

Carney's opposition to Trump puts Canadian prime minister in contention for Nobel and Time honors



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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's increasingly prominent opposition to U.S. President Donald Trump has fueled speculation that he could be in contention for two of the world's most prestigious honors.

Carney briefly became the leading choice for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize on a U.S. prediction market Monday, with traders assigning him a 14 percent chance before his odds declined. There is no public evidence that he is on the Nobel Committee's secret shortlist, with the winner due to be announced next week.

Carney has also emerged as a leading contender for Time magazine's Person of the Year, ranking second on major prediction markets behind New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani. His international profile has grown as he urges middle powers to defend their sovereignty and strengthen alliances. He has pushed Canada closer to Europe and pursued stronger ties in Asia as trade tensions with Washington intensify.

U.S. to sharply increase EB-5 Green Card application fees



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The United States is set to more than double several fees under the EB-5 immigrant investor program, potentially increasing costs for foreign investors seeking permanent residency. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services finalized the rule Tuesday, with the new fees taking effect Nov. 30. The filing fee for Form I-526, used by individual investors, will rise from \$3,675 to \$7,615, while the fee for Form I-526E, used by regional center investors, will increase to \$7,850. Both petitions will also carry a \$75 technology fee. The fee for Form I-829, required to remove conditions on permanent residency, will rise from \$3,750 to \$5,000. Regional center-related fees will also increase sharply. The EB-5 program requires investors to invest \$1.05 million, or \$800,000 in certain targeted areas, and create at least 10 full-time jobs.

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US 'insensitivity' to terrorism concerns could strain India ties, warns Jaishankar

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar warned in New York that insufficient United States understanding of India's concerns over cross-border terrorism could strain bilateral relations, as he used his United Nations General Assembly engagements to press for peace, stronger multilateralism and greater attention to the Global South.

Speaking at an Asia Society event on Monday, Jaishankar said terrorism originating from India's neighboring country has been a major concern for decades. Although he did not name Pakistan, his remarks clearly referred to India's long-standing concerns over terrorism emanating from its western neighbor.

He said a lack of "understanding or appreciation or empathy" from a partner on an issue central to India creates problems for the relationship. He also cited trade and tariffs as sources of friction amid negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement.



At the General Assembly on Saturday, Jaishankar warned that India would exercise its right to defend itself against terrorism.

He also called for restraint in the Gulf, peace efforts in Ukraine and a two-state solution in the Middle East.

UN chief Guterres praises India's cooperation as Jaishankar highlights Global South concerns

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed his "deep appreciation" for India's cooperation with the United Nations during a meeting with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New York on Tuesday. The two discussed multilateralism, India-UN cooperation, the war in Ukraine and the situation in the Middle East, according to Guterres' spokesperson Stephane Dujarric.

Jaishankar said the talks focused on ongoing conflicts and efforts to reduce their impact, particularly on the Global South. The meeting came during the high-level segment of the 81st United Nations General Assembly. Jaishankar had



earlier paid tribute to Guterres' decade of service, highlighting his support for India's Mission LiFE environmental initiative. India has also continued to press for reforms to global institutions and greater representation for developing nations.

Pakistan-based militant groups exploit Kashmir grievances to recruit youth and fuel unrest

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Pakistan-based militant groups are increasingly exploiting local political and social grievances in Jammu and Kashmir to recruit young people and encourage unrest, according to Indian security assessments cited by IANS. Security agencies say narratives centered on the 2019 abrogation of Article 370 have lost momentum, prompting groups to focus on other contentious issues.

Officials identified the granting of Scheduled Tribe status to the Pahari

linguistic community as one issue being exploited by Lashkar-e-Taiba handlers amid resentment among some Gujjar and Bakerwal communities. Other recruitment narratives reportedly focus on migration, employment and perceptions that Jammu receives preferential treatment over the Kashmir Valley. Intelligence officials said militant handlers are reaching potential recruits through private messaging platforms and social media, where some communications allegedly promote violence. Authorities warned that the strategy is aimed at turning localized grievances into broader unrest and creating conditions for recruitment, radicalization and renewed violence across the region.

Indian-American lawmakers back bills to expand domestic visa renewals for H-1B workers



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Indian-American Representatives Suhas Subramanyam and Raja Krishnamoorthi are backing legislation that would allow H-1B professionals and several other foreign workers to renew visas without leaving the United States. The Domestic Visa Renewal Modernization Act would expand a 2024 pilot program to holders of H-1B, H-1B1, E, I, L, O and P visas. Supporters say the measure would reduce disruptions for workers, families and employers while easing pressure on US consular posts overseas. The proposal is part of a three-bill package introduced by Subramanyam, a Virginia Democrat, addressing visa delays and emergency assistance for Americans abroad. Two other measures would review consular staffing and visa backlogs and strengthen evacuation and communication procedures during overseas crises.

Brazil and United States move toward trade talks as tariff tensions persist

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Brazil and the United States are moving toward negotiations on a trade agreement, with both sides expected to define the scope of talks soon. Brazilian Development, Industry, Trade and Services Minister Márcio Elias Rosa said Wednesday that he held a meeting with United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer at the Group of 20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee. Rosa said discussions could cover tariffs, non-tariff barriers, quotas and safeguards, but must first determine the issues included. Brazil seeks tariff reductions while opposing coercive trade measures. The engagement follows months of tensions after United States tariffs affected Brazilian exports. Rosa said Brazil remains committed to negotiations and multilateral trade rules.

Government calls emergency meeting as France faces widening student unrest

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France's government moved to contain high school protests on Thursday as Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu convened a crisis meeting and canceled ministers' planned trips. The demonstrations, which began around Paris last week, have expanded amid student complaints about overcrowded schools, long hours, teachers' conditions and the university application system. Hundreds of arrests have been reported as some protests escalated into clashes, fires and vandalism. Education Minister Edouard Geffray said a school was set on fire and staff were doused with gasoline, prompting instructions for remote classes where blockades or damage made schools unsafe. Teachers have joined some demonstrations to protect students from clashes with police. The unrest is drawing political attention ahead of next year's presidential election.

Pentagon taps Elon Musk, Palmer Luckey and Newt Gingrich to study future warfare

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The Pentagon has selected Elon Musk, defense entrepreneur Palmer Luckey and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich to help lead a 120-day study of future warfare. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced Project Meridian on Wednesday, directing the group to identify technologies the United States will need to maintain superiority.

The review will examine battlefields ranging from underground environments to the region around the Moon and emerging military technologies. The final report will be released publicly, with a classified annex. Musk's SpaceX and Luckey's Anduril already have major United States government contracts, raising scrutiny over future defense policy. The Pentagon said the initiative is intended to accelerate deployment of systems needed for future conflicts.

Russia threatens nuclear response if NATO attempts to isolate strategic Kaliningrad exclave

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Russia has warned NATO that it could use nuclear weapons to defend Kaliningrad if alliance members attempt to cut off the strategic Russian territory from the rest of the country. Russian embassies in Europe accused NATO of preparing an air and naval blockade of the Baltic exclave, a claim the alliance rejected. NATO spokesperson Allison Hart said Wednesday that the alliance had received a written message from Moscow and condemned its nuclear rhetoric as irresponsible.

Kaliningrad lies between NATO members Poland and Lithuania and hosts Russia's main Baltic naval base, along with other military installations and nuclear-capable Iskander missiles. NATO said it is not targeting the territory and that its military exercises in the Baltic region pose no threat to Russia.

The warning comes as European governments increasingly voice concern



about Russian hybrid attacks and possible military escalation, while NATO continues supporting Ukraine in its war against Moscow.

US completes full military withdrawal from Iraq after 12-year campaign against Islamic State

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The United States completed its military withdrawal from Iraq on Wednesday, ending a 12-year mission focused on defeating the Islamic State group and marking a major shift in Washington's military presence in the Middle East. The final U.S. troops left an air base in northern Iraq under a withdrawal agreement reached by Baghdad and Washington in 2024. President Donald Trump hailed the departure as a victory for both countries and the conclusion of what he called a costly military intervention. Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi described the withdrawal as the beginning of a new phase centered on Iraq's sovereignty and the strength of its security institutions. The departure has also raised concerns in Iraq's Kurdish region, where officials fear renewed attacks by Islamic State remnants and Iran-backed militias.



The Pentagon said the United States will continue targeted training and intelligence support for Iraqi forces despite the end of the coalition mission.

Surging gas prices drive US states to suspend fuel taxes as midterm elections near

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Rising gasoline and diesel prices linked to the war with Iran are pushing U.S. states to suspend or reduce fuel taxes as affordability becomes a major issue ahead of the midterm elections. Ohio lawmakers approved a 90-day gas tax holiday Wednesday, with Governor Mike DeWine expected to sign the measure. About one-third of U.S. states have introduced some form of fuel tax relief, according to an Associated Press review. The average price of regular gasoline reached \$4.43 a gallon Wednesday, about 50 percent higher than when the war with Iran began, while diesel averaged \$6.41 a gallon. Several states have also temporarily relaxed restrictions on tax-exempt diesel for farmers and other industries. California ended its summer fuel requirements earlier than usual, allowing cheaper winter-blended gasoline



to enter the market. Officials hope the measures will ease pressure on consumers and businesses, although industry experts caution that tax cuts do not always translate directly into equivalent savings at the pump.

Trump unveils up to \$200 billion in South Korean energy investments in US

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President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that South Korea plans to invest up to \$200 billion in United States energy projects, including a Texas electricity project and the long-planned Alaska liquefied natural gas project. Trump said the package includes \$54 billion for Alaska liquefied natural gas and a six-gigawatt power generation facility in Texas, along with eight large-scale nuclear plants. The Alaska project would involve an approximately 807-mile pipeline connecting the North Slope with an export terminal in southern Alaska, designed to produce up to 20 million metric tons of liquefied natural gas annually. The figure is an investment ceiling, not confirmation that the full amount has been spent. The package is linked to a United States-South Korea trade and investment framework.

Rubio orders Iranian delegation to leave New York early, US officials say

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio ordered Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and his delegation to leave New York earlier than planned following stalled discussions with the United States, two United States officials said. Iran's delegation had remained after President Masoud Pezeshkian returned home following his United Nations address. Araghchi was reportedly involved in discussions with Qatari mediators over the Strait of Hormuz, the conflict and Iran's nuclear program. The officials said Rubio decided Monday that the delegation should leave after little progress in weekend meetings. Iran disputed that account, saying Wednesday that the delegation departed Monday according to a schedule previously communicated to the State Department. The claims come as Washington and Tehran remain at odds over the conflict and Iran's nuclear activities.

United Nations urges United States to address Marshall Islands nuclear legacy

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The United Nations on Thursday urged the United States to take steps to address the effects of its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands. A report presented to the United Nations Human Rights Council called for improved healthcare for people affected by radiation exposure and the release of classified records about the tests.

The United States conducted 67 nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958, including the Castle Bravo test at Bikini Atoll. The United Nations said the legacy includes displacement, elevated cancer risks and stigma. Washington has previously said it has settled claims and provided more than \$600 million to affected communities. The report said unresolved harms require remedies and greater transparency.

Bosnia election puts EU membership and foreign influence at stake

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Bosnia and Herzegovina votes Sunday in elections for the presidency, parliament and regional bodies, with the outcome expected to influence its European Union ambitions and the balance of power among the United States, Russia and the European Union. The vote comes amid economic stagnation, corruption and persistent ethnic divisions dating to the 1992-95 war. Nationalist parties are competing against multi-ethnic opposition groups, while Milorad Dodik's party leads in the Serb-dominated Republika Srpska, according to polling cited by Reuters. Foreign powers are closely watching the election as disputes over energy projects and the international peace envoy add to tensions over Bosnia's political direction.

Greece pushes for emergency suspension of asylum claims during major migration surges

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Greece has called for the European Union to create an emergency mechanism allowing the temporary suspension of asylum applications during major migration crises. Migration Minister Thanos Plevris made the proposal Thursday as European Union justice and home affairs ministers met in Luxembourg. Athens pointed to the surge of more than 72,000 migrants into Spain's Ceuta enclave in July as an example of a crisis requiring stronger measures.

Plevris said the European Union's migration pact had helped reduce arrivals and increase returns but was insufficient during sudden emergencies. Greece, which experienced heavy migration during the 2015-16 crisis, has also backed return hubs outside the European Union to accelerate deportations.

Suspected break-ins at Finnish lawmakers' homes trigger police investigation

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Finnish police have opened a preliminary investigation into suspected intrusions at the homes of several members of Parliament, raising concerns over parliamentary security. Helsinki police said Thursday they were working with the National Bureau of Investigation and that the inquiry remained at an early stage.

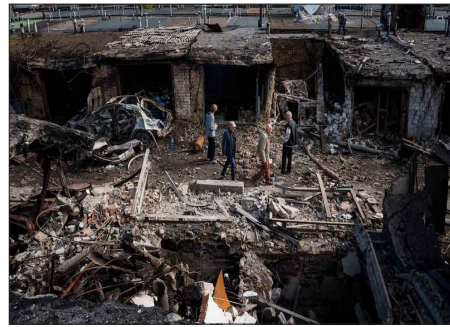
Parliament Speaker Jussi Halla-aho said reports had reached his office the previous week and described the number of suspected cases as significant. Nothing was reported stolen or damaged, but signs of intrusion were found inside some homes.

Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said a foreign power could potentially be responsible, although authorities have not identified those behind the incidents. Officials have urged lawmakers to report suspicious activity.

Ukraine seeks tougher US sanctions on Russian companies, ships and individuals under new law

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Ukraine is preparing a list of Russian companies, vessels and individuals it wants the United States to target under a new sanctions law signed by President Donald Trump. Ukrainian diplomat Denys Sienik said Kyiv's priorities include Russian companies developing a satellite internet network modeled on Starlink, which Ukraine fears could provide Moscow with valuable military capabilities. The main company involved in the project is already under U.S. sanctions, but other firms supplying components have not been targeted. Ukraine is also seeking tougher measures against vessels linked to Russia's so-called shadow fleet, which Moscow uses to circumvent restrictions on



its oil exports. Trump signed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act into law on September 18, giving the administration until October 18 to determine which Russian entities could face new penalties. Kyiv is also seeking stronger U.S. condemnation of Russian attacks affecting American companies operating in Ukraine.

Iran rejects British allegation of involvement in incident near US-linked RAF Fairford base

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Iran has rejected British allegations that Tehran may have been involved in a recent incident near RAF Fairford in southwest England, where five men were arrested over suspected explosives and terrorism offenses. British police detained the men Sunday after reports that three vans had been seen heading toward the air base, which hosts U.S. Air Force operations. All five were released on police bail Monday as investigators examined material found in the vehicles and searched addresses linked to them in London. British officials have said the investigation remains ongoing, while Prime Minister Andy Burnham said there were strong indications that Iran had

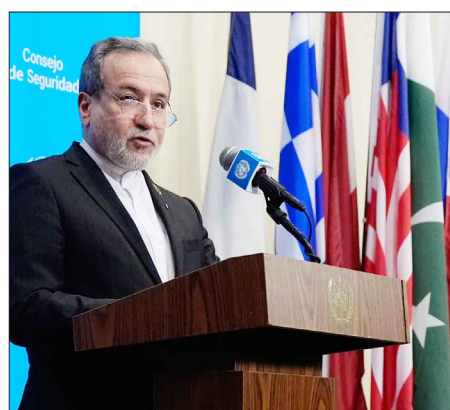


played a role. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi rejected the allegation Thursday, accusing Britain of drawing the wrong conclusions. The incident comes amid sharply heightened tensions between Britain, the United States and Iran as the conflict in the Middle East continues and Washington maintains pressure on Tehran.

Iran receives US response to latest proposal aimed at ending seven-month war

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Iranian officials said Wednesday that Tehran had received an official U.S. response to its latest proposal for ending the seven-month war, although they did not disclose whether Washington accepted or rejected the offer. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi presented the response to President Masoud Pezeshkian during a Cabinet meeting, according to Iranian state media. The development followed indirect discussions in New York during last week's United Nations General Assembly, where Iranian officials also met Qatari and Pakistani mediators. Iran has proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz within a week in exchange for the lifting of a U.S.



blockade of Iranian ports, the release of frozen assets and sanctions relief for oil sales. President Donald Trump had publicly rejected the proposal, while mediators continued efforts to reach an agreement.

Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan kill at least 10 civilians, including children

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Pakistani airstrikes on Afghanistan killed at least 10 civilians, most of them children, overnight, according to the United Nations mission in Afghanistan and Taliban authorities. The attacks as an act of aggression. Pakistan said its military targeted militant The strikes hit areas in Helmand and Kunar provinces, with nine additional people reported injured. Afghanistan's Taliban government said

three civilian homes were destroyed and condemned hideouts at two locations and initially reported that 22 militants had been killed, a claim that could not be independently verified. Islamabad has repeatedly accused the Taliban government of allowing Pakistani militants to operate from Afghan territory and launch attacks into Pakistan. Kabul denies providing them safe haven. The United Nations has called for de-escalation, dialogue and greater protection for civilians amid escalating cross-border violence.

Pacific moisture brings flooding across central US as Hurricane Rachel strengthens off Mexico

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Tropical moisture moving inland from the Pacific brought heavy rain and flooding across parts of the central United States on Wednesday, while Hurricane Rachel strengthened off Mexico's Pacific coast. New Mexico remained under flood warnings after unusually heavy rainfall, with the Rio Grande overflowing in places and floodwaters threatening the state's chile harvest. Officials warned that prolonged moisture could cause crop losses. In Texas, storms linked to the remnants of Hurricane Polo dumped more than 3.5 inches of rain around Amarillo, flooding streets and producing a tornado. New Mexico's acting governor declared a state of emergency, making \$3.75 million available for temporary housing, healthcare, food and transportation. Rachel was expected to strengthen but remain offshore, while Mexican authorities closed schools in parts of Jalisco as heavy rain and dangerous surf threatened coastal areas.

G20 trade ministers meet in Milwaukee to tackle tariffs, food security and global trade rules



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Trade ministers from the Group of 20 major economies are meeting in Milwaukee for a two-day ministerial focused on the future of global commerce, with tariffs, food security, industrial overcapacity, forced labor and the rules governing the World Trade Organization among the key issues on the agenda.

The meeting, hosted by United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, brings together senior trade officials from major developed and emerging economies. India is represented by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, who is also holding bilateral meetings on trade and investment on the sidelines.

The United States has placed four issues at the center of the discussions: the weaponization of food trade, structural excess production, the Most-Favoured-Nation principle and forced labor in global supply chains.

The agenda has also highlighted differences among participants. Washington is pressing for greater reciprocity and a reassessment of existing trade rules, while India is advocating an open, rules-based multilateral system centered on the World Trade Organization and protecting developing countries' policy space.



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A hero in the cockpit: Questions the world must answer



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There are moments when courage is measured not in words, but in blood, pain and an extraordinary determination to save human lives. The terrifying incident aboard Flydubai Flight FZ1073 on September 30 was one such moment. The Dubai-to-Tel Aviv flight, carrying 174 people, was thrown into chaos when the co-pilot allegedly attacked Captain Smit Machchhar inside the cockpit. The aircraft went into a dramatic descent, prompting an emergency response and ultimately a diversion to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. According to accounts reported by Israeli officials and passengers, the wounded captain managed to open the cockpit door, allowing passengers and crew to enter and help overpower the attacker.

Captain Smit Machchhar: India salutes a hero

Captain Smit Machchhar deserves an international salute. Seriously wounded and bleeding, he apparently understood that his own life was in immediate danger, but that 173 other people were depending upon him.

He opened the cockpit door. That courageous act gave passengers and crew the opportunity to intervene and prevent what could have become an unspeakable aviation catastrophe. Additional qualified pilots aboard the aircraft also helped stabilize the situation and bring the aircraft safely to the ground. Captain Machchhar is an Indian pilot who previously flew for SpiceJet and has accumulated nearly 10,000 hours of flying experience. He is now recovering in Saudi Arabia after undergoing medical treatment.

India should be immensely proud of him.

He did not know whether he would survive. Yet, under extraordinary physical and psychological distress, he acted to protect the lives entrusted to him.

That is heroism. It is also a reminder that India's aviation professionals serve the world with extraordinary skill and dedication.

Condemnation must be unambiguous

Whatever the ultimate motive behind this attack, an attempt to seize control of a passenger aircraft through violence must be condemned without qualification. If investigators establish that the co-pilot deliberately attempted to crash the aircraft, then this was not simply a cockpit altercation. It was an extraordinarily dangerous assault on innocent human beings. And if it was politically or ideologically motivated, it must be described for what it was: a cowardly attack on civilians who had done nothing to deserve it. The passengers included a large number of Israelis. Their nationality, religion or destination cannot make them legitimate targets. There can be no justification for attempting to murder innocent passengers because of a political conflict elsewhere.



Was this terrorism? Was Iran involved?

These are legitimate questions, but they are questions, not established facts. Israeli officials have raised the possibility of terrorism. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has also said it is too early to determine whether there was an Iranian role. The UAE Attorney General has ordered a formal investigation specifically to determine the circumstances, motives and whether the incident involved terrorist activity, prior planning or outside direction.

That investigation must be allowed to do its job.
Was this an individual act?
Was there ideological motivation?
Was the flight deliberately targeted because it was carrying Israeli passengers?
Was there outside direction or financing?
Was the Gaza conflict somehow connected?
Was Iran involved?
At present, there is insufficient publicly established evidence to answer those questions.
But they must all be examined.

The most troubling question: Security

Perhaps the most important question is how a violent attack could be carried out by a member of the flight crew inside the cockpit. Aviation security has spent decades focusing on passengers carrying weapons onto aircraft. The Flydubai incident highlights another vulnerability: the insider threat.

How was the alleged attacker screened?
What security and background checks were conducted?
Were there warning signs?
Was the crew member properly assessed before being cleared to fly?
Could anything in his professional, medical or behavioral history have raised concerns?
These questions are not accusations. They are essential aviation-security questions. The UAE investigation must answer them.

Should international flights have additional protection?

The incident also deserves a serious review of cockpit-security procedures.
Should certain high-risk international routes have an additional qualified pilot immediately available?
Should airlines routinely carry additional qualified crew on selected routes?
Should plain-clothes security personnel be deployed selectively based on intelligence and threat assessments?
Should cockpit access protocols be redesigned to ensure that a wounded or incapacitated pilot can summon assistance?
There is no reason to wait for another tragedy before studying these possibilities.
The fact that additional qualified pilots were reportedly aboard this flight and helped bring the aircraft safely down is particularly significant. Their presence may have been crucial.

Israel's security establishment must also ask questions

The incident should prompt a serious review by Israeli aviation-security authorities. Israel is one of the world's most experienced countries in aviation security because it has faced aviation terrorism for decades. The fact that an aircraft carrying predominantly Israeli passengers could experience such a crisis inside the cockpit requires careful examination. Israel has already indicated that it will increase scrutiny of pilots flying into the country. That is a reasonable security question to examine, but the review should be evidence-based, professionally conducted and coordinated internationally. Security cannot stop at the airport entrance. The entire aviation chain, from recruitment and pilot vetting to cockpit access, intelligence sharing and emergency response, must be examined.

The international implications

This incident involved multiple countries: the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Israel, India and Oman. The aircraft was UAE-registered; the flight originated in Dubai; it was bound for Israel; it diverted to Saudi Arabia; the captain is Indian; and the alleged attacker has been reported as Omani, although official confirmation of his nationality and motive remains part of the developing investigation. The aircraft also transmitted an international hijacking alert, and Israeli authorities responded to the emergency. This therefore goes far beyond one airline or one flight. If investigators eventually establish terrorism or foreign direction, the consequences could extend into international security, aviation policy and regional diplomacy. If they establish an individual act without an organized connection, the aviation industry will nevertheless have to confront the insider-security vulnerability. Either way, the world needs answers.

Captain Machchhar has given us the most important answer

In the midst of fear and uncertainty, one thing is already clear. Captain Smit Machchhar did not surrender. He was wounded. He was bleeding. He was confronted with the possibility of death. Yet he acted.

He opened that cockpit door.

That decision gave others a chance to fight back, helped prevent an unimaginable tragedy and brought 174 people home alive. For that, we offer Captain Smit Machchhar our deepest respect. India salutes you. Israel salutes you. The international aviation community salutes you. And to whoever deliberately brought violence into that cockpit, if that is what the investigation ultimately establishes: There is no political cause, grievance or ideology that can justify deliberately putting innocent human lives at risk. Such an act is cowardly, criminal and indefensible. Now the responsibility belongs to investigators and aviation authorities.

Find the truth.
Find the security failure.
Find out whether anyone else was involved.

And then make sure that what happened aboard Flight FZ1073 never happens again.

Best regards,
Dr. Avi Verma
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Russia retaliates by expelling Hungarian diplomats amid growing tensions

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Russia announced Thursday that it would expel an unspecified number of Hungarian diplomats in retaliation for Budapest's decision last month to remove 10 Russian diplomats. The Russian Foreign Ministry said staff from Hungary's embassy in Moscow and its consulates in St. Petersburg and Kazan must leave within two weeks. Hungary said it acknowledged Moscow's decision and stressed that it was not interested in escalating diplomatic tensions. Budapest had accused the Russian diplomats of activities incompatible with their diplomatic status, wording commonly associated with espionage allegations. The dispute comes after former Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who maintained close ties with Moscow, lost power in April. Prime Minister Peter Magyar's government has emphasized Hungary's European Union and NATO alliances.

Brazil heads into a closely fought presidential election between Lula and Bolsonaro

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Brazil's presidential campaign enters its final stretch ahead of Sunday's vote, with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Senator Flavio Bolsonaro locked in a close contest. Lula is expected to lead the first round but is unlikely to secure the majority needed to avoid a runoff. Recent polls show the two candidates in a technical tie in a potential second round on October 25. The campaign has focused on the economy, rising living costs, crime and corruption. Lula has also faced tensions with the administration of United States President Donald Trump, while Bolsonaro has cultivated closer ties with Washington. The election is widely viewed as a test of Brazil's political direction amid a broader conservative shift in Latin America.

Surge in online anti-South Asian hate prompts Indian-American lawmaker to demand bipartisan action

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Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has urged political leaders from both parties to confront racism and xenophobia after a study reported a sharp increase in hateful online posts targeting South Asians in the United States. The Center for the Study of Organized Hate identified about 542,360 such posts on X between January 2025 and June 2026, while monthly anti-South Asian hate posts reportedly increased 240 percent. About 45 percent of the material portrayed South Asians as invaders, job thieves or a demographic threat. Krishnamoorthi, an Illinois Democrat, said immigration politics, economic resentment and political rhetoric were contributing to the hostility. He stressed that South Asian Americans are an integral part of the country and called for leaders across party lines to reject racism. The study measures online hate, not physical attacks or reported crimes.

South Korea says Zelenskyy may have disclosed North Korean POW transfer to win support

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South Korea's intelligence agency said Wednesday that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy may have disclosed the transfer of two North Korean prisoners of war to South Korea in an effort to build public support for greater assistance to Ukraine. Zelenskyy revealed the transfer during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly last week, triggering strong protests from Seoul, which said Ukraine had violated a nondisclosure understanding. Kyiv denied agreeing to such an arrangement. South Korea has provided humanitarian assistance to Ukraine but has avoided supplying weapons because of its policy against arming countries involved in active conflicts. The two North Korean soldiers



reportedly arrived in South Korea in September after expressing a desire to resettle there. The dispute has strained relations between Seoul and Kyiv as North Korea deepens military cooperation with Russia.

U.S. sanctions Pakistani businessman and companies over alleged Iran defense links

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The United States has sanctioned a Pakistani businessman and several companies linked to him over alleged efforts to support Iran's military procurement network. The Treasury Department said Tuesday that 10 individuals and entities across several countries were targeted for allegedly helping procure weapons and military components for Iran's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics. The Pakistani businessman, identified as the chairman of Cavalier Group, and companies linked to him in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey were among those sanctioned. U.S. authorities allege that he and his businesses provided financial,



material and technological support to Iran's defense ministry and helped facilitate the procurement and distribution of weapons. The action is part of the Trump administration's 'Operation Economic Outcast,' aimed at disrupting Iran's financial networks and sanction-evasion channels. Cavalier Group has not publicly responded to the allegations.

South Korea's Lee keeps dialogue push alive despite DMZ mine dispute

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday renewed his call for dialogue with North Korea and pledged steps to reduce military tensions, despite a mine blast in the Demilitarized Zone that wounded three South Korean soldiers. Speaking at the Armed Forces Day ceremony in Gyeryongdae, Lee urged Pyongyang to help restore trust and resume talks. His remarks came a day after South Korea's military said mines believed to have been planted by North Korea violated the armistice agreement and demanded an apology. North Korea has denied responsibility



and accused Seoul of fabricating the findings. Lee also pledged stronger defense, including nuclear-powered submarines, artificial intelligence and manned-unmanned systems, and pledged to regain wartime operational control from the United States.

Brazil calls for WTO overhaul as tariff disputes test global trade rules

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Brazil is pressing for reform of the World Trade Organization, arguing that stronger multilateral rules are needed as tariff disputes threaten to fragment commerce. Development, Industry, Trade and Services Minister Márcio Elias Rosa said Wednesday that countries recognize the need to revive and strengthen the organization. Speaking at the Group of 20

Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee, Rosa said the WTO should provide universal rules for trade disputes and warned against using tariffs as coercive tools. He said Brazil remains committed to negotiations and multilateralism despite disagreements with partners. Ministers also discussed food security, food supplies and industrial overcapacity. Brazil argues that the WTO is essential as governments increasingly use tariffs to protect domestic industries.

US Senate advances sanctions bill targeting forced organ harvesting in China

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The US Senate has passed bipartisan legislation seeking sanctions against Chinese officials responsible for forced organ harvesting, sending the measure to the House for consideration. The Falun Gong and Victims of Forced Organ Harvesting Protection Act, led by Republican Senator Ted Cruz and Democratic Senator Jeff Merkley, would impose sanctions on individuals involved in the practice and require the Secretary of State to report to Congress on China's organ transplant system and related policies. Cruz and Merkley said the legislation responds to allegations involving Falun Gong practitioners and other vulnerable groups. The Senate approved the measure with an amendment by unanimous consent. The bill was introduced in March and must clear the House before reaching the President.

Czech government faces no-confidence vote over deficit and Babiš conflict-of-interest concerns

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Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš's government faced a parliamentary no-confidence vote Tuesday over a proposed 2027 budget deficit of 386 billion Czech crowns, about \$18 billion, and continuing conflict-of-interest concerns. Opposition parties criticized the deficit, which would be the country's second largest, while the government said increased spending was needed for investment, health care, pensions and public-sector salaries. Babiš has also faced scrutiny over his Agrofert business empire. He transferred about 200 companies into an independent trust fund after returning to power, but the European Commission said the arrangement did not fully resolve potential conflicts and suspended some payments to Agrofert. Babiš's coalition includes parties critical of some European Union policies and support for Ukraine.

Failed lethal injection halts Tennessee's first planned execution of a woman in 200 years

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Tennessee halted its remaining executions for the year Thursday after an attempt to execute Christa Gail Pike failed, with the state administering two doses of pentobarbital before taking her to a hospital. Pike had been scheduled for lethal injection Wednesday at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, where she was set to become the first woman executed by Tennessee in more than 200 years. The execution was briefly blocked by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, which sought additional time to consider whether Pike's history of childhood sexual abuse had been adequately presented during her 1996 trial. The U.S. Supreme Court later lifted the stay, with Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson dissenting. Pike was convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy in the 1995 killing of 19-year-old Colleen Slemmer, her classmate at Knoxville Job Corps. Governor Bill Lee ordered an independent investigation following the failed execution and suspended further executions in Tennessee for the remainder of the year.

India and Gulf Cooperation Council advance free trade negotiations



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India and the Gulf Cooperation Council are moving ahead with negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement as both sides seek to expand trade and investment ties. At the India-Gulf Cooperation Council Troika Ministerial Meeting in New York on Friday, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Gulf representatives reviewed cooperation under their Joint Action Plan and welcomed the launch of free trade negotiations. The agreement could provide greater market access for Indian goods and services while strengthening supply-chain and investment links with the Gulf region. India and the six-member Gulf bloc recorded \$178.66 billion in total trade during the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. The two sides signed the terms of reference for the trade negotiations in February, establishing the framework for discussions. The Gulf region is also home to a large Indian diaspora and remains a major source of energy for India.

India and Mercosur move to broaden preferential trade agreement



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India and Brazil are working toward expanding the existing preferential trade agreement between India and the South American Mercosur bloc, according to Brazilian Development, Industry, Trade and Services Minister Márcio Elias Rosa. Speaking on the sidelines of the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee on Thursday, Rosa said the current arrangement provides tariff preferences for a limited range of products and that the two sides need to expand it. He said India and Brazil had completed drafting terms of reference that could provide a framework for further negotiations. The existing agreement, which took effect in 2009, provides preferential tariff concessions on a limited product list. Indian government sources say preferences cover 450 Indian products entering Mercosur, with reciprocal concessions on Mercosur products. A recent protocol also established electronic certificates of origin to facilitate paperless trade. The proposed expansion would seek broader commercial opportunities between India and Mercosur.

Canada and India push to expand trade and economic ties

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Canada and India are seeking to significantly expand their economic partnership, with both countries targeting nearly \$51 billion in annual bilateral trade by 2030. Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu said Thursday that the two sides see strong opportunities in energy, critical minerals, aerospace, investment and research cooperation.

Speaking at the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee, Sidhu said bilateral goods and services trade stood at \$30.4 billion in 2025. He said Canada

could help meet India's growing energy needs through liquefied natural gas, while its critical mineral resources could support India's expanding electric vehicle and battery sectors.

The two countries are also negotiating a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, with the fifth round of talks scheduled to begin Monday in Ottawa. Sidhu said Canada wants Indian companies to invest in its mining and energy sectors, while Canadian businesses are looking to expand their presence in India. The push comes amid renewed high-level engagement between Ottawa and New Delhi and efforts to strengthen trade and investment ties.

Greece backs stronger maritime partnership with India

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Greece has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening maritime cooperation with India ahead of Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Stefanos Gkikas' planned visit to India next week. Gkikas conveyed the commitment during a meeting with India's Ambassador to Greece, Ravi Shankar, in Athens on Thursday. He is expected to attend 'Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026' in India. Maritime ties form part of a broader India-Greece relationship that also includes defense cooperation. The two countries have expanded military engagement through participation in multinational exercises. India participates in Greece's 'INIOCHOS' air combat



exercise, while Greece has taken part in India's 'Tarang Shakti' multinational air exercise. The Indian Embassy said these engagements have helped strengthen mutual understanding and partnerships between the two countries' armed forces. The latest maritime discussions add another dimension to the growing strategic relationship between New Delhi and Athens.

Jaishankar links India-China normalization to lasting peace along border

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said Monday that India-China relations have improved as tensions along the disputed border have eased, but stressed that lasting normalization will depend on continued stability along the frontier. Speaking at an Asia Society event in New York, Jaishankar said ties were better than in 2025 and even more improved compared with 2024. He attributed

the recovery largely to the easing of the prolonged border standoff that followed the 2020 tensions, which had disrupted official exchanges, visa issuance and flights, although trade continued. Jaishankar said the restoration of these contacts was a natural consequence of greater stability rather than evidence that all differences had been resolved. "The state of the border determines the state of the relationship," he said, adding that India and China cannot have normal relations while tensions persist along the frontier.

India and Bulgaria push early implementation of India-EU trade agreement

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India and Bulgaria have called for early implementation of the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement, while reviewing a wide range of areas in their bilateral relationship. During the seventh India-Bulgaria Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi on Thursday, India's Secretary (West) Sibi George and Bulgaria's Deputy Foreign Minister Christo Polendakov discussed political engagement, trade and investment, science and technology, artificial intelligence, space, defense and people-to-people ties. Both sides emphasized that early implementation of the India-EU trade agreement would further strengthen economic relations. They also exchanged views on regional and global developments



of mutual interest. The consultations come as India and the European Union continue efforts to deepen economic and strategic cooperation. Earlier, George met European Union Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas in New York to discuss cooperation in tourism, hospitality and transport.

India and Fiji deepen defense ties with focus on maritime security



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India and Fiji have discussed expanding defense and maritime cooperation, including defense industry engagement, training and capacity building, during a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. India's Minister of State for Defense Sanjay Seth met Fiji's Permanent Secretary for Defense and Veterans Affairs Mason Smith, with both sides emphasizing cooperation toward a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Smith also met India's Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh earlier in the week during the second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group meeting. Discussions covered stronger bilateral defense and maritime cooperation and greater opportunities for defense industry collaboration. During his visit, Smith also laid a wreath at India's National War Memorial, paying tribute to Indian service members. The latest discussions build on broader India-Fiji engagement, including cooperation in agriculture, health, trade and business. The two countries have been steadily expanding their strategic partnership across the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.

Seychelles rescues 17 Indian fishermen after vessel loses engine at sea



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India has thanked Seychelles for its swift assistance in rescuing 17 Indian fishermen after their fishing vessel, IFB Sajira, suffered an engine failure in the high seas off the Seychelles coast. India's Ministry of External Affairs said Thursday that the timely intervention was "swift and life-saving" and reflected the close and enduring friendship between the two countries. The rescue comes amid expanding India-Seychelles maritime cooperation. In August, India provided Seychelles with repaired Dornier aircraft electronic units, calibrated specialized tools and safety equipment to support maritime surveillance, search and rescue and operational readiness. India has also provided five fast patrol boats to Seychelles, following an announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his state visit to the island nation in June. The latest rescue highlights the practical dimension of India's growing maritime partnership with Seychelles and cooperation on safety and security in the Indian Ocean.



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Judge orders New York City to redo Mamdani's second-home tax rollout

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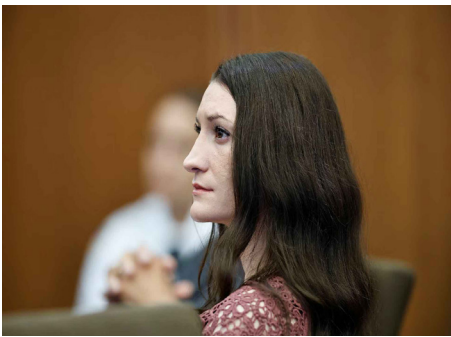
A Staten Island judge on Tuesday ordered New York City to cancel notices sent to thousands of homeowners under Mayor Zohran Mamdani's new tax on high-value second homes and restart the process. State Supreme Court Justice Wayne Ozzi ruled that the city's Department of Finance improperly shifted the burden to homeowners to prove their properties were primary residences. He also ordered the city to remove an online supplemental property roll listing more than 900,000 properties. The surcharge targets qualifying non-primary residences, including certain homes valued above \$5 million. The city appealed the ruling, triggering an automatic stay while the case moves forward.

Immigration judge rules Wisconsin mosque leader can be deported on foreign policy grounds

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An immigration judge in Chicago ruled Wednesday that the United States can deport Salah Sarsour, president of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, on foreign policy and national security grounds. The ruling followed a determination by former Secretary of State Marco Rubio that Sarsour's presence could have adverse foreign policy consequences. Sarsour, a Palestinian rights advocate who has lived in the United States for more than three decades, was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in March and later released after a federal judge found he had raised a substantial claim that he was targeted for protected speech. The immigration judge rejected allegations that he lied on his green card application. Sarsour has 30 days to appeal.

Judge rejects bid to dismiss Lindsay Clancy murder case after first trial ends in mistrial



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A Massachusetts judge on Thursday rejected a defense motion seeking to have Lindsay Clancy found not guilty of killing her three children, ruling that prosecutors had presented enough evidence for the case to proceed. Clancy's first trial ended in a mistrial last month after jurors deadlocked. Her defense had focused on whether she was criminally responsible because of postpartum psychosis, while prosecutors argued she understood her actions when the children were killed at their Massachusetts home in 2023. Defense attorney Kevin Reddington later argued there was insufficient evidence that Clancy committed the killings. Judge William Sullivan said physical and circumstantial evidence could allow a jury to find her responsible beyond a reasonable doubt. Prosecutors have not decided whether to retry her.

Trump launches 32-day midterm campaign blitz as Republicans confront growing electoral challenges

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

President Donald Trump launched a 32-day campaign tour Thursday with stops in Texas and Oklahoma, seeking to rally Republicans ahead of the November midterm elections as the party faces growing concerns about its ability to retain narrow majorities in Congress. Trump has pledged to become the central figure in the Republican campaign and is preparing to visit competitive House and Senate contests across the country. His opening stops in strongly Republican states are intended to build momentum, but some party officials are concerned that his involvement could complicate races where candidates are trying to distance themselves from the administration on issues including the economy, energy costs and the war with Iran. In Texas, Trump visited a Peterbilt truck



factory in Denton and promoted his tariff policies, while Republican Senate candidate Ken Paxton was expected to join him. Paxton is facing Democrat James Talarico in a closely watched race. Trump held a campaign rally in Oklahoma on Thursday and is scheduled to campaign in Alabama on Friday, Ohio on Saturday and Nebraska on Monday, with the Ohio and Nebraska stops taking him into more competitive electoral territory.

Judge finds federal law criminalizing noncitizen voting unconstitutional

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A federal judge in Florida has ruled that a 1996 federal law criminalizing noncitizen voting is unconstitutional, dealing a setback to the Trump administration's efforts to prosecute alleged election-related violations by noncitizens. U.S. District Judge David Leibowitz dismissed the case against Chelsea Cox, a Jamaican national accused of illegally voting in the 2020 election. In his Thursday ruling, Leibowitz said the Constitution gives states, rather than Congress, authority to establish voter qualifications. He said Florida already prohibits noncitizens from voting and can prosecute Cox under state law. The ruling applies only to Cox's case and does not bind



other federal judges. The Justice Department has charged at least 60 people with noncitizen voting since President Donald Trump returned to office in January 2025, while about 45 related cases remain pending. At least four other defendants have challenged the federal law on similar constitutional grounds. Cox's attorney welcomed the ruling.

Hegseth orders military academies to end tenure for civilian faculty and refocus on warfighting

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has directed the military services to stop appointing civilian faculty to tenured positions at the nation's military academies. The directive, issued Tuesday, says the academies should focus more strongly on preparing future officers for military service and combat. Hegseth argued that tenure

can contribute to academic stagnation and allow research priorities to distract from the academies' warfighting mission. The order does not eliminate civilian faculty positions but requires new hiring plans emphasizing flexibility and contributions to military readiness. The policy affects the military service academies and is part of the administration's broader effort to reshape military education around readiness, lethality and preparation for modern warfare.

Postal Service expands ballot handling measures ahead of November elections

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The United States Postal Service said Thursday it will take additional steps to ensure millions of ballots are delivered on time for the November congressional elections. Beginning Sunday, some retail branches may extend operating hours, establish dedicated ballot postmark lines and offer drive-through ballot mailing options. The agency will also use expedited handling, additional deliveries and special ballot pickups. From October 24 through Election Day, carriers will check every delivery point for outgoing mail, even when there is no incoming mail. Postal workers



may also use the Priority Mail Express network to speed ballot deliveries. The measures follow a Supreme Court decision blocking enforcement of a federal rule restricting mail-in ballots.

New ICE guidance bans vehicle pursuits and tightens training and body-camera rules for traffic stops

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United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has issued new guidance barring officers from pursuing vehicles that refuse to stop and imposing stricter requirements for traffic stops. Under the memo, officers must record information about fleeing vehicles for possible follow-up investigations. Only officers who have completed designated agency training may conduct vehicle stops, while all officers present must wear and activate body cameras. Vehicles used for stops must also have working lights and sirens. Specially trained officers may still use techniques such as vehicle pinning and spike strips. The guidance follows more than a dozen encounters since last year in which immigration officers fired their weapons, killing at least four people and injuring others. ICE said the memo provides safety guidance while vehicle stops and immigration arrests continue.

Senator Marsha Blackburn sues former special counsel Jack Smith over seizure of her phone records

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Senator Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee sued former special counsel Jack Smith and the Justice Department on Wednesday, alleging that Smith's office unlawfully obtained her phone records during its investigation into efforts to overturn the 2020 election results. Blackburn claims the actions violated her First and Fourth Amendment rights, the Speech or Debate Clause and constitutional separation of powers. She also argues that former Attorney General Merrick Garland unlawfully appointed Smith as special counsel. Blackburn is asking a federal court to order the Justice Department to destroy or return her records and is seeking \$1 in nominal damages. Smith has defended obtaining lawmakers' records, saying they were materially relevant to his investigation.

Renee Good's family sues federal government over fatal ICE shooting in Minneapolis

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The family of Renee Good sued the federal government and immigration officials Thursday over her fatal shooting by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer in Minneapolis in January. Good's partner, Becca Good, and her brother filed lawsuits accusing the government and ICE officer Jonathan Ross of unjustified and excessive use of force. The lawsuits also name officials involved in the administration's immigration crackdown, known as Operation Metro Surge. Good was killed during an encounter with federal immigration officers in her Minneapolis neighborhood. The lawsuits describe the shooting as the result of the administration's immigration enforcement policies and seek accountability for Good's death. The federal government and officials named in the lawsuits face allegations that have not been established in court.

CDC links 13-state E. coli outbreak to recalled raw milk cheese

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Federal health officials are investigating a multistate E. coli outbreak linked to Graziers raw milk cheese made by Sierra Nevada Cheese Company. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that 13 people in nine states had been infected, with eight hospitalized and three developing hemolytic uremic syndrome. More than half of those sickened are children age 5 or younger. Recalled products include medium cheddar, sharp cheddar, jalapeño jack and Monterey jack cheeses sold in retail and wholesale packages. Consumers should not eat the recalled cheese and should throw it away or return it. Officials are continuing to investigate whether additional products are affected.

Supreme Court agrees to review Trump administration policy requiring detention of immigrants without bond hearings

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The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to review a Trump administration policy that requires certain immigrants to remain detained without bond hearings while they challenge possible deportation. The case involves Ricardo Aparecido Barbosa da Cunha, a Brazilian citizen who authorities say entered the United States without authorization about two decades ago and later applied for asylum. His attorneys say he has never been charged with or convicted of a crime. An immigration judge determined that his detention was mandatory after his arrest in 2025. The case will address a dispute among federal appeals courts over whether immigrants covered by the policy are entitled to bond hearings. The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments in the coming months.

Robert Kennedy Jr. says artificial intelligence could reshape how Americans make medical decisions



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Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. promoted artificial intelligence as a powerful tool for medical decision-making during the Make America Healthy Again Summit in Washington on Tuesday. Kennedy said artificial intelligence could review lengthy medical records, summarize information for patients and provide another perspective when people consult doctors. He also advocated giving Americans greater access to their health records and using artificial intelligence to analyze large amounts of medical data. The summit featured technology and health industry leaders, including representatives from OpenAI and Anthropic. Kennedy's remarks drew criticism from some physicians, who questioned claims that artificial intelligence could offer more reliable medical advice than doctors.

Massachusetts investigation finds evidence of clergy abuse involving 944 children across three Catholic dioceses

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A Massachusetts investigation found evidence that 275 Catholic clerics abused 944 children across the dioceses of Fall River, Springfield and Worcester, Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell said Wednesday. The investigation reviewed more than 300,000 pages of records and included interviews with more than 100 people. The report documented failures by diocesan leaders to respond adequately to allegations, including transferring accused priests without disclosing the reasons and failing to consistently report allegations to law enforcement. Investigators said much of the alleged abuse occurred before 2002. The attorney general's office said



legal restrictions, including statutes of limitations, prevent prosecution of most cases identified in the investigation. Three cases were referred to local district attorneys, resulting in one criminal case.

New York governor appoints Attorney General Letitia James to oversee reopened Cornell sexual assault case

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New York Governor Kathy Hochul on Thursday appointed Attorney General Letitia James as special prosecutor to oversee a reopened investigation into allegations of a sexual assault at a Cornell University fraternity house in 2024. Hochul said newly released information had raised serious questions about the original investigation and the local district attorney's decision not to prosecute. The case involves a woman identified as Jane Doe in court documents who has sued seven fraternity members, Cornell University and others. James will oversee the investigation and could present



evidence to a grand jury if warranted. The appointment follows growing demands from students and community members for greater transparency and accountability in Cornell's handling of sexual assault allegations.

Democrats seek investigation into taxpayer-funded Trump government ads

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Two Democratic lawmakers are seeking independent investigations into taxpayer-funded television advertisements featuring President Donald Trump that are airing weeks before the November midterm elections. Representative Jamie Raskin, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, and Representative George Whitesides asked the Government Accountability Office and the Office of Special Counsel to determine whether federal funds were illegally used to produce and broadcast the ads. The lawmakers said

the White House transferred \$20 million in Homeland Security Department funds for the campaign. Three nationally broadcast ads promote what they describe as a "golden age of America," with one closely resembling a Trump campaign advertisement from 2024 and using some of the same footage. Critics from both parties and ethics experts have questioned whether the spots amount to political propaganda funded by taxpayers. Trump defended the advertisements Wednesday, saying they promote the country rather than a political candidate. Public Citizen has separately asked the Federal Communications Commission to investigate.

Justice Department accuses UCLA law school of racial bias in admissions

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The Justice Department has found that the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law illegally considered race in admissions, alleging that Black and Hispanic applicants received preferential treatment over white and Asian American applicants in three incoming classes. The department said its review found differences in average Law School Admission Test scores among admitted applicants and alleged that

admissions officials encouraged students to disclose their race in essays. UCLA Law disputed the finding, saying it uses a comprehensive, merit-based admissions process. The investigation follows a 2023 Supreme Court ruling that ended affirmative action in college admissions while allowing schools to consider applicants' individual experiences. The Justice Department said the finding could lead to a voluntary agreement requiring UCLA to comply with its interpretation of federal law or to further legal action.

New Mexico orders evacuations as McLeod Dam faces imminent failure

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Officials in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, ordered residents in several communities to evacuate Tuesday as heavy rain triggered dangerous flooding and authorities warned that McLeod Dam was at imminent risk of failure. Evacuation orders covered Placitas, Hatch, Rincon, Salem and Garfield. The National Weather Service issued a flash flood emergency for areas below the dam, warning of potentially life-threatening flooding and urging residents in low-lying areas to move to higher ground immediately. Residents were advised to take essential medications, identification, important documents and supplies for children and pets. The flooding came as moisture associated with Hurricane Polo moved into the Southwest, affecting roads and communities across the region.

Newsom vetoes California bill targeting impaired drivers using automated driving features

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Sunday vetoed legislation that would have clarified that people could still be considered to be driving under the influence while using partially automated driving technology.

Assembly Bill 2502 sought to expand the legal definition of driving for certain DUI, reckless driving and vehicular manslaughter offenses to cover vehicles operating with driver support features that require human supervision. Newsom said he supported the bill's goal of preventing impaired drivers from avoiding responsibility by relying on automated technology.

However, he said the measure used undefined terms that could create uncertainty for police, prosecutors and courts over whether a person was legally driving. Newsom recommended lawmakers revisit the issue next year.

Judge rejects states' effort to block federal access to welfare recipient data

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A federal judge on Monday rejected a request from 22 states to temporarily block the Trump administration from sharing certain welfare recipient information with the Department of Homeland Security. Chief Judge James Boasberg of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia said the states had not shown they were likely to have legal standing or that they would suffer irreparable harm without an injunction. The states argued that sharing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families records could discourage eligible families, particularly those in mixed-status households, from seeking benefits. Boasberg said the states provided insufficient evidence to support that claim. The case will continue, but the data-sharing policy remains in effect.

Family seeks help after Punjab man receives death sentence in Saudi Arabia



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The family of a Punjab man sentenced to death in a narcotics case in Saudi Arabia has appealed to the Indian and Punjab governments for urgent diplomatic and legal assistance. Gurpreet Singh, alias Babbi, from Patti Lower village near Nangal, had moved to Muscat about four years ago in search of work. According to his family, he worked as a truck driver and regularly traveled between Oman and Saudi Arabia. They say narcotics were allegedly found in the truck he was traveling in about two years ago, leading to his arrest. Gurpreet remained in jail for nearly two years before receiving the death sentence. His family maintains that he is innocent and alleges that someone deliberately placed the drugs in his truck. His mother, Jaswant Kaur, has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for intervention.

Brampton senior allegedly loses \$19,000 in jewelry in distraction theft



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A 78-year-old woman in Brampton was allegedly robbed of approximately \$19,000 worth of gold jewelry during a distraction theft, prompting Peel Regional Police to warn residents about a rise in similar incidents. Police said the theft occurred shortly before 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, near Chinguacousy Road and Sandalwood Parkway West. The woman was walking in the neighborhood when two women in a white sport utility vehicle approached her. One suspect allegedly got out, touched the victim's feet and hugged her. During the interaction, police said the suspect secretly replaced the woman's gold necklace with a metal necklace and removed three gold bangles from her wrists. The suspects then left in the vehicle. Police said they have received more than 230 reports of distraction thefts across the region this year and are investigating possible links between cases in Peel and other parts of Ontario.

Indian pilot Smit Machchhar hailed worldwide after quick response during flydubai cockpit attack

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Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar is being hailed as a hero by world leaders after his quick response during a midair cockpit attack helped prevent a potentially catastrophic disaster aboard a flydubai flight traveling from Dubai to Tel Aviv.

Machchhar, a Mumbai native and flydubai captain, was seriously injured after his co-pilot allegedly attacked him with a knife and attempted to take control of the aircraft. Despite his injuries, Machchhar managed to open the cockpit door, allowing crew members and passengers to enter and overpower the attacker. Two off-duty flydubai pilots traveling as passengers then helped stabilize the aircraft before it made an emergency landing in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. All 174 people aboard survived.

His actions drew praise from leaders in India and Israel. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Machchhar a "hero," praising his courage, presence of mind and determination to protect passengers despite being seriously injured. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also called him a "true hero" for helping avert



a potential disaster.

Machchhar underwent surgery in Saudi Arabia and was reported to be recovering. His response has drawn international attention to the Mumbai-born aviation professional, whose training, composure and quick thinking proved critical during the emergency.

For the Indian diaspora, Machchhar's story has become a powerful example of courage and professionalism under extraordinary circumstances.

NIA arrests UAE-based suspect in Punjab VHP leader murder case

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The National Investigation Agency on Thursday arrested UAE-based Harwinder Kumar, alias Sonu, in connection with the 2024 killing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Vikas Prabhakar in Nangal, Punjab. Kumar was deported from the United Arab Emirates after diplomatic efforts and arrested at Indira Gandhi International Airport, according to the agency. He was later produced before a Special NIA court.

Investigators allege that Kumar provided logistical and financial support to operatives of the banned Babbar Khalsa International. The agency says he helped recruit operatives, arrange weapons and



facilitate their delivery to the shooters involved in Prabhakar's killing. He also allegedly handled terror funds.

Prabhakar was shot dead at his confectionery shop in April 2024. The NIA has filed three chargesheets in the case. The arrest follows the August detention of another UAE-based accused, Manveer Ram.

Punjab-origin diplomat Angad Singh Dhillon appointed Canada's ambassador to UAE

● IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Canada has appointed Punjab-origin diplomat Angad Singh Dhillon as its next Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Arab Emirates, in a move that has drawn attention among the Punjabi diaspora. The appointment was announced by Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand on Friday. Dhillon will succeed Radha Krishna Panday as Canada's top envoy in the UAE, according to Global Affairs Canada. Dhillon most recently served as Director of Operations and Stakeholder Relations in Prime Minister Mark Carney's office. The Canadian government said he was among the prime minister's advisers involved in strengthening diplomatic relationships with key partners, including India and China. He previously served as chief of staff to two federal cabinet ministers and



supported Canadian engagement at major international forums. His new posting comes as Canada and the UAE seek to expand trade, investment and broader bilateral cooperation.

Akal Takht seeks explanation from Surrey gurdwara over handling of sacred saroops

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The Akal Takht Secretariat has sought a written explanation from a Surrey gurdwara over the alleged improper handling and transportation of sacred saroops of Guru Granth Sahib, following concerns raised within the Sikh community in British Columbia.

The action involves Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara Association in Surrey. According to the Akal Takht, some Sikhs from Toronto recently came to the gurdwara to receive saroops.

The management allegedly allowed them to be transported to another location without first checking whether the vehicles complied with Sikh maryada and the required reverence for Guru Sahib. After objections from the local sangat, the saroops were reportedly brought back and re-enshrined. The gurdwara subsequently issued a clarification and apologized.

On the directions of Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, the management has been given 15 days to submit its explanation. It has also been asked to provide details of the saroops received through the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, including how many were distributed, how many remain at the gurdwara and how many are being requested by the sangat.

The development comes amid a broader controversy surrounding 225 saroops sent to Surrey earlier this year, with Canadian Sikh organizations separately calling for greater transparency over their transportation, handling and current whereabouts.

Indian-origin entrepreneur, 21, leads railway technology company in Germany

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Indian-origin entrepreneur Hemendrah Kumar is leading Zebrold International Holdings Limited, a railway technology company based in Frankfurt, Germany, according to company information and local media reports. Kumar, from Andhra Pradesh's YSR Kadapa district, reportedly founded the company in Germany and says it is involved in railway vehicles, technology and infrastructure. Reports have also highlighted plans involving high-speed and driverless trains, along with projects and expansion efforts in international markets. The company maintains design operations in several locations, including India. Kumar has said he wants to use German technology and expertise to create opportunities for young professionals in India. Zebrold's website identifies Hemendrah Kumar Sadamsetty as the group's founding chairman and chief architect.

Indian-origin truck driver sentenced to six years in Canada over fatal crash

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An Indian-origin truck driver has been sentenced to six years in prison in Canada for a 2022 crash that killed a mother and her 11-year-old son near Montreal. Baljeet Singh, 30, pleaded guilty in April to dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm. He admitted to playing an online game on his cellphone while driving a tractor-trailer on Highway 30 near Brossard. The crash involved seven vehicles and killed Nancy Lefrançois, 42, and her son Loïc Chevalier. A Quebec judge also imposed a 10-year driving ban. Singh had fled to India after meeting investigators and was later arrested in the United States in 2025 before being returned to Canada.

Indian-origin executive CJ Desai joins Meta to lead enterprise AI push

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Indian-origin technology executive Chirantan “CJ” Desai has joined Meta as its chief enterprise platform officer, taking charge of the company’s newly launched Meta Enterprise Platform. Announced Monday, the initiative aims to bring Meta’s artificial intelligence models, agents and technology tools to businesses and developers. Desai reports directly to Meta Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg. He joins Meta from MongoDB, where he served as president and chief executive officer. Before MongoDB, Desai held senior leadership roles at Cloudflare and ServiceNow. Meta said its enterprise platform will initially bring together products including Muse, Meta Business Agent, Muse application programming interface and Muse Code. MongoDB appointed former chief executive Dev Ittycheria as interim president and chief executive officer following Desai’s departure.

FBI places Goldy Brar on Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list, offers \$1 million reward

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation has added Satinderjeet Singh, also known as Goldy Brar, to its Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list and announced a reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to his arrest.

The FBI said Brar is wanted for alleged involvement in the Lawrence Bishnoi Organized Crime Group and is accused of participating in crimes including targeted killings, shootings, kidnappings, extortion and drug trafficking across the United States and Canada.

Federal authorities said a warrant for his arrest was issued by a United States district court in California in July. Brar faces charges including racketeering conspiracy, extortion-related offenses and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

The FBI said he has ties to California, Canada, India and Mexico and is believed to move between the United States and Canada. The agency considers him armed and extremely dangerous.

Kila Raipur Games stalwart Paramjit Grewal dies in California at 76

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Paramjit Singh Grewal, a longtime administrator of Punjab’s famed Kila Raipur Games, has died in Sacramento, California, at the age of 76.

Grewal served as general secretary of the Grewal Sports Association, the organization behind the Kila Raipur Games, popularly known as Punjab’s Rural Mini Olympics, for more than three decades. He had been living with his daughter in California in recent years.

A former hockey player and coach, Grewal also worked with the Punjab Sports Department and contributed to the development of hockey at the grassroots level. Through his work with the Kila Raipur Games, he helped promote traditional rural sports, including kabaddi, hockey, horse races and bullock-cart races.



The annual event became an important cultural and sporting link between Punjab and its overseas community, attracting athletes and spectators from India and abroad.

His death has prompted tributes from Punjab’s sports fraternity, with colleagues describing his contribution to rural sports as lasting and significant.

Indian-origin chess prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan becomes youngest woman grandmaster

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British-Indian chess prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan has become the youngest player ever to earn the Woman Grandmaster title at age 11.

Representing England at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Sivanandan completed the requirements for the title after playing all 11 rounds on England’s top board. She finished with eight points, recording six wins, four draws and one loss.

Her achievement surpassed the previous age record for the title, held by Kateryna Lagno and Hou Yifan, who both earned the distinction at age 12.

The London schoolgirl discovered chess during the COVID-19 pandemic after receiving a chessboard from a family



friend. She has since established several records and was recently crowned Britain’s youngest-ever women’s chess champion.

Sivanandan also earned her second International Master norm at the Olympiad, moving her closer to another major milestone in her chess career.

Three Gujarat residents return to India after alleged abduction in Ethiopia

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Three Gujarat residents who went missing in Ethiopia while attempting to reach the United States through an alleged illegal migration route have safely returned to India, officials said Thursday. Rutvik Jansari, Mamta Chavda and Mayuri, who are related, arrived at Mumbai airport early Thursday and were expected to return to Gujarat.

The trio left Gujarat on September 20 after allegedly paying intermediaries large sums to arrange their journey to the United States. They lost contact with their families after September 22, prompting a missing persons complaint. Relatives later alleged that the three had been held captive in Ethiopia and that their abductors demanded a ransom of about \$104,000.

Their safe return was facilitated through coordination between India’s Ministry of



External Affairs and Gujarat authorities, according to reports. No ransom was reportedly paid.

The case has highlighted the risks associated with unauthorized migration routes, after Mamta allegedly faced repeated unsuccessful attempts to obtain a United States visa before the family turned to intermediaries.

British Sikh activist Jagtar Singh Johal released on bail after nearly nine years in Tihar



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British Sikh national Jagtar Singh Johal walked out of New Delhi’s Tihar prison on Thursday after nearly nine years in custody over allegations linked to a Khalistan Liberation Force conspiracy behind targeted killings in Punjab.

Johal, who was arrested in 2017, was granted bail by the Delhi High Court on September 18 in seven cases investigated by the National Investigation Agency. The court cited his prolonged incarceration and the slow pace of the trials, noting that they were unlikely to conclude soon. Johal has denied the allegations.

He was acquitted in one related case in March 2025. His bail conditions include surrendering his passport, using only one phone number and reporting regularly to investigators.

Indian-origin 14-year-old in Georgia scores perfect 1600 on SAT after completing college-level coursework



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A 14-year-old Indian-origin student in Georgia has scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT, achieving the maximum possible score. Ashrit Talluri, a ninth grader at Innovation Academy in Fulton County, took the examination in June after five months of preparation.

Talluri had already scored 1600 on three practice tests and completed more than two dozen practice examinations. His preparation included working with a tutor, using online resources and reviewing test-taking strategies. Before high school, he had completed 14.5 high school credits and attended college-level summer programs at Harvard and Rice universities. He is now taking two college-level courses through dual enrollment. Talluri also writes SAT practice questions to help other students. He plays chess, has an interest in aviation and hopes to become a neurosurgeon.



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Spain's King Felipe to visit Ceuta and Melilla after migrant surge tests ties with Morocco

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Spain's King Felipe VI will visit the disputed North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla this month, his first visits to the territories during his 12-year reign, according to sources in the royal household. The planned trip comes after a major migrant surge into Ceuta from Morocco in July, when more than 72,000 migrants crossed into the Spanish enclave. Morocco claims sovereignty over both Ceuta and Melilla and has historically opposed visits by Spanish royals, while Madrid considers them integral parts of Spain. Tensions have also grown over Morocco's handling of the border crisis. King Felipe recently described the situation in Ceuta as unacceptable and called for greater European solidarity. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has faced criticism over his approach to Rabat, while Morocco denies responsibility for lax border controls and has blamed traffickers and misinformation.

Rights group reports 507 enforced disappearances and 150 civilian killings in Balochistan

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The Baloch Yakjehti Committee's Human Rights Department has documented 507 alleged enforced disappearances and 150 civilian killings in Pakistan's Balochistan province during the first six months of 2026. According to the group's report, 303 people remain missing, while 150 were released after short-term detention and 32 were allegedly killed in custody. The reported disappearances included 44 minors and more than 20 women. The committee alleged involvement by several Pakistani security institutions, including the Frontier Corps, Counter-Terrorism Department and army. It also reported 150 civilian deaths, including 15 minors, during the same period. The organization said the broader human rights situation had deteriorated, citing restrictions on freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, movement and protest. The allegations could not be independently verified.

US lawmakers meet Dalai Lama in Dharamsala as Washington and Beijing remain at odds over Tibet

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A bipartisan United States congressional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Brian Mast met the Dalai Lama at his residence in Dharamsala on Wednesday, amid continuing tensions between Washington and Beijing over Tibet and human rights. The delegation included Representatives James Gallagher, Jimmy Patronis, Haley Stevens and Shri Thanedar. Mast said discussions included China and what he described as Beijing's far-reaching campaign of transnational repression. He also said the Dalai Lama viewed a meeting between President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping as important, while emphasizing that such engagement did not weaken the delegation's opposition to repression in Tibet and Xinjiang. Beijing has expressed serious concern over the lawmakers' visit and considers the Dalai Lama a separatist. The Dalai Lama has lived in exile in India since fleeing Tibet in 1959.

Monsoon floods kill more than 90 across India, Nepal and Thailand, displacing thousands

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At least 91 people have died across India, Nepal and Thailand following days of intense monsoon rainfall that triggered flooding, landslides and widespread evacuations. In India's northern Uttar Pradesh state, 62 people were killed, 46 injured and more than 1,000 homes damaged after three days of heavy rain, state officials said Monday. Schools were closed in several areas, including the state capital Lucknow, while rescue teams evacuated residents from flooded communities. More than 75,000 people were also evacuated in the eastern state of Odisha.

Neighboring Nepal reported 21 weather-related deaths from Thursday through Sunday, with five people still missing, five injured and 194 homes damaged by floods and landslides. The country is still recovering from devastating August floods that killed more than 1,400 people and left nearly 6,000 missing.

In Thailand, flooding has affected 41 provinces since September 16, killing at least eight people and disrupting more than



580,000 homes. Bangkok received more than 12 inches of rain over two or three days, flooding neighborhoods and forcing at least 5,901 people into evacuation centers. More than 80,000 residents in flooded areas were reportedly unable to leave their homes. Nationwide economic losses could reach at least \$327 million, with Bangkok and eastern Thailand expected to bear much of the impact.

Putin signals closer Russia-China cooperation ahead of expected APEC meeting with Xi

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has signaled expectations of closer cooperation with China ahead of a possible meeting with President Xi Jinping at next month's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in China. Russian news agencies reported Thursday that Putin, in a letter to Xi, said he believed their meeting would produce results and benefit bilateral ties. China has not confirmed whether the two leaders

will meet, but its Foreign Ministry said the strategic guidance of the two heads of state remains the key political guarantee for the stable and long-term development of China-Russia relations. The expected engagement comes as Moscow and Beijing continue to strengthen their strategic partnership amid tensions with Western countries. High-level contacts between Putin and Xi have remained an important channel for advancing political and economic cooperation, while both governments have emphasized closer coordination on international issues.

California bans marriage for anyone under 18, ending parental-consent exception

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California has banned marriage for anyone younger than 18, eliminating a provision that previously allowed minors to marry with parental consent. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the legislation, AB 1267, on Wednesday alongside child marriage survivor and advocate Courtney Stodden. The law also establishes 18 as the minimum age for entering a domestic partnership. Democratic Assemblymember Gail Pellerin of Santa Cruz introduced the

measure, which was sponsored by Unchained At Last and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. Newsom said the law would strengthen protections for young Californians.

Stodden, who married actor Doug Hutchison at 16 with parental approval, welcomed the legislation and said she would continue advocating for a nationwide ban on child marriage. According to the governor's office, 17 states had previously banned child marriage without exceptions.

Poland extends border checks with Germany and Lithuania through March 2027 over migration concerns

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Poland will extend temporary border controls with fellow European Union members Germany and Lithuania for another six months, through March 30, 2027, the Interior Ministry said Thursday. Warsaw says the measure is intended to curb illegal migration and strengthen national security. Poland first introduced the controls in July 2025 and later extended them through Thursday. Since their

reintroduction, Polish authorities have denied entry to nearly 1,300 people at the Lithuanian border and nearly 1,200 at the German border, according to the ministry. The government described border controls as an effective tool for managing migration pressure and protecting national security. The extension comes as several European countries continue tightening border measures amid concerns over irregular migration, despite rules generally allowing free movement across internal European Union borders.

Guadeloupe language dispute over Creole and French revives tensions over colonialism and cultural identity

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A dispute over the use of Creole in Guadeloupe has reignited long-standing tensions over colonialism, racism and cultural identity on the French Caribbean island. The controversy began Monday when Guadeloupe prefect Thierry Devimeux told a Black fisherman that speaking Creole was disrespectful because the prefect did not speak the language and asked him to use French.

The exchange was recorded and widely shared on social media, prompting public anger. French is Guadeloupe's official language, but Creole is widely spoken by the island's more than 370,000 residents, most of whom are Black. The language developed among enslaved people and later incorporated words from Indian indentured workers.

Devimeux has since apologized, calling his remark unfortunate and clumsy. The episode has renewed debate over Creole's historically marginalized status and its importance to Guadeloupean heritage.

South Africa orders nationwide safety audits after 11 women are killed in Ekurhuleni



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South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced new measures Tuesday to combat gender-based violence after at least 11 women were killed in Ekurhuleni, east of Johannesburg, since July. Ramaphosa ordered a nationwide audit of women's safety to be completed within 60 days, requiring local authorities to identify high-risk areas such as poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings and unsafe parks. Police and prosecutors must also review unresolved cases involving murder, attempted murder, rape and other gender-based violence within 90 days. Four suspects have been arrested in connection with the recent killings, while investigators have collected DNA, blood samples, clothing and cellphone records. Authorities have not confirmed whether the deaths are linked. Ramaphosa acknowledged that government efforts have been insufficient and called on men to take a leading role in confronting violence against women. A high-level team has been assigned to investigate the Ekurhuleni killings.

Journalist Edward Rukidi Nyabongo crowned king of Uganda's Tooro Kingdom amid succession dispute

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Uganda's traditional Tooro Kingdom crowned journalist and prince Edward Rukidi Nyabongo as king on Tuesday, weeks after King Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV died of cancer at 34. Nyabongo, a former broadcaster and editor with Uganda Broadcasting Corporation, was selected by elders of the ruling Babiito clan. He pledged to unite the kingdom. The coronation in Fort Portal drew thousands and was attended by President Yoweri Museveni, who urged traditional leaders to promote local languages. The succession remains disputed. Queen mother Best Kemigisa says Oyo left a young son whose identity will be revealed later, raising questions about Nyabongo's legitimacy. Uganda abolished traditional kingdoms in the 1960s and restored them in 1993.

Morocco names Fatima Zahra Mansouri as first woman prime minister after parliamentary election



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Morocco's King Mohammed VI appointed Fatima Zahra Mansouri prime minister on Tuesday, making the 50-year-old lawyer the kingdom's first woman to hold the post. Mansouri, a former mayor of Marrakech and urban planning minister, was tasked with forming a coalition after her Authenticity and Modernity Party won the most seats in last week's election. The party secured 97 of 395 seats, leaving it short of a majority. Mansouri must seek coalition partners, while some opposition parties will remain outside the government. Her administration is expected to oversee investments linked to the 2030 FIFA World Cup while addressing inflation, wages and jobs. The constitution requires the king to choose the prime minister from the party winning the most seats.

Israeli strike kills senior Hamas commander in northern Gaza as ceasefire tensions continue

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An Israeli airstrike killed Izz al-Din Al-Beik, head of Hamas' armed wing in northern Gaza, on Tuesday, according to officials. Israel said Al-Beik helped plan attacks and recruit militants, while Hamas confirmed his death and described him as a leader involved in the October 7, 2023, attack that triggered the war. Medics said the strike hit an apartment building in Gaza City's Nasr neighborhood and killed another person from injuries. A separate Israeli strike near a clinic in Jabalia refugee camp killed one person later Tuesday. Israel says Hamas has been rearming and violating an October ceasefire. Hamas denies rebuilding its arsenal and accuses Israel of undermining the peace agreement.

Chinese hackers impersonated US AI experts in targeted campaign, cybersecurity firm says

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Chinese hackers impersonated United States artificial intelligence experts, including a former White House official, in an effort to steal passwords and gather intelligence from specialists involved in AI policy, cybersecurity firm Proofpoint said Thursday.

The group, identified by Proofpoint as TA419, targeted fewer than 10 people at several organizations, including think tanks, universities, defense contractors and law firms in the United States and Japan. The attackers sent emails posing as AI or statecraft experts and proposed collaborations before directing recipients to websites designed to capture passwords.

One identified target was Alex Engler, a former White House official who now heads a University of Pennsylvania research



center. Proofpoint said the targeting suggested an interest in United States policymaking on AI, export controls and national strategy. Beijing has denied conducting cyberespionage.

US removes Syria from arms export blacklist as Trump administration deepens engagement with Damascus

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The Trump administration has removed Syria from the United States list of countries subject to a blanket ban on arms exports, further signaling Washington's growing engagement with Syria's new government. The State Department said Wednesday that it had amended its International Traffic in Arms Regulations to remove Syria from the restricted list. The change, effective Thursday, means

requests to sell United States weapons and ammunition to Syria will now be reviewed individually rather than automatically denied. The move follows a broader easing of restrictions under President Donald Trump, including the lifting of major economic sanctions and the removal of Syria's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism. Washington is also preparing to reopen its embassy in Damascus, which has been closed for 14 years. Seven countries remain on the arms export denial list.

Britain ends UK-France migrant return pilot as Channel crossings fall to five-year low

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Britain has ended a pilot agreement with France that allowed the United Kingdom to return some migrants who crossed the English Channel in small boats in exchange for accepting an equivalent number of asylum seekers through legal routes. The Home Office said Wednesday that the so-called "one in, one out" arrangement would no longer process new cases, although deportation flights for migrants already detained under the scheme will continue in the coming weeks. About 1,500 people were returned to France, while slightly fewer were transferred to the United Kingdom. The agreement was intended to run for three years but included provisions allowing early termination. The decision



comes as Channel crossings have fallen about 40% this year to roughly 19,000, their lowest level in five years. The issue remains politically contentious in Britain, where irregular migration has become a major political concern.

EU suspends \$20 million in Sierra Leone aid over dispute involving wanted cocaine trafficker

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The European Commission has suspended \$20 million in financial aid to Sierra Leone over the country's alleged failure to arrest and hand over Dutch cocaine trafficker Jos Leijdekkers, Dutch Justice Minister David van Weel said Thursday. The suspended amount represents €18 million in payments promised for this year. The Netherlands has sought Leijdekkers' extradition, accusing Sierra Leone of

allowing him to remain in the country with high-level protection since at least 2023. Another \$25.4 million promised for next year could also be withheld if Sierra Leone does not cooperate, Van Weel said. Leijdekkers was sentenced in absentia in the Netherlands to 24 years for smuggling more than seven metric tons of cocaine and has received prison sentences totaling about 100 years in Belgium. Sierra Leone disputes the characterization, saying delays in its European Union budget support were due to financing procedures rather than the case.

Estonia accuses Russian security services of ordering arson at Ukraine defense supplier

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Estonian authorities said Tuesday that an arson attack on a defense company supplying military equipment to Ukraine was commissioned by Russian security services. The fire broke out August 15 at a building in Tallinn used by Milrem Robotics, which has supplied THeMIS unmanned vehicles to Ukraine. Estonia's Internal Security Service called the attack deliberate and pre-planned, saying it resembled other sabotage operations attributed to Russia in Europe. Three Latvian suspects were detained and later handed over to Estonia. Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna called the incident unacceptable and said Russia's chargé d'affaires would be summoned. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov rejected the accusation as unfounded.

Myanmar airstrike near Rakhine market kills at least 49 and wounds 58

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At least 49 people were killed and 58 wounded Monday in an airstrike near a market in Myanmar's Rakhine state, according to the Arakan Army and a rescue official. The attack occurred in Kyauktaw township, controlled by the ethnic armed group. The Arakan Army said a military fighter jet dropped two bombs near a wholesale market, killing vendors, shoppers and pedestrians. It said 22 wounded people were in critical condition. Rescue official Wai Hun Aung confirmed the figures and called it one of the most severe airstrikes in Rakhine. Myanmar's military did not immediately comment. The conflict has intensified since the military seized power in 2021, while the Arakan Army controls much of Rakhine state.

Congo's Ebola outbreak surpasses 8,000 cases as health worker shortages hamper containment



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The Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ebola outbreak has surpassed 8,000 confirmed cases, as health worker shortages hamper containment. Data released Sunday showed 8,067 cases and 3,901 deaths as of Saturday across 63 health zones in seven provinces, with a fatality rate above 48%. Caused by the Bundibugyo virus, the outbreak was declared in May and is the country's 17th and deadliest. The World Health Organization said the high death rate reflects delays in diagnosis and care. Health workers have reported delayed payments, prompting strikes, while 50 workers have died since the outbreak began, according to the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Insecurity and population movement are also hampering containment.

West Bengal launches 3,300 Seva Setu camps to connect residents with welfare schemes

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The West Bengal government launched the Seva Setu Abhiyan on Friday, setting up 3,300 assistance camps across the state to help residents access government welfare programs. The camps, operating from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, are being held at block and municipality levels and bring services linked to 60 welfare schemes under one roof. Officials will help residents complete applications and address rejected applications. Services include assistance with Annapurna Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, housing and education schemes, farmer benefits, and widow, elderly and disability allowances. In Kolkata, one camp has been established for every two adjoining wards.

Jammu and Kashmir Assembly passes resolution seeking urgent restoration of full statehood

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The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Monday passed a resolution demanding the urgent restoration of full statehood to the Union Territory, amid heated exchanges between ruling and opposition members. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah moved the resolution, which was passed after BJP legislators objected to references to Jammu and Kashmir's status before the 2019 reorganization. BJP members entered the well of the House, raised slogans and later walked out. Eight of 10 amendments proposed during the debate sought to expand the resolution to include restoration of the region's earlier special status. The BJP also demanded that a motion signed by 23 legislators seeking action against Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather be taken up first. Rather said procedural rules required advance notice before such a motion could be considered.

Election Commission orders special voter-enrollment drive to identify electors left out after roll revision



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The Election Commission of India has directed states and union territories where the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls has been completed to conduct a special drive to identify eligible voters left out of the rolls. The exercise will also target first-time and young voters. Booth Level Officers will compare current rolls with pre-revision lists, verify missing voters through house-to-house visits and facilitate applications using Form 6. Officials have been asked to cover 20 to 25 electors each week, with the exercise expected to run for about a month. Booth-level camps will also assist homeless, marginalized and other eligible citizens with enrollment.

Modi pays tribute to Gandhi and Shastri, highlights truth, service and 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' legacy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries, highlighting their enduring influence on India. At Gandhi's memorial, Modi recalled his ideals of truth, non-violence, compassion, service and Swadeshi, saying they continue to guide society toward a developed India. He also urged people to buy Khadi products as a symbol of self-reliance. Modi separately paid homage to Shastri at Vijay Ghat and praised his simplicity, determination and dedication to the nation.

He recalled Shastri's iconic slogan, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," emphasizing the contribution of soldiers and farmers to India's progress. Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also paid tribute to



Shastri. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath honored Gandhi and described his message of truth and non-violence as continuing to inspire the country. Gandhi Jayanti is also observed worldwide as the International Day of Non-Violence.

ED summons Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy in probe into alleged financial links to Vivekananda Reddy murder

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The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy for questioning on Wednesday as part of its investigation into alleged financial transactions linked to the 2019 murder of former Andhra Pradesh minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy. Avinash Reddy is among those accused in the case and is the cousin of former Chief Minister Y.S.

Jagan Mohan Reddy. The agency has questioned several accused, including Yerra Gangi Reddy, Sunil Yadav and Uma Shankar Reddy, as well as approver Shaik Dastagiri. The investigation is examining alleged payments connected to the murder conspiracy, including a suspected 4 billion rupee contract and an alleged 100 million rupee advance. The ED registered its money laundering case last year based on the Central Bureau of Investigation's investigation.

Indian cities deploy AI, electric vehicles and digital tools to modernize sanitation

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Indian cities are adopting artificial intelligence, electric vehicles and digital platforms to make sanitation services safer and more efficient, according to an official factsheet released Thursday ahead of the 12th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Raipur has introduced a digital faecal sludge management dashboard that allows residents to book, pay for and track septic tank desludging services online. Thiruvananthapuram is using G-SPIDER, an artificial intelligence-powered robot, to remove waste from the Amayizhanchan Canal while limiting workers' exposure to hazardous conditions. Guntur has deployed more than 200 GPS-equipped electric autos for door-to-door waste collection. Chennai is operating 5,478



battery-powered e-rickshaws across all 15 zones, while Indore has introduced 100 electric collection vehicles monitored through its command center.

Supreme Court questions government's legal basis for proposed UPI merchant charges

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The Supreme Court on Monday questioned the legal basis for imposing a 0.4 percent merchant discount rate on specified person-to-merchant UPI transactions above Rs.2,000, asking the government how the charge could be imposed if it was neither a tax nor a fee. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant issued notices to the Union government, Reserve Bank of India and National Payments Corporation

of India on a petition challenging the proposed charges. The court, however, refused to grant an interim stay. Under the proposed framework, transactions of Rs.75,000 and above would carry a maximum charge of Rs. 300. The government said 96 percent of users would be exempt, while essential services would face a Rs.5 cap. The respondents have four weeks to file their responses. The petition also challenges the constitutional validity of amended Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Delhi imposes prohibitory orders and shuts metro gates ahead of protest demanding CEC Gyanesh Kumar's resignation

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Delhi Police imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita across New Delhi on Friday ahead of a proposed Jantar Mantar protest demanding Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Police denied permission for the gathering and deployed additional security personnel and water cannons. The order prohibits unauthorized gatherings of five or more people, demonstrations, processions, slogans and speeches, as well as carrying weapons and other potentially dangerous objects. Entry and exit at 11 metro stations were also closed, although interchange facilities remained available at four stations. The protest, backed by student groups and other activists, centers on allegations concerning the Election Commission's handling of electoral rolls and the Special Intensive Revision.

ED names Mamata Banerjee in money laundering probe over payments linked to former minister Indranil Sen's firm

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The Enforcement Directorate has named former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and former minister Indranil Sen in a money laundering investigation involving Sen's proprietorship firm, Octave Records. According to an ED statement, government tenders worth more than Rs. 85 crore were awarded during Sen's tenure as tourism minister to entities owned by two of his alleged close aides. The agency said more than Rs. 3.3 crore in cash was subsequently deposited into accounts linked to Sen and Octave Records. It also alleged that nearly Rs. 30 lakh was transferred from Octave Records to Banerjee, who was then chief minister. Sen has said the payment was royalty. The ED said searches produced digital and documentary evidence and that the investigation continues.

Shivakumar stages protest over alleged voter deletions, seeks criminal probe into Form 7 applications

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Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar staged a protest Thursday outside the Chief Electoral Officer's office in Bengaluru, demanding a criminal case and investigation into alleged attempts to delete eligible voters through Form 7 applications. Accompanied by ministers and legislators, Shivakumar submitted a memorandum and said the protest would continue until action was taken. He claimed about 13,000 Form 7 applications were submitted and later withdrawn in constituencies in Ballari and Vijayapura. He also alleged similar irregularities in Mysuru, Belagavi and Bhalki and said documents and videos had been submitted to officials. Shivakumar accused the BJP and Janata Dal of conspiring to deprive voters of their rights. The allegations have not been independently established.

NIA chargesheets two accused in Bhubaneswar residential blast case

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The National Investigation Agency filed a chargesheet Thursday against two accused in connection with a January bomb blast at a residential building in New Azadnagar, Sundarpada, Bhubaneswar. The accused, Sanu alias Rohan Ranjan Rout and Amiya Ranjan Mallik, face charges under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Explosive Substances Act and the Explosives Act. The blast occurred while four people were allegedly preparing explosives, leaving several injured and killing two. The agency took over the investigation in April and said it found evidence linking the accused to a conspiracy involving illegal procurement and handling of explosive materials. The NIA said further investigation is continuing to identify the wider network allegedly involved in supplying the explosives and to apprehend other suspects.

Fadnavis orders district-level campaigns to upgrade schools, health centers and other public institutions

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis directed districts Thursday to launch time-bound campaigns to repair and upgrade schools, hostels, Anganwadi centers, primary health centers, industrial training institutes and technical education facilities. He called for action plans covering six months, one year and three to four years, with district collectors leading the efforts alongside other senior officials. Fadnavis said funding should be pooled from district planning allocations, government schemes, corporate social responsibility contributions and other available sources. He also ordered reviews of rented hostels and Ashram schools to ensure adequate facilities for students. The chief minister supported a proposal to establish Anganwadi centers in municipal schools and called for action on poorly functioning social welfare hostels. Officials were instructed to monitor progress and ensure accountability.

Kiren Rijiju joins NDMC cleanliness drive as Delhi expands Swachhata Hi Seva campaign

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Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju joined a mass cleanliness drive in New Delhi Thursday under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign. The New Delhi Municipal Council organized the initiative, titled “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath,” with ministers, officials, students, residents, traders and sanitation workers participating across public spaces. Rijiju joined students and residents at Navyug School on Peshwa Road and also participated in a tree-planting drive. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy joined a separate cleanup at Yashwant Singh Place in Chanakyapuri and honored sanitation workers. Delhi Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh also inaugurated a community toilet facility at Jodhpur Mess, developed with corporate social responsibility support at a cost of Rs.1 crore. The campaign emphasized shared civic responsibility and cleaner public spaces.

INDIA bloc steps up ‘vote chori’ campaign with Election Commission march and nationwide protests

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The INDIA bloc on Wednesday announced a wider campaign against alleged electoral irregularities, with Opposition members of Parliament set to march to the Election Commission headquarters in New Delhi on October 6 and five major rallies planned across the country in October and November. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said district-level marches would be held from Friday, October 2 through Thursday, October 8, while Opposition leaders also plan to seek a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu in the second week of October.

A major rally is scheduled in Delhi on November 1. The campaign centers on allegations surrounding the Special



Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and demands for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar’s removal. Mamata Banerjee accused the Election Commission of enabling “vote theft,” while Rahul Gandhi said the Opposition would remain united in defending constitutional institutions. The Election Commission has rejected allegations of internal discord, saying differing views are part of institutional deliberations and its decisions follow established legal procedures.

Sahil Wakode’s parents demand independent IIT Bombay inquiry into student’s death

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The parents of IIT Bombay student Sahil Wakode are seeking an independent inquiry into their 20-year-old son’s death and have appealed to institute students to support their demand. Wakode died by suicide in early September, and his parents have questioned the composition of IIT Bombay’s internal inquiry committee. They want the committee replaced by an external panel and have called for greater independent representation in the investigation. The family has also sought the suspension of Professor Suryanarayana Doolla, who is named in a police case alleging caste discrimination and abetment to suicide. Students have



separately demanded changes to the inquiry process and held a candlelight march on Friday. Mumbai Police’s Crime Branch is investigating the case and has recorded statements from about 20 people.

Warring submits resignation as Punjab Congress chief after meeting Rahul Gandhi

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Punjab Congress leader Amarinder Singh Raja Warring said Friday that he met Rahul Gandhi and submitted his resignation as president of the party’s Punjab unit. Warring said Gandhi sought his assessment of the political situation in Punjab, the state government and the challenges facing the Congress. The resignation comes amid prolonged factional differences within the state unit and efforts by the Congress leadership to strengthen the organization ahead of the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections. Warring had indicated his departure a day earlier by changing



his social media profile to “Former PPCC President.” The Congress has yet to announce his successor.

Supreme Court agrees to hear plea seeking suspension of CEC Gyanesh Kumar

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to list next week a petition seeking to restrain Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar from exercising his functions pending a final decision. The plea, filed by Rakesh Kumar Singh, alleges that Kumar acted unilaterally in the name of the Election Commission of India, rather than through the collegial

process involving Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi. Appearing before Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, senior advocate Vikas Singh sought an early hearing. The petition cites constitutional and statutory provisions requiring decisions to be taken unanimously where possible and by majority when commissioners differ. It also seeks preservation of records related to electoral roll revisions and changes to Form 6.

Narendra Bhooshan takes charge as Union environment secretary with three decades of administrative experience

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Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, assumed charge Thursday as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Bhooshan brings more than three decades of administrative experience across the central and state governments, including senior roles in energy, infrastructure, agriculture, industry, urban development and land resources. Before his new appointment, he served as Secretary of the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development. His earlier assignments included senior positions in Uttar Pradesh and roles with the Unique Identification Authority of India and the agriculture ministry. Bhooshan holds a degree in electronics and a master’s degree in international development policy from Duke University in the United States. His appointment comes as the government highlights Project Cheetah and other wildlife conservation initiatives.

Supreme Court judge begins writing verdict in long-pending Sabarimala religious freedom case

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Justice B.V. Nagarathna has begun writing the judgment in the Supreme Court’s nine-judge Constitution Bench reference on the Sabarimala case, marking a significant step toward resolving broader questions on religious freedom and judicial review. The bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, reserved its verdict in May after 16 days of hearings.

The reference arose from the Supreme Court’s 2018 ruling, in which a five-judge bench, by a 4-1 majority, struck down Sabarimala’s practice of restricting women of menstruating age from entering the temple. The larger bench is examining the scope of the “essential religious practices” doctrine, individual religious freedom under Article 25, denominational rights under Article 26 and the role of constitutional morality. The judgment date has not yet been announced.

Mizoram seizes drugs worth over \$98 million and arrests 930 in eight months

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Mizoram launched a 2026-2029 action plan to combat drugs, with Governor V. K. Singh saying India aims to end the illicit drug trade by 2029. The plan focuses on border enforcement, prevention, rehabilitation and community participation. Between January and August, authorities registered 635 drug-related cases, arrested 930 people, including 111 foreigners, and seized drugs worth more than \$98 million. Home Minister K. Sapdanga called for stronger action along the Myanmar border and greater involvement from churches, nongovernmental organizations and communities. The governor highlighted Tlangmawi, Mizoram’s first drug-free village, as an example of community-led efforts to tackle drug abuse.



New Mexico seeks up to \$40 billion from Meta after jury finds millions of privacy violations

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New Mexico asked a judge Thursday to impose between \$35 billion and \$40 billion in penalties on Meta after a jury found the company misled consumers about Facebook's handling of personal data. The jury found that 26 of 29 statements examined during the trial were misleading, resulting in more than 43 million alleged violations of New Mexico consumer protection laws. State law allows penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation, although attorneys acknowledged that the maximum could raise constitutional concerns. Meta urged the judge to limit the penalty to \$3.45 billion, arguing the state had not shown consumers were actually misled. The judge is expected to rule later this month.

Lyft agrees to \$272.5 million settlement over California driver claims



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Lyft has agreed to pay \$272.5 million to settle claims by California and three major cities that it misclassified drivers as independent contractors to avoid employee-related costs. The settlement, announced Thursday, covers alleged violations between April 2016 and December 2020 and requires court approval. California sued Lyft in 2021, followed by Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. The cases were later combined with claims brought on behalf of thousands of drivers. The state Labor Commissioner's Office called it the largest settlement involving wage theft claims in California history. Lyft said its drivers have always been properly classified under the law and welcomed the resolution.

US tightens Cuba sanctions with new travel and financial restrictions

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The United States has tightened sanctions on Cuba, adding restrictions on travel, financial transactions and dealings with entities on the Cuba Restricted List. The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control issued the revised rules Tuesday, with most changes taking effect Wednesday. The measures implement President Donald Trump's executive order targeting the Cuban government's repression and alleged threats to United States national security. The new rules eliminate certain authorizations for professional meetings and group educational travel and impose additional requirements on other educational trips. They also prohibit certain transactions involving restricted Cuban entities and tighten banking rules affecting private-sector entrepreneurs. The administration says the changes are intended to prevent sanctions evasion and increase pressure on Cuba's government.

Oil prices edge higher as China export curbs and US military buildup raise supply concerns

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Oil prices edged higher Friday as traders weighed conflicting signals about global fuel supplies and rising tensions in the Middle East. Brent crude rose 29 cents, or 0.28 percent, to \$102.60 a barrel, while United States West Texas Intermediate gained 27 cents, or 0.29 percent, to \$93.14. Prices surged Thursday after reports that China had halted fuel exports for October and that the United States was sending another aircraft carrier and up to 10,000 additional troops to the region. The developments raised concerns about tighter fuel supplies as the conflict involving the United States and Iran continues to unsettle energy markets.

At the same time, Washington is urging European countries to release emergency diesel reserves to ease soaring prices. The



United States has reportedly asked the European Union to release about 120 million barrels of diesel over six months. Brent remains on track for a weekly decline after gaining 14 percent in September, while traders continue to monitor developments around potential renewed military action.

US layoffs remain near historic lows as factory costs rise amid tariff and energy pressures

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The United States labor market remained resilient in September, with layoffs falling and weekly unemployment claims staying near their lowest level in nearly six decades. The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial jobless claims fell by 1,000 to 197,000 last week, below economists' forecast of 200,000. Claims have remained below 200,000 for three consecutive weeks, while continuing claims dropped by 11,000 to 1.701 million, their lowest level since April 2023. Separately, Challenger, Gray

and Christmas reported that employers announced 43,281 layoffs in September, down 18 percent from August and 20 percent from a year earlier.

However, companies remained cautious about hiring, with September hiring plans 23 percent below last year and the lowest for September since 2011. Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management reported a sharp increase in factory input prices, with its measure climbing to 77.9 from 71.1 in August. Manufacturers cited tariffs, supply chain constraints, higher fuel costs and Middle East tensions as major concerns.

India-New Zealand trade pact opens wider market access for Indian exporters

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The India-New Zealand free trade agreement marks a major shift in India's trade policy, with the pact set to take effect on October 20, according to the Trade Promotion Council of India. The agreement provides immediate zero-duty access across all 8,284 tariff lines covering Indian exports, creating new opportunities for food processing, textiles, footwear, engineering and other industries. TPCI said the agreement could help double bilateral trade to \$5 billion within five years and attract \$20 billion in long-term foreign investment commitments to India. Tariffs on products including processed foods, spices, confectionery, apparel, leather goods, machinery and auto components will be eliminated. The agreement also includes



cooperation on kiwifruit, apples, honey and dairy productivity. TPCI plans exporter awareness programs, trade delegations and buyer-seller meetings to help small businesses capitalize on the new market access.

Korean Air faces scrutiny over seat capacity compliance

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South Korea's antitrust regulator said Wednesday it has begun reviewing allegations that Korean Air and its affiliates failed to meet seat capacity requirements imposed after the airline's takeover of Asiana Airlines. An examiner's report found the carriers provided less than 90 percent of their 2019 seat capacity on routes between Cheongju and Jeju from December 2024 through December 2025. The report recommended penalties and a criminal investigation. Examiners also recommended rejecting Korean Air's request to reduce the minimum capacity requirement



on routes from Incheon and Busan to Guam from 90 percent to 70 percent. The Fair Trade Commission will make a final decision after hearing the airlines' defenses. Asiana currently operates as a Korean Air subsidiary, with their corporate merger planned for December.

NASA and Boeing target Starliner return with uncrewed flight

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NASA and Boeing are targeting December for the first uncrewed Starliner mission since the spacecraft's troubled crewed test flight in 2024. Officials said Monday that Starliner-1 could launch to the International Space Station as early as December, following investigations into thruster failures, helium leaks and other problems. The spacecraft is undergoing redesigned thrusters, improved batteries, parachutes and other modifications. NASA said the uncrewed mission will provide an extensive test of the upgrades before a planned crewed flight, Starliner-2, targeted for mid-2028. NASA and Boeing also said they identified broader systems-integration and quality-control problems within the program. The Starliner is intended to provide NASA with another crew transportation option alongside SpaceX's Crew Dragon.

Dollar heads for third weekly gain as global bond sell-off boosts demand



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The United States dollar was on track Friday for its third consecutive weekly gain, reaching its highest level in 17 months as a global bond sell-off pushed borrowing costs higher. The dollar index was up about 1 percent for the week, while the euro fell near its lowest level since May 2025 amid concerns over France's finances. United States 10-year Treasury yields reached 5.344 percent Thursday, their highest level since 2002, before easing slightly Friday. Investors were also awaiting United States employment data for clues about Federal Reserve policy. Higher oil prices linked to the Middle East conflict have increased inflation concerns, while the dollar has benefited from demand for safer assets.

Moderna to replace Warner Bros. Discovery in Nasdaq 100

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Moderna will replace Warner Bros. Discovery in the Nasdaq 100 index, Nasdaq said Thursday. The change will take effect next Friday as Warner Bros. Discovery prepares for its expected merger with Paramount Skydance. The merger is expected to close next Tuesday after months of delays. Moderna shares have risen more than sixfold this year, giving the vaccine maker a market value of about \$75 billion. Warner Bros. Discovery is also expected to be removed from major indexes operated by other providers, including Morgan Stanley Capital International and Standard and Poor's, following the merger. The Nasdaq 100 change reflects the restructuring of the media company as it prepares to complete the transaction.

Bangladesh garment exports to US fall as regional competition intensifies

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Bangladesh's ready-made garment exports to the United States fell 7.55 percent year over year during the February to July period, reflecting growing pressure from regional competitors and rising production costs. The country exported \$4.65 billion worth of garments to the United States during January through July, down from \$4.96 billion a year earlier, according to data from the U.S. Office of Textiles and Apparel. Bangladesh has also increased purchases of U.S. goods following a trade agreement signed in February, including commitments involving Boeing aircraft, liquefied natural gas and grains. However, its exports have yet to gain from the pact. Industry leaders cite higher energy, financing and logistics costs, supply chain constraints and domestic power shortages. Additional U.S. tariffs and Middle East tensions are adding further pressure.

India approves \$22 billion grid expansion to accelerate renewable energy growth

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India has approved a roughly \$22 billion expansion of its Green Energy Corridor to strengthen transmission infrastructure and support the integration of up to 135 gigawatts of renewable power. Approved by the Cabinet, the third phase will also provide 50 gigawatt-hours of battery storage and expand transmission networks across states and union territories. The government plans to implement the program by the 2032-33 financial year, with about \$6.4 billion in central financial support. The investment is aimed at addressing grid congestion, renewable energy intermittency and peak-hour power demand while creating opportunities for manufacturers, construction companies and energy storage businesses. India had 300.50 gigawatts of non-fossil power capacity as of July, representing more than 54 percent of total installed capacity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the project as a major step toward the country's target of reaching 900 gigawatts of non-fossil capacity by 2035.

HDFC Bank names Anup Bagchi as next chief executive

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HDFC Bank has appointed Anup Bagchi as its next managing director and chief executive, marking a leadership change at India's largest private sector bank. The Reserve Bank of India approved his three-year term beginning October 27. Bagchi, currently chief executive of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, will succeed Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose tenure ends on October 26. He will also join HDFC Bank's board as an additional director, subject to shareholder approval. The appointment comes amid broader leadership changes in India's banking sector. HDFC Bank shares closed 1.76 percent higher at 721.20 rupees on Thursday ahead of the announcement.

U.S. job market remains steady as high mortgage rates weigh on housing

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A Trump administration Medicare drug pricing model could apply to as few as four pharmaceutical companies after manufacturers that sign separate pricing agreements with the White House were exempted from the program. The finalized rule, published Wednesday, allows companies with "most favored nation" agreements to avoid participating in the GLOBE price-setting model. The government also sharply reduced

its projected savings, estimating the program will cut Medicare Part B spending by about \$440 million during the model period, down from the \$11.9 billion estimate in the proposed rule. The administration has signed pricing agreements with more than two dozen drugmakers, including Pfizer, Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk. The White House says its broader drug pricing strategy could save the federal government \$36.6 billion over a decade. The limited scope of GLOBE could reduce its direct impact on pharmaceutical companies and Medicare spending.

India invites US manufacturers to expand investment and partnerships

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal invited American manufacturers Wednesday to expand their presence in India, partner with Indian small businesses and invest in advanced manufacturing. Speaking at a National Association of Manufacturers roundtable in the United States, Goyal highlighted India's growing industrial base, skilled workforce and opportunities to build resilient supply chains. His visit comes as

India and the United States work toward an interim trade agreement under their broader bilateral trade negotiations. Goyal is also attending the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in Milwaukee, where he is expected to meet United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer. Discussions will focus on strengthening trade and investment ties and expanding opportunities for businesses, farmers, entrepreneurs and startups. Goyal is also scheduled to meet executives from American manufacturing, consumer goods, agribusiness, retail and technology companies.

Paramount asks CNN chief Mark Thompson to stay after Warner Bros. Discovery deal

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Paramount Chief Executive David Ellison has asked CNN Chief Executive Mark Thompson to remain in charge after Paramount completes its \$110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery, according to a source familiar with the matter. The two have discussed a new contract, but have not reached an agreement. Thompson is seeking assurances that he will retain broad control

over CNN's journalism and its editorial independence. Paramount is also deciding how CNN and CBS News will work together after the merger. A United States judge cleared the way for the acquisition Wednesday following a settlement with 12 states that had challenged the deal. The agreement requires the combined company to establish an independent News Editorial Independence Board to protect editorial autonomy and fact-based reporting at both CNN and CBS News.

India, Qatar seek stronger trade and investment ties

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urged Qatari businesses Wednesday to explore greater trade and investment opportunities with India during a business roundtable in Doha. She highlighted India's economic growth, rising investment and record annual foreign direct investment of \$94.53 billion in fiscal year 2026. Qatar sees opportunities in India's ports, airports, highways and power sectors, while Indian companies could expand in Qatar's food security, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, education, health and startup sectors. The two sides also discussed implementing Qatar's



\$10 billion investment commitment and establishing a Qatar Investment Authority office in India. They agreed to accelerate work on a bilateral investment treaty and free trade agreement negotiations. Sitharaman also stressed the importance of restoring normal trade and ensuring uninterrupted maritime commerce through the Strait of Hormuz.

Washington urges Europe to release diesel reserves as prices surge

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United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on Thursday urged European countries to consider releasing emergency diesel reserves as fuel prices surge. Speaking during the Group of 20 trade ministers' meeting in Milwaukee, Greer said Washington viewed the price increase as a temporary spike and believed European

countries could use existing reserves to ease pressure. He said he had discussed the idea with France's trade minister and planned to raise it with European Union officials and other counterparts. Diesel prices across the European Union reached an average of \$9.53 per gallon, according to European Commission data. The comments came as President Donald Trump considers restricting United States diesel exports to help contain domestic fuel prices.

Apple Pay enters India's fast-growing digital payments market



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Apple Pay has launched in India, giving the technology giant a new opportunity to expand its payments ecosystem in one of the world's fastest-growing digital markets. The service initially supports Visa and Mastercard credit cards issued by Axis Bank on iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch, with Mac support expected soon. Customers can use the cards at participating stores, apps and websites, including merchants accepting contactless payments. Industry analysts said Apple Pay is unlikely to challenge the dominance of Unified Payments Interface, which accounts for more than 80 percent of digital payment volume in India. Instead, the service could encourage greater credit card and contactless payment use among Apple device owners. Analysts said broader adoption will depend largely on how quickly other major Indian banks join the platform.

SoftBank completes \$30 billion OpenAI investment as AI bet expands

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SoftBank Group said Thursday it completed its planned \$30 billion investment in OpenAI, strengthening its position as one of the artificial intelligence company's biggest backers. The investment is part of OpenAI's latest fundraising round, which secured \$122 billion in commitments at an \$852 billion valuation. SoftBank funded the investment through three \$10 billion tranches from its Vision Fund 2. The Japanese conglomerate has now invested \$64.6 billion in OpenAI, giving it a 13 percent stake. It also canceled \$10 billion of undrawn capacity under a \$40 billion bridge loan arranged earlier this year. SoftBank raised \$11.1 billion through a high-yield bond sale last month to help finance its OpenAI investment.

Toyota closes in on GM as high fuel costs drive hybrid demand

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General Motors retained its position as the top-selling automaker in the United States during the third quarter, but Toyota continued to narrow the gap as high gasoline prices boosted demand for hybrids. General Motors sold 670,974 vehicles, down 5.5 percent from a year earlier, while Toyota sales rose slightly to 633,223. Sales of Toyota's Corolla hybrid surged nearly 36 percent to 13,003 vehicles. Gasoline averaged \$4.43 per gallon in September, compared with \$3.20 a year earlier, according to the American Automobile Association. General Motors also reported a 62 percent drop in electric vehicle sales. Overall United States vehicle sales were estimated at about 4.1 million for the quarter, down roughly 1 percent from a year earlier.

WTA 1000 events to offer equal prize money to men and women from 2027

All combined WTA 1000 tournaments will offer equal prize money to men and women from 2027, the Women's Tennis Association announced Thursday. The move will bring events including the Italian Open, Canadian Open and Cincinnati Open into line with combined tournaments in Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid and China. Equal prize money is already offered at the four Grand Slam tournaments and the United Cup. The Italian Tennis Federation had targeted equal payouts in Rome within three years from 2023 but did not meet its 2025 goal. WTA chair Valerie Camillo called the move a major milestone for tennis. The 2027 WTA calendar will feature 55 tournaments across 26 countries and territories, with the season-ending WTA Finals moving to Charlotte, North Carolina.

ICC introduces five-run penalty for repeated batter delays

The International Cricket Council has introduced a five-run penalty for batters who repeatedly waste time between deliveries. Under the new playing conditions announced Thursday, a batter receives a warning for the first offense, a final warning for the second and five penalty runs for the fielding side from the third offense onward. The warnings reset at the end of an innings or after 80 overs. The changes address a gap in existing rules, which specify a time limit for an incoming batter but do not set a fixed period between deliveries. The ICC also introduced separate ball specifications for men's, women's and junior cricket. Teams may also agree to trial pink balls in daytime Test matches.

Lionel Messi becomes majority owner of Spanish club Eldense

Lionel Messi has completed the acquisition of Spanish second-tier club Eldense, pending regulatory approval, the club announced Thursday. The 39-year-old Inter Miami forward agreed last month to acquire the shares held by a Colombian investment group, making him the majority owner. Messi has now acquired a controlling stake in two Spanish clubs this year after completing the purchase of fourth-tier Cornella in April. Eldense, founded in 1921, currently sits 19th in Spain's second division after losing four of its seven matches. The club said Messi's acquisition begins a new chapter in its history. The investment adds another significant football asset to Messi's growing business interests while Eldense hopes new ownership can help stabilize its sporting and financial position.

Manchester City faces appeal deadline as financial verdict leaves Premier League in limbo

Manchester City faces a Friday deadline to appeal findings that it breached Premier League financial rules, opening the next stage of a case that could have major consequences for the club and English soccer. An independent commission found City guilty on all but one of 115 charges covering alleged financial breaches over nearly a decade. The club has denied wrongdoing, and no sporting sanction has yet been imposed. City remains at the top of the Premier League, with its next league match against Liverpool scheduled for October 11. The appeal could determine how and when penalties are imposed, with possible consequences for league standings, prize money and European qualification.



Under Premier League rules, an appeal hearing is expected within 12 weeks, followed by a decision within 30 days. Rival clubs are also considering potential compensation claims, while sponsor Etihad Airways is seeking legal advice over findings involving commercial arrangements.

Germany earns first win under Klopp as Portugal stays perfect without Ronaldo

Germany earned its first victory under new coach Juergen Klopp on Thursday, defeating Serbia 2-0 in the Nations League. Tom Bischof opened the scoring in the 39th minute with his first senior international goal, before Florian Wirtz doubled the lead shortly after halftime. Portugal also maintained a perfect record, beating Denmark 4-2 despite Cristiano Ronaldo's absence.

Joao Cancelo and Goncalo Ramos twice put Portugal ahead in the first half, but Mikkel Damsgaard and Rasmus Hojlund restored parity for Denmark. Vitinha and Joao Felix then sealed Portugal's third win in three Group A4 matches. Elsewhere, the Netherlands



rallied from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Greece after late goals from Virgil van Dijk and Tijjani Reijnders.

FIFA leadership crisis deepens as Switzerland withdraws support for Infantino

The crisis surrounding FIFA President Gianni Infantino deepened this week after the Swiss Football Association withdrew its endorsement of his bid for another term, citing concerns over leadership, governance, transparency and decision-making. The association had supported Infantino in June but reversed its position after a reassessment of developments in recent months. The decision comes amid growing tensions between FIFA and UEFA over Infantino's abandoned FIFA Forward Enterprise proposal, which would have allowed private investors to acquire up to 20 percent of a commercial entity holding rights linked to major FIFA tournaments.

FIFA has accused UEFA of spreading misinformation and attempting to influence the presidential election, while UEFA



President Aleksander Ceferin has sharply criticized FIFA's handling of the proposal. Infantino has proposed an independent review of FIFA's decision-making processes. He is seeking reelection in March, but several European associations have withdrawn their support, while UEFA has pledged to put forward a rival candidate.

NHL commissioner questions growing use of player trade protections



National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman has criticized the way some players are using no-trade and no-movement clauses to influence potential moves. Speaking to Sportsnet 590 on Thursday, Bettman said the protections were originally designed to prevent teams from trading players after they signed long-term contracts, but argued that some players are now using them to demand specific destinations. Recent examples include Brady Tkachuk facilitating a move to Florida and Dylan Larkin limiting potential trade destinations after requesting a move from Detroit. Winnipeg goaltender Connor Hellebuyck has also sought a trade while holding a no-movement clause. Bettman said the league could discuss the issue with the players' association if the trend becomes widespread.

Carlos Alcaraz survives Tokyo test as top seeds suffer upsets



Carlos Alcaraz overcame problems with his reworked serve to defeat American Alex Michelsen 7-6, 4-6, 6-1 on Thursday and advance at the Japan Open in Tokyo. The top-seeded Spaniard saved three set points before taking the opening set in a dominant tiebreak. Michelsen then capitalized on two early breaks to level the match, but Alcaraz regained control in the deciding set. The seven-time Grand Slam champion said limited practice because of rain had made adapting to Tokyo's slower outdoor conditions difficult. Alcaraz advanced on a day when third seed Taylor Fritz, sixth seed Casper Ruud and seventh seed Tommy Paul all lost. Alcaraz will next face Italy's Matteo Arnaldi.



India to open 2027 World Cup against Australia before Pakistan clash

India will begin their 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup campaign against defending champions Australia in Cape Town on Thursday, October 7. They will face archrivals Pakistan three days later in Johannesburg before playing Afghanistan on Thursday, October 14, Qualifier A on Sunday, October 17, and Zimbabwe on Sunday, October 24. The tournament will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, with 14 teams competing. The final is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, in Johannesburg.



Anaheim Ducks lock in Tristan Luneau with six-year contract



The Anaheim Ducks have agreed to a six-year contract extension with defenseman Tristan Luneau through the 2032-33 season, the team announced Thursday. The deal is reportedly worth \$43.2 million. Luneau, 22, has played only 14 National Hockey League games over three seasons, recording two goals and two assists. However, the second-round selection from the 2022 draft has impressed with the Ducks' American Hockey League affiliate in San Diego. He recorded nine goals and 52 points in 59 games during the 2024-25 season, followed by 10 goals and 41 points in 70 games last season. Ducks general manager Pat Verbeek said securing Luneau long term was a priority as the team views him as a future top-four defenseman.

Ireland and Austria draw 2-2 after pro-Palestinian protest briefly stops Nations League match



Ireland drew 2-2 with Austria on Thursday after a pro-Palestinian protest briefly disrupted their Nations League match at Dublin's Aviva Stadium. Tennis balls carrying Palestinian flags were thrown onto the field in the 20th minute, prompting the referee to suspend play briefly. A spectator later attempted to enter the field but was removed by security. Troy Parrott scored twice for Ireland before Austria responded through Alexander Prass and Michael Gregoritsch after halftime. The result came amid continuing protests over Ireland's decision to play Israel in the Nations League. Ireland's next home fixture against Israel has been moved to Serbia and will be played behind closed doors.

Cubarsi urges young players to prioritize mental health and ignore pressure for early success

Spain defender Pau Cubarsi has urged young footballers to seek mental health support without fear of judgment, saying therapy and professional guidance should be treated as part of player development. The 19-year-old Barcelona defender told Reuters that a club psychologist helped him during his transition to senior football and that he has also sought therapy. Cubarsi, who played every minute of Spain's World Cup-winning campaign, said young players should not become frustrated if they do not break into a senior team by 16. He also called for clubs to provide structured development plans covering rest, nutrition, physical care and recovery.



With demanding schedules, he said young players must listen to their bodies while remaining professional. He added that mistakes can drive improvement, but players should avoid becoming obsessed with them.

Shubman Gill's record double century powers India to biggest ODI chase

Shubman Gill smashed an unbeaten 223 from 133 balls as India completed a record 406-run chase against the West Indies in Guwahati on Wednesday, winning the second one-day international by eight wickets. The victory gave India an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Gill recorded the fastest double century in one-day international cricket, reaching 200 from 117 balls, while Rohit Sharma contributed 101 in a record 255-run opening partnership. Earlier, the West Indies became the first team to score more than 400 against India in an ODI, reaching 405 for seven. John Campbell scored 101, Shai Hope made 104 and Amir Jangoo added 114, marking the first time three West Indies



batters scored centuries in the same ODI innings. India reached 406 for two in 43.3 overs, with 39 balls remaining.

India's Asian Games campaign gathers momentum across multiple sports

India's Asian Games campaign in Aichi-Nagoya has produced a broad medal surge, with athletes making an impact across archery, shooting, athletics, wrestling, sailing, boxing and team sports. As of Friday, India had moved to seventh in the medal standings with 68 medals, including 11 gold, 24 silver and 33 bronze.

Archery has been particularly successful. India swept the three compound team golds earlier in the Games before the women's recurve team, Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Mohod and Kirti, stunned 10-time champions South Korea 5-3 on Friday for India's first Asian Games gold in the event. Shooting has also contributed heavily, while athletics



produced five medals on one of the competition days. In cricket, India reached the men's final after crushing Sri Lanka by 124 runs and will face Pakistan on Saturday. India's men's hockey team has also reached the gold medal match, underlining the depth of the campaign.

Rodman joins Trump's Texas trip as president eyes another meeting with Kim Jong Un

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman joined U.S. President Donald Trump during his visit to Texas on Thursday, as Trump continues efforts to arrange another meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Rodman traveled with Trump after appearing at a Peterbilt truck factory in Denton before the president headed to a rally in Durant, Oklahoma. Trump said Rodman knew Kim better than anyone when he was seeking to establish a relationship with the North Korean leader. Rodman, who has visited North Korea several times, told Reuters he hoped to speak with Trump about "life." Asked whether he planned to return to North Korea, Rodman replied, "If you buy the ticket."

Verstappen leads opening practice as Formula One returns to Sepang

Max Verstappen set the fastest time in Friday's opening practice for the Bahrain Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia. The Red Bull driver completed the 5.543-kilometer circuit in 1 minute, 37.520 seconds, finishing 0.383 seconds ahead of Mercedes' George Russell. Verstappen's Red Bull teammate Isack Hadjar was third, while Ferrari's Charles Leclerc was fourth. Championship leader Kimi Antonelli was fifth, followed by Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton. The session was affected by extreme heat and significant tire degradation. McLaren's Lando Norris finished 12th, behind teammate Oscar Piastri. The race is being held at Sepang because of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

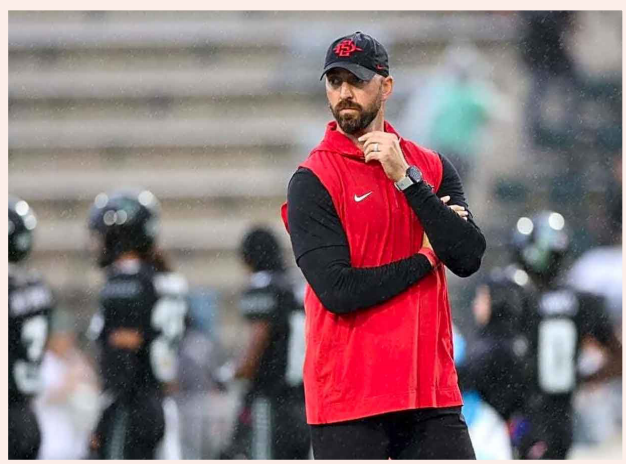
Kabayel to make first WBC heavyweight title defense in Duesseldorf

Germany's Agit Kabayel will make the first defense of his WBC heavyweight title against unbeaten Albanian challenger Nelson Hysa in Duesseldorf on November 28, promoter Frank Warren confirmed Thursday. Kabayel, 34, became WBC champion after Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk relinquished the belt in June.

The fight will take place at the 60,000-capacity Merkur Spiel Arena, close to Kabayel's hometown of Bochum, and will coincide with Albanian Independence Day, potentially giving Hysa, 42, strong support from the crowd. Both fighters are managed by Warren's Queensberry Promotions. Hysa is not currently listed in the latest WBC rankings, although he is ranked fifth by the WBA. The bout will be broadcast live on DAZN.

Colapinto accepts responsibility for Baku crash after online abuse

Alpine driver Franco Colapinto has accepted full responsibility for the Azerbaijan Grand Prix crash that eliminated teammate Pierre Gasly and McLaren's Lando Norris. Colapinto locked up at Turn 1 after a safety car restart, triggering the collision. Speaking Thursday ahead of the Bahrain Grand Prix, he called it a difficult period and criticized the social media abuse that followed. Norris initially called for a one-race ban but later apologized. Colapinto received a five-place grid penalty for the Sepang race and said the two drivers had resolved their differences.



San Diego State football team faces growing mumps outbreak

San Diego State's football program is dealing with a mumps outbreak that has grown to 14 confirmed cases and one probable case, according to San Diego County health officials. The university initially reported three confirmed and two probable cases among an unspecified athletic team. The school later confirmed the cases were linked to one team, while the San Diego Union-Tribune identified it as the football program. Coach Sean Lewis declined to identify affected players, citing privacy laws. San Diego State is scheduled to face Texas State on Saturday in its first Pac-12 game.

Bhumi Pednekar enjoys New York getaway but admits she misses home

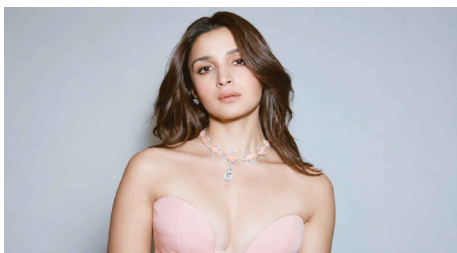
Bhumi Pednekar is enjoying an extended New York getaway, sharing a collection of photographs from her trip while admitting that she still misses home. In an Instagram post on Thursday, the actress described herself as “living my best life” but joked that fitting a month of memories into Instagram’s 20-photo carousel limit was nearly impossible. Her photo collection included city views, selfies, food, strolls and moments with friends. Pednekar also humorously asked Instagram to increase the carousel limit to 30 photographs. On the professional front, she is set to portray warrior queen Belawadi Mallamma in the historical epic ‘The Pride of Bharat: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj’, starring Rishab Shetty.

Swara Bhasker recalls director allegedly pushing for private romantic rehearsal



Swara Bhasker has recalled an unsettling experience early in her career, alleging that a director repeatedly crossed professional boundaries after the success of ‘Tanu Weds Manu’. Speaking on ‘Rise & Fall’ Season 2, Bhasker said the filmmaker insisted on rehearsing a romantic sequence privately with her. She questioned why the actor and camera team could not be present if it was a genuine rehearsal. She later recalled arriving at a guesthouse and finding the director and cinematographer drinking, which made her uncomfortable. Bhasker said the director subsequently came to her room late at night and asked for a hug, which she refused. She did not identify the filmmaker or the film.

Alia Bhatt set to celebrate global climate innovators at Earthshot Prize in Mumbai



Alia Bhatt is set to join an international lineup of stars at The Earthshot Prize’s 2026 Awards Night in Mumbai, where she will present one of five awards recognizing environmental solutions. The actress said the event represents “hope” backed by ideas and action and praised people developing new ways to protect and repair the planet. The ceremony will bring together about 5,000 guests and is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17. Bhatt will be joined by Rami Malek, Sachin Tendulkar, Sonam Kapoor and Simone Ashley, with Karan Johar hosting and Shreya Ghoshal performing. For the first time, the ceremony will stream globally on Prime Video across more than 240 countries and territories in more than 40 languages.

Taylor Swift makes history at the VMAs, Madonna and Nirvana deliver standout moments

Taylor Swift and Madonna led a star-packed MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday, with both icons adding major milestones to their careers. Swift became the most-awarded artist in VMA history, surpassing Beyoncé after winning the inaugural Artist Director Honors and Video of the Year for ‘The Fate of Ophelia’. She also won Best Direction for ‘Opalite’, bringing her career VMA total to 33. Swift dedicated her top prize to the late Dolly Parton, whom she called the “ultimate showgirl,” and premiered her new ‘Patient Zero’ video, starring Dakota Johnson and Colin Farrell. Madonna was the night’s biggest winner, taking seven awards, including Artist of the Year, Best Collaboration with Sabrina Carpenter for ‘Bring Your Love’, Best Dance and Best Long Form Video for ‘Confessions II – The Film’. She also opened the ceremony with Carpenter and later performed with Charli xcx. Nirvana received the Video Vanguard Award, with Dave Grohl, Krist Novoselic and



Pat Smear honoring late frontman Kurt Cobain. BTS won Song of the Year and Best K-Pop for ‘Swim’, while Sienna Spiro was named Best New Artist. Hosted by Snoop Dogg in Los Angeles, the ceremony also featured a Dolly Parton tribute from Kacey Musgraves and a George Michael tribute, making nostalgia a defining theme of the night.

Anupam Kher honored by North Carolina House for contribution to Indian and international cinema

Veteran actor Anupam Kher has received a Representative Statement from the North Carolina House of Representatives recognizing his contribution to Indian and international cinema. Kher described the honor as “deeply moving” and expressed gratitude to Representative Maria Cervania, who presented the statement welcoming him to the General Assembly and the state of North Carolina. In a social media post, Kher said the recognition acknowledged his work in Indian and international cinema, his National Film Awards, Padma honors and contributions to institutions that have helped shape generations of artists. He also highlighted the mention of his musical ‘Jaane Pehchaane Anjaane’, which explores relationships and



human connections. Kher said performing the musical in Raleigh and receiving a warm response from audiences made the recognition especially meaningful. He is currently touring the United States and Canada with the production.

Naomi Campbell wins legal challenge and overturns five-year charity trustee ban

Supermodel Naomi Campbell has successfully challenged a five-year ban that prevented her from serving as a charity trustee in England and Wales. A three-judge tribunal ruled Thursday that Campbell had been deceived by Bianka Hellmich, a fellow trustee at the anti-poverty charity Fashion for Relief, which Campbell founded. The Charity Commission had imposed the ban after finding multiple instances of misconduct and mismanagement, including the misuse of charity funds for Campbell’s five-star hotel

stay in Cannes, spa treatments, room service and cigarettes. The tribunal confirmed there had been serious financial mismanagement but concluded that Hellmich’s conduct had concealed the problems from Campbell. Judges found that Hellmich had used forged documents and deceived professional advisers and the commission. Campbell was held partly responsible for late financial filings but was not considered unfit to serve as a trustee. She said the accusations had hurt deeply and that she remained committed to giving back.

‘Verity’ brings Anne Hathaway, Dakota Johnson and Josh Hartnett into a twisted thriller

Anne Hathaway, Dakota Johnson and Josh Hartnett headline ‘Verity’, a steamy psychological thriller based on Colleen Hoover’s bestselling novel. Directed by Michael Showalter, the film follows Lowen Ashleigh, played by Johnson, a struggling writer hired to complete the unfinished books of celebrated novelist Verity Crawford, played by Hathaway. Verity is unable to speak or move following a car accident, but

Lowen discovers a disturbing autobiography that raises questions about her past. As Lowen becomes increasingly involved with Verity’s husband, Jeremy, played by Hartnett, she begins questioning whether Verity’s condition is genuine. The film opens in theaters Friday. Showalter drew inspiration from Alfred Hitchcock and ‘Rebecca’ for the project. Hathaway also served as a producer, marking her fifth major theatrical release of the year.

Karan Johar announces final ‘Koffee With Karan’ season after 22-year run

Filmmaker and television host Karan Johar has announced that the upcoming ninth season of ‘Koffee With Karan’ will be the show’s final chapter. The announcement came in an emotional video in which Johar recalled telling his late father, producer Yash Johar, in 2004 that he wanted to host a celebrity talk show. Yash questioned who would pay him to chat with his friends. He died later that month. Johar went on to launch the show in 2004, which has completed eight seasons and 161 episodes. Calling the series an extraordinary part of his life, Johar thanked audiences for their loyalty through its controversies, celebrations and memorable conversations. The final season will begin streaming Wednesday on JioHotstar.

Robert Downey Jr. recalls blacking out after breaking his ankle on ‘Iron Man 3’ set



Robert Downey Jr. has recalled the severe pain he experienced after breaking his ankle while filming ‘Iron Man 3’. During a conversation with author Ayad Akhtar in New York, the actor said he suffered the injury while performing a wire jump and landing incorrectly. Downey said the pain was so intense that he briefly blacked out. Once he was able to speak, he joked with the crew that their usual lunch break would instead last “roughly six weeks.” He later clarified that the production delay lasted even longer. The injury occurred during filming in 2012, and production was temporarily halted. ‘Iron Man 3’, released in 2013, was Downey’s third solo film as Tony Stark and followed his appearance in ‘The Avengers’.

Ravi Kishan to headline devotional drama built around an unusual bond with God

Actor-politician Ravi Kishan is set to headline an upcoming devotional drama presented by Mahaveer Jain Films. Written and directed by Amit Aarryan, the yet-untitled film centers on a man whose relationship with God goes beyond traditional devotion, with the protagonist treating Him as his closest friend and confidant. The makers plan to blend spirituality with humor, emotion and drama rather than follow the conventional devotional-film format. The project marks Kishan’s second collaboration with Mahaveer Jain Films after ‘Naagzilla’. The film is expected to go on floors in January, while the title is still being finalized. Kishan has recently appeared in ‘Laapataa Ladies’, ‘Mirzapur The Movie’ and ‘Maamla Legal Hai’.

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Shankar Mahadevan explains why singers forget the lyrics to their own hit songs



Music composer and singer Shankar Mahadevan has offered a simple explanation for why singers can sometimes forget the lyrics to their own biggest hits. During a Spotify conversation marking 25 years of 'Dil Chahta Hai', playback singer Shaan asked why he occasionally struggles to remember songs he has recorded. Mahadevan explained that once a song becomes successful, singers naturally move on to new music, making the older track less of a priority. He said performers are much more focused on getting the lyrics right when a song is new. Shaan then shared a humorous recording-session story involving lyricist Javed Akhtar, recalling how he once unknowingly began creating his own lines for songs he had already sung.

Abhay Deol joins Bollywood reactions to Bansuri Swaraj's 'Vande Mataram' challenge

Actor Abhay Deol has reacted to a recent statement by Bharatiya Janata Party Member of Parliament Bansuri Swaraj involving 'Vande Mataram'. Swaraj had challenged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to sing the complete version of the national song after he spoke about "smashing patriarchy" at an event in August. The exchange drew attention on social media, with Congress social media leader Ruchira Chaturvedi sharing a video questioning Swaraj's remarks. Actor Hrithik Roshan had earlier reacted to Chaturvedi's post by asking whether the exchange was real. Actors Alaya F and Fatima Sana Shaikh also responded with laughing reactions. Deol has now joined the discussion, posting three laughing emojis in the comments section of the social media post.

Jasbir Jassi tells outsiders to stop trying to redefine Punjab

Punjabi singer Jasbir Jassi has taken an apparent swipe at people he says are arriving in Punjab with promises to transform the state. In a social media post, the 'Dil Le Gayee' singer referred to various claims about ending drug abuse, preventing religious conversion, improving Punjab and turning it into "Paris." Jassi questioned the growing number of people offering solutions to Punjab's problems and urged them to leave the state to its own identity. "Let Punjab remain Punjab," he wrote, while telling those making such promises to focus on their own work and approach Punjabis if they encounter a problem. Jassi, known for songs including 'Kudi Kudi', 'Laung Da Lashkara' and 'Koka', recently thanked actress Neena Gupta for attending a rehearsal and encouraging Punjab's performing artists.

'Four Rivers Six Ranges' brings Tibet's forgotten resistance story to Indian screens

'Four Rivers Six Ranges' is bringing a little-known chapter of Tibetan history to audiences as India and China cautiously



work to repair relations. Directed by Shennepenn Khymdar, the historical drama follows members of Chushi Gangdruk, the Tibetan resistance group whose fighters helped the Dalai Lama escape Tibet in 1959. The film stars first-time actor Tenzin Rigzin Phurpatsang, whose grandfather, Yeshe Wangyal, later returned to Tibet after receiving CIA training and was killed fighting Chinese forces. Khymdar filmed the movie covertly in Nepal's Mustang region, completing production in just 19 days amid concerns over surveillance and permits. The film premiered at the International Film Festival Rotterdam before its Indian theatrical release in September, which was delayed during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to India. Chinese state media has criticized the film as promoting separatism.

Rick Ross arrested in Miami Beach after woman alleges domestic violence

Rapper Rick Ross was arrested in Miami Beach early Thursday and charged with felony battery by strangulation and misdemeanor battery after a woman he was living with accused him of assaulting her. Ross, whose legal name is William Roberts II, surrendered to police two days after the woman filed a report alleging an incident on August 28. According to the arrest report, she told detectives that Ross accused her of cheating, struck her multiple times, choked her using the collar of her shirt and slammed her against a wall. Ross was released Thursday on a \$5,000 cash bond and has pleaded not guilty. His attorney, Steve Sadow, said



Ross is being wrongfully accused and urged the public not to prejudge the case. An arraignment is scheduled for October 22.

Ben Affleck refuses TikTok, Kerry Washington turns his reluctance into 'Animals' promo

Kerry Washington has found a playful way to promote her upcoming Netflix thriller 'Animals' after Ben Affleck refused to make a TikTok-style video with her. In a social media reel shared Thursday, Washington asks Affleck to film a short video, prompting him to jokingly walk away. "Ben would do anything for me. Except go on social media and promote our new movie," she wrote. 'Animals', directed and co-written by Affleck, stars the pair as a couple whose son is kidnapped, forcing them to scramble for a ransom while confronting dangerous secrets. The film also features Gillian Anderson, Steven Yeun and Adriana Paz.



'Animals' arrives in select theaters and on Netflix on Friday.

CINTAA feud escalates over allegations of fixed deposits being broken and funds misused

The dispute over the Cine and Television Artists' Association has escalated, with actor and former office-bearer Upasana Singh alleging that CINTAA's fixed deposits and bank accounts were accessed and funds transferred without proper authorization. Speaking to IANS, Singh claimed the association had about Rs. 90 lakh in fixed deposits across five banks and that some funds were allegedly moved into another account after the previous committee was dissolved. She also alleged that Poonam Dhillon and Padmini Kolhapure, along with other members, represented themselves as the association's committee while opening or accessing an account. Singh questioned how fixed deposits could be broken



without members' approval. Actress Nagma separately questioned the alleged use of CINTAA funds to pay staff salaries, arguing that the money belongs to artists and that the association should wait for the court hearing scheduled for October 26. Dhillon and Kolhapure have not responded to the allegations.

Nushratt Bharuccha to undergo spine surgery after Bali accident



Bollywood actress Nushratt Bharuccha suffered a spinal fracture in an accident while in Bali for a work and holiday trip and is expected to return to Mumbai by air ambulance for surgery. Her team said Thursday that Bharuccha remains hospitalized in Bali and is under medical observation. Doctors will determine the next steps following further evaluation, with surgery planned after she is brought back to India. Her team said her health is the immediate priority and that her professional commitments over the coming weeks are likely to be affected as she rests and recovers. Bharuccha rose to prominence with films including 'Love Sex Aur Dhokha', 'Pyaar Ka Punchnama' and 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweetie'.

Korean sci-fi thriller 'HOPE' gets new October release date in India

Korean filmmaker Na Hong-jin's science-fiction thriller 'HOPE' will now reach Indian theaters on October 23, after its original September release was postponed to allow additional screening and certification. The English version has received Central Board of Film Certification approval without cuts, while certification for the Hindi, Tamil and Telugu dubbed versions is still underway. Set in a remote port town, the film follows the dangerous events that unfold after an unidentified object is discovered. The ensemble cast includes Hwang Jung-min, Jo In-sung, Jung Ho-yeon, Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander and Taylor Kitsch. Na Hong-jin is known for films including 'The Chaser', 'The Yellow Sea' and 'The Wailing'. 'HOPE' premiered at the 2026 Cannes Film Festival and has crossed USD 7 million in the United States.

Lindsay Lohan and Henry Golding begin filming Netflix romance 'Return to You'



Lindsay Lohan and Henry Golding have begun production on Netflix's upcoming romance film 'Return to You', set in 2008. Directed by Mark Waters, who previously worked with Lohan on 'Mean Girls' and 'Freaky Friday', the film follows a powerful but lonely attorney who mistakenly receives a deeply personal DVD from a dying woman addressed to her husband. Guided by clues on the disc, she sets out to find him, beginning an unexpected journey. Lohan is also producing the film, with Eric Champnella writing and Brad Krevoy serving as producer. Netflix confirmed the project is now in production, although no release date has been announced.

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

अक्षरधाम, गांधीनगर

सोमनाथ, द्वारकाधीश, अंबाजी और मोढेरा के बाद अब गांधीनगर का अक्षरधाम —
आध्यात्मिकता, भारतीय संस्कृति और आधुनिक स्थापत्य का भव्य संगम

गुजरात के मंदिरों की हमारी यात्रा अब अपने पाँचवें पड़ाव— अक्षरधाम, गांधीनगर तक पहुंच गई है। सोमनाथ से शुरू हुई यह यात्रा हमें द्वारकाधीश, द्वारका, फिर अंबाजी और उसके बाद मोढेरा के सूर्य मंदिर तक ले गई। इन ऐतिहासिक और आध्यात्मिक तीर्थस्थलों के दर्शन के बाद अब हम पहुंचते हैं गांधीनगर स्थित स्वामीनारायण अक्षरधाम, जहां भक्ति, भारतीय संस्कृति, कला, वास्तु और जीवन-मूल्यों का एक अनूठा समन्वय दिखाई देता है।

अक्षरधाम — अर्थ और आध्यात्मिक अवधारणा

‘अक्षरधाम’ का अर्थ है—भगवान का दिव्य और शाश्वत धाम। गांधीनगर का स्वामीनारायण अक्षरधाम भगवान स्वामीनारायण को समर्पित एक मंदिर ही नहीं, बल्कि आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक परिसर है। यहां मंदिर के साथ प्रदर्शनी, उद्यान, शोध एवं सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों के माध्यम से भारतीय संस्कृति, हिंदू दर्शन और मानवीय मूल्यों को प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

अक्षरधाम की मूल प्रेरणा योगीजी महाराज से जुड़ी है। आधिकारिक विवरण के अनुसार, 6 अगस्त 1970 को गांधीनगर आने पर योगीजी महाराज ने यहां एक भव्य मंदिर बनाने की इच्छा व्यक्त की थी। उनके इस संकल्प को उनके उत्तराधिकारी प्रमुख स्वामी महाराज ने आगे बढ़ाया।

प्रमुख स्वामी महाराज की प्रेरणा और BAPS स्वामीनारायण संस्था के प्रयासों से इस परिसर का निर्माण हुआ। मंदिर का उद्घाटन 30 अक्टूबर 1992 को हुआ।

भव्य स्थापत्य और गुलाबी बलुआ पत्थर

गांधीनगर का अक्षरधाम लगभग 23 एकड़ क्षेत्र में फैला है। मुख्य मंदिर का निर्माण लगभग 6,000 टन गुलाबी बलुआ पत्थर से किया गया है और इसके निर्माण में संरचनात्मक लोहे या स्टील का उपयोग नहीं किया गया। मंदिर की ऊंचाई लगभग 108 फीट, लंबाई 240 फीट और चौड़ाई 131 फीट है। इसकी वास्तुकला में पारंपरिक भारतीय स्थापत्य और वास्तु सिद्धांतों का विशेष ध्यान रखा गया है।

मंदिर की दीवारों, स्तंभों और विभिन्न हिस्सों पर की गई बारीक नक्काशी भारतीय शिल्प परंपरा की उत्कृष्टता को दर्शाती है। मुख्य गर्भगृह में भगवान स्वामीनारायण की स्वर्णाभूषणों से सुसज्जित मूर्ति विराजमान है, जिसके साथ स्वामी गुणातीतानंद और स्वामी गोपालानंद की प्रतिमाएं भी हैं।

365 स्तंभों की परिक्रमा

अक्षरधाम की एक विशेषता इसकी परिक्रमा है, जिसमें 365 पत्थर के स्तंभ हैं। यह संख्या वर्ष के 365 दिनों का प्रतीकात्मक स्मरण कराती है। मंदिर परिसर में हिंदू धर्म की



परंपराओं, वेदों, पुराणों और महाकाव्यों से जुड़े प्रसंगों को कलात्मक रूप में प्रस्तुत किया गया है।

परिसर में गजेंद्र पीठ भी उल्लेखनीय है। हाथियों और अन्य जीव-जंतुओं की शिल्पाकृतियों के माध्यम से मनुष्य, प्रकृति और जीव-जगत के बीच सामंजस्य का संदेश प्रस्तुत किया गया है। पत्थर पर उकेरी गई ये कलाकृतियां केवल सजावटी नहीं, बल्कि भारतीय शिल्प-दर्शन की प्रतीकात्मक भाषा भी हैं।

उद्यान और सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुतियां

अक्षरधाम परिसर के विस्तृत उद्यान इसकी भव्यता को और

बढ़ाते हैं। यहां का कमल उद्यान विशेष आकर्षण है, जिसमें कमल की पंखुड़ियों के आकार में विभिन्न प्रेरणादायक विचारों और व्यक्तित्वों से जुड़े संदेश प्रस्तुत किए गए हैं।

परिसर में प्रदर्शनी और सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुतियों के माध्यम से भारतीय सभ्यता, संत परंपरा, हिंदू दर्शन और जीवन-मूल्यों को आधुनिक तकनीक के माध्यम से समझाने का प्रयास किया गया है। गुजरात पर्यटन भी अक्षरधाम को प्राचीन भारतीय मूल्यों और आधुनिक प्रस्तुति के सुंदर मेल के रूप में वर्णित करता है।

अक्षरधाम में सत्-चित्-आनंद वाटर शो भी आयोजित किया जाता है, जिसमें जल, प्रकाश, ध्वनि और कथा के माध्यम से आध्यात्मिक संदेश प्रस्तुत किया जाता है।

सेवा, संस्कृति और सद्भाव का संदेश

अक्षरधाम की अवधारणा केवल पूजा और दर्शन तक सीमित नहीं है। इसके सांस्कृतिक परिसर में भारतीय परंपराओं, आध्यात्मिक ज्ञान और सामाजिक मूल्यों को नई पीढ़ी तक पहुंचाने पर भी जोर दिया गया है।

परिसर का Hall of Harmony विभिन्न धार्मिक परंपराओं को साथ प्रस्तुत करता है। इसका उद्देश्य धार्मिक विविधता के बीच संवाद, सद्भाव और परस्पर सम्मान की भावना को सामने रखना है।

इसी कारण अक्षरधाम आज गुजरात के प्रमुख आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक स्थलों में शामिल है। मंदिर की भव्यता जहां आगंतुकों को आकर्षित करती है, वहीं इसके प्रदर्शनी और सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम भारतीय सभ्यता और दर्शन के विभिन्न पहलुओं से परिचित कराते हैं।

एक आधुनिक मंदिर, प्राचीन मूल्यों की प्रस्तुति

मोढेरा का सूर्य मंदिर हमें सोलंकी युग की स्थापत्य प्रतिभा और सूर्य उपासना की प्राचीन परंपरा से परिचित कराता है, जबकि गांधीनगर का अक्षरधाम आधुनिक काल में भारतीय आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक परंपराओं की एक भव्य अभिव्यक्ति प्रस्तुत करता है।

इसी क्रम में हमारी गुजरात मंदिर यात्रा अब एक नए पड़ाव की ओर बढ़ रही है।

अगला पड़ाव — बाल हनुमान मंदिर, जामनगर

सोमनाथ से शुरू हुई हमारी यात्रा अब गांधीनगर के अक्षरधाम तक पहुंच चुकी है। गुजरात के अलग-अलग मंदिरों ने हमें शिव भक्ति, कृष्ण परंपरा, शक्ति उपासना, सूर्य आराधना और अब स्वामीनारायण परंपरा के विविध रूपों से परिचित कराया है।

अब हमारी यात्रा जामनगर की ओर बढ़ेगी, जहां हमारा छठा पड़ाव होगा प्रसिद्ध बाल हनुमान मंदिर। रणमल झील के किनारे स्थित यह मंदिर अपनी अखंड ‘श्री राम, जय राम, जय जय राम’ रामधुन के लिए विशेष रूप से प्रसिद्ध है।

IndoUS Tribune की भारत के मंदिरों की यह आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक यात्रा आगे भी जारी रहेगी— अगले पड़ाव पर मिलते हैं बाल हनुमान मंदिर, जामनगर में।

गुजरात की इस आध्यात्मिक और सांस्कृतिक यात्रा में हमारे साथ बने रहिए।



Rare episodes hidden in the Valmiki Ramayana

When Hanuman Mistook Mandodari for Sita

The search for Sita is one of the central episodes of the Sundara Kanda of the Valmiki Ramayana. While the Ramcharitmanas describes Hanuman's search briefly, Valmiki gives a much more detailed account of what Hanuman saw and the thoughts that passed through his mind.

In the Ramcharitmanas, Tulsidas writes:

मंदिर मंदिर प्रति करि सोधा,
देखे जहँ तहँ अगनित जोधा
गयउ दसानन मंदिर मोही,
अति बिचित्र कहि जात सो नाही
सयन किए देखा कपि तेहि,
मंदिर महुँ न दिखि बेदेही

Meaning:

Hanuman searched every palace and chamber and saw countless warriors. He entered Ravana's magnificent palace and saw Ravana sleeping, but Sita, the daughter of King Janaka, was nowhere to be found. Hanuman had never seen Sita before. He had no portrait or image of her, only the description he had been given: a beautiful, graceful and sorrowful princess devoted completely to Rama. He therefore had to rely on that mental image as he searched Lanka.

Inside Ravana's Palace

In Ravana's royal residence, Hanuman saw the mighty king sleeping on a magnificent bed, richly adorned and covered with sandalwood paste. Numerous women lay sleeping around him, apparently exhausted after a night of drinking and revelry.

Valmiki describes the scene in considerable detail:

सु-काण्ड - 10/9, 10, 11
वृत्तमांभरणेदिव्येः सुरूपं कामरुपिणम् ॥
सवृक्षवनगुरमादं प्रसुप्तमिव मन्दरम् ॥ 9 ॥
करीडितोपरतं रात्रौ वराभरणभूषितम् ॥
श्रियं राक्षसकन्यानां राक्षसानां सुखावहम् ॥ 10 ॥
पीत्वाऽप्युपरतं चापि ददशं स महाकपिः ॥
आखरे शयने वीरं प्रसुप्तं राक्षसाधिपम् ॥ 11 ॥

Meaning:

Hanuman saw Ravana sleeping like the mighty Mount Mandara, adorned with splendid ornaments. After spending the night in pleasure and revelry, Ravana lay asleep on his magnificent bed.

Valmiki then describes the women around him:

काचिदाडम्बरं नारी यजसंभोगपीडितम् ॥
कत्वा कमलपत्राक्षी प्रसूना मदमोहिता ॥ 45 ॥

Meaning:

One lotus-eyed woman lay exhausted and overcome by intoxication after the night's revelry.

Elsewhere, Hanuman saw women sleeping in various postures:

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

Meaning:

Another beautiful woman appeared to be sleeping peacefully and affectionately, like a mother embracing her young child.

And:

केचिददंशं परिध्वज्य सुप्ता कमललीचना ॥
रहः प्रियतमं गृसकौमेव च कामिनी ॥ 40 ॥

Meaning:

One woman, with beautiful eyes, lay asleep while embracing Ravana's arm, appearing like a woman resting close to her beloved.



When Hanuman Mistook Mandodari for Sita

Then Hanuman saw a particularly beautiful woman near Ravana. She was fair, graceful and richly adorned. She was Mandodari, Ravana's chief queen. But Hanuman did not know this. For a moment, he believed he had found Sita.

सु-काण्ड - 10/52, 53
गोरं कैनकवणोज्जीमिष्टमन्तःपुरेशवरीम् ॥
कपिमन्दोदरी तत्र शयानां चारुपिणीम् ॥ 52 ॥
स तां दृष्ट्वा महाबाहुभूषितां मारुतात्मजः ॥
तकेयामास सीतेति रूपयौवनसंपदा ॥
हर्षेण महता युक्तो मनन्द हरियूथपः ॥ 53 ॥

Meaning:

Hanuman saw a fair-complexioned and extraordinarily beautiful woman, the chief queen of the inner palace, sleeping adorned with magnificent ornaments. Seeing her beauty and youth, the son of the Wind-god thought that she was Sita. Filled with joy, Hanuman rejoiced at the thought that he had finally found her.

But Hanuman soon reconsidered.

Why She Could Not Be Sita

He reasoned that Sita, separated from Rama, could never be found intoxicated or participating in the pleasures of Ravana's palace. Nor would she willingly approach another man.

सुन्दरकाण्ड - सर्ग 11/2, 3, 4
न रामेण वियुक्ता सा स्वधुमति भामिनी ॥
न भोक्त नाप्यरंके न पानशुषसेवित् ॥ 2 ॥
नान्यं सद्युपसातुं सुराणामपि चेश्वरम् ॥
न हि रामसमः कथिद्वियते त्रिदशेषपि ॥ 3 ॥
अन्येयमिति निधिं वीनभूमौ चचार सः ॥
पान भूमौ हरि श्रेष्ठः सीता संदर्श नो उत्सुकः ॥ 4 ॥

Meaning:

Hanuman thought: Sita, separated from Rama,

could never be found in such a condition. She would neither drink nor indulge in worldly pleasures. She would never approach another man, even if he were a powerful celestial being. There was no one equal to Rama.

He therefore concluded that the woman he had seen was someone else and continued his search.

Hanuman's Concern About Dharma

The experience also led Hanuman to examine his own conduct. He had seen many women in Ravana's private chambers and wondered whether this could constitute a violation of his dharma.

परदारावरोधस्व प्रसुप्रस्व निरीक्षणम् ॥
इदं खल ममादयं धर्म लोपम करिष्यति ॥ 36 ॥
काममं दृष्ट्वा मया सर्वा विश्रस्ता रावण स्त्रीयः ॥
न तु मे मनसा किंचिद वैकृत्यम् उप पद्यते ॥ 39 ॥

Meaning:

"Have I violated my dharma by observing the wives of another man in his private chambers? I have seen all these women, but my mind has not been disturbed by desire or improper thoughts." Hanuman concluded that his purpose had remained pure. He was there solely to find Sita, and his mind had never strayed from that mission.

The House of Vibhishana

Continuing his search, Hanuman came upon a house that stood apart from the others. It bore symbols associated with Lord Rama, and fresh Tulsi plants grew outside. It was the house of Ravana's younger brother, Vibhishana.

The Ramcharitmanas describes the sight:

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

Meaning:

The house was marked with the symbols of Lord Rama, and its beauty was beyond description. Fresh Tulsi plants grew there. Seeing them, Hanuman was filled with joy.

Hanuman met Vibhishana and explained that he had come as Rama's messenger in search of Sita. Vibhishana welcomed him and told him that he had opposed Ravana's abduction of Sita and had repeatedly advised his brother to return her to Rama. Ravana, however, refused to listen.

This meeting became a crucial turning point in Hanuman's search.

The episode of Hanuman mistaking Mandodari for Sita is significant not merely as an unusual moment in the Ramayana, but because it reveals Hanuman's extraordinary self-awareness. Even while searching through Ravana's palace, he questioned his own perceptions and conduct, corrected his mistake through reason, and remained unwavering in his devotion to Rama and his mission to find Sita.

Jai Shri Ram.



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Chicago Indian Fashion Week to debut October 10



● By: Dr. Avi Verma

Indian fashion, art and culture will take center stage in Chicago on Oct. 10 with the inaugural Chicago Indian Fashion Week (CIFW) at The RIVVY Hotel in downtown Chicago. Presented by Chicago Indian Arts, the event will bring designers, artists, models, cultural voices and sustainability advocates together for an evening that organizers say will explore the intersection of Indian heritage and contemporary creativity. IndoUS Tribune and Jagran TV Chicago are proud media partners for the inaugural event.

The theme, “The Home and the World” is inspired by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and his writings on identity, belonging and the relationship between home and the wider world.

“Chicago is one of the world’s great multicultural cities, yet the extraordinary depth of Indian fashion, craftsmanship, couture and creative expression deserves an even larger platform here,” said Jigar Shah, founder of Chicago Indian Arts. “Chicago Indian Fashion Week is about creating that platform — not simply to showcase beautiful clothing, but to tell stories about where we come from, how culture evolves, and how Indian creativity belongs in the global fashion conversation.”

Designers and artists

The runway will feature collections from The Saree Room, Priya Chhabria, Fabric

da Vinci, Rupali Shete, Prive Couture and Accessorize. Exhibitors will include Noor & Co., Andraab, Shanti Essence, Signature Diamonds & Jewelry, Saree Decor and John Duncan, extending the event beyond fashion to jewelry, craftsmanship, lifestyle and design.

International actor and fashion model Niharica Raizada will attend as a special guest. Pramantha Tagore, a sarod artist and speaker, will also participate in the program.

The evening will include a multidisciplinary presentation by Zero One Studios, the event’s Music and Creative Partner. Produced by Anant Shrivastava, the presentation will feature artist Somu Sarkar, fashion by Rintu Chakraborty, and creative and project direction by Aakangsha Datta.

The presentation will center on “Hrid Majharer Dheu,” performed and composed by Debraj Bhattacharya, with lyrics by Somraj Das.

Focus on sustainability

Sustainability will be a central theme of the event. Under the banner “From the Saree to Sustainability,” organizers will address issues of waste, consumption and circular fashion.

A fireside discussion featuring Mireya Fouché and Abha Kapila will examine sustainable approaches to fashion and design.

The event will also support Bookwallah, an organization focused on creating opportunities for children.

Organizers say the broader goal is to establish Chicago Indian Fashion Week as a platform for Indian and South Asian designers, artists and creative voices.

“Fashion has tremendous power because it crosses borders without needing translation,” a Chicago Indian Arts spokesperson said. “A textile can carry history. A silhouette can express identity. A runway can introduce one culture to another.”

Event Details

Chicago Indian Fashion Week

Date: Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026

Time: 4–10 p.m.

Venue: The RIVVY Hotel, 55 E. Ontario St., Chicago

Presented by: Chicago Indian Arts

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Supporting: Bookwallah

Tickets and information are available through Chicago Indian Arts at www.chicagoindianarts.org



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Akshaya Patra Indiana Chapter hosts musical fundraiser in Merrillville



IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

The Indiana Chapter of Akshaya Patra USA hosted a musical fundraiser on September 26, at the Indian American Cultural Center in Merrillville, bringing together community members, supporters and friends for an evening centered on music, fellowship and philanthropy. The program opened with the traditional lighting of the lamp by Indiana Chapter Chairs Dr. Ravi Bhagwat and Dr. Saket Sinha, joined by Saroj Patel, Co-Chair of the Akshaya Patra Chicago Chapter.

“Tonight is a reminder of what we can accomplish when a community comes together with compassion and purpose,” said Dr. Bhagwat and Dr. Sinha. “Every contribution, large or small, has the potential to give a child nourishment, opportunity, and hope for a brighter future.”

Longtime supporters spoke about their

personal connections with Akshaya Patra and encouraged attendees to continue supporting its programs for children. Dr. Sinha also shared a message from longtime supporter Dr. Chittaranjan Patel, who was unable to attend. Rajiv Khanna and other supporters also extended their best wishes and reaffirmed their continued commitment to the organization.

Prachi Jaitly, Development Director, Midwest, Akshaya Patra USA, highlighted recent organizational milestones and expressed appreciation for the Indiana community’s continued support. A pledge drive provided attendees with an opportunity to contribute to Akshaya Patra’s work.

The evening also featured music, creating a festive atmosphere that eventually drew guests to the dance floor. The fundraiser concluded with appreciation for the community members and supporters whose contributions will help Akshaya Patra provide meals and



educational support to children.

The evening brought together philanthropy, music and community spirit,

highlighting how collective support can help advance the organization’s mission while creating meaningful connections within the community.

Chicago opens early voting and seeks Hindi and Punjabi-speaking election judges

IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Chicago opened its early voting centers on October 1, giving residents an opportunity to cast their ballots ahead of the November 3 Midterm General Election.

According to Kimico Mehta, Director of South Asian Outreach at the Chicago Board of Elections, early voting initially began at downtown locations before expanding to designated sites across all 50 wards later this month.

Downtown early voting location

Voters can cast their ballots at the downtown early voting location:

**137 S. State Street
Chicago, IL**

Voters should confirm the location before heading out, particularly if they have previously used a different downtown early voting site. Beginning October 19, early voting will expand

to designated locations in all 50 wards, giving residents more opportunities to vote closer to home before Election Day.

Reaching Chicago’s South Asian community

The Chicago Board of Elections has an established South Asian Outreach program designed to provide election information and language assistance to the city’s diverse South Asian community. Mehta’s responsibilities include outreach to Asian Indian and Hindi-speaking communities, voter education and recruitment of bilingual poll workers.

The Board provides election information and voting assistance in several South Asian languages, including Hindi, Gujarati and Urdu.

Election Board seeks Hindi and Punjabi-speaking judges

The Chicago Board of Elections is also seeking bilingual Election Judges who speak Hindi and Punjabi, particularly to assist voters on Election Day, November 3. The recruitment is part of the Board’s



broader effort to ensure that voters with limited English proficiency can receive appropriate language assistance at designated polling locations.

For members of the Indian American and broader South Asian community who are fluent in Hindi or Punjabi, serving as an Election Judge provides an opportunity to participate directly in the electoral process while helping fellow community members navigate voting.

Key dates for Chicago voters

Chicago residents do not have to wait until November 3 to cast their ballots.

October 1: Early voting opens at

downtown Chicago locations

October 19: Early voting expands to

designated locations in all 50 wards

November 3: Midterm General Election Day

Voters are encouraged to verify their registration, voting location and hours before visiting a polling site.

An opportunity to serve the community

For Chicago’s growing South Asian community, access to election information in familiar languages can make participation in the electoral process more accessible. The Board’s South Asian Outreach effort, led by Kimico Mehta, connects voters with election information while also recruiting bilingual poll workers who can provide language assistance where needed. With early voting underway, South Asian residents have an opportunity not only to vote before Election Day, but also, for qualified bilingual residents, to serve as Election Judges and help fellow community members participate in the voting process.

Krishnamoorthi raises alarm over rise in anti-South Asian hate; also seeks review of microplastics in drinking water

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) has called attention to two issues with potential implications for the South Asian and broader American communities: a new report documenting a sharp increase in anti-South Asian hate on social media and a congressional effort seeking greater federal scrutiny of microplastics in drinking water. The two developments were announced by Krishnamoorthi's office as Congress returned its attention to issues involving public safety, civil rights and public health.

240% increase in anti-South Asian hate on X

Krishnamoorthi was responding to a new report by the Center for the Study of Organized Hate (CSOH) titled *The Rising Tide of Anti-South Asian Hate in the United States*. The report examined online content targeting South Asians across X, 4chan, 8chan and Gab during 2025 and the first half of 2026. According to the report, researchers identified approximately 542,360 hateful posts targeting South Asians on X between January 2025 and June 2026. The report says the monthly volume of anti-South Asian hate on X increased 240% between January 2024 and June 2026, rising from 12,904 posts to 43,843.

The report found that approximately 45% of the identified posts portrayed South Asians as invaders, job thieves or a demographic threat. CSOH attributed the online hostility to several factors, including immigration politics, economic resentment, political rhetoric and the amplification of hateful content through social-media platforms. For the Indian-American and wider South Asian community, the report's findings touch on issues that have become increasingly visible in national discussions about immigration, employment, H-1B visas and the growing presence of South Asians in American public life.

At the same time, the figures should be understood in context. The CSOH study measures identified online posts and does not represent a count of physical attacks, hate crimes or individual victims. Its conclusions are based on the organization's methodology, including keyword-based data collection, automated classification and qualitative review.

Krishnamoorthi calls for response from both parties

Responding to the report, Krishnamoorthi said the increase in online anti-South Asian hostility should concern Americans across the political spectrum. "The 240 percent surge in monthly anti-South Asian hate on X did not come out of nowhere," Krishnamoorthi said in a statement released by his office. He called on Americans and political leaders from both parties to speak out against racism and xenophobia.



Krishnamoorthi also cited what he described as examples of politicians and government rhetoric targeting South Asians. "South Asian Americans are as much a part of the fabric of America as anyone else," he said, adding that "no amount of hate can erase the contributions we have made to this country." The Congressman's references to particular political incidents and rhetoric are his characterization of those events; they are separate from the statistical findings of the CSOH report.

The report itself says anti-South Asian content includes attacks based on ethnicity, nationality, religion, language, appearance and immigration status. It also documents the use of racist memes and AI-generated imagery to reinforce stereotypes about South Asians.

Microplastics: Krishnamoorthi seeks federal review

In a separate initiative, Krishnamoorthi joined Congresswoman Janelle Bynum (D-OR) and Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ) in leading colleagues in asking the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the Environmental Protection Agency's work on microplastics and nanoplastics.

The lawmakers' September 30 letter follows the EPA's proposal for its Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 6). The proposed rule would require monitoring for 30 contaminants but does not include microplastics. The lawmakers are

asking GAO to examine what EPA has accomplished, what work remains and what factors may be limiting further progress.

The lawmakers note that EPA said in 2024 it was in the early stages of developing a method for analyzing microplastics. EPA later cited the absence of a validated analytical method when explaining why microplastics were not included in UCMR 6.

The congressional letter argues that Americans need more information about potential exposure and the possible health implications of microplastics.

What science says—and does not yet say

The issue has attracted increasing scientific attention. A July 2026 GAO report said microplastics are found in air, land and water and can enter the human body. It also noted that some studies have associated exposure with health problems, but emphasized that scientists have not yet determined the extent to which microplastics cause those problems.

GAO also identified significant scientific challenges, including the lack of standardized measurement methods and uncertainties in interpreting research findings. The distinction is important: the presence of microplastics in the environment and human tissues has been documented, while the full health consequences of exposure remain an active area of scientific research.

Issues resonating with the Indian-American community

For Chicago's large Indian-American and South Asian population, the two developments highlight very different but consequential national conversations.

The anti-South Asian hate report focuses on how immigration debates, economic grievances and political rhetoric can translate into online hostility directed at an entire ethnic community.

The microplastics initiative, meanwhile, concerns the scientific monitoring of a widespread environmental contaminant and what information federal agencies should collect to assess potential risks.

Krishnamoorthi's involvement in both matters places the Illinois congressman at the center of discussions involving civil rights, immigration-related rhetoric, environmental monitoring and public health. As the debate continues, the available evidence also underscores the importance of distinguishing documented data from political interpretation—whether discussing online hate or emerging scientific questions about microplastics.

For South Asian Americans, the CSOH report provides a measure of the online environment documented by its researchers, while the congressional initiative on microplastics seeks additional federal information that lawmakers say is necessary to better understand potential exposure and risks.

October 2

Remembering two giants of India's history

Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mahatma Gandhi — Two lives, two paths, one enduring legacy

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

October 2 is a unique day in India's history. It is a day of celebration, remembrance and reflection as the nation observes the birth anniversaries of two extraordinary Indians — Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, revered as the Father of the Nation, and Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime Minister and a symbol of simplicity, integrity, courage and patriotism.

Gandhi was born in 1869 and Shastri in 1904. Though they belonged to different generations and followed different paths, both devoted their lives to India and left legacies that continue to shape the nation.

Lal Bahadur Shastri: A giant in a small frame

Lal Bahadur Shastri was a leader whose simplicity concealed extraordinary strength. Born into modest circumstances, Shastri joined the freedom movement as a young man and spent years in British prisons. After Independence, he served in several important positions before succeeding Jawaharlal Nehru as Prime Minister in 1964.

His tenure lasted barely 19 months, yet those months tested him with some of the most difficult challenges facing the young republic. During the 1965 India-Pakistan war, Shastri demonstrated quiet determination and national resolve. At the same time, he emphasized India's urgent need to strengthen agriculture and become more self-reliant. His famous call, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," captured this national priority — honoring both the soldier defending India and the farmer feeding India. Shastri never cultivated the image of a powerful ruler. His strength came from personal integrity, humility and an extraordinary sense of duty. He remains widely remembered for these qualities.

And then came Tashkent. Following the 1965 war, Shastri signed the Tashkent Declaration with Pakistan's President Ayub Khan on January 10, 1966. Hours later, he died suddenly. The official account attributed his death to a heart attack, and contemporary parliamentary records document the medical efforts made to save him. Yet questions surrounding the circumstances of his death have persisted for decades.

There have been allegations of poisoning and other theories, but they remain unproven. That distinction matters. India should neither declare an unproven theory to be fact nor dismiss legitimate historical questions. The circumstances surrounding Shastri's death deserve transparency and, where possible, examination through credible historical evidence. For many Indians, Shastri remains one of the finest examples



of public service without personal extravagance.

Mahatma Gandhi: A transformative leader and enduring symbol

Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to India's freedom struggle was profound. Through Satyagraha, non-violence, civil disobedience and mass mobilization, Gandhi helped transform the struggle against British rule into a movement involving millions of ordinary Indians. From Champaran and Kheda to the Salt March and Quit India, his methods gave India's independence movement a powerful moral and international dimension. His philosophy of non-violence went far beyond India and influenced later movements for civil rights and freedom around the world.

Gandhi's political journey, however, was complex. He was not the only force behind India's independence, nor did every nationalist agree with his methods or decisions. Leaders such as Subhas Chandra Bose and revolutionary figures such as Bhagat Singh represented different approaches to the struggle. That diversity is important to remember because India's freedom was the product of many streams of sacrifice and political thought.

Gandhi and Bhagat Singh: A debate that still resonates

The relationship between Gandhi and Shaheed Bhagat Singh remains one of the most debated chapters of India's freedom struggle. Bhagat Singh represented a revolutionary tradition and believed that armed resistance could be justified against British rule. Gandhi, by contrast, remained firmly committed to non-violence and opposed revolutionary violence.

When Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were sentenced to death, Gandhi did intervene. Records preserved by the Gandhi Heritage Portal show that on March 23, 1931, Gandhi wrote to Viceroy Lord Irwin asking him to reconsider the commutation of the three men's sentences. He subsequently spoke publicly about his efforts to save Bhagat Singh. The executions nevertheless went ahead that day.

This has produced a legitimate historical debate: Did Gandhi do everything within his political power to save Bhagat Singh? Could he have exerted greater pressure? Or were the circumstances and the authority of the British government such that his ability to change the decision was limited?

There is no need to turn this complicated episode into either an indictment or a complete defense of Gandhi. The historical record shows that he sought clemency; it also shows that he failed to prevent the executions. The debate over whether he could have done more remains part of India's historical conversation.

At the same time, Bhagat Singh's courage and sacrifice deserve their own place of honor. Remembering Gandhi should never mean forgetting Bhagat Singh, and honoring Bhagat Singh does not require denying Gandhi's enormous contribution to India's freedom movement.

India's independence was not achieved by one individual. It was built through the sacrifices of millions — including Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Patel, Jawaharlal Nehru,

Rajguru, Sukhdev and countless others whose names may never appear in history books.

What October 2 means to India

The lives of Gandhi and Shastri offer two different but powerful models of leadership. Gandhi demonstrated the power of moral conviction, non-violent resistance and mass mobilization. Shastri demonstrated the power of humility, personal integrity, national resolve and service.

Gandhi's legacy deserves both respect and thoughtful examination. Shastri's legacy deserves remembrance and continued inquiry into the unanswered questions surrounding his untimely death. Neither man should be reduced to a slogan or a statue.

On October 2, we should remember the extraordinary contributions of both men while also remembering the larger story of India's freedom — a story written by millions of Indians who sacrificed their freedom, fortunes, families and, ultimately, their lives. History should neither be worshipped blindly nor rewritten for political convenience.

History belongs to the truth.

On this October 2, let us salute Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, and Lal Bahadur Shastri, the epitome of simplicity, integrity, courage and service to India.

May their lives — and the sacrifices of all those who fought for India's freedom — continue to inspire generations.

Jai Hind.

The mirage of Vrindavan: When faith becomes a closed-door TRP machine



By: Dr. Avi Verma

Vrindavan is supposed to be a place where ego disappears. But what happens when an institution built around spirituality becomes so powerful that legitimate scrutiny becomes uncomfortable? The death of Deepak Lodhi, also known as Rasik Dulari Sharan, 25, inside an ashram in Vrindavan demands precisely that scrutiny. But scrutiny must not become speculation.

What we know—and what we do not

According to reported police accounts, Deepak's death is being treated as a suspected suicide. CCTV reportedly shows him leaving his room, reaching a terrace and subsequently falling. That establishes a sequence—not why he acted or what preceded it. Investigators have reportedly examined a grinder found in the room. Reports have also referred to a serious injury involving his private parts and deleted chats, photographs and videos from his phone.

These details may be relevant, but their meaning has not been publicly established. Was the injury self-inflicted or accidental? What was the grinder used for? Can deleted material be recovered? Who was with Deepak before he left his room? Those are matters for forensic and police inquiry. If Deepak did take his own life, the investigation should not end with that conclusion. What happened before he reached the terrace?

When “suicide” becomes the end of the inquiry

Identifying the apparent final act is not necessarily the same as understanding the circumstances that led to it. Investigators should establish the timeline, examine physical and forensic findings, reconstruct CCTV coverage and entries and exits, and determine what the digital record reveals. The public does not need rumors. It needs facts.

And then there is Premanand Maharaj

Swami Premanand Maharaj is widely revered and has been dealing with serious kidney disease requiring dialysis. To many

devotees, he appears to be a deeply spiritual and noble soul continuing his work despite significant physical suffering. That makes the machinery surrounding him worthy of examination. Who controls access to the Saint? Who manages his public appearance and messaging? Is that structure simply facilitating his spiritual mission, or could it have developed interests of its own? I am not claiming that his life has been “hijacked,” nor that the institution is a cult. Such assertions would require further evidence.

But it is reasonable to examine whether spirituality has become intertwined with TRP, ratings, social-media buzz, influence and ultimately money. Could an organization built around a revered and physically vulnerable leader become so powerful that the leader himself has limited control over every aspect of it? That remains an open question.

When “no VIP culture” meets personal experience

I write this not only as a publisher, but as someone who personally experienced the system. I once had an Ekantik appointment with Swami Premanand Maharaj. The circumstances surrounding that appointment deserve full disclosure. The token was obtained on my behalf through someone connected with the ashram, although this was outside the ashram's published procedure. I acknowledge that without reservation.

What happened during the appointment, however, raises a separate and legitimate issue. I was told that I would have approximately 15 minutes with Swami. After roughly five minutes, I was asked to leave because the time and space were needed to accommodate a VIP. That is my firsthand account of what occurred.

Yet it is difficult not to notice the contrast with the publicly stated “no VIP culture.” There is a meaningful distinction between saying, “There is no paid VIP system,” and saying, “Everyone receives equal practical access.”

Those two propositions are not necessarily



the same. Because I have disclosed how my own token was obtained, I am not presenting myself as an ordinary devotee who followed the standard procedure. But that disclosure does not change what happened once I was inside the appointment. Nor does my experience appear entirely isolated. Numerous viral reels and social-media posts have circulated accounts from devotees describing difficulties, shortened interactions or what they perceived as differential access to darshan and meetings with Maharaj. Such accounts are not, by themselves, verified evidence. Social media can amplify genuine experiences as well as incomplete, exaggerated or misleading narratives. But when similar accounts repeatedly surface, a reasonable question follows: Are these isolated incidents, or do they indicate a broader pattern in how access is managed?

That is where transparency matters.

If the “no VIP culture” principle is consistently applied, the institution should be able to clearly explain how access is determined, how appointment time is allocated, and why circumstances may sometimes appear different for different devotees.

I am not alleging that my experience proves a systematic VIP policy. It does not. I am asking a simpler question—one that deserves a straightforward answer: If there is no VIP culture, why did my allotted time appear to become negotiable when a VIP needed accommodation?

Spirituality by algorithm

A pravachan becomes a Reel. A

conversation becomes a Short. An emotional statement becomes a viral clip. Followers become numbers. Numbers become influence. Technology can carry spiritual teachings to millions. But algorithms reward attention—not necessarily context or truth. A viral image is not accountability.

Deepak must not become another viral reel

A tragedy occurs. Outrage explodes. Videos circulate. Millions watch. Then attention moves elsewhere. Deepak must not become another social-media spectacle. His death requires something far less dramatic and far more important: a transparent, evidence-based investigation. That means establishing the timeline, examining the physical evidence, determining the significance of the reported injury, examining the grinder, recovering digital material where possible and reconstructing the CCTV record. None of this means accusing the ashram or any individual of causing Deepak's death. There is no established basis in the information presented here for such a conclusion. But unanswered matters should not be buried beneath a convenient narrative.

The real test of spirituality

Faith should not require people to surrender their ability to question.

The larger issues remain:

Who decides access? Who controls the message? Who controls the cameras and social-media narrative? And when a revered spiritual leader is physically vulnerable, who is accountable for the machinery operating around him?

Deepak deserves more than speculation. His family deserves more than a headline. Devotees deserve more than carefully curated moments. And the public deserves more than fragments of an unfolding investigation packaged for digital consumption.

Deepak's final moments should not become another viral Reel.

They should become the beginning of a search for the truth.



HEALTHY AGING, HEALTHY LIVING SERIES

Part 2 – Keeping your brain healthy as you age

Protecting memory, thinking and independence through every stage of life

● By: Dr. Avi Verma

In Part 1 of our Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we discussed an important principle: healthy aging is not simply about adding years to life, but about adding health, independence and quality to those years. One of the most important components of healthy aging is brain health. Our brain controls memory, movement, judgment, emotions, communication and our ability to manage everyday life. While occasional forgetfulness can be a normal part of aging, significant cognitive decline is not. Increasing evidence shows that many factors affecting brain health operate throughout our lifetime—meaning it is never too early or too late to begin protecting the brain.

Normal forgetfulness or a warning sign?

Everyone occasionally forgets a name, misplaces keys or walks into a room and forgets why. These experiences can occur with normal aging.

More concerning are persistent or progressive changes that interfere with everyday life, such as:

- ▶ Repeatedly asking the same questions or forgetting recently learned information.
- ▶ Getting lost in familiar places.
- ▶ Increasing difficulty managing finances, medications or routine tasks.
- ▶ Becoming confused about dates, locations or familiar instructions.
- ▶ Noticeable changes in judgment, personality or behavior.

If memory problems begin affecting independence, they should not automatically be dismissed as “just getting older.” A medical evaluation can identify potentially treatable causes and determine whether further assessment is appropriate.

The brain-heart connection

A healthy brain depends on a healthy cardiovascular system. High blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, high LDL cholesterol, smoking and physical inactivity can damage blood vessels that supply the brain. Stroke and small-vessel disease can directly injure brain tissue and contribute to cognitive impairment. In practical terms, what protects your heart often helps protect your brain. Managing blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar is therefore important not only for preventing heart disease and stroke, but also for supporting long-term cognitive health.

Exercise: Move for your brain

Physical activity is one of the most practical ways to support healthy aging. For most adults, guidelines recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, such as brisk walking, along with muscle-strengthening activities. Exercise supports cardiovascular health, improves mood, strengthens muscles and balance, and may contribute to better cognitive health. Walking, swimming, cycling, dancing and gardening can all count. If you have been inactive or have significant medical conditions, discuss a new exercise program with your healthcare professional.

Sleep: Give your brain time to recover

Sleep is an active biological process essential for memory, attention, mood and overall

health. Persistent poor-quality sleep can impair concentration and memory. Sleep disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea can also interfere with restorative sleep and deserve medical attention. Persistent loud snoring, witnessed pauses in breathing, morning headaches or excessive daytime sleepiness may be reasons to discuss sleep apnea with your physician. Research continues to examine how sleep interacts with biological processes associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of cognitive decline.

Eat for overall brain and heart health

There is no single food proven to prevent Alzheimer's disease. However, healthy dietary patterns can support cardiovascular and metabolic health, which are important for the brain. Mediterranean-style and MIND (Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay) eating patterns emphasize vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans, nuts and fish while limiting highly processed foods, excess sugar and unhealthy fats. Research on these diets and dementia prevention is continuing. They should be viewed as healthy eating patterns—not guaranteed treatments for preventing cognitive decline. Adequate hydration and sufficient protein are also important, particularly for older adults seeking to preserve muscle strength and independence.

Keep your mind—and your social life—active

The brain benefits from continued learning and meaningful engagement. Reading, learning a language, playing music, writing, teaching, gardening, pursuing hobbies and learning new skills can provide mental stimulation. Social connection is equally important. Time with family and friends, volunteering, community organizations and cultural or religious activities can support emotional well-being and help reduce social isolation.

Brain health is therefore not simply about solving puzzles—it is about remaining physically, mentally and socially engaged.

Protect hearing and vision

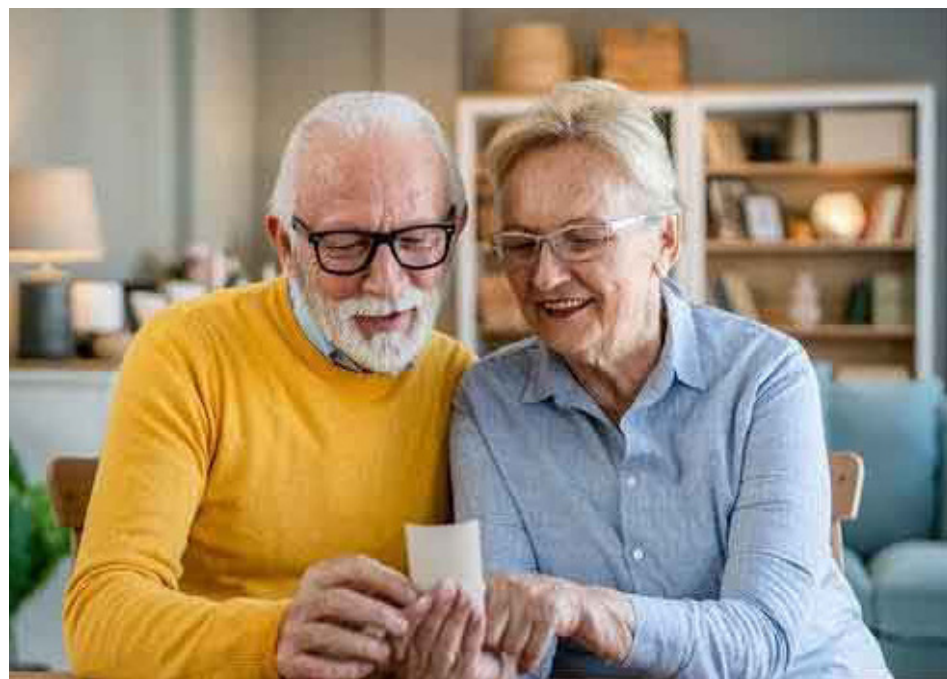
Hearing and vision deserve special attention as we age. Untreated hearing loss can make communication difficult, contribute to social withdrawal and increase the effort required to understand conversations. Appropriate hearing evaluation and treatment can improve communication and quality of life.

Vision problems can also affect independence and safety. Importantly, the 2024 Lancet Commission on dementia prevention added untreated vision loss and high LDL cholesterol to its list of potentially modifiable dementia risk factors.

Regular hearing and eye examinations can therefore be important components of healthy aging.

Dementia Prevention Is a Lifelong Process

Brain health does not suddenly become important at age 65. The 2024 Lancet Commission identified 14 potentially modifiable risk factors across the life course. These include limited education in early life; hearing loss, high blood pressure, obesity, traumatic brain injury and excessive alcohol



consumption in midlife; and smoking, depression, physical inactivity, diabetes, social isolation, air pollution, high LDL cholesterol and untreated vision loss across later life.

The Commission estimated that addressing these factors could potentially prevent or delay nearly half of dementia cases worldwide. This is a population-level estimate, however—not a guarantee that an individual can prevent dementia. The message is encouraging: brain health is a lifelong investment.

What about family history?

Having a parent or sibling with Alzheimer's disease can increase risk, but it does not mean dementia is inevitable. Genetics is only one part of a much larger picture that includes health, lifestyle and environmental factors.

A strong family history should encourage informed discussion with a healthcare professional rather than fear or fatalism.

When should you seek medical evaluation?

Persistent or progressive cognitive changes deserve medical attention. A physician may review medications, sleep, mood, thyroid function, vitamin deficiencies, cardiovascular risk factors, hearing and other conditions that can contribute to memory problems. Cognitive assessments such as the MoCA (Montreal Cognitive Assessment) or MMSE (Mini-Mental State Examination) may be used when appropriate.

Diagnostic medicine is also advancing. Brain imaging, cerebrospinal-fluid testing and blood-based biomarkers are increasingly helping physicians evaluate Alzheimer's-related changes.

In 2025, the FDA cleared a blood test measuring p-tau217 and beta-amyloid to aid in diagnosing Alzheimer's disease in adults 55 and older who have signs and symptoms of cognitive decline. The test is not intended to be used by itself; results must be interpreted together with clinical information and other evaluations.

Your Brain-Health Checklist

Move: Aim for regular physical activity.

Monitor: Control blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar.

Eat wisely: Emphasize vegetables, fruits,

whole grains, beans, nuts and other minimally processed foods.

Sleep: Address persistent insomnia or possible sleep apnea.

Connect: Maintain meaningful relationships and community involvement.

Keep learning: Pursue mentally stimulating and purposeful activities.

Protect your senses: Address hearing and vision problems promptly.

Avoid tobacco: Seek help to quit smoking.

Limit alcohol: Avoid excessive consumption.

Protect your head: Use seat belts, appropriate helmets and fall-prevention measures.

The bottom line

Healthy aging begins long before old age. Every walk, healthy meal, blood-pressure check, good night's sleep and meaningful conversation can contribute to protecting our future health.

We cannot control our age, our genes or every disease risk. But we can influence many of the factors that shape how we age.

The goal is not simply to live longer. It is to preserve the ability to think clearly, move confidently, remain connected, make our own decisions and participate meaningfully in life for as long as possible.

In Part 3 of IndoUS Tribune's Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we will focus on another essential foundation of independence: maintaining muscle strength, balance, mobility and bone health as we age.

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Mini Feature: GIFT CITY in INDIA

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AAII Bull-Bear Spread -15.4% (very low)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 37 (fear)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 25.92% (oversold)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 27.60% (oversold)

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

OEFs & ETFs: Stocks 62.92%, Hybrids 3.89%, Bonds 17.00%, M-Mkt 16.19%

INTEREST RATES

CME FedWatch
Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 3.50-3.75%
FOMC 10/28/26+ hike
FOMC 12/9/26+ hike

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.24%, 1-yr 4.50%;
T-Notes 2-yr 4.81%, 5-yr 4.98%, 10-yr 5.17%; T-Bonds 30-yr 5.49% (normal yield-curve);
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.64%, 10-yr 2.83%, 30-yr 3.22%
FRNs Index 4.056%

Bank Rates www.depositaccounts.com/

Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 9/1/26
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates
Restricted RC 5.50%, RA 5.25%
Flexible RCP 4.75%, SRA 4.50%, IRA-101110+ 4.20%
TIAA MYGA 4.75% (3-yr), 4.95% (5-yr), 5.05% (7-yr)
TSP G Fund 4.875% (previous 4.875%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 16.15 (extreme fear)
Weekly ETFs: INDA -0.33%, EPI +0.34%, INDH -0.32%, SMIN -0.10% | SPY +1.27%



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

ECONOMY

Indian sovereign credit ratings vary by credit rating agencies: Japan: JCRA A- , R&I BBB+; US S&P BBB, Moody's Baa3, Fitch BBB-, Morningstar DBRS BBB. Notably, all are investment-grade (BBB & better).

INDUSTRIALS

Skoda-VW-India (only 2.5% market share) has signed a MOU for the sale of a majority stake to Jindal's JSW Group. German VW has been struggling with its wholly-owned Indian unit & will shift to minority ownership with the local majority owner JSW Group (new JV: JSW 51%, VW 49%); previous talks between VW & Mahindra collapsed. This JV will exclude VW liabilities from its tax disputes with Indian Customs. For multinational JSW, it's an opportunity to expand in the Indian market dominated by Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Mahindra & Mahindra & Tata. JSW also owns 35% of the joint-venture (JV) JSW MG Motor with

Chinese SAIC Motor (MG brand in India).

IT/TECH

Tata TCS is buying German Porsche's (VW) auto & industrial consulting unit MHP. There is also a 5-yr contract between TCS & Porsche to deploy AI & IT in Porsche's operations; TCS will establish a dedicated AI Mobility Center of Excellence for Porsche.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY

French Safran Space & Indian Dhruva Space will collaborate on 52-satellite surveillance constellation to be deployed between 2027-30. In other France-India corporate deals, French launch-services provider RIDE! will launch two satellites for Indian TakeMeToSpace; French U-Space & Indian AXISCADES will explore India's microsatellite market. The official Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) & French CNES (space agency) have been cooperating for decades.

SPECIAL TOPIC - GIFT CITY in INDIA

India has several special economic zones (SEZs) in/ near major metro areas. But Gift City is a city-size SEZ with different financial rules than those that apply elsewhere in India. There are 2 business zones – DTA (domestic tariff area; 70.5%) where regular Indian rules apply & SEZ (29.5%) that have special rules under IFSCA.

GIFT = Gujarat International Finance Tec-City

IFSCA = International Financial Service Center Authority

There are attractive multiyear (10-20 years) tax incentives. Hard currencies used include dollar (most), euro, UK pound, etc; limited use of soft rupees is allowed. Participation by foreign firms

& individuals (NRIs, OCI holders) are encouraged. Most regulations are under the single authority of IFSCA.

There are 3 international exchanges operating almost 24/7: INX/BSE for equities, debt & derivatives; NSE IX/ NSE for derivatives, equities & debt; gold/ silver bullion IIBX.

GIFT City started in 2007, & after some basic infrastructure developments, it was inaugurated on 4/10/15. It's 40-50% finished now (1.5 sq mi) & plans to be fully operational by 2030 (5.3 sq mi). It's on the banks of Sabarmati River. Entertainment options in GIFT City are very limited. Visitors have described off hours as quiet, eerie, ghost-town-like, but that's part of growing pains.

Infrastructure is all new & modern. Its primary focus is on financial, trade & international services. Major Indian companies & many global multinationals have presence in Gift City. The nearby cities are Ahmedabad (the largest city in Gujarat) & Gandhinagar (Gujarat's capital).

There is good access by air (international airport in Ahmedabad), railways, metros & highways. There are several hotels in the GIFT City but stays in nearby Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar with easy commutes are also options.

GIFT City is like an offshore financial center, but within India. One day, it may become an alternative or competitor to HK/China, Dubai/UAE, Singapore, etc.

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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Swarovski puts maximalist glamour at the heart of Paris Fashion Week

From oversized crystal statements to vivid colors and laboratory-grown diamonds, Swarovski embraces a bolder approach to dressing.

At Paris Fashion Week, Swarovski made a strong case for a fashion mood that refuses to whisper. The crystal house unveiled its holiday and spring collections, bringing together statement jewelry, fine jewelry and decorative pieces under the maximalist vision of Global Creative Director Giovanna Engelbert.

For Engelbert, who has shaped Swarovski's creative identity for the past six years, the presentation marked an important moment. Rather than treating jewelry as a finishing touch, the collections position it as a central part of the look, with scale, color and sparkle designed to command attention.

The holiday collection draws inspiration from the swan, one of Swarovski's most recognizable symbols. Feathers, bows and wing-shaped links appear across elaborate necklaces, while oversized faceted crystal discs create dramatic layered silhouettes. The collection pushes the idea of jewelry even further with crystal-covered fashion pieces, including a striking mini dress that turns the wearer into a shimmering statement.

Color takes an equally prominent role. Swarovski expands its Millenia collection with saturated shades of blue, green, pink and yellow,

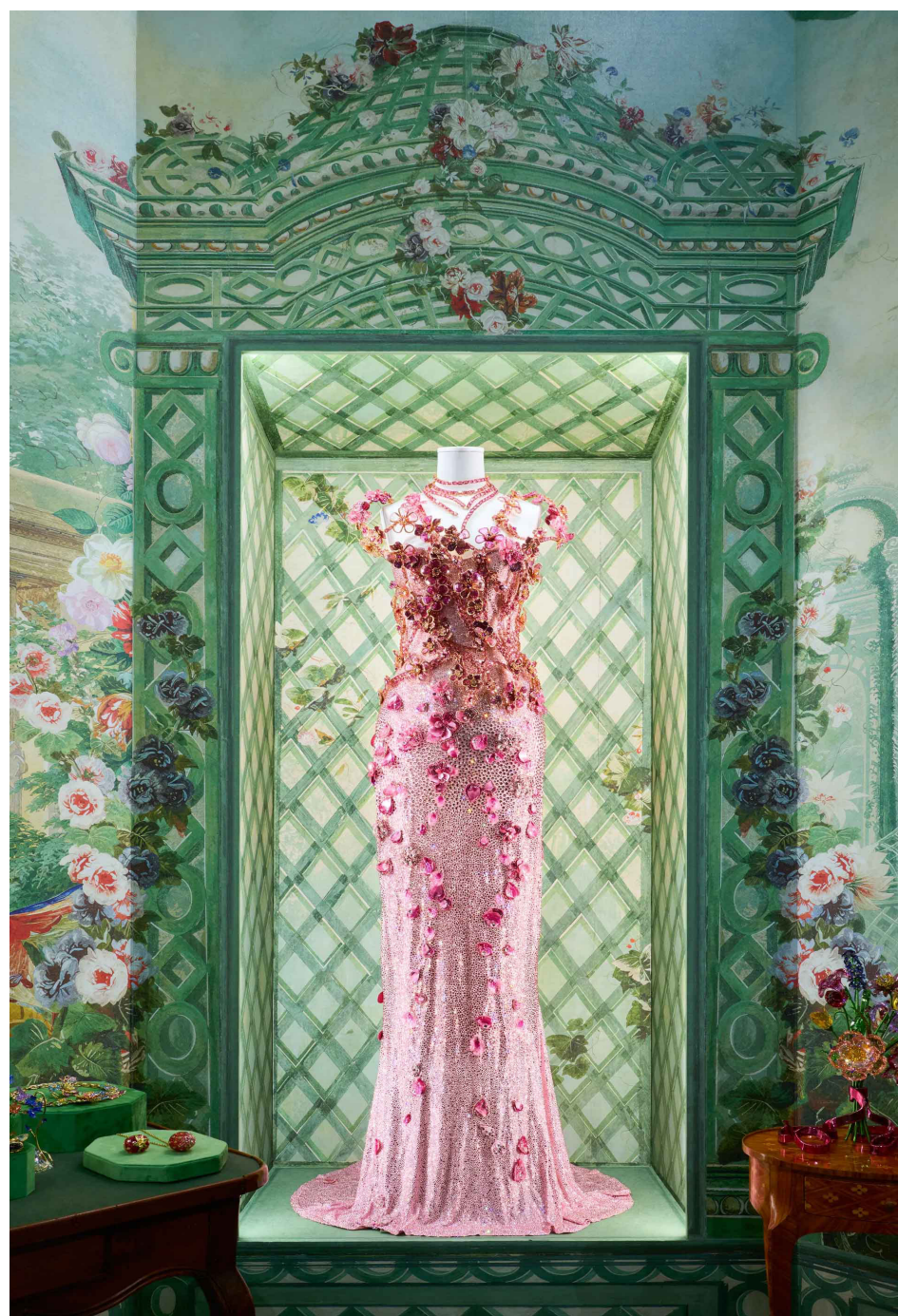
encouraging bold combinations and layered styling. Its Pop collection takes a playful direction, pairing contrasting colors with oversized silhouettes and retro-inspired forms.

The maximalist mood continues through Swarovski's fine jewelry offering, including the Galaxy collection featuring laboratory-grown diamonds. Rings, earrings, bracelets, ear cuffs and pendants use different diamond cuts and sculptural settings to create pieces that feel contemporary while retaining a sense of old-school glamour.

What makes the collection particularly relevant is its attitude toward accessorizing. After seasons of understated styling and barely-there jewelry, Swarovski is embracing the idea that accessories can become the focal point of an outfit.

A dramatic crystal collar worn over a simple dress, stacks of vivid bracelets or an oversized cocktail ring can transform an otherwise restrained look. The result is expressive, playful and deliberately impossible to overlook.

For the coming season, Swarovski is betting on confidence, color and plenty of sparkle. Its Paris presentation suggests that maximalism is moving beyond a passing trend and back into the center of fashion.



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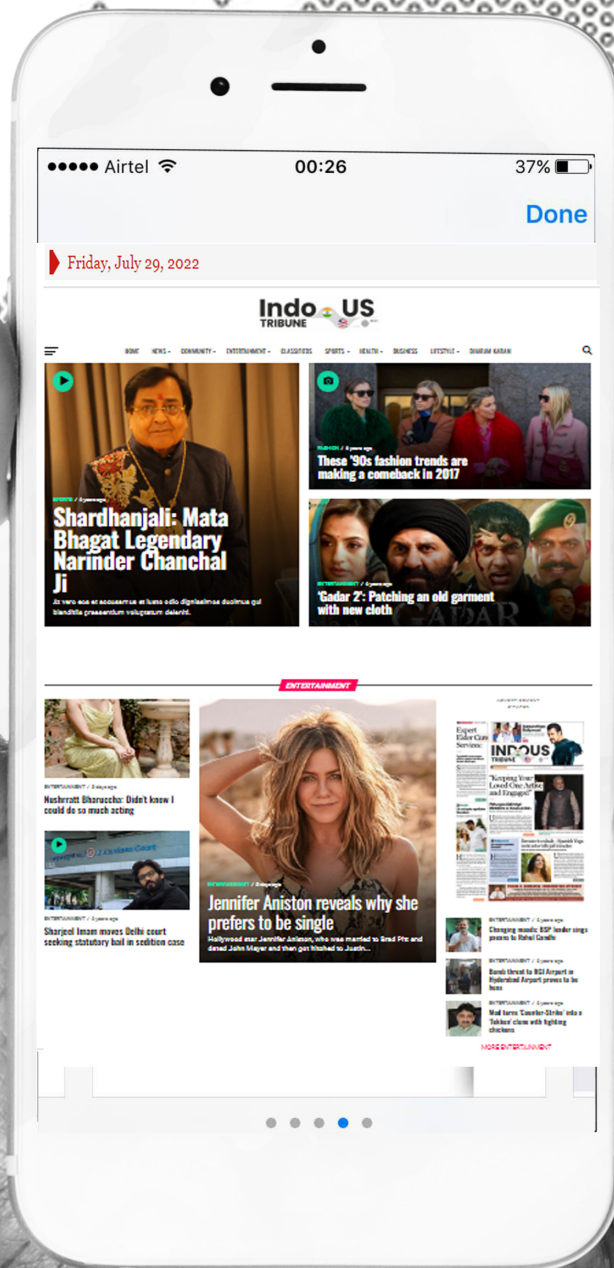



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