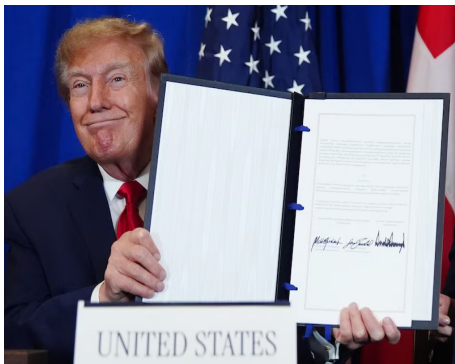
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Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Friday appointed pediatric neurologist Dr. John Gaitanis as chair of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, replacing Dr. Sylvia Fogel, who had led the panel since January. Gaitanis was appointed in August to head the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and has extensive experience treating autism, epilepsy and other neurodevelopmental conditions. Fogel, a Harvard Medical School instructor and parent of an autistic adult, will remain on the committee and assist with the transition. Under Fogel, the panel adopted a new strategic plan covering medical care, housing, aging and support services. Gaitanis has supported research into leucovorin for autism and has drawn scrutiny for his vaccine-related views.

Trump signs Arctic security agreement with Denmark and Greenland after months of tensions

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President Donald Trump signed a security agreement with Denmark and Greenland on Tuesday aimed at strengthening the U.S. military presence in the Arctic while easing months of tensions over his demands for greater control of Greenland. The agreement, signed during the United Nations General Assembly in New York, keeps Greenland under Danish control while allowing the United States to modernize and expand its military activities at Pituffik Space Base and establish potential defense areas at Narsarsuaq and Mestersvig. It also allows for additional U.S. military facilities and broader access across Greenland. The agreement remains in effect if Greenland becomes independent,



provided it remains in NATO. Trump has repeatedly said the United States needs Greenland for national security, while Denmark and Greenland have rejected any takeover. The accord was welcomed by Danish, Greenlandic and NATO officials as a step toward restoring trust.

Fed again hopes to tame inflation without hurting the job market

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The Federal Reserve is once again betting it can bring elevated inflation back toward its 2% target without causing significant damage to the U.S. labor market. After raising its benchmark interest rate by a quarter percentage point on Wednesday, Fed officials indicated that inflation could gradually ease as businesses and consumers adjust their expectations about future price increases. The central bank projects personal consumption expenditures inflation will fall from 3.7%

this year to 2.3% in 2027 and 2% by 2029, while unemployment remains around 4.1%. Fed Chair Kevin Warsh has said there is no need to deliberately weaken employment to restore price stability. Other officials are less confident, arguing that persistent energy, tariff and demand pressures could eventually require slower economic growth. The Fed’s September projections call for only one additional rate increase this year, though markets expect a potentially more aggressive path. The outcome will depend heavily on whether current supply shocks fade or stronger demand begins driving inflation.

ICE detention expansion draws scrutiny after tens of millions in wasted spending

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A federal watchdog says U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other agencies wasted tens of millions of dollars on poorly planned efforts to rapidly expand immigration detention capacity. The Government Accountability Office found that ICE spent

nearly \$3 million on tents at Guantanamo Bay that were never used and \$20 million on seven warehouses it now plans to sell without having housed detainees. The agency also paid unusually high rates at some facilities. Congress provided ICE \$45 billion for detention expansion, but the agency still lacks a comprehensive strategy for spending the money, raising concerns about further waste.

Trump administration asks Supreme Court to revive third-country deportations

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The Trump administration has turned to the Supreme Court after a federal appeals court restricted its ability to deport migrants to countries other than their own without giving them a meaningful chance to raise safety concerns. The ruling Wednesday forced the cancellation of a deportation flight carrying 70

people that was expected to travel to Burundi, Rwanda and the Central African Republic. The administration argues the decision could create lengthy delays and disrupt diplomatic arrangements. The appeals court said the government cannot simply send people to unfamiliar countries without allowing them to object if they fear persecution or torture. More than 25,000 people have been deported to third countries under the policy.

Texas police department shut down after state finds it failed to meet basic standards

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A small Texas police department has been shut down after a state audit found more than 20 deficiencies and said officials could not verify that the agency provided a public benefit to the community. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement revoked the Trinidad Police Department’s authority

to appoint officers and ordered it to sever ties with its officers by Thursday. The Henderson County Sheriff’s Department is now providing law enforcement services in the town. The shutdown follows months of controversy that began after resident Jennifer Combs was arrested over a Facebook post raising concerns about Trinidad’s water quality. A grand jury later declined to indict her, and she filed a civil rights lawsuit.

Regulators keep \$85 billion Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern merger on track for review

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The Surface Transportation Board on Friday rejected requests from rival railroads and shipper groups to dismiss Union Pacific’s proposed \$85 billion acquisition of Norfolk Southern, allowing the regulatory review to continue. BNSF Railway, CSX Transportation and a coalition of industry groups had argued that the revised merger application should be rejected without further consideration. The board said the filings raised important questions but determined that additional evidence and arguments were needed before making a decision. The ruling does not approve the merger or indicate how regulators will ultimately decide. Opponents can raise their concerns again during the merits phase, with opening comments due by November 18. The proposed combination would create a major coast-to-coast freight railroad.

Thousands of bottles of blood pressure medication recalled across US

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More than 13,500 bottles of generic chlorthalidone tablets are being recalled nationwide after the medication failed dissolution testing, according to a Food and Drug Administration enforcement report. India-based Inventia Healthcare Limited is recalling 13,567 bottles of 25 milligram tablets, with 100 tablets per bottle. A failed dissolution test means the drug may not dissolve properly, potentially affecting how the body absorbs its active ingredient. The recall was initiated on September 3 and classified as Class II by the Food and Drug Administration on September 17, indicating the possibility of temporary or medically reversible health effects. Chlorthalidone is a diuretic commonly used to treat high blood pressure and fluid retention. Patients should consult their health care provider before stopping prescribed medication.

Appeals court rules federal ban on interstate handgun sales unconstitutional

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A federal appeals court has ruled that a nearly 60-year-old federal restriction on interstate handgun sales violates the Second Amendment. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 on Thursday against provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968 that prevent licensed firearms dealers from directly selling handguns to buyers in other states. Circuit Judge Jerry Smith wrote that the restriction conflicts with the Second Amendment and the historical tradition of firearm regulation. The ruling overturned a lower court decision that had upheld the restrictions. The case was brought by a Texas firearms dealer and two out-of-state customers, with support from the Firearms Policy Coalition. Judge Catharina Haynes dissented, saying the restrictions were constitutional. The ruling could face further legal challenges.

Four arrested in Canada over alleged GTA firearms trafficking network



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Four people have been arrested in Canada following a major investigation into an alleged firearms trafficking network operating across the Greater Toronto Area, home to a large South Asian and Indian diaspora. Peel Regional Police conducted the investigation with the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario. The operation, called Project Red Zone, ran from October 2025 through July 2026 and resulted in the seizure of 23 firearms, nearly 825 grams of cocaine and more than 950 rounds of ammunition. Police said 15 firearms came from the United States and several were prohibited in Canada. One recovered firearm was linked to a 2024 Mississauga homicide, while forensic analysis connected weapons seized during the probe to 14 shootings across the GTA. The four accused, aged 23 to 28, face firearms and ammunition trafficking-related charges. Police have not released information about their ethnicity or nationality.

Indian-origin adviser gets 11 years for \$35 million US Ponzi scheme



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Indian-origin investment adviser Siddharth Jawahar has been sentenced to 11 years in prison for running a multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors of more than \$35 million. A US court also ordered the 38-year-old to pay \$31.35 million in restitution. Jawahar, who ran Texas-based Swiftarc Capital, used money from new investors to repay earlier investors and finance a lavish lifestyle that included private jet travel, luxury hotels, high-end apartments, private club memberships and expensive restaurants. American football star Travis Kelce was among the reported victims, although details of his investment were not disclosed. Prosecutors said Jawahar began concentrating client funds in Philip Morris Pakistan in 2015 and failed to disclose a major decline in its value. Instead, he allegedly gave investors false information about the performance of their holdings. The scheme continued from 2016 through 2023. Jawahar pleaded guilty to fraud charges earlier this year.

Indian-origin tech billionaires make strong gains on Hurun rich list

● Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

The 2026 M3M Hurun India Rich List offers a striking picture of how Indian-origin talent is building wealth far beyond India, particularly across the global technology industry. The list covers people born or brought up in India regardless of their current residence or passport. This year, 156 people on the list live outside India, including 90 in the United States and 31 in the United Arab Emirates. Technology remains a major source of this overseas

wealth. Vinod Khosla, co-founder of Sun Microsystems and founder of Khosla Ventures, has an estimated fortune of about \$12.1 billion, while cybersecurity entrepreneur Jay Chaudhry, founder of Zscaler, has about \$10.4 billion.

Among Indian-origin professional managers, Jayshree Ullal, chief executive of Arista Networks, leads with about \$8.1 billion. Sundar Pichai of Google has about \$1.5 billion, followed by Nikesh Arora of Palo Alto Networks at about \$1.4 billion and Satya Nadella of Microsoft at about \$1.1 billion.

The next generation is emerging in artificial intelligence and semiconductors. Aravind Srinivas, co-founder and chief executive of Perplexity, has about \$3.0 billion, while Astera Labs executives Jitendra Mohan and Sanjay Gajendra have about \$3.0 billion and \$2.9 billion, respectively.

Artificial intelligence appeared as a standalone sector for the first time, with 19 people holding combined wealth of about \$32.1 billion. Thirteen of those 19 are based outside India, underscoring the expanding global footprint of Indian technology talent.



Indian-origin politician brings Maharashtra roots to Sweden's national politics

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Nila Vikhe Patil's election to Sweden's Parliament has added another prominent Indian-origin voice to European public life. Representing Stockholm City for the Green Party, the 41-year-old politician brings a background that connects Sweden's political establishment with one of Maharashtra's best-known cooperative families.

Vikhe Patil was born in Sweden but spent her early years in Ahmednagar. Her family legacy in Maharashtra is closely associated with education, agriculture and cooperative development. She is the great-granddaughter of Vithalrao Vikhe Patil, who founded Asia's first cooperative sugar factory, and the granddaughter of former

Union minister Balasaheb Vikhe Patil.

Her professional career has included work at the Swedish Prime Minister's Office, where she advised on finance, taxation and housing. She has also been a member of the Stockholm City Council and has worked with the Green Party for decades.

Her election gives her an opportunity to shape national policy on issues including the environment, social welfare and economic development. She has said her priorities include ensuring that children have opportunities for a better future and protecting the planet. For the Indian diaspora, her achievement also represents the growing participation of people of Indian heritage in political institutions across Europe.

Indian-origin climber dies in Mount Manaslu avalanche in Nepal



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An Indian-origin climber living in Germany and his Nepalese Sherpa guide have died after an avalanche buried their tent during an expedition on Mount Manaslu, Nepalese expedition organizers said Sunday. Dhrubajyoti Guha, 47, and Fursemba Sherpa, also 47, had continued toward higher camps while six other members of their expedition retreated because of worsening weather. The pair were attempting an early summit push when the expedition lost contact with them overnight. Four Sherpa rescuers were sent toward Camp 3 and found the climbers buried beneath nearly seven feet of snow.

Heavy snowfall and avalanche warnings prevented rescuers from immediately recovering the bodies. Expedition organizers said the remains would be brought down once conditions improved and were scheduled to be airlifted to Kathmandu on Monday. Manaslu, at 8,163 meters, is the world's eighth-highest mountain. Guha and Sherpa were among several climbers and high-altitude workers killed on the mountain during the autumn climbing season.

Jalandhar youth returns home after three years stranded in Cambodia

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A Jalandhar youth who was allegedly duped by a travel agent and left stranded in Cambodia for nearly three years has finally returned to India, after his family sought government intervention. Hardeep Kumar was allegedly promised a route to Portugal through Thailand in 2023 after paying an agent Rs 7.5 lakh. His family said his passport was confiscated after he reached Cambodia and later expired in May 2025. Kumar also suffered a leg fracture in a road accident and said inadequate treatment led to a serious infection and permanent impairment. His family approached Rajya Sabha MP Balbir Singh Seechewal on June 9. His office raised



the case with the Ministry of External Affairs, helping facilitate Kumar's return on August 29. The family met Seechewal on Wednesday to thank him and urged greater caution among Indians pursuing overseas employment or migration opportunities.

Sikh teenager killed in London crash, police seek witnesses and video

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A 17-year-old Sikh teenager, Ranbir Singh, was killed in a road collision in Southall, west London, early Saturday, prompting an urgent appeal from the Metropolitan Police for witnesses and video footage. Police said emergency services were called to South Road following a collision involving a Ford Mustang. Singh, who was a passenger in the vehicle, died at the scene despite efforts by paramedics. Another passenger, a 26-year-old man, suffered serious injuries and remained in hospital. The 20-year-old driver, Sukhveer Singh, was arrested and later charged with causing death by dangerous driving, aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving, driving without a valid licence and using a vehicle without insurance. He appeared before Uxbridge Magistrates' Court on Monday and was remanded in custody. Police are seeking CCTV, dashcam, doorbell and mobile phone footage.

Two Indian students killed in Canada air accident during flight training

● IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Two Indian students were killed in an air accident in Canada while undergoing flight training, the Consulate General of India in Vancouver said Sunday. The victims were identified as Manoj Sivakumar from Tamil Nadu and Srisaran Thirugnanasambantham from Puducherry. The Indian mission expressed condolences to their families and said it was prepared to provide consular assistance, including help with repatriating their remains to India. The students were in Canada to pursue flight training when the accident occurred. The deaths have prompted an outpouring of concern among the Indian community and renewed attention to the number of Indian students pursuing aviation training abroad. Canadian authorities are expected to investigate the circumstances surrounding the crash and determine what led to the fatal accident.

Ontario gurdwaras face \$13 million lawsuit over disputed loans

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Two Sikh gurdwaras in Ontario are facing a civil lawsuit seeking repayment of more than \$13 million in loans linked to former Liberal Member of Parliament and lawyer Rajvinder Grewal and his law firm, RSG Law. SSMT Management and Oculus Mortgage filed the case in the Ontario Superior Court against the Sikh Spiritual Centre Toronto, also known as the Etobicoke Gurdwara, and Nanaksar Thath Ishar Darbar in Brampton. The lenders allege that approximately \$12 million was disbursed under a larger loan commitment and remains unpaid, including interest. They also allege that security intended to be registered against the Brampton gurdwara property was never properly completed. A judge has restricted dealings with the property pending a further hearing. Lawyers for the parties have offered conflicting accounts over whether the dispute has been resolved. The allegations remain unproven in court.

Indian-American advocacy group urges targeted H-1B reforms without penalizing skilled immigrants

● Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

A prominent Indian-American advocacy group has backed stronger scrutiny of the United States H-1B visa program while urging the administration to target employers accused of abusing the system rather than highly skilled legal immigrants. The Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies said on Friday that protecting American workers and preventing visa abuse were legitimate goals, but warned that overly broad restrictions could undermine the United States' ability to attract specialized talent. FIIDS Chief of Policy and Strategy Khanderao Kand said American leadership in innovation had been strengthened by the country's ability to attract exceptional talent. Former Biden administration adviser Ajay Bhutoria similarly called for greater accountability

for corporations and staffing firms that allegedly use H-1B workers to undercut wages or displace American employees. FIIDS urged stronger anti-fraud enforcement, meaningful penalties for non-compliant employers, wage protections, investment in domestic education and training, and a predictable pathway for employers facing documented shortages in fields such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced semiconductors, cloud infrastructure and specialized data engineering. The group also called for evidence-based implementation of the new rules rather than broad assumptions based on an employer's overall H-1B usage. Indians remain the largest group of H-1B beneficiaries. President Donald Trump has extended a \$100,000 payment requirement for certain H-1B petitions and separately directed federal agencies to consider layoffs of similarly situated American workers during application reviews.

Canada steps up warning over marriage fraud targeting immigration pathways

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Canadian immigration authorities have issued a fresh warning about fraudulent marriages, urging citizens, permanent residents and foreign nationals to be alert to relationships entered into primarily to secure immigration status. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada said warning signs include pressure to marry soon after meeting, a partner with several previous marriages or common-law relationships, and reluctance to provide information about family or personal history.

The warning has particular relevance

in Punjab, where reports of alleged “contract marriages” have highlighted cases involving prospective immigrants who arrange marriages with women who meet immigration requirements and later face allegations of being abandoned after their spouses reach Canada.

Canadian authorities said immigration officers use interviews and document verification to identify fraudulent relationships, and people involved in relationships of convenience may face criminal charges. The department also reminded newcomers facing domestic abuse that they do not have to remain with an abusive sponsor to maintain their immigration status.

Indian-origin former UK police officer jailed over staged crash fraud

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An Indian-origin former Metropolitan Police officer has been sentenced to four years and five months in prison for his role in an insurance fraud scheme involving staged collisions, false injury claims and fabricated police reports. Kuldip Singh, 42, pleaded guilty to multiple fraud and justice-related offences and was sentenced on Friday at Southwark Crown Court in London.

Prosecutors said Singh was involved

in a group that arranged collisions to generate fraudulent compensation claims. In one 2016 incident, five people filed false personal injury claims totaling more than 33,000 pounds after a staged crash, although only 912 pounds was ultimately paid. Singh also operated a car hire company and made false insurance claims involving vehicles rented through the business. In one case, he falsely reported a burglary and claimed 16,145 pounds in insurance compensation. Singh was dismissed from the Metropolitan Police in 2017 for gross misconduct. He was extradited from Georgia in March.

London court denies bail to Indian lawyer facing sexual assault charges

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Indian criminal lawyer Vijay Aggarwal has been denied bail by a London court after prosecutors argued that he posed a flight risk and might fail to appear for trial. Aggarwal, 57, who has represented fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi in fraud and money laundering proceedings, faces four counts of sexual assault.

He was arrested in London on August 11 alongside his assistant, Manpreet Kaur,

41. Kaur faces two charges of intentionally encouraging or assisting sexual assault. At a hearing on Wednesday, Aggarwal's barrister Sasha Wass described him as a person of good character and said he had been held at Wandsworth prison for more than a month. The Crown Prosecution Service opposed bail, citing the seriousness of the allegations and concerns about his attendance at trial. His trial is scheduled for March 2027. Police said two women who reported the alleged assaults continue to receive specialist support. Both defendants deny the allegations.

NRI's suicide video surfaces, family refuses last rites until arrests

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A 70-year-old property dealer from England was found dead at a hotel in Ludhiana after allegedly recording a video accusing relatives and a central government officer of harassment. Satnam Singh had checked into a hotel on Pakhowal Road on Sunday and was found dead by staff the following day. In the video, which has since circulated on social media, Singh alleged that a false property fraud case had been registered against him and claimed he was being pressured to transfer five acres of land and two properties. Three suspects had already been arrested in connection with the case, police said. Singh's family has since launched an Instagram page seeking justice and said it would not perform his last rites until all suspects are arrested. The family has appealed for wider attention to the case.

USCIRF welcomes bail for Jagtar Singh Johal, urges action on other cases

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The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has welcomed the Delhi High Court's decision to grant bail to British-born Sikh activist Jagtar Singh Johal after nearly nine years in detention, while urging Washington to raise the cases of other people it considers prisoners of freedom of religion or belief. USCIRF Chair Asif Mahmood said uncertainty remained over Johal's return to the United Kingdom and reunification with his family. The commission said his bail conditions include surrendering his passport and restrictions on speaking to the media, while several charges against him remain pending. Johal was arrested in Punjab in 2017 in connection with investigations into targeted killings and alleged terror activities. He and his supporters have denied the allegations. USCIRF also highlighted the cases of Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam.

Indian national becomes first person charged under new UK immigration law



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A 24-year-old Indian national has become the first person charged under a new United Kingdom offence targeting the online advertising of illegal immigration services. Hem Raj, who lives in England's West Midlands, appeared before Birmingham Magistrates' Court on Wednesday after being arrested by the National Crime Agency and West Midlands Police. Investigators allege that Raj used social media to advertise advice relating to fraudulent visa and asylum applications. He was charged under Section 17 of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025, with the National Crime Agency confirming it was the first charge under the new offence in one of its investigations. Raj also faces a separate charge of illegally providing immigration advice. Police seized mobile phones during his arrest in Smethwick. The investigation into suspected organized immigration crime is continuing.



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Lula holds narrow lead over Flavio Bolsonaro in Brazil election poll

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Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva holds a narrow lead over Senator Flavio Bolsonaro in a potential runoff ahead of Brazil's October election, according to a Datafolha poll released Thursday. Lula leads Bolsonaro, the eldest son of former President Jair Bolsonaro, by 47% to 45%, within the poll's two-percentage-point margin of error. In the first round, Lula receives 40% support, compared with 36% for Bolsonaro. Augusto Cury, Ronaldo Caiado and Renan Santos trail with 5%, 4% and 3%, respectively. Datafolha surveyed 2,002 people on Monday and Tuesday. If no candidate wins a majority, the top two will advance to a runoff.

France to deploy troops and air defenses to protect Saudi oil route



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France will send troops, radar systems and air defense equipment to Saudi Arabia to help protect the Red Sea port of Yanbu, French President Emmanuel Macron said Thursday. The port is a key route for Saudi energy exports and has come under threat from missile attacks by Iran-backed Houthi forces in Yemen. Macron said the deployment is intended to protect the facility rather than involve France in the wider conflict. He also warned that a potential United States ban on diesel exports would be "catastrophic" for the global economy. Macron said France was working to secure adequate oil and gas supplies ahead of winter amid rising energy prices.

Stabbing at Polish Catholic convent leaves one dead and four wounded



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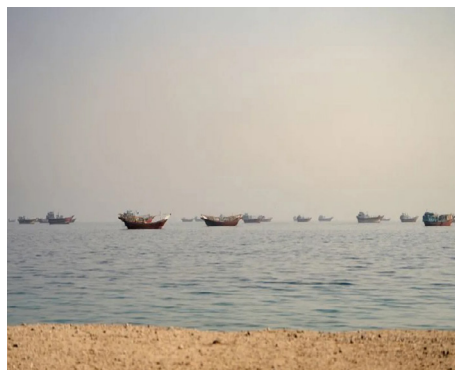
A stabbing at a Catholic convent in southeastern Poland on Thursday left one person dead and four others wounded, authorities said. Police were called to the abbey grounds in Jaroslaw around 9:30 a.m., where four men and a woman had been stabbed. Three of the injured men suffered serious wounds and were taken to a hospital. One later died, according to Polish news agency PAP. Police said a Ukrainian citizen alerted authorities to the attack. A 31-year-old foreign national was detained at the scene. Investigators were working to determine what happened and identify a possible motive. Authorities have not indicated whether the attack was targeted.

At UN, 80 countries demand reopening of Hormuz amid wider Middle East tensions

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At the United Nations on Thursday, about 80 countries demanded the urgent reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and condemned Iran and its Houthi allies for attacks they said threaten international navigation, energy security and global trade. The joint statement, delivered by Bahrain's foreign minister, also condemned renewed Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea, warning that their advance toward the Bab el-Mandeb Strait could further endanger shipping. Iran and the Houthis have characterized their actions as defensive.

The tensions surrounding the wider Middle East conflict were also evident outside the United Nations headquarters in New York, where police arrested at



least 30 protesters ahead of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's General Assembly address. Those detained included actors Susan Sarandon and Hannah Einbinder. The protest, organized by Jewish Voice for Peace, drew about 200 people. Several delegates also walked out during Netanyahu's speech.

Europe uses subsidies, tax cuts and policy changes to ease the pain of soaring fuel prices

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Wars in the Middle East and Ukraine are pushing European governments to take extraordinary steps to shield households and businesses from record gasoline and diesel prices. France, Germany and Spain have expanded fuel relief, while other countries are changing energy policies to reduce the economic impact. France announced a 450 million euro package on Tuesday, expanding fuel aid for frequent commuters and extending subsidies for farmers, fishermen and construction companies. Germany will cut gasoline and diesel taxes by 17 cents per liter from October through the end of the year, costing about 2.5 billion euros. Spain has also extended temporary fuel tax cuts and transportation subsidies.



The European Union has also given governments greater flexibility to support energy-intensive industries and households. Europe remains particularly vulnerable because it imports much of its oil and natural gas. The crisis has renewed pressure to reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels while expanding renewable and nuclear energy.

In defiant speech, Pezeshkian calls out Trump and vows Iran will fight 'until its last breath'

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian delivered a defiant wartime speech at the United Nations on Wednesday, accusing the United States and Israel of attacking Iran and declaring that his country would defend itself "until our last breath." His address came a day after President Donald Trump told the General Assembly that he could "annihilate" the Islamic Republic if a deal to end the nearly seven-month war was not reached. Pezeshkian called

Iranians "victims of terrorism" and held up photographs of the late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and Iranian schoolchildren killed during the conflict. He directly addressed Trump, saying Iran was prepared for dialogue and negotiations but would not accept the "language of force." The speech followed an unexpected meeting between United States and Iranian officials in New York, their first indirect talks since a June ceasefire collapsed. United States officials described the discussions as positive but cautioned that they did not represent a major breakthrough.

Pope Leo XIV begins four-day France visit focused on human dignity and peace

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Pope Leo XIV began his four-day visit to France on Friday, his first official papal state visit to the country in 18 years. The trip includes stops in Paris, Lourdes and Metz, with the pope expected to emphasize human dignity, peace and the value of human life. In Paris, Leo is scheduled to meet President Emmanuel Macron, address UNESCO, celebrate vespers at Notre-Dame Cathedral

and attend a youth prayer vigil at the Stade de France.

He will also celebrate Mass at the Place de la Concorde on Saturday before traveling to Lourdes and later Metz. The visit comes amid France's strict secular tradition and recent legislation protecting abortion rights and permitting assisted dying. French authorities have prepared security measures modeled on those used during the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Croatian court approves extradition of Ukrainian suspect in Nord Stream pipeline blasts

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A Croatian court has approved the extradition to Germany of a Ukrainian man wanted over the 2022 explosions that damaged the Nord Stream gas pipelines, Croatian state media reported Thursday. The suspect, identified as Volodymyr Zhuravlov, was arrested in Pula in August on a European warrant. His lawyer said he plans to appeal the ruling. German prosecutors accuse him of being a trained scuba diver who helped plant explosives on the pipelines in the Baltic Sea near Denmark. The explosions damaged Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2. German authorities have also charged a former Ukrainian army officer in connection with the blasts.

WHO warns Ebola outbreak remains uncontrolled despite progress in parts of Congo



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The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo remains uncontrolled despite declining cases in some areas, the World Health Organization said Wednesday. WHO official Marie Roseline Belizaire said cases fell by about 26 percent in Ituri and 15 percent in Haut-Uele between August 31 and September 20. However, cases in North Kivu rose 73 percent during the same period, highlighting different transmission patterns across affected provinces. The country had recorded 7,773 confirmed cases and 3,759 deaths by Monday, according to health authorities. Children under five face a fatality rate above 60 percent. WHO said stronger surveillance, earlier detection and targeted response efforts remain necessary.

Indian researcher urges global platforms to focus on people and development in Jammu and Kashmir

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An Indian researcher has urged international organizations to view Jammu and Kashmir beyond its geopolitical dimensions and focus more closely on the experiences and aspirations of its people. During the United Nations Human Rights Council session in Geneva on Thursday, researcher Anika Nazir highlighted women's growing participation in education, entrepreneurship, professional life and community leadership. She called for discussions about the region to rely on verified information and local realities rather than misinformation or disinformation. Nazir also urged global platforms to recognize the role of young people and communities in rebuilding their social and economic lives. She said dignity, development, resilience and peace should remain central to international discussions about the region.

United States invites Putin to December G20 summit, but no Trump meeting is planned

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The United States has invited Russian President Vladimir Putin to the G20 summit in December, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Thursday, potentially creating an opportunity for Putin to meet President Donald Trump. Rubio said no new Trump-Putin summit had been discussed and did not indicate whether Putin had accepted the invitation. He said Trump would remain open to meeting Putin if there were a clear purpose and potential outcome. Rubio also said Washington was discussing the possibility of a limited ceasefire involving energy and grain infrastructure in the Russia-Ukraine war. He said such an agreement would not end the conflict but could provide a starting point for broader negotiations.

Bangladesh measles outbreak death toll reaches 1,076 amid surge in suspected cases

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Bangladesh's measles outbreak has claimed 11 more lives, raising the reported death toll to 1,076 this year, local media reported Wednesday. The Directorate General of Health Services said the latest fatalities were suspected measles deaths recorded during the previous 24 hours. Confirmed deaths remained at 101, while suspected deaths reached 975. Authorities also recorded 1,157 new suspected cases, bringing the total to 183,449, along with 113 new confirmed cases for a total of 20,851. Health experts have linked the crisis to inadequate vaccination coverage and gaps in preventive programs. Authorities said additional vaccines were being procured and a targeted campaign was being considered to reach unvaccinated children.

India says 275 nationals remain missing after deadly Nepal floods



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India said Tuesday that 275 Indian nationals remain missing following devastating flash floods in Nepal. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said an Indian forensic team is working with Nepali experts in Kathmandu to identify victims. The team has examined about 3,000 samples and developed 1,200 DNA profiles so far. India has also provided Nepal with relief supplies and rescue personnel following the disaster. A 54-member Indian team included 30 tunnel rescue experts, 19 forensic specialists and five medical personnel. An Indian Air Force flight carrying 11 tons of relief supplies reached Kathmandu on Saturday. India has dispatched nine special flights since the floods struck on August 26.

Yemen fighting pushes fragile health system toward collapse

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Renewed fighting between Iran-backed Houthis rebels and Yemen's government forces is overwhelming an already fragile health care system, with hospitals facing shortages of medicine, fuel, staff and electricity. More than 130,000 people have fled their homes following the latest escalation, while medical facilities in several affected areas have struggled to cope with rising casualties.

The United Nations said most affected hospitals and primary health centers closed during the first 48 hours of the fighting before resuming services. Fewer than 10 percent of affected facilities are fully equipped to provide trauma care. Maternity services have also been



disrupted, with about 2,000 pregnant women among those displaced. Doctors Without Borders said hospitals in Aden and other cities are treating large numbers of wounded people while struggling to secure supplies and personnel.

Zelenskyy urges world leaders to cut Russia's war revenues at United Nations

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged world leaders on Wednesday to intensify pressure on Russia by restricting the revenues that finance its war against Ukraine. Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, Zelenskyy said Russia's finances and industrial production must remain targets of international efforts to limit its ability to continue fighting.

He also questioned Russian President Vladimir Putin's commitment to peace, arguing that Moscow has repeatedly resisted meaningful diplomacy. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States was discussing a possible limited ceasefire covering attacks on grain shipments and energy infrastructure. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov



rejected the idea of simply pausing military operations, arguing that such a move would give Ukraine time to acquire more weapons. Zelenskyy also warned about the future risks of autonomous weapons driven by artificial intelligence.

United States targets commercial birth tourism with new visa restrictions and fraud reporting portal

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The United States has announced visa restrictions targeting people who knowingly participate in or facilitate commercial birth tourism, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Thursday. The policy covers operators and intermediaries who arrange travel to the United States for childbirth with the aim of obtaining American citizenship

for a child. Certain family members may also be affected. Rubio accused commercial networks of encouraging visa fraud and charging large sums for childbirth arrangements. Separately, the State Department launched an online portal for reporting suspected visa fraud, including false documents, sham marriages and fabricated job offers. Officials said information submitted through the portal could lead to visa revocations or law enforcement investigations.

United States and Italy strengthen cooperation on critical minerals and supply chains

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The United States and Italy have agreed to strengthen cooperation on critical minerals, including recycling and recovery efforts. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani signed a memorandum of understanding in New York on Tuesday during the United Nations General Assembly. The agreement establishes a

joint working group to advance practical cooperation on recovering and recycling critical minerals. The two officials also discussed diversifying supply chains and protecting strategically important industries from acquisitions linked to adversarial countries or entities. Critical minerals are essential to batteries, advanced electronics, energy infrastructure and defense technologies. The partnership aims to improve supply resilience while reducing dependence on concentrated overseas sources.

Trump urges ICC member states to withdraw from court during UN address

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President Donald Trump urged countries to withdraw from the International Criminal Court during his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, calling it a rogue institution without authority over the United States. Trump said Washington would not accept investigations or trials involving American service members or other United States citizens. He also criticized the United Nations and other international organizations over policies he said undermine national sovereignty. Trump claimed his administration had reduced the United Nations budget and eliminated thousands of positions. The United States is not a member of the court, which prosecutes individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression. The court has 125 member countries.

Three gunmen kill 11 people at house party in South Africa's KwaMakhutha township

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Three gunmen opened fire at a house party in South Africa on Tuesday night, killing 11 people, including a woman who was pregnant, police said Wednesday. Three other people were wounded in the attack in KwaMakhutha township, about 19 miles south of Durban. Police said the attackers knocked on the door before opening fire and fled the scene. No arrests had been made, and authorities launched a 72-hour operation to find the suspects. Police said the motive remained unclear but that a feud between rival groups could not be ruled out. Authorities also cited concerns over drug dealing and illegal firearms in the impoverished community. The shooting is the latest in a series of mass killings in South Africa.

Vietnam and North Korea move to deepen defense cooperation after Hanoi military talks



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Vietnam and North Korea agreed Thursday to strengthen defense cooperation following talks between their deputy defense ministers in Hanoi. Vietnamese Deputy Defense Minister Nguyen Truong Thang met his North Korean counterpart, Ryo Chol Ung, who led a visiting military delegation. Thang said recent cooperation had produced positive results in military exchanges, political work, education and training, and urged implementation of a defense cooperation agreement signed in 2025. Ryo Chol Ung praised the longstanding relationship between the two countries and their armed forces. Vietnam and North Korea have maintained diplomatic relations since the Cold War. Hanoi recently announced plans for a memorial and cemetery renovation honoring North Korean servicemen killed during the Vietnam War.

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India's core sector growth slows to 4.8 percent in August as energy output falls

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India's core sector growth slowed to 4.8 percent year-on-year in August, down from a revised 5 percent in July, according to provisional government data released Monday. Cement output rose 12.5 percent and electricity generation increased 11.6 percent, while iron ore, steel and refinery products also recorded growth. However, coal production fell 3.8 percent, crude oil declined 3.6 percent, natural gas dropped 4.9 percent and fertilizer output contracted 12.4 percent. The eight core industries account for 40.27 percent of the weight in the Index of Industrial Production. Despite the August slowdown, cumulative growth during April through August reached 4.3 percent, compared with 2.4 percent during the same period a year earlier.

Centre pushes states to train rural water workforce under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

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The Centre Monday urged states and union territories to accelerate training under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 to build a skilled local workforce for rural water systems. The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation highlighted the Nal Jal Mitra program, which offers a 510-hour course for new workers and a 120-hour recognition pathway for existing operators, plumbers, electricians and pump attendants. Government assessments indicate that more than 13 lakh personnel could be needed in coming years to operate and maintain rural water infrastructure. States were also asked to advance Sujalam Shakti, a women-led water quality initiative. They must decide by October 15 whether to adopt the national training course or develop state-specific programs.

'Made in UP' BrahMos missiles giving Pakistan sleepless nights, says Amit Shah



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said BrahMos missiles manufactured in Uttar Pradesh are giving Pakistan "sleepless nights," highlighting the state's growing importance in India's defense production. Speaking at the inauguration of the fourth Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show in Greater Noida, Shah said the BrahMos facility in Lucknow was a key indicator of the transformation taking place in the state. He also cited AK-203 assault rifles manufactured in Amethi, saying they were helping strengthen India's fight against terrorists and Naxalites. Shah said India's defense production has crossed 1 lakh crore and that Indian defense products are now exported to nearly 80 countries, with Uttar Pradesh playing a significant role. He credited the "Make in India" initiative with helping turn the country into a global manufacturing hub and said growing investment and production could help Uttar Pradesh achieve its \$1 trillion economy target.

Supreme Court sets safeguards against misuse of POCSO in matrimonial and child custody disputes

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The Supreme Court on Thursday laid down safeguards to prevent the misuse of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act in matrimonial and child custody disputes, while stressing that the measures would not dilute protections for genuine victims.

A bench of Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K.V. Viswanathan said the safeguards apply when a parent or family member living with the child is accused and the parents are involved in a matrimonial dispute.

Police must verify the existence of such a dispute and should not automatically arrest an accused after registering a case.



Where applicable, an independent child and adolescent psychiatry or clinical psychology expert should evaluate the child. The court also said registration of a POCSO case alone should not determine custody or guardianship. The safeguards apply to pending investigations and certain private complaints.

Former Tamil Nadu education minister questioned for hours in private school fraud probe

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Former Tamil Nadu School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi was questioned by Chennai Central Crime Branch investigators on Friday in connection with an alleged private school approval fraud case. Police said the investigation began after a complaint alleged that large sums were collected from private school managements on promises of securing permanent government recognition. Three people were arrested earlier in the case, and police said the investigation had uncovered evidence leading to action against Poyyamozhi under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Authorities said about 1.8 billion rupees had allegedly been collected. Investigators



questioned Poyyamozhi for more than eight hours about financial transactions, suspected transfers and documents seized during recent raids. He denied wrongdoing, called the case false and said he would establish his innocence in court.

Election Commission says SIR notices do not mean voter names will be deleted

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The Election Commission clarified Sunday that notices issued during Delhi's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls do not automatically mean voters will be removed. The clarification came after notices were issued to prominent figures, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, former deputy prime minister L. K. Advani and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, over discrepancies in electoral records. The Delhi chief electoral officer said no voter's name can be deleted without an opportunity to be heard and a formal, reasoned and appealable order. Notices are being issued where voter entries could not be linked with the previous intensive revision



or showed logical discrepancies. Voters can submit documents and responses to electoral registration officers, who will decide cases after reviewing the available evidence.

India records strong public response ahead of 11th Ayurveda Day

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More than 9,700 activities have been reported across 30 states and union territories ahead of the 11th Ayurveda Day, the Ministry of Ayush said Monday. The observance, held Wednesday, carried the theme "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow." More than 3.6 lakh participants registered through the official Ayurveda

Day website, while nearly 89.3 lakh citizens pledged their support for Ayurveda through the 2026 microsite. Activities included awareness programs, wellness camps, medicinal plant drives, school and college initiatives, healthy diet campaigns, quizzes and public outreach. Participation was also reported from 10 countries and territories, including the United Kingdom, United States, Australia and Spain, highlighting the international reach of the annual observance.

Women's safety faces renewed scrutiny as Bihar and Delhi cases trigger outrage and political debate



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A series of alleged crimes against women and girls in Bihar and Delhi has intensified scrutiny of public safety, with political leaders and authorities calling for stronger preventive measures. In Bihar's Jamui district, a minor student was allegedly stopped and molested by youths on Saturday while returning from the Madwa Pahar area. Police later arrested alleged main accused Nandan Yadav, who was shot in the leg after officers said he attempted to flee during an operation. Bihar Minister Ram Kripal Yadav said Wednesday that anyone harassing women would not be spared, while Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Tejashwi Yadav questioned the government's record on women's safety. In Delhi, a 17-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped Monday at a park near Kalkaji Mandir by three men posing as police officers. One accused was arrested after a police encounter. The incident prompted Lady Shri Ram College for Women to shift classes online and renewed calls for tighter security at parks and other public spaces, including restricting access to isolated parks after dark, increasing patrols at vulnerable locations and deploying more women personnel. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu also directed police to develop a dedicated women's safety force modeled on Goa's Pink Force.

Three-day bank strike set to disrupt branch services across North India from Monday

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Banking services are expected to face disruptions nationwide from Monday through Wednesday as the United Forum of Bank Unions has called a three-day strike involving about 800,000 employees and officers. In North India, bank employees in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are expected to be affected.

The strike involves seven major bank employee and officer unions and is centered on demands including a five-day working week with all Saturdays declared holidays, along with changes to performance-linked incentives and other pending issues. Major public sector banks, including State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, Bank of India and Indian Bank, are expected to see branch-level disruptions. Digital banking, mobile banking, Unified Payments Interface and automated teller machines are expected to remain available. The Reserve Bank of India has permitted bank branches to open on Sunday before the strike to help customers complete essential transactions.

Supreme Court seeks Goa response to Tarun Tejpal's challenge against rape conviction

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The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the Goa government on former Tehelka editor-in-chief Tarun Tejpal's challenge to his conviction and 10-year prison sentence in the 2013 rape case. A bench of Justices M. M. Sundresh and Prasanna B. Varale sought the state's response after senior advocate Kapil Sibal said Tejpal had surrendered in compliance with an earlier court order. The matter is tentatively listed for October 15. Tejpal surrendered on September 14 and was taken to Central Jail in Colvale, Goa. The Bombay High Court overturned his 2021 acquittal in August and convicted him of rape and other offenses. The case involves allegations that he sexually assaulted a junior colleague in a hotel elevator in Goa in 2013.

Bombay High Court warns Vijay Mallya against sharing case documents on social media

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The Bombay High Court has warned fugitive economic offender Vijay Mallya against posting court documents on social media while proceedings involving the Enforcement Directorate remain pending. The warning followed an objection from the agency after Mallya uploaded its affidavit on X before the court had considered its contents, according to his lawyer. The court scheduled the matter for October 13 and directed the State Bank of India to file a fresh affidavit addressing disclosures made by the Enforcement Directorate. Mallya is challenging his designation as a fugitive economic offender and a related court order declaring him one. His lawyers have argued that ongoing extradition proceedings in the United Kingdom and court restrictions there have prevented him from returning to India.

Activists allege Mumbai police pressured venues over Umar Khalid documentary



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Activists Shrishti Khanna and Prashant Pundir have alleged that Mumbai police pressured multiple venues to cancel a planned screening of 'Prisoner No. 626710 Is Present', a documentary about former Jawaharlal Nehru University student leader Umar Khalid. The film was scheduled for Saturday in solidarity with Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, both jailed since 2020. Khanna alleged that police personnel, including some in civilian clothes, visited venues and pressured managers to cancel the event. Pundir claimed police also raided an earlier venue despite its cancellation. Directed by Lalit Vachani, the documentary focuses on Khalid, who faces charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the Delhi riots case. The allegations could not be independently verified. The Central Board of Film Certification has also objected to public screenings of the uncertified film.

BJP appoints Smriti Irani as in-charge of Haryana and Chhattisgarh, Vinod Tawde gets Uttar Pradesh

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The Bharatiya Janata Party on Wednesday announced a major organizational reshuffle, appointing new state in-charges and co-in-charges across states and Union Territories. Former Union minister Smriti Irani has been appointed in-charge of Haryana and Chhattisgarh, with Bhola Singh and Siddharth Shambhu named co-in-charges for the two states, respectively. National general secretary Vinod Tawde will oversee Uttar Pradesh, supported by Jagdish Patel, Medha Kulkarni, Pradeep Verma and Anant Ojha.

Baijayant Jay Panda has been assigned Maharashtra, while Ram Madhav will oversee Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand. Satish Poonia has been given responsibility for Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir, while Sunil Bansal will oversee Telangana



and West Bengal. The appointments take effect immediately and are aimed at strengthening the party's organizational structure ahead of upcoming electoral and organizational programs.

Supreme Court seeks timeline for resolving Trinamool Congress name and symbol dispute

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The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Election Commission to provide a realistic timeline for deciding the dispute over the Trinamool Congress name and its "Flowers and Grass" symbol. The bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant said both factions must have a fair opportunity to present evidence, but the proceedings should not be prolonged

indefinitely. Mamata Banerjee's faction has challenged the poll panel's interim decision to freeze the established name and symbol. The Election Commission has instead allotted temporary names and symbols to the rival groups for the October 6 by-elections. The court directed the poll panel to submit its proposed timeline and scheduled the next hearing for Monday. Both sides have agreed to cooperate, although the rival faction opposed an overly short deadline.

PM Modi's gift auctions channel proceeds toward girl education and Ganga cleanup

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gifts and memorabilia have been auctioned over the years, with proceeds directed toward public programs, according to the government. During his tenure as Gujarat chief minister, auctions helped support the Kanya Kelavani Nidhi, a fund established to promote girls' education and literacy. The government says proceeds from the Prime Minister's Mementos e-Auction, launched in 2019, are now dedicated to the Namami Gange program. Previous editions have raised more than 500 million rupees for the river-cleaning initiative. The eighth auction features nearly 1,500 items and runs through October 31, with some items priced



from 200 rupees. Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said the initiative reflects Modi's belief that gifts received in public life should serve a broader public purpose.

Election Commission tells Supreme Court more than 3.7 million Bengal electoral appeals remain pending

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More than 3.7 million appeals challenging changes to electoral rolls in West Bengal remain pending under the Special Intensive Revision, according to figures submitted by the Election Commission to the Supreme Court. The poll panel said 3,820,683 appeals had been filed, but only 102,231 had been disposed of, leaving 3,718,452 pending. The figures cover challenges involving inclusion or exclusion from electoral rolls. The Supreme Court had directed the Election Commission to provide details of pending appeals and explain measures to speed up



their disposal. The panel also reported 3.413 million Form 6 applications for inclusion between December 2025 and August 2026. Nineteen tribunals, headed by former high court judges, have been established to handle the appeals.

Tata Trusts challenge Chandrasekaran reappointment, call board resolution legally invalid

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The Tata Trusts have challenged the validity of Tata Sons' decision to reappoint N. Chandrasekaran as chairman for another five-year term, calling the resolution legally invalid. In a statement, the Trusts said Tata Sons' Articles of Association require affirmative support from a majority of Trust-nominated directors for certain decisions. Since the Trusts hold about 66 percent of Tata Sons and have two nominees on its board, both were required to support the resolution, it argued. Noel Tata voted against the proposal at Thursday's board meeting, while the overall board vote was 4-1 in favor. The Trusts also cited the Supreme Court's earlier ruling on their voting rights.

Supreme Court to form special bench over NHA's Rs 7,000 crore stray cattle shelter burden

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The Supreme Court agreed Monday to constitute a special bench to hear the National Highways Authority of India's challenge to a direction requiring it to build shelters for stray cattle across the country. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant that the highway authority could not undertake such construction nationwide and argued that responsibility should rest with district-level administrations. The NHAI estimates that implementing the directive could cost about Rs 7,000 crore. The court agreed to reconstitute a special bench to consider the application. The case arises from broader proceedings concerning stray animals and road safety, including measures to prevent cattle from entering national highways.

NSE IPO draws Rs 90,300 crore in demand as issue closes 5.71 times subscribed



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The National Stock Exchange's Rs 22,569-crore initial public offering was subscribed 5.71 times by Monday, the final day of bidding, attracting bids worth nearly Rs 90,300 crore. Investors bid for 50.58 crore shares against 8.86 crore shares offered, according to exchange data. Institutional investors led demand, with their portion subscribed 12.68 times, while the non-institutional category was subscribed 6.55 times. Retail investors subscribed 1.39 times their allotted portion. The offering is entirely an offer for sale, meaning proceeds will go to existing shareholders rather than the exchange. The IPO is India's second-largest, behind Hyundai Motor India's 2024 issue, and NSE shares were expected to begin trading Thursday.

Boeing lands major Turkish Airlines order for up to 150 737 MAX jets



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Boeing and Turkish Airlines finalized an order Wednesday for up to 150 737 MAX aircraft, marking the airline's largest single-aisle purchase from Boeing. The deal includes 100 firm orders for 737-8 jets and options for 50 additional 737 MAX aircraft. Turkish Airlines can also switch to the larger 737-10 model. The agreement supports the carrier's plans to expand its short- and medium-haul network from Istanbul. President Donald Trump praised the deal Thursday, calling it a major win for Boeing and American manufacturing. Turkish Airlines already operates more than 200 Boeing aircraft. The airline also ordered up to 75 787 Dreamliners from Boeing last year.

Tesla begins deliveries of its long-awaited Semi truck



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Tesla has begun delivering its Semi electric trucks to a first group of customers, nearly nine years after Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk unveiled the vehicle. The company held an event Thursday at its Nevada factory, where customers including PepsiCo, DHL and US Foods were represented. Tesla says the long-range version can travel up to 500 miles on a single charge, while a standard version has a 325-mile range. The company has reiterated plans to eventually produce 50,000 Semis annually in Nevada. Tesla has faced delays since the Semi was unveiled in 2017, but demand appears to be strengthening, with a recent order for 2,500 trucks from major cargo owners.

Starbucks to close 250 North American stores in second wave

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Starbucks plans to close 250 stores across North America this week as Chief Executive Officer Brian Niccol's turnaround strategy enters another major phase. The company said the locations either are not generating acceptable financial results or cannot deliver the experience it wants for customers and employees. Starbucks closed 627 stores across North America and Europe last September. The company did not disclose the locations of the latest closures. Starbucks Workers United said 20 unionized stores are among the 250 locations being closed. Starbucks expects to complete renovations at 1,500 North American stores by the end of its fiscal year and says it remains committed to growing its regional store base.

Oil prices slip as traders weigh Iran truce hopes against regional attacks

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Oil prices declined Friday as traders balanced hopes for a possible truce between the United States and Iran against renewed attacks in the Middle East that threaten energy infrastructure. Brent crude fell 87 cents, or 0.82 percent, to \$105.73 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate dropped \$1.56, or 1.65 percent, to \$93.05. The pullback followed a sharp rally Thursday, when Brent gained 3.4 percent and West Texas Intermediate rose 2.7 percent. U.S. and Iranian negotiators in New York are discussing a phased path toward ending the conflict that could involve Tehran reopening the Strait of



Hormuz and Washington lifting its economic blockade of Iran. The war has disrupted about one-fifth of global oil and gas shipments since late February, driving significant price increases. Saudi Arabia said Friday it intercepted six ballistic missiles launched by Iran-backed Houthi forces. Analysts said continued attacks could keep critical oil assets at risk.

Paramount launches \$7.5 billion debt raise to finance Warner Bros. Discovery takeover

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Paramount Skydance said Thursday it has launched a syndication for a proposed \$7.5 billion senior secured term loan as it moves to finance its acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery. The company plans to raise another \$44.4 billion in secured debt, in addition to the new loan and previously announced financing, with cash on hand also contributing to the transaction. Paramount said the proceeds will help fund the acquisition and repay some existing debt. The combined company is expected to have about \$80 billion in debt once the deal closes. The financing move comes after Paramount settled litigation with a group of states led by



California and the Writers Guild of America, removing key domestic obstacles to the \$110 billion transaction. As part of the settlement, Paramount agreed to increase film production in the United States and create an editorial independence board for CBS and CNN. The deal could significantly reshape Hollywood's competitive landscape.

Make in India drives major gains across electronics, defense and industrial manufacturing

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India's 'Make in India' initiative has significantly expanded domestic manufacturing across key sectors, with electronics production rising nearly sevenfold from about \$21.6 billion in fiscal 2014-15 to \$149 billion in fiscal 2025-26, according to an official factsheet released Thursday. Mobile phone production increased about 33-fold, from roughly \$2.05 billion to \$71.3 billion, making India the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer by volume. Indigenous defense production also reached a record \$20.2 billion in fiscal 2025-26, compared with about \$5.3 billion in 2014-15. Vehicle production reached 31.03 million units in fiscal 2024-25, while crude steel output more than doubled



to 170 million tons from 81.7 million tons. Manufacturing gross value added grew at a compound annual rate of 10.88 percent between fiscal 2022-23 and fiscal 2025-26. Manufacturing output under the Index of Industrial Production increased 7 percent from April through July 2026 compared with the same period a year earlier.

Bond selloff pushes US long-term yields to two-decade highs

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Global bond markets extended their selloff Thursday, pushing the yield on the 30-year US Treasury bond to its highest level since 2004. The yield reached about 5.48%, while the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield climbed to roughly 5.20%. Investors are concerned that strong economic growth, higher energy prices and increased government spending could keep inflation elevated and limit interest rate cuts. US mortgage rates have also risen to around 7%, increasing borrowing costs for consumers. Bond yields have climbed sharply since the Federal Reserve's June meeting as markets



reassess the outlook for interest rates, economic growth and oil prices. Rising yields mean falling bond prices and higher government borrowing costs.

McDonald's plans \$8.5 billion global restaurant makeover



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McDonald's said Wednesday it will invest \$8.5 billion over the next decade to modernize its restaurants worldwide as it seeks to improve sales and operating efficiency. The plan includes redesigned kitchens, larger play areas, delivery lockers and more visible coffee preparation areas. The company is also expanding artificial intelligence tools to improve order accuracy and automate tasks such as inventory management and scheduling. On the menu, McDonald's plans to expand hand-breaded chicken testing and introduce grilled chicken sandwiches, wraps and other protein-focused options. The company said about 60 million Americans are actively seeking more protein in their diets. Franchisees will receive financial support as required remodeling costs increase.

Volkswagen faces difficult road ahead on jobs and plant closures

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Volkswagen's restructuring plan is entering a difficult phase as management prepares for negotiations over job cuts, plant closures and its strategy in the United States. The automaker plans to eliminate 50,000 additional jobs, with about half expected to be in Germany, while reducing production capacity by more than 500,000 vehicles in Europe. Four German plants, in Emden, Zwickau, Hanover and Neckarsulm, face possible closures or production changes between 2031 and 2034. Volkswagen is also reviewing its United States strategy, including whether Audi should receive a dedicated production site and whether to focus more heavily on large sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. Labor talks remain a major challenge.

New York and Polymarket clash over prediction market rules

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New York Attorney General Letitia James and prediction market company Polymarket filed competing lawsuits Thursday in a growing dispute over whether prediction markets should be regulated as financial products or gambling operations. James accused Polymarket of running an unlicensed gambling business and sought civil penalties, forfeiture of gains and restitution for customers. Polymarket responded by arguing that federal law gives the Commodity Futures Trading Commission exclusive authority over prediction markets. New York also objected to Polymarket allowing users ages 18 to 20 to participate, despite the state's 21-year minimum for mobile sports betting. The dispute reflects a broader national fight over regulation of rapidly expanding prediction markets.

GM and Ford face further US market-share losses as high gas prices favor fuel-efficient vehicles



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General Motors and Ford are expected to suffer the steepest market-share declines among major automakers in the United States this year as consumers increasingly favor fuel-efficient vehicles amid high gas prices. Cox Automotive forecasts Ford sales will fall 8.8 percent through the first three quarters, reducing its market share to 12.5 percent. General Motors sales are projected to decline 6.2 percent, with its share falling to 16.7 percent from 17.4 percent a year earlier. The combined share of the traditional Detroit three is expected to reach a record low of about 36 percent. Hyundai and Kia could outsell Ford during the third quarter, while Toyota and Honda are projected to post sales gains.

Maruti Suzuki commissions green hydrogen plant at Manesar to support cleaner vehicle manufacturing

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Maruti Suzuki India commissioned a 300 kilowatt green hydrogen electrolyzer plant at its Manesar manufacturing facility in Haryana on Thursday, launching a pilot project aimed at reducing emissions from production. The facility uses surplus solar power, including electricity generated during holidays that might otherwise go unused, to produce hydrogen. The hydrogen will be stored and blended with natural gas for use as process fuel in manufacturing. Maruti Suzuki plans to use the project's results to expand green hydrogen technology across its manufacturing facilities in Haryana and Gujarat. The initiative is part of a broader clean-energy strategy that includes solar power, biogas and battery storage. The company aims to reduce its manufacturing carbon footprint from 615,000 tons to 266,000 tons by fiscal 2031.

India extends anti-dumping duty on Chinese decor paper to protect domestic manufacturers

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India has extended its anti-dumping duty on decor paper imported from China through March 26, 2027, seeking to protect domestic manufacturers from low-priced imports. The Finance Ministry issued the extension after a recommendation from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies. The duty, originally imposed in 2021 at rates ranging from \$110 to \$542 per ton, applies to decor paper used in furniture, decorative laminates, flooring, cabinets and other interior applications. India also extended duties on calcined gypsum powder imported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates through March 16, 2027. A separate extension covers natural mica-based pearl industrial pigments from China through February 25, 2027.

Costco beats expectations as shoppers seek value amid inflation

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Costco reported stronger-than-expected fourth-quarter results Thursday as inflation-conscious consumers continued turning to its warehouse stores and discounted fuel. The retailer reported quarterly revenue of about \$95.7 billion, above analysts' expectations, while comparable sales excluding gasoline and foreign exchange

effects increased 6.7%. Adjusted earnings per share reached \$6.60, also topping Wall Street estimates. Costco said its gas business had a record year, helping attract shoppers facing higher fuel costs. The company received \$184 million in tariff refunds during the quarter and said some of that money was used to reduce prices on selected essentials and other products. Shoppers are also consolidating trips and purchasing larger quantities of household necessities.

US airlines push back on China's plan to expand direct flights amid Russia airspace dispute

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U.S. airlines are opposing China's push to increase direct flights between the two countries, arguing that Chinese carriers already have an advantage because they can fly over Russia. On Thursday, Airlines for America chief Chris Sununu said U.S. carriers remain disadvantaged because eight Chinese flights can use Russian airspace, reducing travel time and fuel costs. Each country currently has approval for about 50 weekly round-trip flights. Chinese President Xi Jinping said the two sides could increase direct flights to



support travel and trade. U.S. airlines have urged the Trump administration not to approve additional flights until the airspace imbalance is addressed.

PepsiCo prepares new chip price increases as inflation and higher costs pressure its US snack business

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PepsiCo plans to raise prices on some chip products as higher commodity, packaging and transportation costs weigh on its business. A company spokesperson said Thursday that increases will generally fall in the low to mid-single-digit percentage range and align with inflation. The new prices will remain below levels seen

before PepsiCo cut prices by as much as 15 percent on products including Lay's and Doritos earlier this year following consumer backlash. The company is trying to revive weak North American snack sales as shoppers face higher fuel costs and shift toward healthier options. Some grocery-size bags of Doritos and Ruffles, along with certain beverages, could become more expensive by the end of this year or early 2027.

Qualcomm and Apple renew patent agreement despite iPhone maker's push to reduce modem reliance

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Qualcomm said Thursday that Apple has extended its global patent licensing agreement with the chipmaker, maintaining an important business relationship even as Apple works to reduce its reliance on Qualcomm modem chips. The companies did not disclose the duration or financial terms of the renewed

agreement. The existing deal was scheduled to expire next March, with an option for a two-year extension. Qualcomm's licensing business accounted for about 15 percent of its revenue in the June quarter, while the company has warned that revenue tied to Apple products will decline as Apple develops more components internally. The relationship dates to a 2019 settlement that ended a global legal dispute over wireless patent royalties and modem supply.

MGM considers bid for People Inc after Barry Diller's media company withdraws MGM takeover offer

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MGM Resorts International is considering making a bid for People Inc, according to a Wall Street Journal report cited by Reuters on Thursday. The development comes one day after People Inc withdrew its proposal to acquire MGM Resorts. People, controlled by media executive Barry Diller, owns about 27 percent of MGM, making a potential MGM bid for People an unusual reversal of the two companies' positions. People's shares rose about 9 percent in after-hours trading following the report. Diller began building



his MGM stake in 2020 and later sought to acquire the remaining shares. People, formerly known as IAC, owns media brands including People, Food & Wine, Southern Living and the Daily Beast.

Karandeep Anand becomes Disney's first chief technology officer to lead AI and digital strategy

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The Walt Disney Company has appointed Indian-origin technology executive Karandeep Anand as its first chief technology officer, creating a new leadership role that brings together enterprise technology, artificial intelligence, data, infrastructure, product and engineering. Anand, the former chief executive officer of Character.AI, will join Disney as senior executive vice president and chief technology officer on October 2 and report directly to Chief Executive Officer Josh D'Amaro. He will work with technology teams across Disney's businesses to modernize how the company develops and delivers digital products. Disney said the move reflects its growing focus on technology as a driver of growth and on creating a more connected experience for fans worldwide. Anand previously served as president and chief product officer at Brex and held leadership positions at Meta and Microsoft, where he spent 15 years and worked on the Azure platform. Several Character.AI technology employees are also expected to join Disney.

India proposes red warning labels for packaged foods high in salt, sugar and fat

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India's food safety regulator has proposed prominent red warning labels on packaged foods that exceed prescribed limits for salt, sugar or fat, aiming to help consumers make quicker and more informed choices. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India submitted the proposal in an affidavit to the Supreme Court, which had sought a timeline for introducing front-of-pack nutrition labeling. Under the proposed system, a red hexagon on a white square background would identify each nutrient exceeding the threshold. Products exceeding limits for one, two or all three nutrients would carry the corresponding warnings. The regulator plans to introduce the system in a single phase rather than gradually. FSSAI said the proposal will undergo public and industry consultations before regulations are finalized. It expects the draft rules to take about four months to issue and finalize after completing the required consultations and procedures.

KFC opens Texas test restaurant with new menu and dining experience to revive US sales

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KFC has opened a new restaurant in McKinney, Texas, designed as a testing ground for new menu items, technology and customer experiences as the chain seeks to regain ground in the competitive United States fried chicken market. Called Open House, the restaurant, which opened Thursday, is KFC's first U.S. location to serve breakfast and features extended hours, double drive-through lanes and a mobile pickup area. Its menu includes expanded chicken tenders and sauces, new drinks, milkshakes, fried green beans and spicy pickles. Customers can order through digital kiosks and eat at tables where employees deliver their food. KFC also added a photo booth and branded merchandise counter. The company has more than 3,400 U.S. restaurants and more than 34,000 worldwide. However, its U.S. market share fell from 20 percent in 2015 to 8 percent in 2025 as rivals expanded rapidly.

Alcaraz calls for end to late-night Grand Slam finishes

Carlos Alcaraz has called for an end to late-night finishes at Grand Slam tournaments, saying matches should ideally conclude by 11 p.m. Speaking in London on Thursday ahead of the Laver Cup, the seven-time Grand Slam champion said the scheduling had gone too far after his US Open title defense ended with a 3:33 a.m. finish earlier this month. Ben Shelton defeated Alcaraz in the quarterfinal, setting a record for the latest finish at the tournament. Several other matches also extended beyond midnight during the US Open. Alcaraz said earlier scheduling could help attract larger crowds. Wimbledon already observes an 11 p.m. curfew, while the French Open limits night sessions to one match.

Austrian Painter racehorse renamed Merrylegs after Hitler reference complaint

A racehorse named Austrian Painter has been renamed Merrylegs after the Jockey Club ruled that its original name was ineligible following a complaint that it referenced Adolf Hitler. The horse attracted attention after winning its debut at Horseshoe Indianapolis on Monday. The Jockey Club said its registrar found the name violated a rule prohibiting names likely to be offensive or threatening based on factors including national origin and politics. Owner and breeder Scott Herbertson said the name was intended to honor Austrian painter Gustav Klimt. The Jockey Club said it takes such matters seriously. The horse's full sister, originally called New Order, was also left unnamed after officials noted that the phrase has associations with Nazi plans for Europe.

Gukesh misses chance as India draws with Azerbaijan at FIDE Chess Olympiad

India missed an opportunity to move into sole first place at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad after being held to a 2-2 draw by Azerbaijan in the eighth round in Samarkand on Thursday. D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi all drew their games. Gukesh, playing with the white pieces against Mahammad Muradli, pressed for an advantage but could not convert it and the game ended in a draw after 56 moves. Germany stunned defending champions Uzbekistan 2.5-1.5, leaving both teams tied at the top with 14 match points. India is among eight teams sharing second place with 13 points. In the women's section, defending champions India also drew 2-2 with Kazakhstan, while B Savitha Shri recorded her seventh straight victory.

Infantino looks set to stay as FIFA power struggle shifts to governance

Gianni Infantino appears increasingly likely to remain FIFA president, but the dispute that threatened his position could now develop into a broader battle over how much power he should wield. Senior football figures told Reuters that the focus has shifted from replacing Infantino to potentially limiting his authority through governance reforms. One possible outcome is a compromise under which Infantino stays but accepts new structures to share presidential powers. Another is a prolonged confrontation involving clubs, confederations, national associations and player representatives over competitions, finances and the international calendar.

The dispute followed FIFA's abandoned proposal to sell a 20 percent stake in commercial rights, including World Cup-related rights, to private investors. Infantino has since proposed an independent external review of FIFA's governance framework, but several



European federations have rejected the move as insufficient. UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin has said the proposal's withdrawal did not restore trust.

Infantino is also rebuilding support ahead of the March 2027 election, with meetings across the football world expected to strengthen his position. No formal challenger has emerged so far.

India builds Asian Games momentum with cricket gold and athletics medals

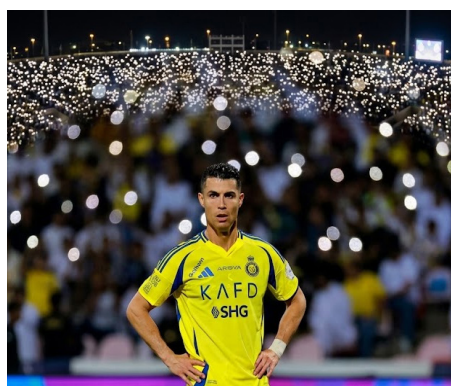
India continued its strong run at the Asian Games with gold in women's cricket followed by medals in athletics. The women's cricket team secured its second consecutive Asian Games title after defeating Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the final on Tuesday. India posted 216 for three before bowling Sri Lanka out for 69 at Korogi Sports Park in Nisshin. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur praised the team's consistency, while Smriti Mandhana said winning gold in Japan was especially meaningful after India's disappointing early exit from the T20 World Cup. Shafali Verma, who

scored her maiden T20 international century in the semifinal, called the gold medal a childhood dream.

India added two athletics medals Thursday, with Seema Kumari winning bronze in the women's 10,000 meters in Nagoya. She clocked 32 minutes, 50.05 seconds to finish behind Bahrain's Winfred Yavi and Japan's Nozomi Tanaka. India also claimed silver in the mixed 4x400-meter relay in 3:14.46, edging Vietnam by 0.08 seconds. Bahrain won gold in a Games-record 3:12.87. India has now won mixed relay medals at three consecutive Asian Games.

Ronaldo targets 1,000 goals as Portugal enters a new era

Cristiano Ronaldo said Wednesday that he remains determined to reach 1,000 career goals while helping Portugal win another Nations League title under new coach Jorge Jesus. The 41-year-old captain has scored 979 goals, including 146 for Portugal, leaving him 21 short of the milestone. Ronaldo said reaching 1,000 goals in Portugal's colors would be the "icing on the cake," but insisted he is not obsessed with the target and wants to enjoy his career day by day. He acknowledged considering his international future after Portugal's disappointing World Cup exit, but said discussions with the Portuguese Football Federation and Jesus convinced him to



continue. Jesus replaced Roberto Martinez after Portugal lost to eventual champion Spain in the round of 16. Ronaldo said he will leave when he believes he can no longer contribute.

Coco Gauff joins World Team Tennis as player-owner of Florida Flamingos



Two-time Grand Slam champion Coco Gauff has joined the relaunched World Team Tennis league as a player-owner of the Florida Flamingos Racquet Club. Announced Thursday, the move will see the 22-year-old compete for the South Florida franchise during its December season. Gauff, who grew up in Delray Beach, said she was excited to experience tennis as part of a team while playing in front of family and friends. The Flamingos roster also includes Tommy Paul, Learner Tien and Iva Jovic. World Team Tennis was co-founded by Billie Jean King in 1973 and has featured mixed-gender teams since its inception. The 2026 relaunch features three teams and six matches in December.

United States takes narrow lead over International team in Presidents Cup opener



The United States opened its Presidents Cup title defense with a 3-2 lead over the International team on Thursday at Medinah Country Club near Chicago. Justin Thomas and rookie Jackson Koivun started the Americans with a 4-and-3 victory over Corey Connors and Nico Echavarria. Hideki Matsuyama and Ryo Hisatsune quickly leveled the session before Scottie Scheffler and Sam Burns restored the United States lead with a 1-up win. Wyndham Clark and Collin Morikawa then defeated Adam Scott and Ryan Fox 3 and 2. Tom Kim and Si Woo Kim reduced the deficit with a 3-and-2 victory over Chris Gotterup and Patrick Cantlay.



Toronto to host PwHL's first all-star tournament

The Professional Women's Hockey League will stage its first all-star tournament in Toronto on Saturday, March 7, featuring a four-team, three-on-three competition at Scotiabank Arena. The round-robin event will include teams representing Canada, the United States, international players and rookies. Starters will be selected through fan, player and media voting, while league hockey operations will choose reserves. The tournament comes ahead of the league's fourth season following record attendance growth. The event will showcase the world's top women's hockey talent in a new format.



Anil Kumble leads two-day masterclass for India's emerging spinners



Former India captain and legendary leg-spinner Anil Kumble conducted a two-day masterclass for targeted and emerging spinners at the Board of Control for Cricket in India Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru earlier this month. The session focused on helping young spinners understand what it takes to succeed at the highest level while refining specific aspects of their bowling. Kumble is India's leading international wicket-taker, with 619 Test wickets and 337 in one-day internationals. Former India spinner Sunil Joshi, the Centre of Excellence's dedicated spin-bowling coach, also attended the sessions. The BCCI has previously organized specialist camps led by Zaheer Khan and Harbhajan Singh for emerging pace and spin bowlers.

Shaunae Miller-Uibo named international ambassador for Delhi Half Marathon



Two-time Olympic champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo has been named the international event ambassador for the 21st edition of the Delhi Half Marathon. The Bahamian star will attend the race at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on October 18, bringing the experience of a decorated 400-meter athlete to one of India's major distance-running events. Miller-Uibo won Olympic 400-meter gold at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020, becoming only the second woman to successfully defend the title. She also won the 400-meter world championship in 2022 after taking silver in 2015 and 2019. Miller-Uibo said she hopes her journey will inspire runners in Delhi to remain consistent, trust their progress and believe in their potential.

Manchester United puts pieces of Old Trafford pitch up for sale

Manchester United is offering supporters the chance to own a piece of Old Trafford, with preserved sections of the historic pitch selling for £125, about \$165. The club said the turf was carefully removed and preserved after the playing surface was dug up to its foundation in June, the first such overhaul in 14 years. Groundskeeper Tony Sinclair and his team carried out the work to improve player welfare and water drainage. Sections of the old surface were later placed inside glass cubes as memorabilia. Old Trafford has been United's home since 1910 and has hosted many of the club's greatest moments. The unusual sale comes as United face difficulties on and off the field, sitting



12th after five league matches and reporting a seventh consecutive annual loss.

Joshua and Fury finally set for heavyweight showdown in Cardiff

Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury will meet in Cardiff on Friday, December 11, for one of boxing's most anticipated heavyweight fights, promoter Turki Alalshikh announced Thursday. The British former champions dominated the division for much of the past decade but never faced each other, despite repeated attempts to arrange an undisputed title fight. Both were eventually beaten by Oleksandr Usyk, who became the undisputed heavyweight champion. Joshua and Fury are now expected to fight for the vacant World Boxing Association super heavyweight title, which Usyk vacated in June. The bout will take place at Principality Stadium after promoters considered staging it at Madison Square



Garden in New York. Joshua, 36, stopped Kristian Prenga in July, while Fury, 38, is coming off a victory over Mariusz Wach.

Scaloni says he pushed hard to bring Messi back for Argentina farewell

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said he pushed hard to bring Lionel Messi back for a farewell appearance with the national team, acknowledging that he may not be in charge when another opportunity arises. Speaking on Thursday, Scaloni said Messi deserved the chance to say goodbye to Argentine supporters after announcing his international retirement. Messi has been called up for a home friendly against Benin at Buenos Aires' Monumental Stadium on October 6. Scaloni said he wanted the farewell to happen while he remained Argentina's coach, with his contract expiring in December. The 48-year-old has guided Argentina to the 2022 World Cup title and two Copa America triumphs. He said he will meet



Argentine Football Association president Claudio Tapia in the coming days to discuss his future.

White Sox, Guardians, Cubs and Padres secure MLB playoff berths

Four Major League Baseball teams secured postseason places Thursday as the Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Guardians, Chicago Cubs and San Diego Padres clinched playoff berths. The White Sox routed Kansas City 9-1 behind two hits and two runs batted in from Miguel Vargas and six strong innings from David Sandlin. Chicago returned to the postseason for the first time since 2021. Cleveland defeated Boston 1-0, with Angel Martinez hitting the decisive home run, to reach the playoffs for a third straight season. The Cubs edged Miami 2-1, while the Padres beat the Dodgers 4-2 to secure their third consecutive playoff appearance. Milwaukee also reached 100 wins for the first time.

Ciryl Gane set for first UFC heavyweight title defense at Madison Square Garden

Ciryl Gane will make his first defense of the UFC heavyweight championship against undefeated American contender Josh Hokit at UFC 334 on November 14 at Madison Square Garden in New York. Gane became the undisputed champion after Tom Aspinall vacated the title while recovering from complications related to an eye injury. Gane previously won the interim championship by defeating Alex Pereira at the White House. Hokit enters the title fight with a 10-0 professional record and will challenge for his first UFC championship. The card will also feature women's bantamweight champion Kayla Harrison defending her title against former two-division champion Amanda Nunes. The event marks the UFC's return to Madison Square Garden.

Ashley Noffke appointed Netherlands head coach through 2028

Former Australia fast bowler Ashley Noffke has been appointed head coach of the Netherlands men's cricket team on an initial two-year contract through the end of 2028. The Royal Dutch Cricket Association announced Wednesday that Noffke will succeed Ryan Cook, who stepped down to spend more time with his family. The 49-year-old will immediately focus on qualification campaigns for the 2027 one-day international World Cup and 2028 Twenty20 World Cup. Noffke played one one-day international and two Twenty20 internationals for Australia and took 386 first-class wickets. His coaching career has included Brisbane Heat, Queensland Fire, London Spirit and Pakistan. He also played for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the first Indian Premier League match in 2008.

Jamie Chadwick completes first Formula One test with Williams

British racer Jamie Chadwick drove a Formula One car for the first time Monday, completing 32 laps in a Williams FW47 at Portugal's Portimao circuit. The 28-year-old, a three-time W Series champion and Williams ambassador, became only the second woman to test a Williams Formula One car after Susie Wolff in 2015. Chadwick called the experience one she would remember for a long time and said she hoped to inspire future female racers. Her test came months after Doriane Pin became the first woman to drive a Mercedes Formula One car.



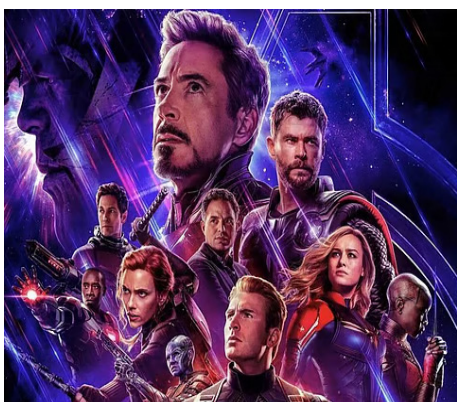
South Korean Olympic chief gives Asian Games organizers failing grade

South Korean Olympic Committee president Ryu Seung-min sharply criticized Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games organizers Thursday, giving the event an "F" over operational problems. Ryu said accommodation and transportation issues had affected athletes and could hurt performances. South Korea moved its men's basketball team to hotels after complaints about short beds. Other teams reported shuttle buses failing to arrive or taking athletes to the wrong venues. Ryu, an Olympic table tennis champion, said the Games compared poorly with other major international events he had attended.

Alia Bhatt turns up the retro glamour for 'Love & War'

Alia Bhatt has unveiled her first look from Sanjay Leela Bhansali's much-awaited 'Love & War', following the release of Ranbir Kapoor's character poster. Bhatt appears in a dramatic retro-inspired avatar, seated against a lavish red-and-gold theatrical backdrop with bold styling and a cabaret-inspired aesthetic. The reveal came Thursday, a day after Kapoor's first look showed him in a vintage car with slicked-back hair, sunglasses and a bloodied arm. The posters have heightened anticipation for the period drama, which also stars Vicky Kaushal. Bhansali is directing and producing the film. 'Love & War' is scheduled to arrive in theaters worldwide on January 21, 2027, in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

Russo Brothers return to theaters for an 'Endgame' encore



Joe and Anthony Russo are revisiting one of the most emotional theatrical experiences of their careers as 'Avengers: Endgame Encore' returns to cinemas Friday. The filmmakers recalled secretly watching the original film with audiences on opening night, describing the gasps, cheers and tears around them as a magical experience. Now, they plan to experience that reaction again as a new generation sees the Marvel blockbuster on the big screen. The Russo Brothers also urged fans not to spoil the new material included in the encore presentation. The special release features new footage and an exclusive look at 'Avengers: Doomsday', which is scheduled for release in December. The brothers directed both 'Avengers: Infinity War' and 'Avengers: Endgame'.

Anupam Kher receives Georgia honor and calls it a cultural responsibility

Anupam Kher has received a commendation from Georgia Governor Brian Kemp recognizing his contributions to cinema, education and the arts. The honor was presented Thursday at the Georgia State Capitol in the presence of First Lady Marty Kemp. Kher shared photographs from the ceremony and said he felt a deep sense of gratitude at being recognized so far from home. He also presented the governor and first lady with a Rudraksh mala from the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi. Kher said the commendation also acknowledged cultural ties between India and the United States. He described the recognition as a reminder of his role as an "unofficial cultural ambassador" for India. The actor added that it was the third honor he had received in the United States during his current tour.

Dolly Parton Day brings her signature sparkle to cities across America

Dolly Parton fans are turning Friday into a celebration of the country music legend, with pink lights, parades, music and book drives honoring her extraordinary life and legacy. The occasion falls on September 25, a playful nod to Parton's beloved hit '9 to 5', and communities across the United States are joining the festivities.

In Nashville, where Parton has lived since she was 18, the city is marking the occasion with pink lights, posters and commemorative giveaways, including stickers, buttons and bookmarks. Southwest Airlines is also planning Parton-inspired karaoke for travelers and employees. In New Orleans, the Krewe of Dolly will lead a parade through the French Quarter, while San Francisco will host a public 'Dolly Day' celebration centered on singing, dressing up and kindness.

Fans can also honor Parton through her



Imagination Library, which provides free books to children in several countries. The Dollywood Foundation is encouraging people to support local Imagination Library programs or help bring the initiative to their communities. And, of course, there is the music. From 'Jolene' and '9 to 5' to 'I Will Always Love You', Parton's songs remain at the heart of the celebration.

Macklemore announces 'Free Palestine' concerts for Palestinian aid

Macklemore is returning to the stage with a new series of concerts supporting Palestinian aid organizations, following his removal from Ed Sheeran's 'Loop Tour'. The Grammy Award-winning rapper announced the 'Free Palestine' performances on Thursday, with all proceeds going to humanitarian groups. The series will begin with three European shows: Dublin on Oct. 26, Paris on Oct. 29 and London on Oct. 30. More artists and United States dates are expected to be announced. The concerts will benefit organizations including Anera, Gaza Soup Kitchen, HEAL Palestine, Medical Aid for Palestinians, Palestine Children's Relief Fund and UNRWA USA. Macklemore said



recent events had highlighted questions about artistic freedom and censorship. He was dropped from Sheeran's tour after making pro-Palestinian comments onstage. Macklemore has also pledged \$1 million from his tour earnings to Palestinian relief efforts.

Cardi B turns heads as Cavalli brings the jungle to Milan

Cardi B brought major star power to Milan Fashion Week on Thursday, arriving at the Roberto Cavalli show in an animal-print coat, dark sunglasses and a dramatic blowout. Sitting alongside stylist Kollin Carter, the rapper watched designer Fausto Puglisi's Spring-Summer 2027 collection push Cavalli's signature sensuality to extravagant new heights. The collection featured animal prints, florals, feathers, embellished denim and plenty of skin. Low-rise jeans were paired with thongs and bra tops, while crystal-covered cropped jeans were finished with feathers. A mesh minidress erupted into golden ruffles, and chiffon skirts trailed into shredded



hemlines. Puglisi embraced clashing prints and bold textures, describing denim as an object meant to bring joy. The exuberant show delivered the glamour, sex appeal and untamed energy long associated with the Cavalli name.

Rebel Wilson returns to court over 'The Deb' release battle

Rebel Wilson returned to a Sydney courtroom on Monday as a legal dispute over her directorial debut, 'The Deb', continued. Britain-based production company AI Film Production is suing the Australian actor, alleging she sabotaged the 2024 musical comedy and damaged the company financially and reputationally. The film was delayed after Wilson's dispute with co-producers Amanda Ghost, Greg Cameron and Vince Holden, but was

eventually released in April. The producers allege Wilson made defamatory claims about them on social media and interfered with distribution efforts. Wilson and her production company, Camp Sugar Productions, deny the allegations and have filed a cross-claim accusing the producers of misconduct, including theft and bullying. Wilson also alleges Cameron and Holden misappropriated 900,000 Australian dollars from a joint venture. The hearing continues in Sydney.

Diljit Dosanjh sets his sights on India's biggest stadium

Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh is bringing his 'Aura World Tour' to India, with a major concert scheduled at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday, November 21. The show will mark the India debut of the stadium-scale tour and another milestone in Dosanjh's rapidly expanding global career. He recently made history as the first Punjabi artist to headline London's Wembley Stadium, with the concert selling out in less than 48 hours. Dosanjh said he could not imagine India's biggest stadium hosting a major international show without a Punjabi artist taking the stage. The Ahmedabad performance is expected to feature hits including 'G.O.A.T.', 'Lover', '5 Taara', 'Case' and 'Born to Shine'. BookMyShow Live is co-producing and promoting the concert.

Nag Ashwin celebrates 'Kalki 2898 AD' bringing its futuristic world to audiences

Filmmaker Nag Ashwin says the National Award recognition for 'Kalki 2898 AD' is especially meaningful because audiences connected emotionally with its ambitious futuristic world. The film won two honors at the 72nd National Film Awards, including Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment and Best Special Effects. Ashwin said the team was proud not only to tackle the technical and logistical challenges of creating a large-scale science fiction world, but also to make it accessible to mainstream audiences. He said millions connected with the film and its characters. Ashwin previously won a National Award for 'Mahanati'. 'Kalki 2898 AD', starring Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan and Deepika Padukone, blends Indian mythology with science fiction and is planned as the first film in the Kalki Cinematic Universe.

Kartik Aaryan takes his National Film Award to Lalbaugcha Raja to seek Bappa's blessings



Fresh from his National Film Award win, Kartik Aaryan visited Mumbai's Lalbaugcha Raja on Wednesday to seek Lord Ganesha's blessings. The actor carried his Best Actor trophy and placed it at the deity's feet before offering prayers. Kartik won the honor on Tuesday for his performance as Paralympic champion Murlikant Petkar in 'Chandu Champion'. He later received the award from President Droupadi Murmu and shared an emotional note about fulfilling a dream he had nurtured since his early days in Gwalior. Calling the visit a happy moment for his family, Kartik said receiving the award and then visiting Lalbaugcha Raja made the occasion even more special.

Prajakta Koli traces her YouTube journey back to Hrithik Roshan



Prajakta Koli has revealed how an unexpected encounter with Hrithik Roshan helped set her on the path to becoming a YouTube creator. Speaking on ‘Pehla Pehla’ with Gopal Dutt, Koli recalled working as a radio intern when Roshan visited the station to promote ‘Bang Bang’. She was asked to dance for the actor before filming a casual video with him. Afterward, a member of Roshan’s team, Sudeep, encouraged her to create YouTube content. Koli admitted she initially had no idea what that meant and was focused on finding a job as a radio jockey or producer. She eventually became the creator MostlySane, later moving into acting with ‘Mismatched’. Her work has also included YouTube’s Creators for Change program with Michelle Obama.

‘India’s Got Latent’ faces fresh complaint over alleged offensive remarks



Samay Raina’s ‘India’s Got Latent’ is facing another controversy after a complaint was filed against Netflix India and casting director Mukesh Chhabra over allegedly inappropriate language used during an episode. The complaint was filed by Anurag Shrivastav, who said he watched the episode on Tuesday and objected to remarks allegedly made by Chhabra while appearing on the panel alongside Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Bhuvan Bam and comedian Kaustubh Agarwal. The complainant has called for the alleged statement, its context and the identities involved to be verified from the original recording. He has also questioned Netflix’s editorial oversight and sought an investigation into the platform’s role. The show previously faced major backlash in 2025 after comments by content creator Ranveer Allahbadia triggered a wider controversy.

Taylor Swift adds four new songs to ‘The Life of a Showgirl’

Taylor Swift is giving ‘The Life of a Showgirl’ an encore. The pop superstar announced Wednesday that ‘The Life of a Showgirl: The Encore’ will arrive Friday with four new songs. The expanded release adds ‘Patient Zero’, ‘Cleveland!’, ‘Pink Clouding’ and ‘Babylon’ to the 12-track 2025 album. Swift said the songs were written after she traveled to Sweden to celebrate the album’s huge opening week with collaborators Max Martin and Shellback. She described the new material as being born from gratitude for fans’ response to the record. ‘The Life of a Showgirl’ debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 and set a record for the biggest first-week album total in the modern tracking era.

Charles Spencer’s Diana memoir reignites royal family tensions



A new memoir by Charles Spencer, Princess Diana’s brother, has reopened old wounds between the Spencer family and Britain’s royal household. In ‘Swan Song: Diana, My

Sister’, published Tuesday, Spencer makes explosive claims about King Charles III’s reaction to Diana’s death and her 1997 funeral. He alleges that the then-Prince Charles told him Diana would soon be forgotten after Spencer objected to Prince William and Prince Harry walking behind their mother’s coffin. Buckingham Palace issued an unusually firm response, saying grief can affect memory and judgment. Spencer has stood by his account. The book also revisits Diana’s troubled marriage, her mental health struggles and her relationship with the press. It further criticizes the royal family’s treatment of Harry after his mother’s death. The memoir has drawn renewed attention to one of Britain’s most enduring royal dramas.

Anupam Kher receives Georgia governor’s commendation for cinema and arts

Veteran Bollywood actor and filmmaker Anupam Kher has received a commendation from Georgia Governor Brian Kemp recognizing his contributions to cinema, education and the arts, as well as India-United States cultural ties. Kemp presented the honor on Thursday at the Georgia State Capitol in the presence of First Lady Marty Kemp. Kher shared photos from the ceremony and said he felt a “deep sense of gratitude” at having his work recognized far from home. He also presented the governor and first lady with a Rudraksh Mala from the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi. Kher said the honor was a reminder of his role as an unofficial cultural ambassador for India. He added that this was the third honor he had received in the United States during his current 20-day tour.



Mushtaq Khan’s death leaves Bollywood mourning a familiar comic face

Veteran actor Mushtaq Khan, known for memorable supporting and comic roles in films including ‘Welcome’, ‘Hera Pheri’, ‘Aashiqui’ and the ‘Gadar’ franchise, died in Mumbai on Thursday at 56. His death prompted tributes from across the Hindi film industry. Rajpal Yadav recalled meeting Khan just hours before his death, saying he was unable to believe their conversation had been their last. Sanjay Mishra, Anil Sharma and Raza Murad also remembered the actor and his decades-long contribution to cinema. Khan began his film career with ‘Albert Pinto Ko Gussa Kyoon Aata Hai’ and went on to appear in ‘Hum Hain Rahi Pyar



Ke’, ‘Welcome’, ‘Stree’, ‘Gadar 2’ and ‘Stree 2’. His ‘Welcome’ character Ballu and the iconic hockey dialogue remain fan favorites.

Brad Pitt has high praise for his four-legged ‘Heart of the Beast’ co-star

Brad Pitt is giving his canine co-star plenty of credit for helping bring ‘Heart of the Beast’ to life. Uber, a German Shepherd with experience as a police and search-and-rescue dog, plays Odin, Pitt’s character’s loyal companion in the survival adventure. Trainer Andrew Simpson selected four dogs to portray Odin, with Uber becoming the principal performer because of his experience handling demanding environments. Simpson said Uber had worked in helicopters, boats and trucks before joining the film. Pitt praised the dog’s performance during the wilderness sequences, saying he was particularly good while hiking through



forests. Directed by David Ayer, ‘Heart of the Beast’ follows a retired Special Forces veteran and his dog as they struggle to survive in the Alaskan wilderness. The film opens in theaters Friday.

Zubeen Garg death case moves forward with another Singapore witness

The prosecution continued presenting witnesses Wednesday in the case surrounding the death of Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, with Singapore-based Assamese Abhimanyu Talukdar appearing before a fast-track court in Assam. Talukdar is among several overseas witnesses being examined over the yacht outing in Singapore where Garg died in September 2025. Garg, 52, had been in Singapore for the North East India Festival and was scheduled to perform the following day. Earlier this month, another Singapore-based Assamese, Parikshit Sharma, testified before the court. Other overseas witnesses include Sushmita Goswami, Pratim Lahkar and Debajyoti Hazarika. Singapore authorities previously concluded that Garg’s death was an accidental drowning and found no evidence of foul play. Assam’s investigation is continuing separately, with the prosecution presenting evidence linked to the events surrounding his final hours.

Aadar Jain and Alekha Advani make their marriage official

Aadar Jain and Alekha Advani have officially registered their marriage, more than a year after their wedding celebrations. The couple shared photos from the registration ceremony on Instagram on Wednesday, joking that their “trial period” was finally over. “Officially Mr. & Mrs. Jain,” they wrote, thanking Ganpati Bappa for blessing them. Family members, including Aadar’s mother Rima Jain, were present as the couple signed the marriage documents. Aadar and Alekha married in 2025 after getting engaged in September 2024. Their relationship became public in 2023. Aadar, a member of the Kapoor family, made his acting debut with ‘Qaidi Band’ and later appeared in ‘Hello Charlie’ and ‘Khel Khel Mein’.

Ram Charan celebrates Chiranjeevi’s 48-year journey in cinema



Ram Charan marked his father Chiranjeevi’s 48 years in the film industry with an emotional tribute on Tuesday, calling the beginning of his father’s career “the day that changed everything” for their family. The actor thanked audiences for their enduring love and said he was already looking forward to celebrating Chiranjeevi’s 50th year in cinema. Chiranjeevi also shared a message of gratitude for the producers, directors, actors, technicians and fans who shaped his career. His screen journey began with ‘Pranam Khareedu’ in 1978, launching one of Telugu cinema’s most celebrated careers. Over nearly five decades, Chiranjeevi has become one of Indian cinema’s biggest stars, earning the enduring title of Megastar from his fans.

IndoUS Tribune की भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा — गुजरात का चौथा पड़ाव

सूर्य मंदिर, मोढेरा, मेहसाणा

सोमनाथ, द्वारकाधीश और अंबाजी के बाद अब मोढेरा — सूर्य उपासना, स्थापत्य और विज्ञान का अद्भुत संगम

गुजरात के प्रसिद्ध मंदिरों की हमारी यात्रा अब अपने चौथे पड़ाव — सूर्य मंदिर, मोढेरा तक पहुंच गई है। इस अध्याय की शुरुआत हमने सोमनाथ मंदिर से की, इसके बाद द्वारकाधीश मंदिर, द्वारका और फिर अंबाजी मंदिर, बनासकांठा की यात्रा की। इन तीनों महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थस्थलों के दर्शन के बाद अब हमारी यात्रा हमें मेहसाणा जिले के मोढेरा ले जाती है, जहां स्थित सूर्य मंदिर भारत की प्राचीन स्थापत्य कला, सूर्य उपासना और शिल्प परंपरा का अद्भुत उदाहरण है।

11वीं शताब्दी में सोलंकी या चालुक्य शासनकाल के दौरान निर्मित मोढेरा का सूर्य मंदिर आज एक संरक्षित ऐतिहासिक स्मारक है। यहां अब नियमित पूजा नहीं होती, लेकिन इसकी भव्यता, बारीक नक्काशी और स्थापत्य योजना आज भी देश-विदेश से आने वाले लोगों को आकर्षित करती है।

सूर्य देव को समर्पित भव्य धाम

मोढेरा का सूर्य मंदिर सूर्य देव को समर्पित है। मंदिर परिसर की रचना इस तरह की गई है कि इसके अलग-अलग हिस्से मिलकर एक सुंदर और संतुलित स्थापत्य योजना प्रस्तुत करते हैं।

मंदिर परिसर के तीन प्रमुख भाग हैं—सूर्यकुंड या रामकुंड, सभामंडप और गर्भगृह से जुड़ा मुख्य मंदिर। इन तीनों हिस्सों का आपसी संबंध मंदिर की पूरी वास्तुकला को विशेष बनाता है।

पत्थरों पर की गई बारीक नक्काशी में देवी-देवताओं, पौराणिक कथाओं, नृत्य, संगीत, मानव जीवन और प्रकृति के अनेक दृश्य दिखाई देते हैं।

सूर्यकुंड — सीढ़ियों में छिपी ज्यामिति

मोढेरा सूर्य मंदिर की सबसे खास पहचान उसका विशाल सूर्यकुंड है, जिसे रामकुंड भी कहा जाता है। चारों ओर से नीचे की ओर जाती सीढ़ियां इसे एक अनोखा ज्यामितीय रूप देती हैं। कुंड के आसपास और सीढ़ियों के बीच छोटे-छोटे मंदिर और देव प्रतिमाएं बनी हुई हैं। यहां विभिन्न देवी-देवताओं को समर्पित 108 छोटे मंदिरों का उल्लेख मिलता है।

सूर्यकुंड केवल जल संरचना नहीं था। यह मंदिर परिसर की धार्मिक और स्थापत्य योजना का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा था। ऊपर से देखने पर इसकी सीढ़ियों की रचना एक सुंदर ज्यामितीय आकृति बनाती है।

सभामंडप — पत्थरों में जीवंत कहानी

सूर्यकुंड से आगे बढ़ने पर सभामंडप दिखाई देता है। इसे मंदिर की वास्तुकला का सबसे कलात्मक भाग माना जाता है।



इसके स्तंभों और बाहरी दीवारों पर इतनी बारीक नक्काशी की गई है कि पत्थर पर बनी आकृतियां जीवंत लगती हैं। यहां रामायण और महाभारत जैसे महाकाव्यों से जुड़े प्रसंगों के साथ-साथ देवी-देवताओं, संगीत, नृत्य और दैनिक जीवन के अनेक दृश्य दिखाई देते हैं।

मंडप के स्तंभों और तोरणों की रचना सोलंकी काल की शिल्पकला की सुंदरता को सामने लाती है। हर दिशा से देखने पर अलग-अलग आकृतियां और कहानियां दिखाई देती हैं।

गर्भगृह और सूर्य की किरणों का विज्ञान

मुख्य मंदिर में गर्भगृह और उससे जुड़ा गुहमंडप है। मंदिर

की दिशा और इसकी वास्तुकला में सूर्य के प्रकाश को विशेष महत्व दिया गया था।

विषुव के समय उगते सूर्य की किरणों का मंदिर के आंतरिक भाग तक पहुंचना इस स्थल की विशेषताओं में गिना जाता है। इससे मंदिर निर्माण में सूर्य की गति और प्रकाश को समझने की उस समय की स्थापत्य सोच का पता चलता है।

आज गर्भगृह में सूर्य देव की मूल प्रतिमा मौजूद नहीं है, लेकिन मंदिर की संरचना अपने समय की उन्नत स्थापत्य समझ की कहानी कहती है।

सोलंकी स्थापत्य की पहचान

मोढेरा का सूर्य मंदिर गुजरात की सोलंकी स्थापत्य परंपरा का एक महत्वपूर्ण उदाहरण है। मंदिर के स्तंभ, तोरण, मंडप और मूर्तिकला मिलकर ऐसी वास्तुकला प्रस्तुत करते हैं जिसमें धर्म, कला और प्रकृति का सुंदर मेल दिखाई देता है।

मंदिर की दीवारों पर बनी मूर्तियां उस समय के समाज, संस्कृति, वेशभूषा, संगीत और जीवनशैली की झलक भी देती हैं।

इतिहास की कठिन यात्राएँ

समय के साथ इस मंदिर को कई ऐतिहासिक परिस्थितियों का सामना करना पड़ा। आज इसका मुख्य धार्मिक उपयोग नहीं है, लेकिन संरक्षण प्रयासों के कारण इसकी स्थापत्य विरासत को सुरक्षित रखा गया है।

मोढेरा आज उन यात्रियों के लिए विशेष महत्व रखता है जो मंदिरों को केवल पूजा के स्थान के रूप में नहीं, बल्कि

भारत के इतिहास, कला और ज्ञान की परंपरा के रूप में भी समझना चाहते हैं।

आज का मोढेरा

आज सूर्य मंदिर गुजरात के प्रमुख ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक स्थलों में शामिल है। यहां आने वाले पर्यटक मंदिर की नक्काशी, सूर्यकुंड और सभामंडप की वास्तुकला को करीब से देख सकते हैं।

मोढेरा में आयोजित होने वाला मोढेरा डांस फेस्टिवल भी इस ऐतिहासिक परिसर को भारतीय शास्त्रीय और लोक नृत्य परंपराओं से जोड़ता है।

सूर्य मंदिर की यात्रा हमें यह याद दिलाती है कि भारत में मंदिर केवल धार्मिक आस्था के केंद्र नहीं रहे। वे वास्तुकला, मूर्तिकला, संगीत, विज्ञान और संस्कृति के भी महत्वपूर्ण केंद्र रहे हैं।

अगला पड़ाव — अक्षरधाम, गांधीनगर

गुजरात की हमारी मंदिर यात्रा में मोढेरा के बाद अब पांचवां पड़ाव होगा अक्षरधाम, गांधीनगर।

सोमनाथ से शुरु होकर द्वारकाधीश, अंबाजी और अब मोढेरा तक पहुंची हमारी यात्रा ने गुजरात की अलग-अलग धार्मिक और स्थापत्य परंपराओं की झलक दिखाई है। अगले पड़ाव में हम गांधीनगर के अक्षरधाम की ओर बढ़ेंगे और वहां की आध्यात्मिक परंपरा, भव्य वास्तुकला, भारतीय संस्कृति और दर्शन से जुड़े पहलुओं को समझेंगे।

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बाल्मीकि रामायण में छिपे कुछ विरले प्रसंग

जब हनुमान जी ने मंदोदरी को सीता समझ लिया

हनुमान जी की सीता खोज की कथा, सुन्दरकाण्ड का प्रमुख विषय है। रामचरितमानस में सुन्दरकाण्ड काफ़ी संक्षिप्त है, जबकि वाल्मीकि रामायण में यह प्रसंग बड़े विस्तार से है। मानस में सीता खोज में निकले हनुमान जी जब सीता को खोज रहे थे तो, तुलसी बाबा बस इतना ही लिख पाये:

मंदिर मंदिर प्रति करि सोधा,
देखे जहाँ तहाँ अगनित जोधा
गयउ दसानन मंदिर माँहीं,
अति बिचित्र कहि जात सो नाहीं
सयन किए देखा कपि तेहि,
मंदिर महुँ न दिखि बैदेही

बस इतना ही। हनुमान जी ने इधर उधर वैदेही को ढूँढ़ा, उन्हें कहीं नहीं मिली। फिर वह रावण के राजमहल में चले गए। वहाँ रावण तो सोता दिखाई पड़ा, लेकिन वैदेही का कोई अतापता वहाँ नहीं था।

यहाँ ध्यान देने की बात यह है कि, हनुमान जी ने इससे पहले कभी सीता जी को नहीं देखा था। उनके पास सीता जी का कोई चित्र भी नहीं था। और अगर दिख भी गई तो, कन्फ़ॉर्म करने के लिए, उस युग में, वीडियो कॉल की सुविधा भी नहीं थी। इसलिए जो भी खोजा जा रहा था, वह अनुमान के भरोसे खोजा जा रहा था। हनुमान जी के हृदय में एक छवि थी कि, सीता जी एक सुंदर सुकोमल राजकुमारी हैं, जो उनके इष्टदेव की पत्नी हैं। उन्होंने वल्कल धारण किए होंगे। वह बड़ी ही उदास एवं शालीन वेशभूषा में होंगी। साथ ही यह भी भय था कि, रावण ने अपनी आधीनता में उनका वेश परिवेश परिवर्तन न कर दिया हो? सु-काण्ड -10/9,10,11

वृत्तमांभरणोदित्येः सुरूपं कामरूपिणम् ॥
सर्वशवनगुरमादं प्रसुप्तमिव मन्दरम् ॥ 9 ॥
करीडित्पोपरतं रात्रौ वराभरणभूषितम् ॥ श्रियं
राक्षसकन्यानां राक्षसानां सुखावहम् ॥ 10 ॥
पीत्नाऽप्युपरतं चापि ददर्श स महाकपिः ॥
आखरे शयने वीरं प्रसुप्तं राक्षसाधिपम् ॥ 11 ॥

लंका के इस राज महल के, इस शयनागार में हनुमान जी ने एक बहुत बड़ा पलंग देखा, जिस पर महा विशालकाय रावण सोया पड़ा था। उसने सोते हुए भी, तरह तरह के अलंकार पहने हुए थे। उसके अंगों पर चन्दन का लेप लगा हुआ था। उसकी कांति मेघों के समान श्यामल रंग की थी। उसके चारों ओर कई स्त्रियाँ सो रही थीं। ऐसा लगता था कि, कुछ देर पहले इन्होंने खूब मदिरा पी हो। मदिरा की गन्ध चारों ओर थी। शायद सोने से पहले रावण ने इन स्त्रियों के साथ कई तरह की काम क्रीड़ा की हो। सभी मदहोश स्थिति में अस्त व्यस्त स्थिति में सो रहे थे। सु-काण्ड -10/45

काचिदाडम्बरं नारी यज्ञसंभोगपीडितम् ॥
कृत्वा कमलपत्राक्षी प्रसुना मदमोहिता ॥ 45 ॥

रावण की छाती पर चन्दन का, एक बड़ा हार सुशोभित था। उसने नीचे के हिस्से में ढीले ढाले रेशमी वस्त्र पहन रखे थे। उसने पीले रंग की बड़ी सुंदर चादर ऊपर ली हुई थी। इतनी बारीकी से एक एक छोटी बड़ी चीज़ का वर्णन, वाल्मीकि रामायण में अद्भुत है। सु-काण्ड -11/46

रक्तचन्दनदिग्धेन तथा हारेण श्रोभिना ॥
पीनायतविजालेन वक्षसाभिविरीजितम् ॥46॥

रावण की एक तरफ़ एक कजराए नयनों वाली एक सुकन्या एक वाद्य के साथ आलिंगन बढ़ हो कर सो रही थी। ऐसा प्रतीत होता था, मानो एक नववत्सला अपने किसी शिशु के साथ चिपक कर सो रही हो। सु-काण्ड -10/38

अन्या कक्षगतेनैव मङ्केनापितेक्षणा ॥
प्रशुका भामिनी भाति बालपुत्रैव वत्सला ॥38॥

आगे हनुमान जी ने देखा एक कमल नयनी सुंदरी वीणा



के साथ आलिंगन बढ़ है। मानो, एक कामभाव से युक्त एक कामिनी, अपने प्रियतम की भुजाओं में लेटी हो।

दूसरी ओर नशे से थकी हुई एक अनिध्य सुंदरी रावण की बांह को तकिया बनाए सो रही थी। सु-काण्ड -10/40

कैचिददंशं परिध्वज्य सुप्रा कमरुलीचना ॥
रहः प्रियतमं गृ सकौमेव च कामिनी ॥ 40 ॥

एक और दिशा में एक युवती निद्रा वश जल से भरी सुराही को लुढ़का कर, भीगी अँगिया के साथ बेसुध पड़ी थी। उसका, सौंदर्य, बसन्त ऋतु में खिले विभिन्न रंगों के फूलों की माला के समान प्रतीत हो रहा था। सु-काण्ड -10/46

कट्थीमपविधान्या प्रसूपा भाति भामिनी ॥
वसन्ते पुष्पकञ्जवला माडेव परिमाजिता ॥ 46 ॥

रावण के बिल्कुल निकट, हनुमान जी को, गोरे रंग की एक और रमणी नज़र आई। उसका सौंदर्य बहुत ही मन को लुभाने वाला था। उसके अंग अंग से लावण्य फूट रहा था। वैसे तो वह रावण की पत्नी मंदोदरी थी, लेकिन हनुमान जी को ऐसा अनुमान हुआ कि, यही सीता है। बस ऐसा विचार आते ही, हनुमान जी बड़े प्रसन्न हो उठे कि, उन्हें सीता मिल गई। अब केवल उसे रावण के चंगुल से बाहर निकालना शेष था। सु-काण्ड -10/52,53

गोरं कैनकवणोज्जीमिशमन्तःपुरेशवरीम् ॥
कपिमन्दोदरी तत्र शयानां चारुपिणीम् ॥ 52 ॥
स तां दृष्ट्वा महाबाहुभूषितां मारुतात्मजः ॥
तकेयामास सीतेति रूपयौवनसंपदा ॥
हेण महता युक्तो ननन्द हरियूथपः ॥53॥

यहाँ एक बात स्पष्ट है कि, ऋषि वाल्मीकि ने इतनी बारीकी से हनुमान जी की अंतःपुर की यात्रा को वर्णित किया है। उसमें शयनागार में सो रही बहुत सी स्त्रियों, जोकि मदिरा पान की अवस्था में, अस्त व्यस्त स्थिति में सोई पड़ी हैं, का वर्णन करने में बिल्कुल ही नहीं हिचकिचाए। यह वाल्मीकि जी की लेखनी का कमाल है। इससे पाठक भी थोड़ा विचलित होता है और कथा का पात्र (हनुमान जी) भी।

जब हनुमान जी शयनागार से बाहर निकले तो इन सब स्त्रियों को देख, उनके मन में कई तरह के विचार

आने लगे। एक तो यह कि, कहीं मैंने कोई पाप तो नहीं कर दिया। और जिस अवस्था में उन्होंने मंदोदरी को वहाँ देखा, उसे देख उन्हें, मन मन ही मन सीता जी का भ्रम हुआ। इस पर हनुमान जी गम्भीरता से विचार करने लगे। सुन्दरकाण्ड -sarg- 11/2,3,4

न रामेण वियुक्ता सा खघुमति भामिनी ॥
न भोक्त नाप्यरंके न पानशुपसेवित् ॥ 2 ॥
नान्यं सरगुपसातुं सुराणामपि चेक्षरम् ॥ ॥
न हि रामसमः कथिद्वियते त्रिदशेष्वपि ॥ 3 ॥
अन्येयमिति निधिं वीनभूमौ चचार सः ॥
पान भूमौ हरि श्रेष्ठः सीता संदर्शो नो उत्सुकः ॥ 4 ॥

हनुमान जी को लगा कि, सीता जी, रामजी से बिछड़ कर, इस तरह मदहोश स्थिति में रावण के शयनगृह में नहीं हो सकती। वह मानसिक रूप से किसी भोग विलास में लिप्त नहीं हो सकती। और किसी भी अवस्था में, मदिरा पान तो बिल्कुल भी नहीं कर सकती। वह किसी पर पुरुष के पास कदापि नहीं जायेगी। भले ही वह पुरुष कोई देवता ही क्यों न हो। राम की पत्नी, माँ सीता मर्यादा का इतना बड़ा उल्लंघन नहीं कर सकती। यह विचार आते ही, हनुमान जी को विश्वास हो गया कि, जिसे उन्होंने रावण के शयनगृह में देखा था, वह सीता जी नहीं थीं। इस विश्वास के बाद उन्होंने सीता को खोजने का कार्य पुनः आरंभ कर दिया। 11/36, 39

परदारारवरोधख प्रसुप्रख निरीक्षणम् ॥
इदं खल ममादय्यं धर्म लोपम कश्चित्ति ॥ 36 ॥
काममं दृष्ट्वा मया सर्वा विश्वस्ता रावण स्त्रीयः ॥
न तु मे मनसा किंचिद वैकृत्यम उप पद्यते ॥ 39 ॥

जहाँ जहाँ हनुमान जी हो कर आये थे, वहाँ वहाँ उन्होंने बहुत सी स्त्रियों को मदिरा के नशे में चूर, बड़ी अस्त व्यस्त, स्थिति में देखा था। ऐसे में हनुमान जी के हृदय में एक विचार कौंधा कि, उन्होंने इतनी सारी पराई स्त्रियों को अर्ध नग्न स्थिति में देखा, इससे उनके धर्म पर कोई आँच तो नहीं आयेगी? कहीं उनका धर्म विनश्वर तो नहीं हो जाएगा? मैंने इस शयन कक्ष में, बहुत सारी स्त्रियों का अपहरण करने वाले, महा पापी रावण को देखा, यह तो बहुत बड़ा पाप का कारण हो सकता है। तभी उनके मन में एक और विचार आया कि, यद्यपि मैंने इतनी सारी स्त्रियों को कामुक अवस्था में देखा हो, लेकिन मेरे मन में कोई काम विकार नहीं आया। मेरे मन में अभी भी अपने उद्देश्य की शुद्धता है। मेरा मन पूर्णतया स्थिर है। इसलिए मेरा परस्त्री दर्शन,

धर्म का विलोप करने वाला पाप नहीं हो सकता।

यह मानसिक संतोष आते ही, हनुमान जी ने एक नये उत्साह के साथ सीता जी को इधर उधर खोजना आरम्भ कर दिया। सहसा उन्हें एक ऐसा सुंदर घर दिखाई दिया जिसके बाहर राम नाम का चिन्ह बना हुआ था। और बाहर एक तुलसी का पौधा लहलहा रहा था। यह रावण के छोटे भाई विभीषण का घर था।

रामायुध अंकित गृह। सोभा बरनि न जाई
नव तुलसिका वृन्द तहाँ, देखी हरविष कपिराई

उन्होंने दरवाज़ा खटखटाया, विभीषण जी, बाहर आए, बड़े प्रेम से मिले। हनुमान जी ने उन्हें अपना उद्देश्य बताया। विभीषण को रामदूत हनुमान जी, से मिल कर बहुत खुशी हुई। उन्होंने हनुमान जी की सारी कहानी सुनी। विभीषण ने हनुमान जी को बताया कि, जब रावण यह अपराध कर के आया था, तो उसी समय भी उन्होंने रावण को सलाह दी थी कि, यह उचित नहीं है। और उन्हें सीता को तुरंत लौटा देना चाहिए। पर रावण ने उसकी एक नहीं सुनी।

फिर विभीषण ने हनुमान जी को सीता का पता बताया और तरीका समझाया कि, सीता जी से कैसे मिला जा सकता है। हनुमान जी यह सब सुन बड़े प्रसन्न हुए। जुगुति बिभीषण सकल सुनाई, चलउ पवनसुत बिदा कराई करि सोऊ रूप गयउ पुनि तहवाँ, बन असोक सीता रह जहवाँ

इस प्रकार वाल्मीकि रामायण की एक और विरली कथा आपके सामने प्रस्तुत है। यह पढ़ सुन कर यही कहने को मन करता है, बजरंग बली की जय, पवनसुत महावीर की जय।

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Swadeshi Mela draws more than 30,000 to three-day festival in Naperville



● By: Ashwani Mahajan

More than 30,000 people attended the fourth annual Swadeshi Mela – Festival of India, held from Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 13, at the Mall of India in Naperville. The three-day festival brought together Indian culture, food, music, shopping, entrepreneurship and community programming.

The event featured nearly 90 exhibitors representing businesses, food vendors,

community organizations and cultural enterprises, creating a marketplace for Indian-owned and India-focused businesses to showcase their products and services to visitors from across the Chicagoland area.

Live entertainment was a major attraction. Friday featured Tollywood director and music composer Anup Rubens and his team, while Saturday included a performance by Rishi Singh, winner of Indian Idol 13. Bollywood filmmaker and Padma Shri recipient Madhur Bhandarkar attended as Guest of Honor. Sunday's program featured

performances by rock band Masalajamz and other artists.

The festival also included the Saree Shakti and Virasat fashion walks, children's activities, yoga and meditation sessions, cultural performances and Indian regional cuisine.

Sewa International partnered with the event, with young volunteers participating in community-service activities. Representatives of the Consulate General of India in Chicago, elected officials and community leaders also attended.

Beyond entertainment, the Swadeshi Mela served as a platform for Indian culture and entrepreneurship, bringing together businesses, community organizations and thousands of visitors.

Organizers credited volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors and community partners for the event's success.

With attendance exceeding 30,000, the 2026 edition underscored the growing scale of Indian cultural and community events in the Naperville area and the wider Chicagoland region.



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Texas Hindu community seeks action after activist targets 90-foot Hanuman statue

● By: IndoUS Newsdesk

Members of the Hindu American community in Sugar Land are calling for greater security and a response from authorities after a conservative political activist posted a message appearing to call for the demolition of a 90-foot statue of Lord Hanuman at a local temple.

Jesse Hughes, a conservative activist and YouTuber, posted an image of the Statue of Union at the Sri Ashtalakshmi

Temple on X with the caption, “When we win, we’re tearing this down.” The post has drawn condemnation from local Hindu community members, who say it has heightened concerns about the safety of worshippers and the temple. The monument, unveiled in 2024, has previously attracted criticism from some conservative and Christian groups. It stands on temple property and has become a prominent Hindu landmark in the Houston-area community.

Speaking to the IndoUS Tribune,

worshippers and community leaders said the remarks have caused renewed anxiety, particularly among families who regularly visit the temple. Some said they are concerned about the possibility that online rhetoric could lead to harassment or threats against the temple or its visitors.

The controversy has also prompted a response from Ruchir Bakshi, an Indian American U.S. Army combat veteran who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. Bakshi criticized the remarks as an attack on religious freedom and said his military

service included fighting alongside Americans of different faiths. Community leaders are urging local and federal authorities to assess the post and determine whether any laws have been violated. They also emphasized that Hindu Americans should be able to worship without intimidation.

“We are not going to be intimidated into hiding our faith,” one community organizer told the IndoUS Tribune. “We expect the same protections for our sacred spaces that are afforded to every other house of worship.”



Dr. M. Anand Prakash begins Midwest outreach as India’s new Chicago consul general

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

Dr. M. Anand Prakash, who assumed office as India’s new Consul General in Chicago on September 3, has begun his tenure with a series of meetings and community engagements across the Midwest. A career diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 2005, Prakash brings nearly two decades of diplomatic experience to the assignment. Before moving to Chicago, he headed the Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Division at India’s Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. His previous diplomatic postings include Beijing, Moscow, Kyiv and Jakarta, as well as assignments involving foreign



policy and multilateral affairs. Since taking charge, Prakash has placed considerable emphasis on connecting with the Indian diaspora. He has held meetings at the Consulate with community leaders, business representatives and organizations, discussing issues of mutual interest and the priorities of Indian Americans across the region. His early schedule has also included community service and cultural activities. As part of Seva Pakhwada 2026, the Consulate partnered with National India Hub in Schaumburg for a September 20 blood donation camp and the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” tree-planting initiative. The program, held under the theme “Swachhata Mein Sahbhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat,” brought together students, families, volunteers and community members.

Prakash also attended the 17th Annual Chicago South Asian Film Festival, where he presented veteran actress Deepti Naval with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her contribution to Indian cinema.

His civic outreach has included a meeting with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson at the Chicago Consular Corps Roundtable, where discussions included strengthening people-to-people ties through the Chicago-Delhi sister-city relationship. He has also met U.S. Congressman Shri Thanedar to discuss areas of India-U.S. cooperation. Prakash’s early engagements signal a broad approach to his Chicago assignment, combining diplomatic priorities with community, cultural and civic connections across the Midwest.

Friday, 25 september 2026

Hari Om Mandir marks Ganesh Visarjan with prayers, procession and community celebration

By: Ashwani Mahajan

Hari Om Mandir in Medinah hosted its annual Ganesh Visarjan celebration, bringing together hundreds of devotees from across the Chicagoland area to mark the conclusion of 10 days of prayers and festivities for Ganesh Utsav.

The celebration began with Ganesh Maha Abhishek, devotional Sankalp and Ganpati Aarti led by the temple's Pandit Ji. Devotees gathered at the mandir to offer prayers and seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha, with chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" filling the temple grounds.

Children from Kathak Mundi and Hari Om Mandir Bal-Varg added to the program with traditional dance performances and dhol-tasha music. Their performances brought a festive atmosphere to the farewell ceremony while providing younger members of the



community an opportunity to participate in the celebration.

The main procession featured a



decorated palki carrying the Ganesh idol around the mandir campus as part of the Visarjan Shobha Yatra. Devotees accompanied the procession while singing

bhajans, dancing and showering flowers in a traditional farewell to Bappa. The mandir management also conducted a symbolic and eco-friendly Visarjan as part of its efforts to incorporate environmental responsibility into the religious observance. Devotees offered prayers for peace, prosperity and the well-being of the community.

Mandir President Vipin Wadhwa and Chairman Brij Sharma thanked the volunteers, performers and devotees whose participation contributed to the celebration.

Reflecting on the significance of the farewell, they shared the message: "Bappa's farewell is not an end, but a promise that He will return next year with even more blessings. Ganpati Bappa Morya, Agle Baras Tu Jaldi Aa!" The celebration concluded with devotees bidding farewell to Lord Ganesha while looking forward to welcoming Bappa again next year.

DISHA USA launches nationwide voter registration and civic education initiative

By: Dr. Avi Verma

DISHA USA, a Texas-based nonprofit focused on nonpartisan civic engagement, has launched a nationwide voter registration and civic education initiative through its website, dishausa.org, offering information and resources aimed at helping eligible Hindu American citizens participate in the U.S. electoral process.

The organization says the platform brings voter registration and election information together in one place, allowing users to check their registration status, register to vote, request an absentee ballot and access information about candidates, ballot measures and propositions. DISHA USA says resources are available in multiple languages and are designed to provide information relevant to voters at the state, county and district levels.

Founded in 2022, DISHA USA is registered in Texas as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The organization says it does not endorse or oppose political candidates or parties and describes its mission as promoting civic education and participation. Its stated principles include Dharma, Seva, Satya and Sangha,

which it associates with civic responsibility, service, transparency and community engagement.

The initiative follows National Voter Registration Day on September 15, when election officials and civic organizations encouraged eligible Americans to register, update their information and learn about voting requirements. Federal and state election authorities generally recommend that voters verify their registration and polling information before an election.

DISHA USA says its broader programs include community forums, partnerships with Hindu organizations, civic leadership initiatives and educational programs. According to figures published by the organization, it has reached more than 50,000 community members, worked with more than 50 partner organizations, hosted more than 20 events and engaged more than 300 civic leaders.

The organization says its new website is intended to serve as a centralized, nonpartisan resource for Hindu American citizens seeking information about voter registration and civic participation. For more information, visit:

www.dishausa.org

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Healthy Heart, Healthy Life

Healthy aging: It's more than just getting older (Part 1)

Building healthy habits today for a stronger, more independent tomorrow

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

Growing older is a natural part of life, but aging and becoming unhealthy are not the same thing. We cannot stop the passage of time, but many factors that influence how we age are connected to our lifestyle, preventive care and daily choices. Healthy aging is not simply about living longer. It is about maintaining physical strength, mental well-being, independence and quality of life for as many years as possible. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes healthy aging as maintaining physical, mental and social health and well-being as we grow older. Importantly, healthy aging can begin at any age.

Aging does not mean losing independence

One of the greatest concerns about growing older is losing the ability to care for ourselves. Maintaining muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness can help people continue everyday activities and remain independent.

Physical activity can support bone health, brain health, sleep, emotional well-being and overall physical function. Independence does not mean doing everything alone. It means having the ability and support to participate in the activities that give life meaning.

Movement is medicine

Regular physical activity is one of the foundations of healthy aging. Federal guidelines generally recommend that adults, including older adults, combine aerobic activity with muscle-strengthening and balance exercises. For adults 65 and older, the general goal is at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, along with muscle-strengthening activities on at least two days and activities that improve balance. Individual needs vary, particularly for people with medical conditions.

Exercise does not have to mean going to a gym. Walking, swimming, gardening, dancing, cycling, resistance exercises and appropriate yoga or tai chi can all contribute to an active lifestyle. If you have been inactive, start gradually and increase activity as appropriate.



Nutrition matters

Healthy aging also begins at the dinner table. A balanced eating pattern should include vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, healthy sources of protein and healthy fats. Limiting excess sodium, added sugars, highly processed foods and unhealthy fats can support long-term health. Maintaining adequate nutrition is particularly important with age because poor nutrition can contribute to weakness and loss of muscle mass. For Indian-American families, healthy eating does not require abandoning traditional foods. Smaller portions, more vegetables and legumes, whole grains, appropriate protein and healthier cooking methods can make familiar meals part of a healthy lifestyle.

Sleep is part of good health

Sleep should not be treated as a luxury. Adequate sleep supports physical and mental health, while persistent sleep problems can affect overall well-being. Adults generally need at least seven hours of sleep, although individual needs vary.

Persistent insomnia, loud snoring, pauses in breathing or excessive daytime sleepiness should not automatically be considered a normal part of aging. They may require medical evaluation.

Keep your brain active

Healthy aging includes caring for the brain. Reading, learning new skills, pursuing hobbies, exercising, maintaining social connections and getting adequate sleep can support overall brain health. Some forgetfulness may occur with normal aging. However, significant or progressive changes in memory, thinking, communication or the ability to manage everyday activities should be discussed with a healthcare professional.

Stay connected

Healthy aging is also social. Family, friends, community organizations, religious groups, volunteering and hobbies can provide companionship and purpose.

Loneliness and social isolation can affect both mental and physical well-being. Staying connected becomes especially important after retirement, the loss of a spouse or major life changes. Sometimes something as simple as a regular phone call, shared meal, community activity or walking group can make a meaningful difference.

Manage chronic conditions

Many adults enter later life with conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis or high cholesterol. Having a chronic condition does not mean healthy aging is impossible. The goal is effective management—taking prescribed medicines correctly, following treatment plans, staying active within one's abilities, eating well and keeping regular medical appointments.

Stopping smoking and avoiding excessive alcohol are also important components of long-term health.

Don't wait for symptoms

Preventive care is an essential part of healthy aging. Regular healthcare visits provide opportunities to check blood pressure, review medications, update vaccinations and complete recommended screening tests. Family medical history also matters. A history of diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, osteoporosis or other conditions may influence individual risk. Preventive care should be personalized because screening recommendations vary according to age, sex, family history and individual health circumstances.

The goal: A better life, not just a longer life

Healthy aging is not about avoiding every disease or trying to remain young forever. It is about maximizing the years in which we can remain active, engaged and independent.

Small decisions—walking regularly, eating nutritious food, sleeping well, maintaining friendships, managing chronic conditions and keeping up with preventive care—can contribute to healthier aging.

The bottom line: We cannot control our age, but we can influence many factors that affect how we experience it. The goal is not simply to add years to life, but to help those years remain active, meaningful, independent and healthy for as long as possible.

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Personal finance insights: News & Features

Mini Feature: HISTORY OF BATA

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AAII Bull-Bear Spread -24.5% (very low)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 29 (fear-high)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 31.12% (negative)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 28.80% (oversold)

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

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Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 3.50-3.75%
FOMC 10/28/26+ hike
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Treasury

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T-Notes 2-yr 4.76%, 5-yr 4.86%, 10-yr 5.01%;
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The data above are as of Sunday preceding the publication date.

CONSUMERS

Hisense-India (parent Chinese Hisense Group) has expanded its product line to washing machines with small & large capacities for home use. It already offers TVs & air-conditioners.

FINANCIALS

Indian insurance regulator IRDAI has warned of severe reinsurance underpricing by new foreign entrants to the Indian market - up to 99% discounts just don't make sense. Relaxed rules of entry now allow 100% foreign ownership of insurers but that doesn't mean unfair competition to quickly pickup market share. 24 reinsurers have been licensed in GIFT City alone & that includes 10 foreign reinsurers. India's biggest reinsurer is government

controlled (77.4% stake) GIC Re whose reinsurance market share is 67% but its guaranteed reinsurance market share (of each reinsurance written) has been reduced to 4% in stages. Its international reinsurance business is also growing. It's catastrophic coverage losses from floods are high & it had to add reserves. A.M. Best rates GIC Re at A- (Excellent). From 1972 - 2016, GIC Re was the only reinsurer in India.

HEALTHCARE

Hearzap has bought Italian healthcare company Amplifon's Indian hearing business that will almost double its hearing centers. Hearzap is backed by private-equity firm 360 ONE Asset Management.

INDUSTRIALS

S Korean machine tool company DN Solutions opened its 1st Indian factory in Bengaluru with related facilities (including R&D, service center) still under construction. Some production may also be exported globally in future. It's also planning another facility in India soon.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has partnered with French FAYAT on specialized road construction equipment. The actual unit involved will be the French subsidiary in Germany, BOMAG.

SPECIAL TOPIC - HISTORY OF BATA

Bata started out as a Czech company founded by Thomas BATA & family in 1894 in Zlin, formerly in Austro-Hungarian Empire, but now in Czech Republic. Zlin has 75,000 population & now has Bata facilities, Bata Hospital & Bata University. "Bata Corporation" remains a private multinational that moved its headquarters several times during WW I & II due to political & business disruptions & family dislocations. Many of its European properties were confiscated

or nationalized. Family members temporarily lived in US, Brazil, UK, Canada (there is Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto). It's current headquarters are in Lausanne, Switzerland (2004).

Its primary business is various types of shoes but it also has several other businesses including e-commerce web portals. It was an early adopter of automation, mass-marketing, profit-sharing & community development. It's focus has been on affordable low-cost shoes with highly localized identifications. It established Bata-towns around the world where it had major manufacturing facilities. This local autonomous branch model was developed out of necessity of the Family that couldn't remain anchored for long anywhere. Bata's approach is different from that of well-known & expensive global shoe brands (Adidas, Nike, On, Puma, Sketchers, etc).

BATA-INDIA started in Batanagar in 1931 under a license from British East India Co. The town Batanagar is now part of Kolkata-metro-area. There is also Bataganj (1942) in Patna-metro-area. Bata-India became a public company in 1973. Most Indians think of it as an indigenous company, but it has Czech roots & it's 50.16% owned by Swiss parent Bata. The Bata-India operations are the largest of Bata's global operations & account for 20% of its global revenues.

Parent Bata (Swiss) & many of its global operations are private. But there are 5 global listing of Bata, 4 in Asia: Bangladesh (1985), India (1973), Indonesia (1982), Pakistan (1985); 1 in Africa: Zambia (2009) & none in Europe. Bata-Indonesia no longer manufactures shoes & is a broad e-commerce web portal.

For more information, see www.ybbpersonalfinance.proboards.com



Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

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

2. Program Structure & Exams:

- ▶ **Preclinical Phase (Years 1 & 2):** Fully online, divided into 11 study blocks. The first block is 12 weeks, the rest are 8 weeks each. After completion, students take the IUHS Exit Exam, and 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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Fall hair, beautifully handled

The seasonal hair-care reset your strands need for softer, shinier, healthier-looking hair.

Fall brings cooler temperatures, drier air and more time indoors with the heat running. Add the lingering effects of summer sun, chlorine and humidity, and your hair may suddenly feel less silky, more brittle or harder to style. The change of season is the perfect excuse to rethink your hair-care routine.

Make moisture your priority:

Replace lightweight summer conditioners with a richer formula, and work a nourishing hair mask into your routine once or twice a week. Concentrate conditioner and masks on the mid-lengths and ends, where

dryness and damage are often most noticeable. A few drops of hair oil can also help smooth the ends and add shine.

Handle wet hair gently: Hair is more fragile when wet, so skip vigorous towel drying. Gently squeeze out excess water and use a microfiber towel or soft cotton T-shirt instead. When detangling, start at the ends and gradually work upward with a wide-tooth comb.

Give heat styling a break: Blow dryers, flat irons and curling irons can make already-dry fall hair even more vulnerable to breakage. Always use a



heat protectant and choose a lower temperature when possible. Letting your hair partially air-dry before styling can also reduce heat exposure.

Do not forget your scalp: Seasonal changes can leave the scalp feeling dry or irritated. Use a gentle shampoo to remove buildup without stripping away natural oils, and avoid very hot showers. If your scalp tends to become dry, a lightweight scalp treatment can provide additional comfort.

Refresh your ends: Fall is an ideal time for a trim, especially if summer has left you with split or rough ends. You do not need to make a dramatic

change. Removing damaged ends can make hair look instantly healthier and help it style more easily.

Protect against the elements: Wind, cold air and friction from hats and scarves can leave strands tangled and dry. A leave-in conditioner can provide extra softness, while choosing smooth, gentle fabrics for hats and scarves can help reduce friction.

Most importantly, consistency matters more than a complicated routine. A little extra moisture, less heat, gentler handling and regular trims can help keep your hair soft, glossy and healthy-looking well beyond the first signs of fall.

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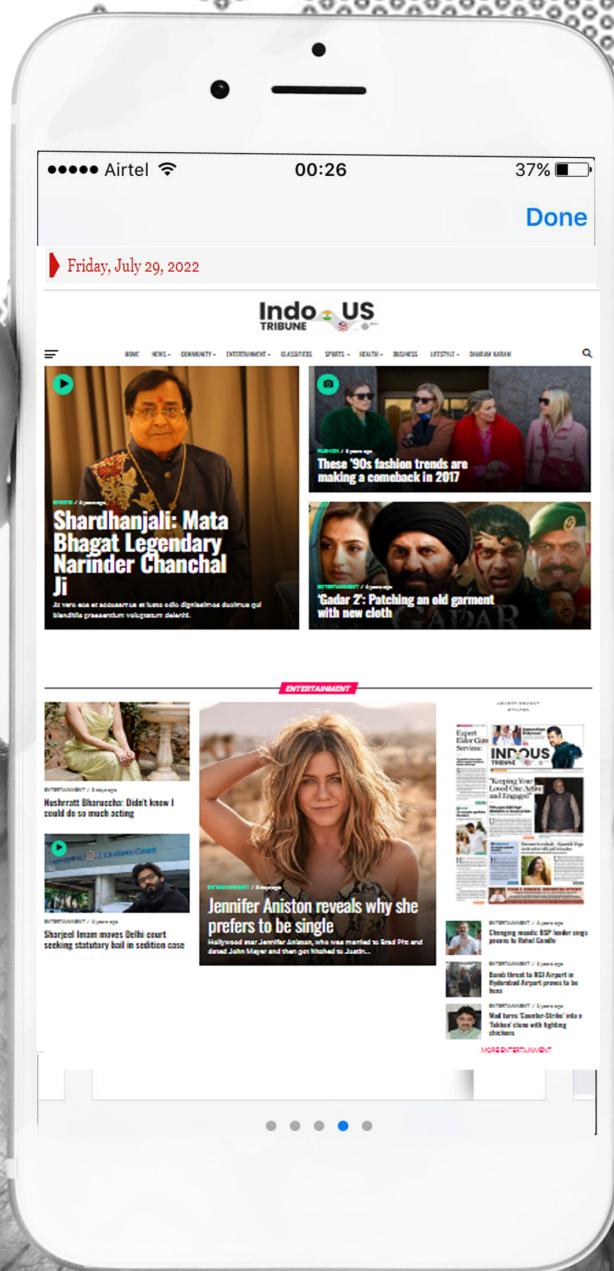


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