

India challenges OIC over Kashmir remarks, defends right to strike cross-border terror infrastructure



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India on Tuesday accused the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation of ignoring the distinction between victims and perpetrators of terrorism after the group raised Jammu and Kashmir at the United Nations. BJP lawmaker Biplab Kumar Deb, speaking before the General Assembly's Sixth Committee, said India has the right to defend its people against cross-border terrorism originating in Pakistan and warned that terrorism would have consequences. Deb was responding to remarks by Saudi Arabia on behalf of the OIC that referred to Kashmir and India's actions against terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Jammu and Kashmir following the Pahalgam attack. He also criticized the OIC for not addressing alleged rights violations in Pakistan-administered Kashmir. India has consistently called for stronger international action against terrorism and the adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Bangladesh Awami League raises alarm over Hindu safety as Durga Puja approaches



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Bangladesh's Awami League on Thursday raised concerns over the safety of Hindu and other minority communities ahead of Durga Puja, citing continuing uncertainty surrounding the killing of a Hindu family in Rangpur. The party questioned the progress of the investigation into retired teacher Ganapati Chakraborty and three family members, who were found dead at their home in August. Police have arrested two suspects and collected 35 pieces of evidence, while DNA testing was ordered as part of the investigation. The Awami League said the absence of forensic findings had fueled doubts among relatives and residents and contributed to continuing fear among minorities. It also cited reports of attacks on temples and homes and other alleged rights violations. The party said assurances of equal protection must be judged by the security provided to vulnerable communities as Bangladesh prepares for Durga Puja.

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Netanyahu invites Indian pilot Smit Machchhar and Modi to Israel's Independence Day ceremony

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Indian flydubai Captain Smit Machchhar as a "hero of the entire world" on Saturday and invited him and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to light a ceremonial flame at Israel's next Independence Day celebration.

During a telephone conversation, Netanyahu commended the 38-year-old pilot's courage after he was seriously injured in an alleged cockpit attack aboard a Dubai-to-Tel Aviv flight last week. Machchhar recounted how his co-pilot struck him repeatedly, leaving his vision blurred, before he managed to force open the cockpit door despite his injuries. His actions enabled passengers to overpower the attacker, while reserve pilots took control and landed the aircraft safely in Saudi Arabia.

Netanyahu described the proposed honor as one traditionally reserved for Israeli



citizens and wished Machchhar a full recovery. The United Arab Emirates, which is leading the investigation, has described

the incident as an attempted terrorist act. The co-pilot's motive remains under investigation.

India rejects Musk's Starlink claims as billionaire questions Ambani's influence

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The Indian government on Thursday rejected Elon Musk's claims that Starlink is being blocked by powerful business interests, saying the country's satellite communications regulatory framework is "fair and non-discriminatory." The Ministry of Communications said all three licensed satellite communications providers are currently undergoing security assessments and are broadly at the same regulatory stage. Starlink has received authorization to provide satellite services but must complete security clearances before seeking spectrum assignment and launching commercially.

Musk had alleged that unnamed "oligarchs" were protecting a "monopolistic chokehold" over India's telecom market. Following the government's response, he asked on X



whether "Ambani is the real boss of India," referring to billionaire Mukesh Ambani's telecommunications interests. Minister of State for Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani said the pending security clearance was with the Ministry of Home Affairs and was not specific to Starlink. Bharti Airtel Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal also said OneWeb was awaiting regulatory approvals.

India's HPV vaccine Cervavac gains WHO approval for wider global procurement

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India's Cervavac human papillomavirus vaccine has received World Health Organization prequalification, clearing an important regulatory milestone for potential procurement by United Nations agencies and international immunization programs. Manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, Cervavac is a quadrivalent vaccine targeting human papillomavirus types 6, 11, 16 and 18. The World Health Organization lists its prequalification as effective from late September. The vaccine had previously received approval for use in India. Human papillomavirus types 16 and 18 are associated with several cancers, including cervical cancer. The prequalification



confirms that the vaccine meets the World Health Organization's standards for quality and safety and could expand access to vaccination against human papillomavirus, particularly in lower-income countries.

United States probes nine universities over alleged J-1 visa misuse



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The Trump administration announced Thursday that it is investigating nine major United States universities, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, over suspected misuse of J-1 visas to employ foreign researchers and graduate students. The Department of Labor's inspector general said subpoenas had been issued as investigators examine possible violations involving federally funded research programs. Vice President JD Vance alleged that universities may be using foreign researchers to reduce labor costs and questioned the high proportion of foreign researchers at the institutions. Officials said the investigation will also examine potential foreign influence, improper financial relationships and risks to federally funded research and intellectual property. No specific researchers have been accused of wrongdoing.

Iraq turns to Syria for gasoline as Strait of Hormuz closure disrupts fuel supplies

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Iraq has begun importing gasoline through Syria as the closure of the Strait of Hormuz disrupts regional energy supplies and drives up fuel prices. Iraqi fuel trucks loaded gasoline at Syria's Baniyas port Tuesday under a three-month agreement aimed at securing an alternative supply route. Qatar-based conglomerate UCC purchases the gasoline, while Syria handles transportation and collects transit fees. The fuel is transported by road to Iraq through northwestern and southeastern Syria. Iraq had already been using Baniyas to move crude oil to foreign markets during the disruption. Syrian officials said they are working to bring up to 200 fuel tankers into Iraq each day, while the countries consider longer-term transport links.

Houthis claim fresh missile strike on Riyadh airport as attacks on Saudi Arabia escalate



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Yemen's Houthi group on Thursday claimed it launched a ballistic missile attack against King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, escalating a series of strikes on Saudi targets. Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the missile hit its target and disrupted air traffic, while also warning international airlines against operating through Saudi airspace. Saudi authorities did not immediately confirm the Houthi account, although reports indicated disruptions at the airport. The claim followed attacks on Saudi airports earlier in the week that killed three people and injured dozens, according to Saudi authorities. Saudi Arabia's military coalition has responded with strikes against Houthi targets in Yemen, marking the sharpest escalation since a United Nations-brokered truce largely halted major fighting in 2022.

Uganda begins clinical trials of new Ebola vaccine amid deadly Bundibugyo outbreak

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Uganda has begun Phase 1 clinical trials of a candidate vaccine targeting the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola, as an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to cause deaths and cross-border concern. The vaccine, developed by the University of Oxford, began testing in Uganda this week after an initial human trial started in Britain in July. The Bundibugyo strain has no specifically licensed vaccine, making the trial significant for the regional response. The World Health Organization has said existing Ebola vaccines should be used against this strain only under research protocols because their effectiveness remains uncertain. Kenya has also reported an imported Bundibugyo case after a traveler arrived from the Democratic Republic of the Congo through Uganda.

Trump predicts Iran war could end soon as he promises sharp drop in oil prices

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President Donald Trump said Wednesday that the war with Iran could end soon and predicted that oil prices would fall sharply once the conflict is over, while reiterating that Tehran will not be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon. Speaking at a Republican campaign rally in San Antonio, Texas, Trump said the United States would soon leave the conflict and argued that previous administrations had failed to confront Iran's nuclear ambitions.

At a separate White House event, he again predicted that oil prices would "drop like a rock" after the fighting ends. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the conflict had pushed up headline inflation



through an energy shock, but predicted energy supplies would improve after the war, helping inflation and borrowing costs ease. Trump also cited special envoy Steve Witkoff's diplomatic efforts on a potential Iran agreement, while saying he was not eager to accept a deal simply to end the confrontation.

Israel marks third anniversary of October 7 attack as Gaza remains devastated by war

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Israelis gathered Wednesday to mark three years since the Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attack that killed about 1,200 people and resulted in 251 hostages being taken. Families and survivors held memorials at the Nova music festival site and communities across southern Israel, while tens of thousands attended a separate ceremony in Tel Aviv. The anniversary was the first since all hostages, living and dead, had been returned. The war that followed has devastated Gaza, where more than 74,000 Palestinians have been killed, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Most of the territory's roughly two million residents remain displaced, many living in tents or amid destroyed neighborhoods. A ceasefire reached in October 2025 halted



the heaviest fighting, but Israeli strikes have continued. The conflict has also contributed to wider regional instability involving Lebanon, Syria and Iran.

Washington holds its trade position as Canada navigates Quebec election and tariff tensions

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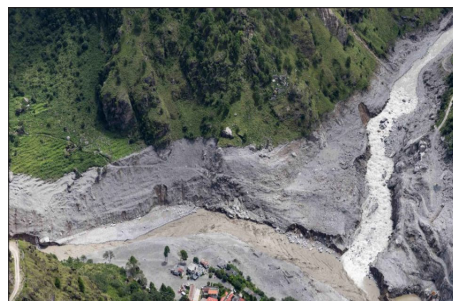
United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said Thursday that Washington is maintaining its position in ongoing trade discussions with Canada, while Canadian officials remain focused on a recent election in Quebec. Speaking to CNBC, Greer said the two countries continue to communicate frequently, including at senior levels, but

suggested Canada's political developments were occupying attention in Ottawa. "We're holding fast with the Canadians," Greer said, adding that the United States would be ready to engage when Canada is prepared to move forward. The comments come after Washington imposed additional tariffs and other trade measures on certain Canadian products in recent months, citing what it considers discriminatory Canadian policies. Canada has continued to challenge the measures.

Nepal lowers economic growth outlook as devastating floods damage energy and transport infrastructure

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The World Bank on Tuesday lowered Nepal's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 3.7 percent from 4.2 percent, citing severe disruptions caused by the August floods. The disaster damaged hydropower projects, solar facilities, transmission infrastructure and key transportation corridors, making energy the most significant channel of economic impact. The World Bank said 12 hydropower projects were affected, along with a 25 megawatt solar facility, while disrupted transmission infrastructure added to the losses. Tourism, trade and



financial activity are also expected to suffer. The bank expects growth to recover to 5.2 percent in the following fiscal year as reconstruction gains momentum. The government's preliminary assessment puts total disaster effects at billions of dollars.

South Korea recalls Ukraine ambassador over disclosure of North Korean prisoners of war

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South Korea said Thursday it will recall Ambassador Park Ki-chang from Ukraine amid a diplomatic dispute over Kyiv's disclosure of the transfer of two North Korean prisoners of war to Seoul. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy disclosed the transfer at the United Nations General Assembly last month, despite Seoul's claim that both sides had agreed to keep it confidential. South Korea has demanded an explanation and apology, saying Ukraine's subsequent response fell short. The two soldiers were captured while fighting for Russia in the Kursk region in January 2025 and arrived in South Korea in September.

Russian guided bomb kills 30 near passenger buses in eastern Ukraine

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A Russian guided bomb struck near passenger-filled public buses in Kramatorsk, eastern Ukraine, on Thursday, killing 30 people and prompting authorities to suspend public transportation in the city. Local officials said the attack targeted civilians and that rescue operations were complicated by subsequent Russian drone strikes. The attack came a day after a Russian missile strike on Pryluky killed 22 people, including five children, and injured at least 54. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned that Russian missile and drone attacks could intensify as winter approaches and urged NATO countries to provide additional air defense systems and ammunition.

Imran Khan supporters march toward Islamabad after talks with government collapse



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Supporters of jailed former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan began a long march toward Islamabad on Sunday after negotiations between his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party and the government failed. The march started in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where Khan's party governs, and is being led by provincial Chief Minister Sohail Afridi. Thousands have joined, with the government deploying heavy security and barricading Islamabad's entrances with containers and sandbags. Authorities have warned that the protesters will not be allowed into the capital. Khan, who has been imprisoned since 2023, remains a major political force, while his party says concerns over his health and detention conditions are driving the protest.

Italy approves Meloni-backed electoral reform with 42 percent threshold for seat bonus

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Italy’s parliament on Thursday gave final approval to a controversial electoral reform championed by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, replacing the existing mixed system with proportional representation and a seat bonus. The reform grants additional seats to the coalition winning the most votes if it secures at least 42 percent of the national vote. Meloni says the changes will strengthen political stability, while opposition parties accuse her government of trying to gain an electoral advantage and have vowed to challenge the law before the Constitutional Court. The measure passed the lower house in a secret ballot by 227 votes to 164, ahead of elections due by 2027

Madrid march honors evicted 87-year-old pensioner who became symbol of Spain’s housing crisis

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Thousands of people gathered in Madrid this week to honor María del Carmen Abascal, an 87-year-old pensioner whose eviction became a national symbol of Spain’s housing crisis. Known as Maricarmen, she had lived in her apartment for about seven decades before being evicted after an investment firm sought to raise her rent sharply. She died in a hospital on Wednesday, about two weeks after leaving her home. Her eviction triggered protests across Spain and helped push housing to the center of the political debate ahead of a November general election. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has proposed emergency housing measures, while opposition parties have accused his government of political exploitation.

Canada moves to indefinitely bar medical assistance in dying for mental illness alone



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Canada’s federal government said Wednesday it will introduce legislation to indefinitely bar people whose sole underlying condition is mental illness from accessing medical assistance in dying. The current exclusion is scheduled to expire in March, but Justice Minister Sean Fraser said the government believes extending it indefinitely is the right approach. A parliamentary committee had also recommended keeping the exclusion while improving access to mental health services. The government plans to address advance requests for assisted dying, which could allow people with illnesses such as Alzheimer’s disease to make decisions before losing capacity. Quebec currently permits such requests, while other provinces may decide whether to allow them.

Iran and Russia reaffirm strategic partnership as regional tensions remain high

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed Wednesday to continue strengthening strategic cooperation between their countries amid heightened regional tensions. During a telephone conversation, Pezeshkian stressed the importance of expanding bilateral cooperation across multiple areas, according to the Iranian president’s office. Putin said cooperation under the countries’ comprehensive strategic partnership treaty was continuing despite developments in the region. He also expressed support for diplomatic efforts by countries seeking to reduce tensions between Iran and the United States and said Russia was prepared to contribute



to such efforts. The talks underscore the importance both governments place on maintaining close ties as Iran faces continuing tensions with the United States and Israel and broader instability affects the region.

WHO seeks greater transparency from Russia over suspected pneumonic plague case

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The World Health Organization on Wednesday urged Russia to provide more information about the death of a laboratory worker in Siberia that has raised concerns about possible pneumonic plague. Maria Van Kerkhove, the agency’s director of epidemic and pandemic management, said the cause of the woman’s illness remained unclear and that Russia had been asked additional questions. Russian health authorities have described the illness only as pneumonia of unknown origin and said testing found no evidence of pathogens handled at the Irkutsk Anti-Plague Research Institute. Around 200 contacts have been quarantined, according to the World Health Organization. The United



States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has assessed the threat to the United States as extremely low.

Trump announces one-time Medicare payments for more than 20 million seniors

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President Donald Trump has announced one-time payments of about \$90 for more than 20 million Medicare beneficiaries to help offset Medicare Part B premiums. The White House said the payments would come from the Medicare Improvement Fund, with most eligible recipients expected to receive the money through direct deposit and others by mail. The administration has described the measure as a way to return unused

funds to seniors. Trump has also promoted a separate proposal for a \$5,000 payment to adult Americans if Republicans retain control of Congress.

The announcements come ahead of November’s congressional elections and have prompted questions about their timing and legal authority. The administration has not provided independent evidence supporting Trump’s broader claims about previously unused Medicare funds.

North Korea rejects South Korean medical aid plan as tensions between rivals deepen

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North Korea on Thursday rejected South Korea’s planned shipment of medical supplies, calling the humanitarian offer an insult and a politically motivated provocation. The shipment includes 1,431 medical items across 166 categories intended for a hospital in Pyongyang. South Korea secured an exemption from United Nations sanctions to facilitate the planned delivery. Kim Yo Jong, the sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, dismissed the proposal and said Pyongyang had no intention of engaging with Seoul. She also linked the aid offer to a recent land mine explosion that injured South Korean soldiers near the inter-Korean border.



The rejection highlights the continuing deterioration in relations, with formal dialogue and most channels of inter-Korean cooperation largely suspended.

IMF warns AI boom, energy shock and record debt are straining global economy

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International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned Wednesday that the global economy faces competing pressures from an artificial intelligence investment boom, an energy supply shock and historically high public debt. Speaking in Singapore ahead of next week’s International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Thailand, Georgieva said AI is rapidly reshaping investment and trade, while energy shortages and high prices are weakening growth. She said AI-related products already account for more than one-tenth of global goods trade, but warned the benefits are concentrated in a small group of countries. Georgieva also urged governments to address rising debt and inflation risks rather than relying solely on future productivity gains from AI.

Mexico and United States expand coordinated border patrols after reported shooting



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Mexico will continue coordinated “mirror” operations with the United States along their shared border in Tamaulipas to prevent further incidents, President Claudia Sheinbaum said Tuesday. The move follows a reported shooting involving United States Coast Guard personnel near the border, although Mexico says it has not confirmed that gunfire came from its territory. Sheinbaum said security cooperation must respect Mexico’s sovereignty, territorial integrity and laws. Mexican authorities have deployed hundreds of military and National Guard personnel to the area, while United States forces have also increased their presence. The two countries are coordinating patrols on both sides of the border as authorities investigate the circumstances surrounding the reported shooting.

EU condemns attacks on civilian ships as Black Sea shipping risks rise

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Tuesday condemned attacks on civilian shipping in the Black Sea after two commercial vessels were struck in Bulgaria’s exclusive economic zone. Bulgarian Prime Minister Rumen Radev said drones sank one merchant ship and set another on fire about 70 nautical miles east of Byala. The crew of the second vessel, which was carrying wheat, was rescued, although two people suffered injuries. Eleven Turkish and seven Indian crew members were aboard. No survivors had been found from the sunken vessel at the time of Radev’s statement. Von der Leyen said the attacks were unacceptable as European authorities continued investigating the incidents and their circumstances.



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Midterms 2026: A nation at a political crossroads — Part I



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America is approaching a pivotal political moment. On November 3, 2026, voters will decide who controls the House of Representatives and the Senate for the final two years of President Donald Trump's second term. The outcome will shape not only the administration's domestic agenda but also America's economic direction, foreign policy and standing in the world. At IndoUS Tribune, we believe these elections deserve more than campaign slogans, partisan accusations and daily polling headlines. They demand thoughtful analysis of the issues that matter to ordinary Americans and the choices that will influence the nation's future. This is the first installment of our continuing coverage of the 2026 midterms. In the coming weeks, we will examine the candidates, the competitive races, the issues driving voters and the possible consequences of a change in congressional power.

The battle for Congress

Republicans enter the election cycle defending narrow majorities in both chambers of Congress. Democrats need only a small net gain to take control of the House, making it their clearest opportunity to challenge the Republican agenda. Current forecasts and political betting markets

have generally favored a Democratic House victory, although predictions are not results, and individual races can still change the national picture. The Senate presents a more complicated contest. Democrats must overcome a difficult electoral map and secure enough seats to take the majority. Several races that once appeared relatively safe for Republicans are receiving increased attention, while contests in states such as North Carolina, Maine, Ohio, Iowa and Michigan could prove decisive. The eventual outcome will depend on candidates, turnout, local concerns and how voters judge the administration's record.

The central question is whether Republicans can retain control of Congress or whether voters will create a divided government for the remainder of Trump's presidency.

A referendum on Trump's presidency?

Midterm elections traditionally serve as a report card on the party occupying the White House. The president's party has historically lost congressional seats in most first-term midterms, although the scale of those losses varies. President Trump now faces this familiar political challenge alongside a deeply polarized electorate. Economic concerns could be particularly important. Families continue to pay close attention to the cost of groceries, housing, health care, transportation and other essentials. For many voters, political promises matter less than whether their paychecks stretch far enough to meet household expenses.

The administration's economic policies will therefore face close scrutiny. Supporters will point to its priorities on taxation, border security, energy and economic growth. Critics will ask whether those policies are improving everyday life, protecting household purchasing power and creating greater economic security.

Neither party should assume that public dissatisfaction automatically translates into votes for its candidates. Voters may be unhappy with the administration without being fully convinced by the opposition. The party that offers credible answers, demonstrates competence and connects its proposals to people's daily lives may gain an advantage.

Foreign policy has domestic consequences

International developments also carry political consequences at home. The continuing conflict involving Iran, along with its implications for energy markets and regional stability, has added another dimension to the election debate. Any sustained disruption to global oil supplies can affect fuel costs, transportation and the broader economy. For a country whose interests extend across the globe, foreign policy cannot be separated from domestic well-being. Americans have a legitimate interest in understanding the objectives, costs and potential consequences of military involvement overseas. They also deserve clear explanations of how international developments may affect national security and household budgets. Immigration, border enforcement, federal spending, health care and the future of democratic institutions are likely to remain central issues. Their relative importance, however, will differ across states and congressional districts.

What is at stake?

A Democratic victory in either chamber would significantly change the political environment in Washington. Control of the House would give Democrats greater authority over committees, investigations and legislative priorities. A Democratic Senate could complicate the confirmation of presidential nominees, including federal judges. Divided government would likely make major legislation more difficult, although it would not bring the government to a complete standstill. Such a result could usher in two years of intensified oversight and legislative confrontation. Depending on the circumstances, it could also reopen debates over administration policies and accountability. But predictions of paralysis or sweeping political action should be treated cautiously; the actual consequences would depend on the election results and the decisions lawmakers make afterward. Ultimately, congressional elections are not simply a contest between Democrats and Republicans. They are an opportunity for citizens to evaluate performance, question promises and express their priorities through the ballot box.

At IndoUS Tribune, our responsibility is to help readers understand these choices without partisan blinders. As Indian Americans and members of a diverse American society, we have a particular interest in policies affecting the economy, immigration, education, health care, international relations and the future opportunities available to our children and grandchildren. This is only the beginning of our midterm series. Next week, we will take a closer look at the key Senate contests, the House districts most likely to determine control of Congress and the candidates competing for the support of an increasingly divided electorate. The polls may offer clues, but the final verdict belongs to the voters. Between now and November 3, we will follow the issues, examine the evidence and separate political rhetoric from reality.

The stakes are high. The choices are consequential. And every vote matters.

Best regards,
Dr. Avi Verma
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Qatar says United States and Iran continue indirect talks despite prolonged conflict

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Qatar said Tuesday that negotiations and exchanges of messages between parties involved in the regional conflict were continuing through Doha and other regional partners. Ibrahim Al-Hashmi, a Qatari Foreign Ministry official, said the discussions were addressing concerns raised by the various sides but declined to provide details. He urged continued efforts toward a negotiated solution, citing the conflict's mounting global costs. The statement came as the United States and Iran remained engaged in an indirect diplomatic process after more than seven months of fighting. President Donald Trump has said he remains open to talks with Tehran while warning Iran over threats that prompted the movement of some United States military assets.

Modi calls Abe Memorial Corridor a tribute to deepening India-Japan ties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday described the newly inaugurated Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor in Varanasi as a fitting tribute to the late Japanese prime minister's contribution to India-Japan relations. Modi made the remarks after meeting Abe's widow, Akie Abe, in New Delhi and recalling Abe as a close friend and visionary leader. Akie Abe and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the memorial at the Rudraksh Convention Centre on Wednesday. The corridor honors Abe's role in strengthening the countries' strategic and cultural ties. Abe, who was assassinated in Japan in 2022, shared a close relationship with Modi and played a major role in elevating bilateral relations to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

Russia warns Lithuania over possible NATO base and nuclear weapons deployment



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Russia warned Lithuania on Tuesday that hosting a NATO military base or nuclear weapons would further escalate tensions in Europe. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov made the remarks after Lithuania's parliament advanced a constitutional amendment that would remove its ban on weapons of mass destruction and foreign military bases. The measure passed its first reading by 106 votes to 18, with six abstentions, and requires another vote after a three-month waiting period. A final vote is expected in January. Peskov said Moscow would take measures to protect its security if such deployments occur. Lithuania says the proposed change would strengthen its participation in NATO deterrence arrangements amid growing regional security concerns.

France's student protests escalate as police use tear gas at Paris high school

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Student protests over underfunded schools and poor facilities escalated across France on Thursday, with police using tear gas after students barricaded a high school in northeastern Paris. Demonstrations have disrupted hundreds of schools, with the Education Ministry reporting 375 fully or partially closed schools. The Interior Ministry said more than 6,600 people had been arrested since protests began in late September. Students are demanding greater education funding, better facilities and more staff, while unions and political groups have also joined the movement. Authorities have condemned violence and vandalism during some demonstrations. The unrest



is adding pressure on Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu's government as France prepares for next year's presidential election. Similar student protests have also emerged in Belgium and Italy.

Brazil's undecided voters emerge as key factor in tight Lula-Bolsonaro runoff

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Brazil's undecided voters and those who stayed home are emerging as an important factor ahead of the presidential runoff between incumbent Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Senator Flávio Bolsonaro. Neither candidate secured a majority in Sunday's first round, sending the race to a runoff later this month. More than 33 million voters, or about 21 percent of the electorate, did not vote, while nearly six million cast blank or spoiled ballots. Bolsonaro finished the first round about two million votes ahead of Lula and has received support from some right-leaning candidates who were eliminated. However, millions of voters remain reluctant to back either contender,



reflecting widespread political polarization and dissatisfaction. Rising living costs, including higher gasoline prices, are also shaping voter concerns.

Maduro and wife indicted for alleged torture of United States citizens

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Former Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, were indicted Thursday on allegations that they conspired to torture political opponents, including United States citizens, according to newly unsealed federal court documents in Manhattan. The superseding indictment alleges that Maduro and Flores were at the top of a system that used arbitrary detention, violence and torture to suppress opposition and protect their political and financial interests. Prosecutors accuse Flores of helping develop the alleged repression system and ordering torture in some cases. Maduro and Flores, who were captured



in Venezuela and brought to New York in January, have pleaded not guilty to existing charges. A judge also denied Flores's request for pretrial release.

Flydubai cockpit attack investigation expands to New Zealand and Australia

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Investigations into the alleged hijacking attempt aboard a flydubai flight to Israel widened Wednesday after New Zealand police confirmed the co-pilot spent 175 days there for flight training. Omani national Hamam al-Hammami, 29, allegedly attacked the pilot with a crash axe and stabbed him during the September 30 flight carrying 182 people. Passengers and crew overpowered him before a reserve

pilot landed the aircraft safely in Saudi Arabia. New Zealand police said Hammami entered the country on a student visa in November 2018 and left in May 2019 after completing part of his training for a British company. Australian authorities are separately examining his time as a student in Melbourne. Australia's Jewish community has called for a thorough investigation into his associations and possible extremist influences. New Zealand police are also investigating his activities there.

China's underground Claude market expands despite Anthropic's restrictions

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An underground market for access to Anthropic's Claude artificial intelligence models is expanding in China, where the service is not officially available, according to a report by The Information. Brokers known as token resellers reportedly create overseas accounts and servers and sell access to Chinese researchers, engineers and companies seeking Claude's coding and reasoning capabilities. The Information reported that six of about 30 companies in one Beijing office building were involved in reselling access, with similar businesses operating nationwide. Anthropic has accused Chinese artificial intelligence laboratories of using fraudulent accounts and proxy networks to extract capabilities from Claude. In February, Anthropic said DeepSeek, Moonshot and MiniMax generated more than 16 million exchanges through about 24,000 fraudulent accounts in alleged distillation campaigns.

Pakistan-Afghanistan airstrikes deepen tensions as United Nations confirms civilian deaths

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Civilians are bearing the brunt of renewed tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan after Pakistani airstrikes hit Afghanistan's Kunar and Helmand provinces on Thursday. The Taliban government said nine people, including women and children, were killed and 11 injured, while Pakistan said its forces targeted militant hideouts and killed 22 militants. The claims could not be independently reconciled. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan confirmed that at least 10 civilians, most of them children, were killed and nine injured. Pakistan has accused Afghanistan's Taliban authorities of sheltering militants responsible for attacks inside Pakistan, while Kabul denies the allegations. The United Nations called for de-escalation, dialogue and respect for international law, warning that civilians continue to suffer from cross-border hostilities.

India and Canada begin new trade round with 2026 deal target in sight

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India and Canada began their fifth round of negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in Ottawa Monday, seeking to maintain momentum toward concluding the trade pact by the end of 2026. The talks are scheduled to continue through Thursday and follow discussions between Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Canadian International Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu at the Group of 20 Trade Ministers' Meeting. Canada says the agreement could expand cooperation in energy, critical minerals, aerospace and artificial intelligence. Two-way goods and services trade reached \$30.4 billion in 2025, according to Canadian figures, while Ottawa has set a goal of reaching \$70 billion annually by 2030. Four negotiating rounds have already been completed. Canada is also preparing a trade mission to India later this month, expected to include nearly 300 business delegates. Ottawa sees India as an important market in its effort to diversify trade beyond the United States.

India and Switzerland move to deepen long-term partnership in science, research and emerging technologies

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India and Switzerland agreed Tuesday to strengthen their long-term cooperation in science, technology, research and innovation, with a focus on building a more structured framework for joint work. Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh met Swiss President Guy Parmelin in New Delhi to discuss expanding bilateral collaboration in emerging fields. Singh highlighted India's work in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, vaccine development, genome sequencing, quantum technology, space and deep-ocean research, as well as opportunities in the blue economy and bio-economy. The two sides also reviewed progress on the Indo-Swiss Research Framework and Joint Scientific Board, which are intended to provide a stronger institutional foundation for cooperation. Parmelin said Switzerland views India as an emerging global research and development power and announced an additional 45 million Swiss francs for the partnership, while seeking a corresponding commitment from India.

India and Greece deepen maritime defense ties with focus on coastal security and shipbuilding

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India and Greece discussed strengthening defense and strategic cooperation, with a focus on maritime security, coastal protection and shipbuilding, during talks in New Delhi on Thursday. Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Greek Deputy Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy Stefanos Gkikas, who was in India to attend the Sagarmathan, the Great Oceans Dialogue 2026. The two sides highlighted their shared interests as major maritime nations, including the safety and security of seafarers. The talks build on expanding defense engagement, including cooperation between their air forces through military exercises.

India and Myanmar expand defense cooperation with focus on training and regional security

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India and Myanmar reviewed ongoing defense initiatives and discussed new areas of cooperation during their third Defence Cooperation Meeting in Guwahati on Wednesday. The meeting was co-chaired by Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Myanmar's Chief of Armed Forces Training Lieutenant General Pyae Sone Linn. Discussions focused on training, capacity building and strengthening mutual security. Myanmar also expressed appreciation for India's humanitarian assistance following its earthquake, including support provided through Operation Brahma. The talks build on expanding military engagement, including naval cooperation in maritime security, training exchanges, hydrography and interoperability. India and Myanmar have also been pursuing cooperation to strengthen security and professional capabilities in the Bay of Bengal region.

India-EFTA trade pact enters second year with businesses eyeing stronger trade and investment flows

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India's trade agreement with the European Free Trade Association is expected to boost bilateral trade and investment by providing businesses with preferential access to each other's markets, a senior Swiss official said Wednesday. Markus Schlagenhof, Switzerland's deputy secretary general for trade relations, said preferential trade arrangements generally encourage stronger commercial engagement and investment. Speaking at the India-EFTA Prosperity Summit in New Delhi, he said the meeting marked one year since the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement took effect and offered an opportunity to review investment commitments. More than 200 companies from Switzerland, Norway,



Iceland and Liechtenstein are participating. Schlagenhof called the agreement a landmark pact because of its investment commitment, saying it could provide a foundation for deeper economic ties between India and the four EFTA countries.

Goyal courts major United States investors as India seeks deeper trade and business ties

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met senior executives from major United States companies in New York on Wednesday as India seeks to attract greater investment and expand commercial ties. Goyal held discussions with leaders from Blackstone, Neuberger Berman, Estée Lauder Companies, IBM, MetLife, General Atlantic and AIA Group. The talks covered opportunities in financial services, manufacturing, technology, insurance and other sectors. With IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Arvind Krishna, Goyal discussed expanding cooperation in artificial intelligence, cloud infrastructure and quantum computing. His meeting with Estée Lauder focused on



increasing manufacturing and sourcing in India, while discussions with MetLife and AIA Group examined opportunities in insurance and financial services. The meetings reflect India's broader push to deepen economic engagement with United States businesses and attract new investment.

World Bank points to India's artificial intelligence push as model for developing economies

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India's growing use of artificial intelligence could offer important lessons for developing economies, World Bank Chief Economist Michael Kremer said Thursday. Speaking at the launch of the World Development Report 2026 in New Delhi, Kremer highlighted India's artificial intelligence-based monsoon forecasting as an example of technology addressing large-scale development challenges. Indian agencies combined multiple forecasting models and delivered

information to millions of farmers through text messages, voice services and artificial intelligence-powered advisories. Kremer said the experience demonstrated the importance of government involvement where commercial incentives are limited but potential social benefits are substantial. The World Bank report said artificial intelligence can expand access to expertise and improve productivity in healthcare, agriculture and education. It also stressed the need for reliable electricity, connectivity, computing infrastructure, quality data, skills and capable institutions.

India and Russia deepen defense partnership with new focus on co-production and joint development

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India and Russia reviewed their longstanding military-technical cooperation and discussed expanding co-production and co-development initiatives Thursday during the 24th meeting of their intergovernmental working group on defense cooperation in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by India's Defense Production Secretary Sanjeev Kumar and Russian First Deputy Director Andrey Boytsov. Officials examined existing cooperation and opportunities to further strengthen the strategic defense partnership. The talks followed a visit by a Russian Navy delegation to India from September 27 to October 1, which included engagements with naval institutions in Kerala and discussions on



maritime cooperation and interoperability. India's Army Chief, General Dhiraj Seth, also visited Russia last month for talks with senior military leaders on joint capability development, training exchanges and expanding Army-to-Army cooperation, underscoring continued defense engagement between the two countries.

India and Germany step up defense engagement through strategic talks and military exchanges

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India and Germany discussed strengthening defense cooperation and their broader strategic partnership during talks in New Delhi on Thursday. Defense Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met newly appointed German Ambassador Jasper Wieck, while Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and German Chief of Defence General Carsten Breuer also held talks earlier this week on military and technological cooperation. Separately, an Indian Military Academy delegation visited German Army training institutions as part of an instructor exchange program, focusing on officer training and sharing best practices. The developments come as India and Germany work to deepen defense ties, including progress toward a proposed submarine cooperation agreement.

India and Cyprus seek stronger trade, technology and tourism links after strategic partnership upgrade

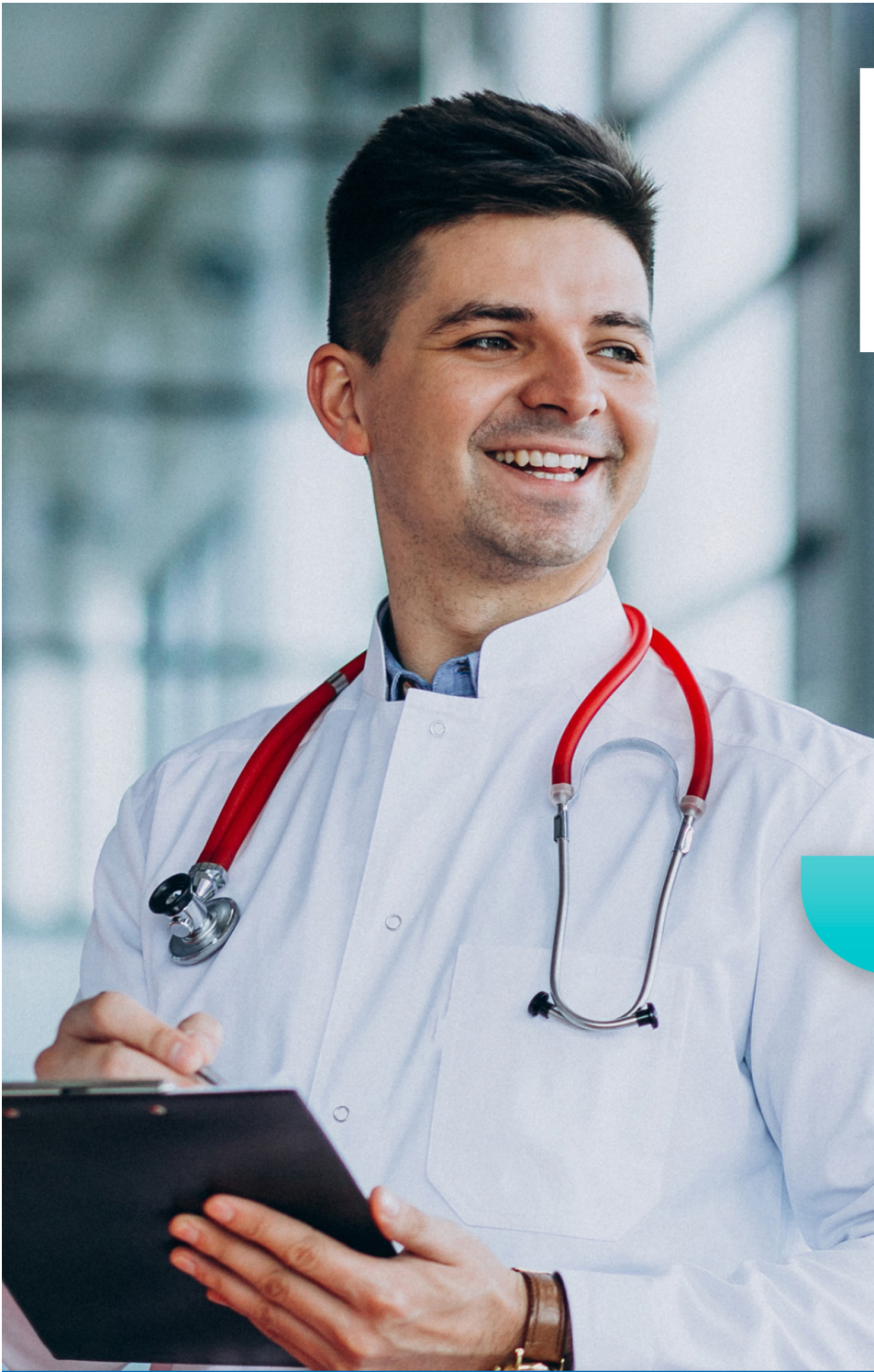
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India and Cyprus reviewed ways to expand trade and investment and strengthen cooperation in shipping, technology, tourism and infrastructure during talks on Thursday. Indian High Commissioner Manish met Cypriot Deputy Minister to the President Irene Piki to follow up on Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides' state visit to India earlier this year, when the countries elevated ties to a Strategic Partnership. Discussions also covered a proposed migration and mobility agreement and social security agreement. The two sides are encouraging greater participation by Cypriot businesses in Indian commercial events. India and Cyprus are also preparing for the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2027, with plans to expand cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Jaishankar highlights India's development partnership with Africa through skills and capacity building

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said Thursday that India's development partnership with Africa is guided by the needs and priorities identified by its African partners. Addressing alumni of India's Technical and Economic Cooperation program in Côte d'Ivoire, he highlighted the initiative as a platform for sharing expertise in governance, technology, security and development while also learning from partner countries. The program, which began in 1964, now covers more than 160 countries and provides nearly 10,000 fully funded training opportunities annually. Côte d'Ivoire has used about 800 training slots over the past 12 years. Jaishankar said India remains committed to supporting the country's economic growth, governance reforms, human capital development and security priorities.



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Texas carries out first United States execution since Tennessee lethal injection failure

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Texas executed Jamaal Howard, 46, on Wednesday, making him the 30th person put to death in the United States this year and the first since Christa Pike survived two lethal injection doses in Tennessee. Howard was pronounced dead at 8:03 p.m. after receiving pentobarbital at the state prison in Huntsville. He was convicted of killing Vickie Swartout during a store robbery in 2000. His attorneys unsuccessfully sought to halt the execution, arguing that he was intellectually disabled and faced risks similar to those in Pike's case. Howard apologized to members of the victim's family before his execution.

Democrats sue Trump administration over taxpayer-funded political advertisements

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The Democratic National Committee sued President Donald Trump's administration on Wednesday, seeking to stop taxpayer-funded television advertisements that promote him and his policies ahead of November's midterm elections. The lawsuit alleges the advertisements violate federal restrictions on using public funds for propaganda. A separate case was filed in New York by watchdog group Common Cause, a public employees' union and an Alabama political candidate. Trump said the advertisements would no longer be taxpayer-funded, and the White House said his political action committee would pay for future broadcasts. However, Democrats said government-funded advertisements continued airing after his announcement.

Pharmaceutical lobby challenges Trump administration's Medicare drug pricing rule



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The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the industry's leading trade group, sued the Trump administration on Wednesday to block a rule linking certain Medicare drug prices to lower prices in other countries. The GLOBE model applies to selected medicines covered under Medicare Part B, which serves older adults and people with disabilities. The group argues that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services exceeded its authority by imposing a pricing structure Congress did not approve. The rule's projected savings have fallen substantially, with officials estimating about \$440 million over seven years. The administration maintains that the model falls within its legal authority.

Kennedy expands federal effort to investigate health problems reported after vaccination

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Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced Thursday a federal initiative to study and document health problems reported after vaccination. The effort includes a new National Institutes of Health clinic to evaluate patients, proposed payments to doctors who report suspected vaccine injuries, updates to the federal adverse-event reporting system and requirements for electronic health records to capture such reports. Kennedy has long questioned vaccine safety, while medical experts emphasize that vaccines undergo testing and continued safety monitoring. The initiative comes amid concern over declining immunization rates and renewed measles outbreaks. A federal court has



blocked parts of the administration's proposed childhood vaccine schedule changes, finding that officials violated legal requirements in revising the advisory process.

Conservation groups sue to stop Utah road project threatening historic canyon inscriptions

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Conservation groups sued the federal government this week to block a proposed road project in Utah's Gate Canyon, arguing that blasting and paving would destroy historic inscriptions and threaten wildlife habitat. The Bureau of Land Management approved a plan to replace a winding dirt road with a paved route for oil-field trucks.

The lawsuit says the project would damage at least 47 historic sites, including inscriptions left by Black American Buffalo Soldiers and European pioneers in the nineteenth century. The groups

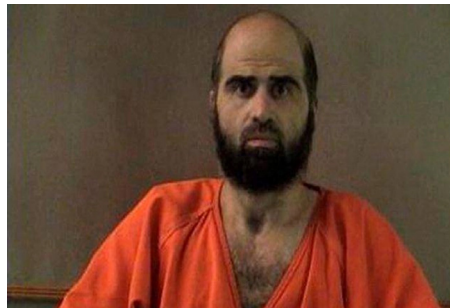


allege the approval violated federal environmental and historic preservation laws. Gate Canyon lies near Nine Mile Canyon, renowned for its extensive Indigenous rock art. The Interior Department declined to comment because litigation is pending.

Pentagon plans livestream of Nidal Hasan's firing squad execution, raising legal and ethical concerns

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The Pentagon said Thursday that the planned firing squad execution of former Army psychiatrist Nidal Malik Hasan will be livestreamed, intensifying debate over the public display of capital punishment. The Army scheduled the execution for December 3 at Fort Hood, Texas. Hasan was convicted of killing 13 people and injuring 32 others in a 2009 shooting at the military base. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Wednesday that the public would be able to watch. Legal experts questioned the implications for the prisoner's dignity



and the government's motives, while others argued transparency could inform public understanding of executions. Hasan could still pursue legal appeals.

New York rally demands stronger action against sexual violence after Cornell assault allegations

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Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside a Manhattan courthouse Thursday to protest sexual violence, joining nationwide rallies prompted by a Cornell University student's lawsuit alleging gang rape by fraternity members. The woman, identified in court documents as Jane Doe, alleges she was drugged, given alcohol and sexually assaulted while incapacitated in October 2024. Her lawsuit names seven fraternity members, the university and other parties. The accused have denied wrongdoing, and some say the sexual activity was consensual. Prosecutors



reopened a criminal investigation after the lawsuit was filed, and New York Governor Kathy Hochul appointed the state attorney general as special prosecutor. Cornell has also commissioned an independent review of its handling of the allegations.

United States monitors travelers after suspected plague case in Siberia

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The United States faces an extremely low risk from a suspected pneumonic plague case in Siberia, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Erica Schwartz said Wednesday. The agency is coordinating with federal departments to identify travelers arriving from the region and can conduct surveillance and screening at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. The concern followed the death of a worker at a Siberian plague research institute from pneumonia of undetermined origin. Russian health authorities said there was no risk of an epidemic. President Donald Trump also said he did not believe the death involved a biological weapon.

Federal immigration officer shoots Dominican man during New York arrest attempt

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A federal immigration officer shot a 28-year-old Dominican man in the neck during an arrest operation in Manhattan on Thursday, officials said. The man, identified by police as Oscar Belgal, survived and received hospital treatment. New York Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said Belgal was pulling into a parking space when plainclothes federal officers approached with guns drawn. He began moving forward, and at least one officer fired seven rounds, she said. A five-year-old boy in the car was unharmed. Mayor Zohran Mamdani condemned the shooting, while the Department of Homeland Security defended the operation, citing Belgal's criminal record. Protests followed, with some demonstrators clashing with police.

USS Abraham Lincoln returns to California after extended deployment supporting Iran war



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The USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier returned to San Diego Bay this week after a deployment lasting more than 10 months, bringing thousands of sailors home to emotional reunions with their families. The deployment included a record 265 consecutive days at sea, with the carrier supporting military operations during the Iran war. Families described anxiety over reported supply shortages and deteriorating crew morale, while the Navy acknowledged that combat operations had temporarily limited resupply opportunities and reduced meal choices. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth visited the carrier on Wednesday to present the Presidential Unit Citation. The Navy said 122 sailors, including members of the air wing, became fathers during the deployment, with many meeting their babies for the first time.

Four astronauts return to Earth after eight-month space station mission



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Four astronauts returned to Earth on Thursday after spending eight months aboard the International Space Station. Their SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule splashed down in the Pacific Ocean off California, ending a mission that began in February. NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Jack Hathaway, French astronaut Sophie Adenot and Russian cosmonaut Andrey Fedyaev had traveled to the station to replace a crew whose return was accelerated after an astronaut fell ill. Delays in repairs to their replacements' spacecraft extended their stay. Adenot set an endurance record for the European Space Agency with 237 days in orbit. Seven astronauts remain aboard the station.

Ohio early voting opens with competitive races for governor, Senate and House

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Ohio began early voting on Tuesday, with voters facing competitive contests for governor, a United States Senate seat and two congressional districts. Republican Vivek Ramaswamy and Democrat Amy Acton are competing to succeed term-limited Governor Mike DeWine in a race rated a toss-up by the Cook Political Report. Their campaigns have clashed over data center development, including electricity costs, farmland protection and local oversight. Republican Senator Jon Husted is also facing Democrat Sherrod Brown in a special election. House contests include Republican Max Miller against Democrat Brian Poindexter and Democrat Marcy Kaptur against Republican Derek Merrin.

United States withdraws bombers from British base after suspected terror plot

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The United States Air Force withdrew all bombers from RAF Fairford in England and returned them to American bases following an investigation into a suspected terrorist plot targeting the facility. The base had supported American airstrikes against Iran. Six people had been arrested and released on bail in connection with the investigation, including a dual British-Iranian national. British authorities have raised concerns about possible Iranian links, but Tehran has denied involvement. The withdrawal comes as President Donald Trump considers further military action against Iran. American forces continue maintaining a substantial presence in the Middle East.

New York governor seeks federal assistance to contain measles outbreak

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New York Governor Kathy Hochul plans to request federal assistance to contain a measles outbreak, including support from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The state declared a disaster emergency earlier this week to expand vaccination access and curb transmission. New York reported 108 measles cases through Saturday, including 92 recorded since July 15 in under-immunized rural communities across 18 counties. Federal Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. offered assistance during a call with Hochul on Tuesday and connected her with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director.



Officials have recommended measles, mumps and rubella vaccination.

Supreme Court temporarily pauses deadline in dispute over political advertising discounts

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The United States Supreme Court on Thursday temporarily lifted a deadline requiring the Federal Communications Commission to respond to a Democratic challenge over discounted political advertising rates. Chief Justice John Roberts issued the administrative stay while the court considers a request from the commission and Republican

committees. The policy allows political party committees to access lower broadcast advertising rates previously available to candidates. Democrats argue the rule benefits Republicans ahead of November's midterm elections. The commission, led by a Republican majority, has defended its policy. Roberts directed the Democratic challengers to respond by Saturday. The pause does not resolve the underlying dispute, which remains before the courts.

Arlington County sues Trump administration to block proposed triumphal arch near cemetery

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Arlington County officials in Virginia sued the federal government Thursday to block President Donald Trump's proposed 250-foot triumphal arch near Arlington National Cemetery. The lawsuit argues that the project could create traffic hazards, obstruct emergency routes and increase noise and air pollution by prompting changes to flight paths near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The county also alleges the National Park Service failed to conduct an adequate review. The proposed structure, modeled on Paris's Arc de Triomphe, has drawn separate opposition from veterans and a military historian over its potential impact on historic views between the



Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The Interior Department and White House had not immediately commented.

Hegseth falsely attributes 'workplace violence' description of Fort Hood attack to Obama

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth incorrectly claimed Thursday that former President Barack Obama described the 2009 Fort Hood shooting as "workplace violence." Speaking on a conservative media program, Hegseth criticized Obama's handling of the attack while discussing the planned execution of Nidal Malik Hasan, the former Army psychiatrist convicted of killing 13 people. Obama publicly referred to the Fort Hood shooting in 2013 as an attack linked to radicalization, saying such extremism appeared to have contributed to the shooting. Victims' families had previously



criticized the military's classification of the incident and its initial denial of combat-related benefits. Congress later changed eligibility rules, allowing victims and survivors to receive Purple Hearts and other recognition.

News organizations ask judge to preserve White House access amid First Amendment dispute

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Lawyers for CNN, MS NOW and Politico urged a federal judge Thursday to block the Trump administration from again barring their journalists from the White House. The outlets argue the restrictions punish critical reporting and violate First Amendment protections. Judge Timothy Kelly extended an earlier order restoring access until Tuesday and said he expected to rule by then on a request for a preliminary injunction. Government lawyers defended the restrictions by citing alleged reporting inaccuracies and national security concerns. Kelly questioned the government's arguments during the hearing. The dispute began after President Donald Trump announced the ban, accusing the outlets of publishing false reports. The case remains unresolved.

Trump launches new inquiry into Lisa Cook amid bid to remove Fed governor

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President Donald Trump established a committee of inquiry on Friday to investigate allegations that Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook made false statements on mortgage applications, renewing his effort to remove her from the central bank. A White House hearing is scheduled for November 5, when Cook will be required to answer questions.

The hearing will be private, but a transcript will be released. Cook's attorneys said they were evaluating the proposed process and welcomed the opportunity for her to present evidence. They have described the alleged discrepancies involving two properties as an inadvertent error. Cook has denied wrongdoing and has not been charged with a crime.

The move follows a Supreme Court ruling in June allowing Cook to remain in office, raising fresh concerns about the Federal Reserve's independence.

Poll finds 78% of Americans blame Trump policies for rising cost of living

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A Reuters/Ipsos poll released this week found that 78 percent of Americans believe Trump's policies share responsibility for rising prices that are outpacing earnings. The nationwide survey of 4,506 adults found that 57 percent of Republicans also said living costs were rising faster than their paychecks. Economic concerns are mounting ahead of November's congressional midterm elections. Overall, 68 percent of respondents disapproved of Trump's handling of inflation, including 40 percent of Republicans. Rising fuel and food prices, import tariffs and higher energy costs linked to the war with Iran have intensified concerns about household budgets. The six-day online poll had a margin of error of two percentage points for the overall population. The findings highlight the political challenge facing Trump as voters continue to prioritize the cost of living.

Punjab-origin man killed in targeted Langley shooting



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A 23-year-old Punjab-origin man was shot and killed in Langley, British Columbia, on Monday, prompting an investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. Langley police responded at about 9:45 p.m. to reports of a shooting near 200 Street and the Langley Bypass.

Officers found the man suffering from gunshot wounds in a parking lot, but he died at the scene despite life-saving efforts. About 20 minutes later, police responded to a vehicle fire near 232 Street and 75 Avenue and recovered a burned sedan believed to have been used in the shooting. Investigators say preliminary information indicates the killing was targeted, although the motive remains unknown. Police are seeking witnesses and dashcam footage from the area.

69 Indians remain with Russian forces as New Delhi steps up efforts to bring them home



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India is pressing Russia for information on 69 Indian nationals reportedly still serving with the Russian armed forces, as New Delhi renews warnings against Indians accepting military recruitment offers. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said Wednesday that 259 Indian nationals were believed to have been recruited into the Russian armed forces. Of those, 139 have secured early discharge through Indian diplomatic efforts.

India is continuing to seek information on the whereabouts of the remaining 69 and urging Moscow to facilitate their release. Jaiswal again warned Indian nationals against accepting offers to join the Russian military, saying such recruitment carries a grave danger to life. The issue has become a concern for Indian families amid the Russia-Ukraine war. The Indian government has previously said that 51 nationals serving with Russian forces have died during the conflict.

Ontario funding probe raises concerns for Punjabi community as private college students face uncertainty

● Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Ontario's investigation into possible irregularities in student financial assistance at private career colleges has raised concerns within the Punjabi community, whose members include many international students enrolled at these institutions. The province referred suspected funding irregularities to the Ontario Provincial Police after targeted inspections and a broader audit by KPMG.

Preliminary findings flagged common ownership structures, links between colleges and immigration services firms, weak student verification procedures, and unusually high concentrations of applications from certain locations. The

provincial auditor general has also been notified, although no charges have been announced.

Ontario has suspended student assistance payments to private career college students while the review continues. Seven colleges reportedly received about \$385 million in grants during the 2024-2025 academic year. Most international students are ineligible for the Ontario Student Assistance Program, but enforcement action could disrupt courses and student services.

Career Colleges Ontario has urged the province to protect actively enrolled students whose applications were previously approved, arguing that investigations should focus on institutions suspected of wrongdoing.

Kolkata-born Indian-American philanthropist joins National Women's Hall of Fame

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Indian-American philanthropist Sharmila Mona Sinha has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, recognizing her work across finance, corporate America, philanthropy and the global movement for women's equality. Born in Kolkata, Sinha was inducted on Thursday at a ceremony in Seneca Falls, New York, joining more than 300 women recognized by the institution, including former United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Maya Angelou, Janet Yellen, Rosa Parks and Michelle Obama.

She is the second woman of Indian origin to receive the honor, after former PepsiCo chief executive Indra Nooyi. Sinha moved to the United States at 18 to attend Smith College, where she studied economics and art history, and later earned a master's degree in business administration from Columbia Business School. She began her career as an investment banker at Morgan Stanley



before holding leadership roles at Procter & Gamble, Unilever and Elizabeth Arden. She later led Women Moving Millions and co-founded Raising Change, expanding her work supporting women and girls worldwide.

Punjabi-American trucking community raises industry concerns in meeting with US transportation secretary

● IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Punjabi-American business leaders Darshan Singh Dhaliwal and Charanjit Singh Dhaliwal raised concerns affecting truck drivers and transportation businesses during a meeting with United States Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy in Mequon, Wisconsin. The discussion comes as the Trump administration steps up enforcement against trucking operators and considers measures affecting the industry. Dhaliwal highlighted the significant role Punjabi-American drivers, entrepreneurs and trucking companies have played in the United States transportation sector and outlined regulatory and operational challenges facing the community.

The meeting also followed criticism of a Department of Homeland Security social media post that featured a turbaned Sikh man identified as "Mr. Singh" alongside messages targeting immigrant truck drivers. Dhaliwal emphasized that



thousands of Punjabi-American families depend directly or indirectly on trucking and urged continued dialogue between policymakers and industry representatives. The meeting offered community leaders an opportunity to take concerns about regulation, enforcement and livelihoods directly to a senior federal official.

Canada warns immigration applicants about artificial intelligence scams impersonating government officials



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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has warned newcomers and prospective immigrants about increasingly sophisticated scams using artificial intelligence to create fake videos, voices and other content that appears to come from government officials. The warning is particularly relevant to applicants seeking jobs, visas or permanent residence in Canada. The department says scammers may use fabricated videos of public figures and officials, fake websites, emails and social media messages to promote guaranteed immigration opportunities. It reminded applicants that no representative can guarantee a job, visa or permanent residence. Officials also will not demand payment into personal bank accounts or threaten arrest over unpaid fees. The department advises applicants to verify information through official government channels and report suspected immigration fraud.

United States seeks to revoke citizenship of Indian-origin California man in major denaturalization drive



● IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

The United States Department of Justice has begun proceedings against 40 naturalized citizens, including Indian-origin California resident Balwinder Singh, in what the department described as the largest denaturalization effort in modern history.

The actions were filed in multiple federal courts between August and October, with the government alleging that the individuals obtained citizenship through fraud, misrepresentation or other unlawful conduct. Singh is accused of using multiple identities during his immigration process.

According to the Justice Department, he first applied for an immigration benefit in 1992 under one identity, later obtained permanent resident status under another and became a United States citizen in 2009. The department is seeking to revoke his naturalization based on alleged misrepresentations and unlawful acts. The cases remain subject to court proceedings.

Punjabi-origin Vancouver officer honored for helping rescue women during deadly hostage attack



IndoUS Tribune Newsdesk

Vancouver police Constable Opinder Kooner and three colleagues have received the Chief Constable's Citation for stopping an armed attacker who had taken two women hostage at a convenience store. Kooner, Constables Riley Nelmes, Brian Rogger and Michael Wu responded on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, to a 911 call about a man who had entered a downtown restaurant and stolen liquor and knives. The suspect then entered a nearby convenience store, where he stabbed a female employee and trapped her inside with another woman. The officers attempted to de-escalate the situation, but a conducted energy weapon had no effect. When the suspect approached the women while lunging with a knife, another officer discharged his firearm and stopped the threat. The officers provided immediate first aid to the injured woman until medical assistance arrived. The suspect later died from his injuries. The four officers were recognized for stopping the active deadly threat and preventing further harm.

Punjab-origin Air Canada employee goes on trial over \$22 million Pearson airport heist



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The trial of Punjab-origin former Air Canada employee Parmpal Sidhu began Monday over his alleged role in the theft of more than \$22 million in gold and currency from Toronto Pearson International Airport. Sidhu has pleaded not guilty to theft over \$5,000 and conspiracy to commit an indictable offense. Prosecutors allege he was an insider who helped facilitate the theft by providing access to a fraudulent air waybill.

Crown attorney Jelena Vlacic told the court that the document was printed at the cargo facility using Sidhu's employee profile and was later altered to correspond with the gold shipment. Surveillance footage presented during the trial showed a truck entering the cargo facility and leaving with the shipment. Defense lawyers questioned whether other people could access Sidhu's computer and highlighted the absence of handwriting analysis. A police witness said investigators considered such testing but determined there was insufficient handwriting for a meaningful comparison.

Amritsar-born Indian diplomat takes Sikh diaspora connection to United Nations debate on reform

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

Amritsar-born Indian Foreign Service officer Anmol Sher Bedi has represented India during a United Nations General Assembly debate on the working methods of the organization, calling for renewed trust in the multilateral system and reform of the Security Council. Bedi, who serves at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, delivered India's statement during the First Committee's discussions on disarmament and international security.

In remarks shared on Monday, he said restoring confidence in multilateral institutions must begin with reform where it is most needed, particularly the Security Council. India has long advocated expanding and restructuring the Council to better reflect present-day global realities and give



developing countries greater representation. Bedi's career at the United Nations also includes service as a Friend of the Chair in the Working Group of the Biological Weapons Convention. His appearance highlights the contribution of Indian-origin professionals to international diplomacy and global policymaking.

Brampton Hindu temple fined \$10,000 over compliance violation

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

A Hindu temple in Brampton, Ontario, has been fined \$10,000 for violating regulations under Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program, according to federal records. Sri Bhuvaneswari Hindu Temple Canada Inc., located on Wilkinson Road, was found in violation after failing to provide documents requested by an inspector during a compliance review. The federal government issued the final decision on Monday. The organization received an administrative monetary penalty of \$10,000 under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations. Despite the violation, its status remains listed as "Eligible," meaning it is not currently barred from participating in the Temporary Foreign



Worker Program. The program permits employers to hire foreign workers when qualified Canadian citizens or permanent residents are unavailable. Employers are required to maintain records and cooperate with federal compliance inspections.

U.S. proposes \$70,000 OPT fee, raising concerns for Indian students

Staff Writer, IndoUS Tribune

A proposed \$70,000 United States fee for international students entering the Optional Practical Training program could create a major new barrier for Indian students seeking to work after completing their studies. The Department of Homeland Security proposed Wednesday that educational institutions pay \$70,000 for each F-1 student's initial Optional Practical Training participation and \$30,000 for each subsequent authorization. The fees would be paid

by participating institutions rather than directly by students. Optional Practical Training allows eligible international students to gain work experience related to their field of study during or after their education. Students in qualifying science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields can receive an additional extension. The proposal is intended to combat fraud, strengthen immigration system integrity and protect United States workers, according to the Department of Homeland Security. The proposed rule has a 30-day public comment period and could face legal challenges.

Indian-origin filmmaker detained at Dulles as supporters seek answers over immigration case

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Indian-origin filmmaker Arfat Sheikh was detained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement after arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport, according to an advocacy campaign seeking his release. The Free Arfat Sheikh campaign said Sheikh was detained on Thursday, September 24. The 42-year-old Alexandria, Virginia, resident arrived in the United States on a student visa in 2019 to pursue graduate film studies at Georgia State University, according

to the campaign. His supporters said he sought asylum in 2020 and has a pending immigration matter. The campaign alleges that immigration officers detained Sheikh shortly after he arrived and that he presented his immigration documents before being taken into custody. He was traveling to Washington for an "Art as Resistance" event, according to supporters. Sheikh is being held at the Caroline Detention Facility in Virginia. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security have not publicly commented on the circumstances of his detention.

Canadian streamer slapped in Vietnam after filming Indian men during livestream



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Canadian streamer John Ly, known online as JohnWhatsGoingOn, was slapped by an Indian man during a livestream at a 7-Eleven store in Saigon, Vietnam, after a confrontation over filming. Ly was recording two Indian men when they repeatedly asked him to stop and move the camera away. According to footage reviewed by multiple news outlets, Ly continued filming and made provocative remarks, including saying, "This is not New Delhi." The confrontation escalated after one man accused Ly of racism and pushed him toward the exit. Another man then slapped the streamer while he continued broadcasting. The footage has since gone viral, prompting debate over filming strangers for online content, provocative livestreaming and the physical response to being recorded.

Indian national Rohan Rane goes on trial in Paris over alleged online abuse network



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Indian national Rohan Rane went on trial behind closed doors in Paris on Monday, accused of leading an online network that allegedly exploited and coerced underage girls. French investigators identify Rane, 29, as a leader of CVLT, a group operating through Discord that promoted neo-Nazi and nihilistic ideology. Authorities allege that vulnerable girls, including victims in the United States, Britain, the Netherlands and Estonia, were subjected to sexual exploitation, blackmail and coercion to self-harm. The investigation began in late 2020 after the United States-based National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported material involving minors. Rane, who moved to France to study in Antibes, was arrested in 2021. He faces multiple charges and could receive life imprisonment if convicted.

Armenia and Azerbaijan step up cooperation to locate people missing from past wars

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Armenia and Azerbaijan are seeking closer cooperation to determine the fate of thousands of people missing from decades of conflict, particularly the first Karabakh war in the 1990s. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said Thursday he discussed intensifying cooperation with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev between their commissions handling missing persons. Azerbaijan said the commissions have exchanged information since February 2025. Armenia provided DNA profiles of 50 missing ethnic Armenians, while Azerbaijan gave Armenia information on 834 citizens believed to have been captured or taken hostage. Azerbaijan says 4,010 citizens remain missing, including 782 civilians. The issue is covered by a United States-brokered peace agreement initialed in 2025.

Hungary's Nepszabadsag newspaper returns online after decade-long closure under Orban

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Hungary's former best-selling left-wing newspaper Nepszabadsag relaunched Thursday as an online news outlet and weekly magazine, a decade after its abrupt closure. Founded during the 1956 uprising against Soviet rule, the newspaper was shut down in 2016 by owner Mediaworks, which cited financial losses. Former staff believed its critical coverage of then-Prime Minister Viktor Orban contributed to the closure. The revived publication is backed by four Hungarian businessmen and plans to employ about 90 people, mostly former Nepszabadsag and Nepszava staff.

Gold statue of naked Trump displayed at European Parliament



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A gold-leaf statue depicting United States President Donald Trump naked and seated on another man's shoulders has been unveiled at the European Parliament building in Strasbourg, France. Created by Danish artist Jens Galschiot, the 8.5-foot sculpture, titled 'The Orange Plague,' is covered in 23-carat gold leaf.

An inscription beneath it criticizes injustice, portraying a leader who refuses to step down despite burdening another person. The installation comes amid strained transatlantic relations during Trump's second term, as European governments have expressed concerns about his administration's policies and approach to longstanding United States-European partnerships.

India warns Pakistan intelligence agency may seek to unite Bangladesh-based terror groups

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Indian intelligence assessments indicate that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence is seeking to bring three Bangladesh-based extremist groups under a common structure, potentially strengthening their ability to operate against India's eastern states, according to officials cited in a report.

The groups identified are Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, Ansarullah Bangla Team and Neo-Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh. Intelligence officials said divisions, leadership disputes and overlapping areas of operation have limited their capabilities, prompting efforts to improve coordination. The assessment reportedly revives a proposal



to merge the groups into a single faction, although no merger has been confirmed. Indian officials warned that greater coordination could create additional security challenges along the eastern border, particularly in West Bengal and the northeastern states. The allegations have not been independently verified.

Reporters Without Borders warns of China-linked influencer network targeting Greek audiences

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Reporters Without Borders has warned that Chinese Communist Party-linked networks are using Greek-speaking social media influencers to promote favorable narratives about China without clearly disclosing their affiliations. The press freedom organization urged Greek authorities to investigate financial links between the influencers and Chinese propaganda networks. Greece Fact Check identified three prominent accounts whose content combines lifestyle material with political messaging, including narratives favorable to Beijing's interests in Greece. Researchers found links involving Chinese state media and advertising



networks, although they found no direct evidence that the influencers knowingly participated in a coordinated propaganda operation. Reporters Without Borders also highlighted China's broader media partnerships in Greece.

Abu Dhabi Hindu temple holds prayers for injured flydubai pilot Smit Machchhar

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Special prayers were offered Sunday at the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi for Indian-origin flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar, who was seriously injured while stopping an alleged cockpit attack aboard a flight last week. Priests and devotees prayed for his recovery and honored his courage. Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Deepak Mittal said Machchhar was recovering well and in good spirits, with the embassy remaining in contact with his family. Dubai Crown Prince Hamdan bin Mohammed had also visited the pilot in hospital and praised his bravery. Machchhar was injured after another pilot



allegedly attacked him in the cockpit. The aircraft later landed safely in Saudi Arabia after passengers helped subdue the attacker.

India-backed mine clearance returns land to 134 families in Cambodia

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India-backed mine clearance has returned nearly 198,000 square meters of contaminated land to residents of Kaoh Pao Village in Cambodia's Koh Kong Province. The land was handed over Thursday after clearance of mines and unexploded ordnance under India's Quick Impact Project within the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation framework.

About 134 families are expected to benefit through safer access to farming, housing and livelihoods. Indian and Cambodian officials attended the ceremony. India has supported Cambodia's humanitarian mine-action efforts since the early 1990s through training, technical assistance, demining equipment, mine detection dogs and victim support. The handover highlights India's development partnership with Cambodia and expanding trade cooperation.

Germany announces more than \$1.4 billion in new military and energy aid for Ukraine



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Germany will provide Ukraine with more than 1.3 billion euros, or about \$1.5 billion, in new military and energy assistance, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said after meeting Chancellor Friedrich Merz in Kyiv Monday. The package focuses heavily on air defense, including joint production of interceptors designed to counter jet-powered drones. Germany will also provide long-range weapons, combat drones and satellite technology. About 350 million euros will support repairs to Ukraine's energy infrastructure before winter, while roughly 1 billion euros will go toward military assistance. Zelensky said the countries now have 15 agreements worth more than 8.5 billion euros covering security cooperation, German industrial orders and joint projects.

Iran oil minister resigns amid war pressure and energy sector strain



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Iranian Petroleum Minister Mohsen Paknejad resigned Sunday for personal reasons, with President Masoud Pezeshkian accepting his departure, Iranian officials said. Hamid Bovard, managing director of the state-run National Iranian Oil Company, was appointed acting petroleum minister. Paknejad had held the post since August 2024. His resignation comes amid severe pressure on Iran's energy sector following the continuing conflict involving Iran, the United States and Israel, which has disrupted oil exports and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said Sunday that Tehran was reviewing the United States' response to an Iranian proposal for a seven-day ceasefire plan and reopening the strategic waterway.

Hours after Navi Pillay wins Nobel Peace Prize, Trump imposes sanctions on International Criminal Court



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The administration of United States President Donald Trump imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court on Friday, escalating its campaign against the Hague-based institution hours after former court judge Navi Pillay won the Nobel Peace Prize. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the measures were intended to prevent the court from prosecuting American citizens, including by restricting transactions with the institution.

The administration has criticized the court over arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, as well as its earlier investigation into alleged crimes by United States troops in Afghanistan, which the court has since closed. Washington had previously sanctioned individual court officials, making the latest action a broader move against the institution itself.

Pillay, an 85-year-old South African-born jurist and former United Nations human rights chief, was recognized for promoting international law. She warned that weakening international criminal justice threatened progress made since the Nuremberg trials. The sanctions could further strain relations with European allies, whose countries are members of the court.

South Korea orders probe after bank hacks expose thousands of customer records

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Sunday ordered a thorough investigation into cyberattacks that exposed customer information at financial institutions. Shinhan Bank said about 25,000 customers' names, phone numbers and annual incomes were leaked, while Hana Bank reported a separate breach affecting 89 customers.

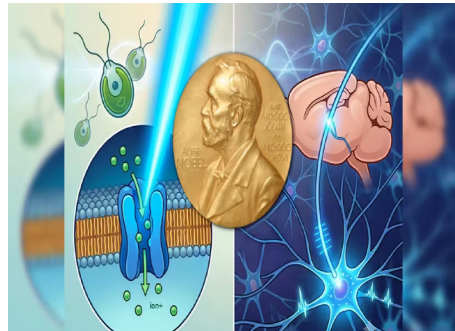
KB Kookmin Bank, Woori Bank and Nonghyup Bank were also targeted. Woori and Nonghyup blocked unauthorized access before information was leaked. Authorities suspect advanced artificial intelligence tools may have been used in some attacks. Financial regulators held an emergency meeting with affected institutions and urged stronger security measures. The breaches have raised concerns about evolving cyber threats and misuse of leaked information for fraud and voice phishing.

2026 Nobel Prizes spotlight breakthroughs in neuroscience, particle physics and literature

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The 2026 Nobel Prize announcements have highlighted major advances in science and literature, with four of the six awards announced by Thursday. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded Monday to Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and optogenetics, a technique that allows scientists to control nerve-cell activity using light. On Tuesday, Francis Halzen received the Nobel Prize in Physics for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos originating from astrophysical sources.

The Chemistry Prize on Wednesday went to Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai for discoveries involving non-linear effects



and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis, advancing understanding of molecular handedness. Canadian author Anne Carson received the Literature Prize Thursday for her bold and inventive body of work and its creative engagement with classical traditions. The Nobel Peace Prize is due Friday, followed by the Economic Sciences Prize Monday. Each full 2026 prize carries 12 million Swedish kronor, about \$1.2 million.

Hurricane Isaias threatens US Gulf Coast with dangerous storm surge and flooding

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Hurricane Isaias strengthened on Thursday as it approached the United States Gulf Coast, prompting evacuations in Florida and emergency declarations in Alabama. Forecasters warned it could approach Category 3 strength before landfall late Friday or early Saturday, bringing dangerous storm surges, tornadoes and

flooding. The first Atlantic hurricane of 2026 had sustained winds of 85 miles per hour on Thursday. Storm surges could reach 5 to 7 feet in vulnerable coastal areas, with rainfall reaching 7 inches and isolated totals of 15 inches. The storm disrupted Gulf of Mexico energy production, shutting down about 63 percent of regional oil output and 57 percent of natural gas production. Officials urged coastal residents to follow evacuation orders and prepare for hazardous conditions.

Poland faces second school stabbing in two days, prompting fears of copycat attacks

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A 15-year-old former student wearing a helmet-mounted camera killed a school employee and injured two teachers Thursday in Leszczylol-Nowiny, northeast of Warsaw, marking Poland's second school stabbing in two days. Police are investigating whether the attacks were linked to an online challenge. The previous day, a 19-year-old injured 10 people, including himself, at a school in Ostroleka. Authorities also detained a 17-year-old in Sierpc who allegedly planned an attack after searches for information on organizing violence were found on his electronic devices. Prime Minister Donald Tusk said officials



feared a "copycat phenomenon" and ordered police to visit schools daily. The government said the investigation into possible links between the incidents remains ongoing.

Britain expands Russia sanctions targeting oil, shadow fleet and financial networks

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Britain announced a new package of 38 sanctions Thursday targeting individuals and entities linked to Russian oil production and transport, military manufacturing and efforts to circumvent financial restrictions. The measures include 12 additional oil tankers that Britain says are part of Russia's shadow fleet, helping Moscow evade sanctions on oil exports. Three cryptocurrency exchanges and two payment platforms were also targeted over alleged involvement in sanctions evasion, including transactions linked to the A7 illicit finance network. Seventeen



individuals and entities involved in supplying machine tools, electronics and materials used in missile and drone production were also designated. Russia's embassy in London called the sanctions ineffective and futile.

Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia reject unilateral Nile actions and assert Red Sea control

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Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia agreed Sunday to strengthen coordination on regional security, state sovereignty, Red Sea governance and transboundary water rights at a summit in New Alamein, Egypt. Their El Alamein Joint Declaration emphasized international law, respect for territorial integrity and noninterference in regional affairs. The four leaders supported Sudan's unity and national institutions and rejected the creation of parallel entities. They also rejected recognition or support for Somaliland, reaffirming Somalia's territorial integrity. On maritime security, the leaders backed freedom of navigation and said governance of the Red Sea is the exclusive responsibility of its littoral states. The declaration also stressed the "no harm" principle governing transboundary rivers, including the Nile, and called for prior notification, consultation and consensus. They rejected unilateral measures that could affect existing water uses in Egypt and Sudan, positioning the declaration amid wider tensions over Nile resources and Red Sea security.

Jaishankar urges strategic hedging amid intensifying United States-China rivalry



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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said Sunday that emerging and middle powers are seeking a balanced approach to United States-China rivalry, describing it as a "Goldilocks scenario" that should be neither too tense nor too harmonious. Speaking at the Munich Security Conference, Jaishankar said countries are diversifying economies, de-risking supply chains and building flexible partnerships rather than choosing rigid alignments. He argued that countries do not need complete agreement to cooperate if they share enough interests. Jaishankar said multi-alignment is likely to become more common, allowing nations to maintain relationships with competing powers while managing risks. He also warned that this could reshape multilateralism, already under pressure from divisions at the United Nations.

Pezeshkian says Iran has resisted economic pressure despite deepening war strain

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Sunday that intensified economic pressure had failed to achieve what he described as the enemy's objectives in an "economic war." He said his government had adopted new measures to manage the country's difficult conditions and prevent disruption to vital economic channels. Pezeshkian's comments came amid continuing conflict and mounting pressure on Iran's economy. United States President Donald Trump, meanwhile, said the war with Iran would end "very quickly," arguing that Tehran was facing severe military and economic pressure. Trump also predicted that oil prices would fall sharply once the conflict ends.

Prakash Raj joins CJP Bengaluru protest demanding withdrawal of electoral roll revision and restoration of voter names



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Social organizations and the Cockroach Janata Party held a protest at Bengaluru's Freedom Park on Thursday, demanding the withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and restoration of voter lists to their earlier status. Actor and activist Prakash Raj, filmmaker Kavita Lankesh and party founder Abhijeeth Deepke joined the gathering, where participants also called for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Speakers alleged that the revision process lacked transparency and raised concerns about voter deletions in several states. A "People's Tribunal" allowed voters to share accounts of alleged removals without adequate notice or due process. Organizers demanded corrective action and greater disclosure from the Election Commission. Police deployed additional security and barricades around the park and nearby routes.

JOSH youth teams launched in Delhi to strengthen community awareness and tuberculosis elimination efforts



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Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched Joint Squad for Health teams in New Delhi on Thursday to mobilize young people in India's tuberculosis elimination campaign. Nadda cited a World Health Organization report showing a 21 percent decline in tuberculosis incidence in India and treatment coverage reaching 92 percent. He said the initiative would expand community participation, with the first phase covering 11 states before a wider rollout. Gupta said young volunteers could promote prevention, early diagnosis and timely treatment while challenging the stigma associated with the disease. The campaign brings together health, youth affairs and defense institutions to strengthen public awareness and grassroots action.

INDIA bloc intensifies Rajghat protest, demands election chief's resignation while BJP alleges pressure on institutions

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Opposition parties in the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance continued demonstrations in New Delhi on Thursday for a third consecutive day, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and opposing the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Mallikarjun Kharge joined other lawmakers at Rajghat after gathering in Connaught Place.

Following a wait of nearly an hour, they were allowed inside to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. The Opposition alleges irregularities in the electoral process, while the Election Commission and the Bharatiya Janata Party have rejected the charges. Communist Party of India (Marxist) lawmaker John Brittas said the agitation would continue until Kumar resigned. The alliance has



also sought a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu, but Congress leaders said they had yet to receive a response. The Bharatiya Janata Party accused the Opposition of trying to pressure constitutional institutions, arguing that the electoral revision issue was already before the Supreme Court.

GST Council raises prosecution threshold to Rs.5 crore and speeds up refunds in major compliance overhaul

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The Goods and Services Tax Council approved a series of compliance reforms this week, including raising the prosecution threshold from Rs.1 crore to Rs.5 crore and removing arrest powers from tax officers, in a move aimed at easing the burden on businesses. The decisions were taken at the Council's 57th meeting in New Delhi, chaired by Union

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She said the focus was on simplifying procedures rather than changing tax rates. The Council also approved automatic acceptance of routine GST registration amendments and faster refunds. The acknowledgment period for refund applications will fall from 15 days to 10 days, while 90 percent of eligible claims are expected to be issued within three working days. Input tax credit eligibility



will also expand to cover additional expenses, including telecom towers and employer-provided insurance coverage. The reforms are intended to improve business liquidity, reduce administrative delays and strengthen ease of doing business.

Supreme Court-appointed panel to inspect mining, forests and tribal livelihoods in Rajasthan's Aravalli region

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Supreme Court-appointed High-Powered Committee will inspect mining, forest cover and land use in Rajasthan's Dungarpur and Banswara districts from Sunday through Tuesday. The visit will cover Paldeval-Sarkan in Dungarpur and Kevadiya-Kothara in Banswara, with consultations involving tribal communities, villagers, farmers, workers, mining operators and environmental experts. The panel will examine ecological conditions, water sources, quarrying activities and the effects of land use on local livelihoods. The inspections follow concerns about inadequate participation during an earlier visit. The committee



must submit its assessment of the Aravalli range's definition, demarcation and conservation to the Supreme Court by November 30.

Mayawati renews Bharat Ratna demand for Kanshi Ram and urges workers to protect voting rights



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Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati renewed her demand for the Bharat Ratna for party founder Kanshi Ram while paying tribute to him in Lucknow on Friday. She described the Bahujan Samaj as her true family and pledged to continue his movement for social dignity and political empowerment. Mayawati urged party workers to prepare for upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab, arguing that constitutional voting rights are essential to achieving political power. She also criticized persistent poverty, inflation, unemployment and illiteracy, calling for stronger public investment in education, health care, roads and employment. Senior party officials, including national coordinator Akash Anand, attended the tribute event.

Manipur chief seeks faster highway construction and elevated road project during meeting with Nitin Gadkari



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Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh met Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi on Thursday to seek support for key road projects. Singh urged the government to begin construction of the Shangshak-Tengnoupal Highway, approve a proposed elevated highway in Imphal, and complete ongoing work on National Highways 37 and 2 during the current working season. The two highways are vital links connecting Manipur with the rest of the country. Gadkari said the elevated highway proposal was under active consideration and assured the chief minister that the state's requests would receive attention. Singh also met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who said they planned to visit Manipur soon.

Centre seeks fishing communities' input for national plan to protect small-scale fisheries and livelihoods



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The Union Department of Fisheries has begun nationwide consultations to develop a National Plan of Action for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries, with coordination support from the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization. The draft is expected to be released on World Fisheries Day on Saturday, November 21, before public review and finalization in 2027. More than 20 consultations are planned across India's coasts and island territories, following meetings in Kakdwip, West Bengal, and Baleswar, Odisha. The process will gather views from fishers, workers, vendors, processors, women and young people on resource access, sustainable management, decent work, gender equality and climate risks. The government says the plan should reflect the needs of the millions who depend on fisheries and related activities.

Andhra Pradesh chief minister says state secured Rs.22 lakh crore in investment commitments over 28 months



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the state had secured investment commitments totaling Rs.22 lakh crore over 28 months, speaking at a Confederation of Indian Industry summit event in New Delhi on Thursday. He said the government's "Build Andhra Pradesh" approach aims to attract industries, create jobs and turn investment agreements into operating projects. Naidu cited planned developments in data centers, shipbuilding and green energy, including proposed facilities in Visakhapatnam, Dugarajapatnam and Machilipatnam. He also said agreements had been signed for 110 gigawatts of power generation as part of a 500-gigawatt green energy target. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal praised the state's investment potential and encouraged businesses to attend the upcoming summit in Visakhapatnam.

Delhi shuts entry and exit gates at 57 Metro stations, cancels train services ahead of CJP protest

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Delhi authorities announced major transport restrictions ahead of the Cockroach Janata Party's planned protest at Jantar Mantar on Saturday, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in voter-list revisions.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation said entry and exit gates at 57 stations would remain closed from Friday at 9 p.m. through Saturday until further notice. Interchange facilities would remain available at affected stations, except New Delhi station. Train frequency could also be reduced depending on security conditions.

Indian Railways also canceled train



services arriving at and departing from New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin stations between 4 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, citing anticipated traffic congestion.

Police tightened security across the capital, established checkpoints and denied permission for the protest, citing public safety concerns.

Delhi launches pollution control command center to connect real-time monitoring with enforcement action

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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated an Integrated Command and Control Centre at the Delhi Pollution Control Committee's east Delhi office on Thursday to strengthen the capital's response to air pollution. The center will combine real-time pollution monitoring, artificial intelligence-based analysis, public complaints and field inspection data to help departments identify hotspots and act on violations. Gupta said the system would follow a "Detect, Analyse, Act, Verify" approach, ensuring that identified problems lead to enforcement and follow-up checks. She added that efforts were underway across major pollution sources, including road



dust, construction sites and transport, alongside mechanical road sweeping, mist sprays, expanded green cover and electric mobility.

Mithun Chakraborty's appointment as West Bengal cultural adviser with Cabinet rank draws political scrutiny

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Veteran actor and Bharatiya Janata Party leader Mithun Chakraborty has been appointed adviser to West Bengal's Information and Cultural Affairs Department with the rank of a Cabinet minister. The appointment, made through a government notification, took effect immediately and will remain in place until further orders. Chief

Minister Suwendu Adhikari had previously indicated the move during an event marking the centenary celebrations of Bengali cinema icon Uttam Kumar, citing Chakraborty's contribution to cinema and longstanding connection with Bengal. Chakraborty previously served as a Trinamool Congress member of Parliament before joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2021. His new role has drawn scrutiny because of his prominent political campaigning.

All India N.R. Congress retains Thattanchavady seat in Puducherry bypoll with 8,482-vote winning margin

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Puducherry's ruling All India N.R. Congress retained the Thattanchavady Assembly constituency on Friday, with candidate Ashok Anand defeating Congress nominee E. Vinayagam by 8,482 votes. Anand received 13,358 votes, compared with Vinayagam's 4,876, while Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam candidate K. Sethu Selvam finished third with

2,664, according to Election Commission results. The bypoll was required after Chief Minister N. Rangasamy vacated Thattanchavady, choosing to retain Mangalam after winning both seats in the April Assembly election. Eleven candidates contested the bypoll, which recorded 80.81 percent turnout. Anand received support from the Bharatiya Janata Party, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and Lakshiya Jananayaga Katchi.

Bhagwant Mann accuses Bharatiya Janata Party of using central investigative agencies to begin Punjab election campaign



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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of using central investigative agencies to launch its campaign ahead of the state's next Assembly election, following a Central Bureau of Investigation search at his camp office in Chandigarh on Thursday. Mann said the action signaled that the election would take place on schedule and alleged that the agency was being used to intimidate an elected government and damage its reputation. He maintained that investigators would find no evidence of corruption against his administration and said the Aam Aadmi Party had entered politics to serve the people, create jobs and strengthen public services. Mann cited similar raids ahead of elections in other states and said his government would not be deterred by the action.

Government approves five research centers to preserve India's classical languages and literary heritage



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The Union government has approved five Centers of Excellence to strengthen research and preservation of classical Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit. Tezpur University will host the Assamese center, Visva-Bharati University the Bengali center, and Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute in Pune the Marathi center. The Central University of Odisha will establish the Pali center, while the Central University of Gujarat will host the Prakrit center. Announced by the Education Ministry on Saturday, the initiative will support advanced scholarship, documentation, digitization and wider access to linguistic and literary resources. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi welcomed the Pali center, citing the language's importance to India's intellectual, spiritual and cultural traditions.

Prosecutors seek trial for Campari chairman over alleged tax evasion



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Italian prosecutors have requested a trial for Campari Chairman Luca Garavoglia over alleged tax evasion involving €1.29 billion, or about \$1.45 billion. Prosecutors in Monza allege that Lagfin, the Luxembourg-based family holding company controlling Campari, failed to pay an exit tax on €5.3 billion in undeclared capital gains between 2018 and 2020. The case stems from a 2018 merger that moved the group's corporate structure to Luxembourg. Lagfin settled its tax dispute with Italy's Revenue Agency last year for €405 million but said the criminal case against it was dismissed in July on statute of limitations grounds. Prosecutors also seek a trial for Lagfin legal representative Giovanni Berto.

Artificial intelligence boom lifts World Trade Organization global goods trade outlook



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The World Trade Organization on Thursday raised its forecast for global merchandise trade growth in 2026 to 3.9%, more than double its previous estimate of 1.9%, as demand for artificial intelligence products offsets disruptions from the Middle East conflict. The organization expects trade growth of 4.1% next year, up from its earlier forecast of 2.6%. Trade in semiconductors and artificial intelligence data center products surged 67% from a year earlier, with artificial intelligence-related goods accounting for 47% of global merchandise trade growth in the first half. However, the World Trade Organization cut its 2026 services trade forecast to 3.3% because higher aviation fuel costs are affecting transportation and travel.

Waymo secures \$5 billion loan to expand autonomous ride-hailing

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Waymo, Alphabet's self-driving unit, said Thursday it has closed a \$5 billion term loan to accelerate the expansion of its autonomous ride-hailing service across the United States and internationally. The financing is Waymo's first debt deal. PIMCO, Blackstone and Sixth Street served as lead syndicated lenders, while Capital Group, Loomis Sayles and T. Rowe Price were among significant lenders. Goldman Sachs acted as the sole lead bookrunner. Waymo launched operations in its 15th United States city last month and has announced plans to expand into Singapore. The company also completed a \$16 billion equity financing earlier this year at a valuation of \$126 billion.

US-Russia talks revive prospect of American investment in Europe's Russian gas network

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United States and Russian officials have discussed bringing American investors into the Nord Stream pipeline network, raising the prospect of renewed Russian gas flows to Europe if the Ukraine war ends, according to people familiar with the talks. The discussions involving United States Special Envoy Jared Kushner and Russian envoy Kirill Dmitriev reflect efforts to link potential commercial deals with broader peace negotiations. Any investment would face significant sanctions, ownership and regulatory hurdles. Nord Stream remains sanctioned by the United States and European Union, while Germany



opposes reopening the pipelines after developing alternative energy supplies. Before the war, Germany sourced more than half its gas from Russia through Nord Stream. A reopening could create major opportunities for energy investors and European gas markets, but would also trigger substantial political and regulatory risks.

Oil surge and technology sell-off push Wall Street further from record highs

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Wall Street came under renewed pressure Thursday as rising oil prices, volatile Treasury yields and losses in major technology stocks pushed U.S. indexes further from recent records. The S&P 500 fell 0.5%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 0.3% and the Nasdaq composite dropped 0.9%. Brent crude rose 3.8% to about \$104.08 a barrel amid uncertainty surrounding the war with Iran, raising fresh concerns about inflation and interest rates. The 10-year Treasury yield swung sharply, climbing from 5.28% to 5.35% before easing to 5.26%, remaining near its highest level since 2002. Technology



stocks bore much of the pressure, with Nvidia falling 1.1%, while semiconductor shares also declined despite strong results from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company. Investors are entering the earnings season with expectations for nearly 30% profit growth among S&P 500 companies.

US freezes green-card applications involving Microsoft, Adobe and major IT firms

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The Trump administration on Thursday froze some green-card applications involving Microsoft, Adobe and several major technology outsourcing companies, widening its crackdown on skilled-worker immigration and alleged visa fraud. Labor Secretary Keith Sonderling said the suspension covers Cognizant, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Capgemini. The Labor Department will halt new and pending permanent labor certification applications involving the companies. The process is required for most employment-based green cards and requires employers to show that hiring foreign workers will not harm American workers'



wages, conditions or job opportunities. The freeze does not directly affect current H-1B visa holders but could disrupt their path to permanent residency. The administration also announced investigations into nine universities over alleged misuse of exchange-visitor visas.

BBC and Channel 4 explore deeper tie-up as broadcasters seek savings

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Britain's BBC and Channel 4 have held preliminary talks with the government about combining some commercial operations as public broadcasters seek to cut costs, according to people familiar with the discussions. One proposal would bring Channel 4's advertising operations, E4 and Film4 channels, and streaming services together with UKTV, a commercial subsidiary of the BBC. The potential joint venture could be equally owned by the two broadcasters, while Channel 4's flagship channel would remain outside the arrangement. Talks could intensify next year depending on progress toward a



new BBC funding deal. Both broadcasters are pursuing cost reductions as traditional television viewing declines and competition from global streaming companies grows.

Washington Post names former Yahoo executive Alex Wallace as chief operating officer



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The Washington Post said Thursday it has appointed media veteran Alex Wallace as its new chief operating officer, as the newspaper works to improve its financial performance. Wallace will begin Monday and work with Chief Executive Officer Jeff D'Onofrio to align teams across the company and track performance against business goals. She previously served as executive vice president and head of media and content at Yahoo, overseeing Yahoo News, Sports, Entertainment and Finance, as well as TechCrunch and other media businesses. Wallace has also held production and editorial leadership roles at CBS News and NBC News. The Washington Post expects to finish 2026 on its closest path to profitability in five years.

American Airlines expands Starlink to more than 1,000 mainline aircraft

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American Airlines said Thursday it will expand SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet service to its entire mainline fleet of more than 1,000 aircraft beginning next year. The expanded rollout adds more than 530 Boeing aircraft to the company's earlier plan to equip more than 500 Airbus planes. Starlink's aircraft-mounted Performance Aero Terminal can provide internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, according to the airline. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. American Airlines operates more than 1,030 mainline aircraft, including more than 900 single-aisle planes and the remainder widebody aircraft. The airline said the expansion will make Starlink available across its primary fleet.

India sets sights on \$1 trillion in exports as global trade faces slower growth and rising risks

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India is confident of reaching \$1 trillion in exports this fiscal year despite a weaker global trade environment, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Thursday. India recorded \$863 billion in exports last year and needs nearly 16% growth to reach the new target, while global trade is expected to expand by only about 2.5% to 3%. Goyal said the target involves businesses across the economy, including 63 million micro, small and medium enterprises, large industries, global capability centers and about 250,000 startups. He also highlighted India's expanding network of free trade agreements as a tool for improving market access and creating new export and investment opportunities.

Meta expands artificial intelligence safeguards in India as child exploitation tactics become more sophisticated

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Meta said Wednesday it has introduced additional artificial intelligence tools to combat child sexual exploitation across Facebook and Instagram, including advertisements that covertly direct users to illegal material outside its platforms. The company said it acted against 5.3 million pieces of child sexual exploitation content in India between January and June, with more than 98% detected and addressed before users reported it. Globally, Meta acted against 33.2 million pieces of such content during the same period, with more than 97% identified proactively. The new systems use artificial intelligence and automated signals to identify suspicious advertising and links. Meta said blocked links are also used to find and remove other posts, comments and advertisements containing them.

India seeks bigger Gulf investment in refining as it plans to raise capacity beyond 6.2 million barrels a day

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India is seeking greater investment from Gulf energy producers, including Qatar, as it plans to expand national refining capacity to meet rising domestic fuel demand. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have already expressed interest in refinery projects, while New Delhi is seeking additional institutional capital from Qatar. India currently has refining capacity of about 5.4 million barrels per day and aims to raise it above 6.2 million barrels per day. Discussions between the two countries are also expanding beyond long-term liquefied natural gas supplies toward potential investment in energy and processing assets. Qatar has separately committed to invest \$10 billion in India. The two governments are also working toward stronger investment protections and wider trade and financial cooperation.

Kerala expands technology footprint as private investment and new office capacity drive growth beyond major hubs

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Kerala is expanding its technology infrastructure, with new private investment in Kozhikode and additional capacity planned at Technopark in Thiruvananthapuram. A Rs. 600 crore project at Cyberpark in Kozhikode will create a Grade-A information technology facility spanning about 900,000 square feet and is expected to generate more than 10,000 direct jobs. The project is part of a larger plan to develop 12 million square feet of office space in Kerala. In Thiruvananthapuram, Technopark is adding 200,000 square feet of office space at its Phase III campus. The expansion reflects Kerala's effort to develop multiple technology centers beyond established hubs, attracting multinational companies, startups, research and development operations and skilled professionals across the state.

Italy opens probe into Microsoft gaming companies over virtual currency practices

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Italy's antitrust authority said Thursday it had opened an investigation into several Microsoft-owned video game companies over the use of virtual currencies in games. The probe includes Activision Blizzard and forms part of a broader European Union consumer protection initiative targeting nine gaming companies. Regulators are examining whether virtual currency systems clearly disclose prices and protect consumers, particularly minors. Players often buy digital items using currencies that require multiple conversions, making the real cost harder to understand.



Italy will lead the investigation with regulators in Norway and Denmark. The action follows separate Italian investigations launched in December into Microsoft games 'Diablo Immortal' and 'Call of Duty Mobile'.

Amazon moves upmarket with new Android tablets featuring Alexa artificial intelligence

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Amazon unveiled a new line of higher-priced tablets Thursday that run on Google's Android operating system and feature its Alexa+ generative artificial intelligence assistant. The devices start at \$230 and range up to \$550, marking a shift away from Amazon's traditionally low-cost Fire tablets. The company said Alexa+ access will require a Prime membership or separate subscription. Amazon is also moving away from its Fire operating system, giving users access to a broader selection of Android applications. The strategy comes as global tablet sales

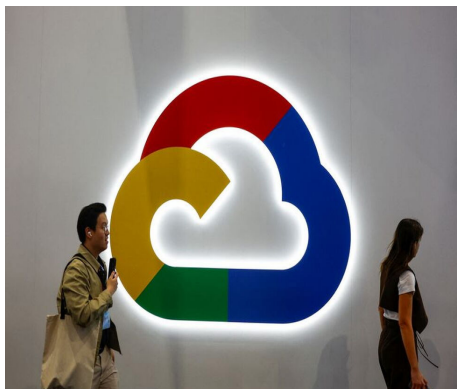


declined 12% in the second quarter to 33.6 million units, according to International Data Corporation. Amazon held 1.9% of the global tablet market.

Google Cloud launches Gemini agent as companies race toward autonomous artificial intelligence

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Google Cloud on Thursday introduced Gemini Agent, an artificial intelligence system designed to answer questions, handle tasks, create content and write code with limited human intervention. The agent can plan work, use tools, connect with company systems and return completed work through documents, email and developer environments. It operates within Google Workspace applications including Gmail, Docs, Sheets and Calendar, and can also work with Microsoft 365 and Slack. Google said the system currently uses its Gemini models and Anthropic's Claude



models. Customers can create "coworker agents" with their own email addresses and restricted access to information. Versions designed for financial services and legal work are currently in preview.

India's food regulator targets major brands over health claims on protein and nutrition products

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India's food safety regulator said Thursday it had issued notices to Dr. Reddy's, Nestle Health Science, Tirupati Wellness, Amazon, Flipkart and Netmeds over allegedly misleading health claims linked to products marketed for protein support and lean muscle maintenance. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India said the products carried claims involving high protein content, muscle strength, immunity support and energy metabolism that could mislead consumers about their benefits. The companies have been asked to explain why regulatory action should not be initiated. The notices come as the regulator increases scrutiny of health and



nutritional claims used in food marketing, including products sold through major e-commerce platforms. The companies will have an opportunity to respond before further action is considered.

United States and Zambia sign \$2.49 billion health deal after removing disputed data and specimen-sharing provisions

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The United States and Zambia signed a \$2.49 billion health financing agreement Thursday after removing provisions involving patient data and biological specimen sharing that had delayed the deal. Under the five-year agreement, the United States will contribute \$1.52 billion, while Zambia will invest \$975 million in its health system. Zambian officials also said the agreement contains no provisions linking health funding to the country's mineral resources, with critical minerals being negotiated separately. The agreement forms part of the Trump administration's America First Global Health Strategy, which seeks to gradually increase African countries' own health spending while reducing United States assistance. Zambia said the funding will support health services and the recruitment of 40,000 healthcare workers over five years.

Adani Power and Bhutan utility partner on 770 MW hydropower project



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Adani Power and Bhutan's state-owned Druk Green Power Corporation on Tuesday announced a partnership to develop the 770 megawatt Chamkharchhu-I Hydroelectric Project in central Bhutan's Zhemgang District. The project is their second major collaboration, following a 570 megawatt Wangchhu project agreement signed in September 2025. It is part of a broader memorandum of understanding signed in May 2025 to develop 5,000 megawatts of hydropower capacity in Bhutan. The project will use a 49:51 equity partnership under a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer model. Construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2027, with commissioning targeted six years later. It will support Bhutan's winter power needs and enable surplus electricity exports to India.

McDonald's artificial intelligence pricing lawsuit tests antitrust rules

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A federal antitrust lawsuit filed against McDonald's this week alleges the fast-food company uses artificial intelligence-powered technology to influence menu prices, raising new questions about how competition laws apply to algorithmic pricing. The proposed class action, filed in federal court in Chicago, claims McDonald's pressures franchisees to use its pricing engine, potentially increasing costs for consumers. McDonald's disputes the allegations, saying franchisees set prices independently and that artificial intelligence does not set the price of any menu item. The case comes amid similar lawsuits involving hotels, casinos and rental housing. Legal experts say courts are still determining when shared pricing technology crosses the line into unlawful coordination between businesses.

Cardiff seeks approval for 1 a.m. ring walks for Fury-Joshua blockbuster

Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua could make their ring walks around 1 a.m. local time for their highly anticipated heavyweight fight at Cardiff's Principality Stadium, under an application submitted to the city council. The proposal seeks permission for the stadium to remain open until 3:30 a.m., with live music and alcohol service extended until 3 a.m. The fight is scheduled for Friday, with the main event expected in the early hours of Saturday. The late schedule is designed to accommodate a North American television audience. The stadium roof would remain closed, while all ticket holders would need to enter by 11:30 p.m. The application has yet to be approved, and ticket sales are scheduled to begin Friday.

Court of Arbitration for Sport promises quick decision in Senegal-Morocco title dispute

The Court of Arbitration for Sport heard Senegal's appeal Thursday against the decision to strip the team of its Africa Cup of Nations title and award it to Morocco. Senegal had beaten Morocco 1-0 after extra time in January, but the Confederation of African Football later overturned the result after Senegalese players temporarily left the field in protest over a late penalty decision. The appeal was heard behind closed doors in Lausanne, Switzerland. Court Director General Matthieu Reeb said a reasoned decision is expected within days, although no specific day was given. Senegal is seeking to regain the title, while Morocco did not comment after the hearing. Senegal's football federation said it remained confident the sporting law would be upheld.

Lindsey Vonn named to United States ski team despite uncertain racing future

Three-time Olympic medalist Lindsey Vonn has been named to the United States Alpine ski team for the 2026-27 World Cup season despite uncertainty over her return to competition. Vonn, who turns 42 this month, continues to recover from multiple surgeries after suffering a complex tibia fracture during the Olympic downhill at the Milano Cortina Games in February. She said in April that she was unsure whether she would resume competitive racing. Vonn qualified for the team under existing criteria after finishing 12th overall in the previous World Cup season, fifth in downhill and as the highest-ranked American woman in Super-G. The World Cup season begins Saturday in Soelden, Austria, while the first downhill is scheduled for Friday in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

Messi bids farewell to Argentina after 21 years of international glory

Lionel Messi brought his remarkable international career with Argentina to an emotional close Tuesday, helping his country secure a 3-0 victory over Benin at Buenos Aires' Monumental Stadium before a crowd of more than 85,000. Messi scored once and provided two assists in his final appearance for the national team, giving supporters a memorable farewell to one of Argentina's greatest sporting figures. The 39-year-old forward finishes a 21-year international career with a collection of major honors that includes the 2022 World Cup, Copa America titles in 2021 and 2024, and the 2022 Finalissima. His World Cup triumph in Qatar completed the major international achievement that had eluded him for much of his career.

After the match, Messi acknowledged the significance of the moment, saying he was confident in his decision to retire from international soccer but would miss representing Argentina and wearing the national team's colors. Messi's final night in Buenos Aires gave Argentina fans one



last opportunity to celebrate a player who transformed the country's footballing story. From early disappointment on the international stage to World Cup glory, his journey with Argentina became one of the defining sporting stories of his generation. His farewell marked the end of an era for the national team and a career that produced some of the most memorable moments in Argentine soccer.

India unveils 'Rising Together' vision for 2036 Olympic and Paralympic bid

India has unveiled its "Rising Together" vision as it advances its bid to host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games, with Ahmedabad in Gujarat at the center of the proposal. The Indian Olympic Association welcomed the International Olympic Committee's decision to include India among seven countries participating in the current host selection process. Germany, Hungary, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Turkiye are also in the process. The Indian proposal presents the

Games as more than a sporting event, emphasizing greater participation in sport, opportunities for young people, healthier communities, education and employment. Indian Olympic Association President P. T. Usha said the vision aims to unite India's athletes, people and cities behind a shared Olympic ambition while helping the Olympic Movement reach new audiences. India is expected to present its project to the International Olympic Committee's Future Host Commission later this month. The final host selection is expected in 2029.

Jon Rahm to leave LIV Golf after three seasons as league undergoes restructuring

Two-time major champion Jon Rahm will leave LIV Golf after three seasons, his attorney told a United States bankruptcy court on Wednesday, dealing another setback to the Saudi-backed circuit as it undergoes restructuring. Rahm joined LIV Golf in late 2023 and has since won three consecutive individual season titles. His attorney, John Beck, said Rahm had reviewed proposed terms for the league's next phase and found them unacceptable. LIV Golf filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New Jersey last month, listing Rahm among players with outstanding unsecured claims. His claim was valued at \$7.5 million, the largest among players listed. LIV has



secured proposed financing of up to \$300 million from BC Partners to support its restructuring. Several other players are also seeking to terminate existing contracts, although they could still participate in a proposed new version of the league.

Indian Supercross Racing League attracts 146 riders from 21 countries for third season



The Indian Supercross Racing League has received registrations from 146 riders representing 21 countries for its third season, underlining the competition's growing international reach. France leads the foreign contingent with 32 registrations, followed by Australia with 20 and the United States with 18. India has 30 registrations across the new Indian Futures category and the India Asia Mix class. The field includes defending 450cc champion Matt Moss, along with established international riders such as Jordi Tixier, John Short and Anthony Bourdon. The new Indian Futures category is designed to provide a pathway for emerging domestic riders. With registrations closed, franchises will select their squads through the upcoming rider auction before the season begins.

George Russell faces title fight and grid penalty as Formula One heads to Singapore



George Russell's Formula One championship hopes face another setback at this week's Singapore Grand Prix after a power unit failure in Malaysia widened his deficit to Mercedes teammate Kimi Antonelli. Russell retired from third place with five laps remaining in Malaysia, allowing Antonelli to extend his championship lead to 84 points. Mercedes has confirmed Russell has exhausted his season's allocation of four engines, meaning he is expected to start Sunday's race from the back of the grid after taking a penalty. The setback comes at a difficult circuit for overtaking, with 11 of 16 previous Singapore races won from pole. Russell won last year's Singapore race and will need a strong recovery to remain in contention. Meanwhile, Max Verstappen arrives after winning in Malaysia and is seeking his first Singapore victory.



Southampton coach Eckert sanctioned over training-ground spying

Tonda Eckert has been fined £28,000 and handed a suspended six-week ban for his role in a training-ground spying scandal involving three opponents. The Football Association announced the sanction Wednesday after Eckert admitted three misconduct charges covering incidents between December 2025 and May 2026. He directed or authorized observation of training sessions involving Oxford United, Ipswich Town and Middlesbrough before matches against Southampton. The suspension covers all football-related activity and remains suspended until the end of the 2027-28 season.



Norway challenges FIFA over governance, peace prize and World Cup investment plan



The Norwegian Football Association has filed complaints with two FIFA committees over three controversial matters involving the governing body, including a FIFA peace prize and a proposed investment structure linked to World Cup tournaments. The association said Tuesday that it had submitted an ethics complaint concerning FIFA President Gianni Infantino and referred wider governance concerns to FIFA's Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee. The filings also question FIFA's decision to lift a suspension involving United States forward Folarin Balogun during the World Cup and the abandoned FIFA Forward Enterprise proposal, which would have allowed investors to purchase minority stakes in an entity overseeing FIFA tournaments. Norway said it wants the matters formally examined and relevant evidence reviewed. FIFA said Infantino had previously offered to support an independent review. The issues are scheduled for discussion at a FIFA Council meeting in Zurich on October 15.

Barcelona great Pedro retires at 39 after trophy-filled career with Spain and top clubs



Former Barcelona and Chelsea winger Pedro Rodríguez announced his retirement from professional soccer Wednesday at age 39, ending a career that spanned more than two decades. The Spain international joined Barcelona's youth system at 17 and made his first-team debut during the 2007-08 season. He became the first Barcelona player to score in all six official competitions during the 2009-10 campaign and scored in the club's 2011 Champions League final victory over Manchester United. Pedro later played for Chelsea, Roma and Lazio. With Spain, he won the 2010 World Cup and 2012 European Championship.

Virat Kohli's spokesperson rejects Rs. 5 crore claim over Premanand Maharaj visit

Former India captain Virat Kohli's spokesperson Wednesday rejected claims that the cricketer was paid Rs. 5 crore to visit spiritual leader Premanand Maharaj's ashram in Vrindavan, calling the allegation "completely false, baseless and factually incorrect." The claim was made by Dinesh Sharma, popularly known as Falahari Maharaj, and circulated widely on social media. Sharma alleged that a property developer group and a Rajasthan-based company facilitated Kohli's first visit to the ashram in 2023 to boost the spiritual leader's profile. Kohli's spokesperson said his visits were motivated solely by "deep faith and reverence." No publicly available



evidence has established that any payment was made. Kohli and his wife, Anushka Sharma, have visited the ashram several times.

Erling Haaland urges Manchester City fans to stay united amid financial verdict

Manchester City striker Erling Haaland has urged supporters to remain united and positive as the club appeals an independent commission's verdict finding it guilty of more than 100 breaches of Premier League financial rules. Speaking Thursday, Haaland said fans and players must "stick together" and focus on winning and enjoying football. The commission found that City used what it described as sham commercial contracts in a scheme that artificially inflated revenue and reduced costs by more than £900 million. City has rejected the findings and appealed, citing errors of law, principle and fact. Haaland also looked ahead to Sunday's Premier League meeting with Liverpool, calling the fixture



special because of the rivalry built during Pep Guardiola's battles with Jürgen Klopp.

Golden State Valkyries become first women's sports team to surpass \$100 million in revenue

The Golden State Valkyries have made history off the court while pursuing their first Women's National Basketball Association championship. The second-year franchise has surpassed \$100 million in annual revenue, according to Sportico, becoming the first team in the league and the first women's professional sports team to reach the milestone. The Valkyries sold out all 22 regular-season home games this season and finished with a 32-12 record, the second-best mark in the league. They then defeated the Dallas Wings in the opening playoff round and took a 2-0 lead over the Las Vegas Aces in their best-of-five semifinal series after Sunday's Game 2. CNBC valued the franchise at \$1 billion earlier this year, making it the



most valuable women's sports franchise. Sportico reported that a run to the championship series could push annual revenue beyond \$130 million.

Board of Control for Cricket in India honors Ajit Agarkar after trophy-filled tenure

The Board of Control for Cricket in India honored outgoing senior men's selection committee chairman Ajit Agarkar Wednesday after his tenure ended Sunday. Agarkar, who became chief selector in July 2023, oversaw a successful period that included India's 2024 and 2026 Twenty20 World Cup triumphs and the 2025 Champions Trophy. The board also credited his tenure with three International Cricket Council trophies, two Asia Cup titles and back-to-back Asian Games gold medals, as well as India's run to the 2023 One-Day International World Cup final. Former India spinner Pragyan Ojha is serving as acting chairman.

New Trail Blazers owner Tom Dundon promises Portland a championship amid arena uncertainty

Portland Trail Blazers owner Tom Dundon has pledged to pursue an National Basketball Association championship while uncertainty continues over the team's arena future. In an email to season-ticket holders Tuesday, Dundon said Portland fans expect more than mediocrity and promised the organization would work toward winning a title. Dundon took ownership at the end of last season and has faced criticism over layoffs and negotiations involving the Moda Center. His ownership group is seeking \$585 million in public funding for arena renovations. Oregon, Multnomah County and Portland have agreed on funding, but a new lease still must be finalized, with a December deadline approaching.

Djokovic, Alcaraz and Zverev headline Shanghai Masters field

Novak Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev enter the Shanghai Masters this week after strong performances in recent tournaments, with each carrying a different storyline into the event. Djokovic arrives after winning the China Open in Beijing, his first tour-level title of the season and the 102nd of his career. The 39-year-old Serbian, a four-time Shanghai champion, begins against Hubert Hurkacz. Alcaraz enters after winning the Japan Open in Tokyo, his third title of the season, and has a first-round bye before facing either Juan Manuel Cerundolo or Nicolas Mejia. Zverev, ranked No. 2, opens against Wu Yibing while continuing his pursuit of the No. 1 ranking. The German has won two major titles this season and is already qualified for the ATP Finals.

Indian Racing Festival adds Buddh and Navi Mumbai rounds

The Indian Racing Festival has announced the remaining schedule for its 2026 season, including two rounds at Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida and a night-race finale in Navi Mumbai. Buddh will host racing on Saturday and Sunday for the first round, followed by another Saturday and Sunday round later in the season. The championship will then conclude on Saturday and Sunday at the new Navi Mumbai Street Circuit near Palm Beach Road. The 3.69-kilometer circuit will host the festival's second night race, while Chennai's Madras International Circuit will stage the season opener on Thursday and Friday.



Spain extend lead as Portugal rises in world rankings

Spain has strengthened its hold on first place in the latest International Federation of Association Football men's world ranking, extending its lead over Argentina. Portugal climbed two spots to fifth after four straight wins, while Brazil fell to sixth and Morocco to seventh. Switzerland rose to 12th after four victories, while Greece climbed five places to 41st. Mali and South Africa moved six spots to 47th and 48th, respectively. Africa now has 10 teams in the top 50 after 338 internationals since the 2026 World Cup.

Mia Goth seeks divorce from Shia LaBeouf after nearly a decade of marriage

Actor Mia Goth has filed for divorce from Shia LaBeouf, nearly 10 years after the couple married. The petition, filed in Los Angeles on Tuesday, states that they have been separated since July 2025. Goth, 32, is seeking primary legal and physical custody of their four-year-old daughter, with visitation rights for LaBeouf, 40. She has also asked the court to deny spousal support to both parties, citing irreconcilable differences. The actors met while filming 'Nymphomaniac: Vol. II' in 2012 and married in 2016. After announcing a separation in 2018, they reconciled in 2020. Goth is known for 'Pearl' and 'MaXXXine', while LaBeouf starred in 'Transformers' and 'Honey Boy'.

Mike Flanagan says childhood hero Stephen King inspired his storytelling and trusted his new 'Carrie' adaptation



Filmmaker Mike Flanagan has described author Stephen King as his childhood hero and a major influence on his decision to become a storyteller. Speaking to IANS on Thursday, Flanagan discussed adapting King's horror novel 'Carrie' into a new miniseries for Prime Video. He said both initially questioned the need for another adaptation but became interested in his fresh approach. Flanagan acknowledged that his version makes substantial changes to the familiar story, which follows an isolated teenager discovering telekinetic powers while facing bullying and an oppressive home life. The series updates the narrative for the social media era, exploring online humiliation and teenage pressures. Flanagan said he was initially nervous about proposing such significant changes to King's work.

Britney Spears visits Dollywood with her sons and celebrates a family outing at Dolly Parton's theme park

Pop star Britney Spears enjoyed a family outing at Dollywood in Tennessee with her sons, Sean Preston and Jayden Federline, sharing videos and photographs from the visit on Instagram. In her post on Wednesday, Spears said she had not known the theme park existed and described it as "absolutely adorable," while joking about the heat and her oversized skirt. The attraction, named after country music star Dolly Parton, opened under the Dollywood name in 1986. Spears shares her sons with former husband Kevin Federline. The outing followed their recent birthdays, which she marked by expressing her wish to be the best mother she could be. The singer has also recently spoken online about feeling deliberately kept waiting before being photographed during another public outing.

Nana Patekar dies at 75 in Goa, leaving behind a celebrated legacy in Hindi and Marathi cinema

Veteran actor Nana Patekar died at 75 on Thursday after being found unconscious at his residence in Dona Paula, Goa. He was taken to Manipal Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. Born Vishwanath Patekar in Maharashtra, he built a distinguished career spanning more than four decades, earning recognition for his intense performances, distinctive dialogue delivery and portrayals of complex characters. His breakthrough came with films such as 'Salaam Bombay!' and 'Parinda', followed by acclaimed performances in 'Krantiveer', 'Agni Sakshi', 'Ab Tak Chhappan' and 'Raajneeti'. His comic portrayal of Uday Shetty in the 'Welcome' franchise also won him a younger audience.

He worked extensively in Marathi cinema and theater and made his directorial debut with 'Prahaar: The Final Attack'. Patekar received the Padma Shri in 2013 and won



three National Film Awards. Beyond cinema, he supported farmers and families affected by agricultural distress.

Skydance completes Warner Bros. takeover, bringing Hollywood's biggest film franchises under one roof

Skydance completed its \$81 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery on Tuesday, combining two major Hollywood studios and bringing celebrated film franchises, streaming platforms and television networks under one corporate umbrella.

The newly combined company, operating under the Skydance name, brings Warner Bros. properties, HBO Max and CNN together with Paramount Pictures, CBS, Paramount+ and franchises including 'Harry Potter', 'Top Gun' and 'The Godfather'. Billionaire David Ellison leads the company alongside co-chief executive Ynon Kreiz.

The takeover followed a prolonged bidding battle with Netflix and drew opposition from filmmakers concerned about job losses, reduced competition and fewer opportunities for independent storytelling. Thousands of industry professionals had warned that consolidation could limit creative choices and weaken theatrical filmmaking.

Skydance has pledged to increase American film production over the next five years and support workers displaced by the merger. The company has also promised safeguards



for editorial independence at CNN and CBS.

The deal marks a major shift in Hollywood's ownership landscape, with audiences and industry workers watching how the new leadership approaches theatrical releases, streaming and creative freedom.

Mark Ruffalo warns of potential election interference and raises cybersecurity concerns at New York voting rights rally

Hollywood actor Mark Ruffalo urged Americans to remain vigilant against potential election interference while addressing the Hands Off Our Vote rally in New York City on Sunday. He warned that President Donald Trump's administration could attempt to restrict voting ahead of the November midterm elections, declaring that he would "Hulk out" if necessary.

Ruffalo described the election as consequential and cautioned supporters against assuming the results would be accepted without a fight. He also raised concerns about election cybersecurity, citing discussions with experts about possible vulnerabilities when ballots are transferred from polling places to county headquarters and state authorities. Addressing technology entrepreneur Elon Musk, Ruffalo urged vigilance against risks voters might not



immediately recognize. The rally also featured speeches by actor Robert De Niro and comedian Mo Amer, as organizers sought to mobilize voters ahead of the congressional elections.

Delhi High Court issues summons in Kangana Ranaut's plea against alleged misuse of her identity online

The Delhi High Court issued summons on Thursday in actor and parliamentarian Kangana Ranaut's lawsuit seeking protection of her personality and publicity rights. Ranaut alleges that her identity has been misused across digital platforms, including through pornographic and obscene material. Her lawyer sought an interim injunction to prevent further circulation of the content. Justice Vikas Mahajan asked the legal team to identify the defendants against whom removal orders were sought and directed it to submit a revised list of parties after certain defendants were dropped. The court indicated that it would consider the interim request after receiving the details. The case comes amid a growing number of legal disputes involving alleged artificial intelligence-generated impersonations, deepfakes and unauthorized commercial use of celebrities' identities.

Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra announce second pregnancy

Hollywood actors Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra announced on Wednesday that they are expecting their second child, prompting congratulatory messages from industry colleagues. Their social media announcement featured the couple and their daughter, Saraayah, holding tiny knitted baby booties, accompanied by a message expressing gratitude for the growing family. Karan Johar, Parineeti Chopra, Kajol, Rakul Preet Singh and Neha Dhupia were among those who sent their wishes. The couple married in Rajasthan in February 2023 after growing close while working on 'Shershaah'. They welcomed their daughter in June 2025. Advani recently appeared in 'Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups', while Malhotra's latest release is 'Vvan - Force of the Forrest'.

Kyle Chandler recalls overcoming nerves while filming tense yacht scene with Leonardo DiCaprio



Actor Kyle Chandler has recalled how he overcame his initial nervousness while filming the yacht confrontation with Leonardo DiCaprio in Martin Scorsese's 'The Wolf of Wall Street'. Speaking to the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Chandler said the early takes were not working, leaving him increasingly anxious. After noticing Scorsese nearby, he took time alone to reassess his performance and approach DiCaprio's character with genuine anger. The shift helped him find both authority and humor in the scene, particularly during the exchange about helicopters. Chandler, known for 'Argo' and 'Zero Dark Thirty', said his acting training helped him move beyond his self-consciousness and respond more naturally to the character.

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Rajpal Yadav tells Supreme Court his planned film '16 Saawan' draws on his long-running financial dispute



Actor Rajpal Yadav revealed the title of a planned film, '16 Saawan', during a light-hearted exchange with Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Wednesday. Appearing before the Supreme Court in a long-running dispute involving a ₹5 crore loan, Yadav said the matter had affected his finances and public image. The court urged him to make a good film and continue entertaining audiences, prompting him to discuss the project. The dispute stems from financing for his 2010 directorial venture 'Ata Pata Laapata', after which repayment difficulties led to cheque-bounce proceedings. Yadav and his wife were convicted, and the Delhi High Court upheld his conviction and three-month sentence in July. He recently submitted a ₹1.15 crore demand draft and proposed selling ancestral property to raise the remaining amount.

Aamir Khan says artificial intelligence can expand filmmakers' creative possibilities amid deepfake concerns

Actor Aamir Khan has described artificial intelligence as a filmmaking tool whose value depends on how creatively it is used, amid concerns over manipulated celebrity videos. Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Khan said emerging technologies can help filmmakers bring ideas to the screen that were previously limited by technical constraints. He compared artificial intelligence with visual effects, emphasizing that technology itself has no independent creative purpose. His comments followed the circulation of a manipulated video featuring Janhvi Kapoor and the song 'Chuttamalle' from 'Devara'. Actor Jr. NTR condemned the video and warned that legal action would be pursued against those responsible for creating and sharing it. The controversy has renewed concerns about digital impersonation and the misuse of artificial intelligence to target performers.

Rajinikanth's 'Jailer 2' receives U/A certification ahead of its planned theatrical release

Rajinikanth's upcoming action film 'Jailer 2', directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, has received a U/A certificate from India's Central Board of Film Certification, production company Sun Pictures announced on Tuesday. The update follows the release of the film's trailer, which shows Rajinikanth returning as Tiger Muthuvel Pandian, a character who goes undercover to investigate the chain of command behind a series of threats. The trailer also features Suraj Venjaramoodu, S. J. Suryah and Vidya Balan, with tense confrontations and exchanges of dark humor. Filming wrapped in April, and the movie is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on Thursday, October 15. The certification marks a key step toward the film's highly anticipated release.

Yo Yo Honey Singh seeks more time to appear before Maharashtra Cyber Cell in investigation into controversial concert remarks

Rapper and music producer Yo Yo Honey Singh has requested additional time to appear before Maharashtra Cyber after failing to attend a scheduled questioning session on Monday. The agency had summoned him to record his statement in connection with a complaint over allegedly indecent remarks he made during a concert in Delhi. The controversy gained attention after a video circulated on social media showing Singh making a remark that many viewers considered offensive. The clip reportedly appeared to show him encouraging sexual activity in cars, prompting criticism online and a subsequent complaint to Maharashtra Cyber.

Singh later issued a public apology through a social media video, saying an edited clip had offended people and insisting that he had not intended to hurt or insult anyone.



He explained that conversations with a gynecologist and sexologist about sexually transmitted infections among young people had influenced his comments. He said he had attempted to communicate the importance of protection in language he believed would resonate with younger audiences. The investigation remains ongoing, and the allegations have not been established as fact.

Lisa explores solo stardom, personal freedom and acting ambitions in documentary 'Always Lalisa'

Blackpink star Lisa offers an intimate look at her journey toward independence in the documentary 'Always Lalisa', which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival. Directed by Sue Kim, the film follows the Thai singer and rapper, whose real name is Lalisa Manobal, through a transformative year of solo music, performances and acting. It documents the launch of her album 'Alter Ego', her Coachella appearance, performance at the Oscars and acting debut in 'The White Lotus'. The documentary also examines the strict restrictions Lisa experienced during her early years under South Korean management company YG Entertainment. The film opens in select theaters on Monday before streaming on YouTube Premium. Lisa is also preparing for upcoming Netflix projects.



Tayari Jones wins Kirkus Prize for 'Kin', sharing spotlight with nonfiction and young readers' literature winners

Author Tayari Jones has won the fiction category of the 2026 Kirkus Prize for her novel 'Kin', which follows two Black women and lifelong friends whose lives unfold in Louisiana. The awards were announced during a ceremony in New York on Wednesday. Pamela Colloff won the nonfiction prize for 'Catch the Devil: A True Story of Murder, Deception, and Injustice on the Gulf Coast', while Elizabeth Acevedo received the young readers' literature award for 'Anger Is Only a Shadow'. Each winner receives \$50,000. Established in 2014 by the publishing industry magazine Kirkus Reviews, the prizes recognize outstanding books across three categories. Finalists



included Colson Whitehead's 'Cool Machine', Douglas Stuart's 'John of John' and Patrick Radden Keefe's 'London Falling'.

Linkin Park documentary 'Unshatter' reveals the grief and creative risks behind the band's comeback

Linkin Park's documentary 'Linkin Park: Unshatter' explores the band's uncertainty and grief following the 2017 death of frontman Chester Bennington, revealing how its members eventually returned to recording and touring. The film includes previously unseen footage of studio sessions, candid conversations and the creative process that led to singer Emily Armstrong joining the

group as co-lead vocalist. Mike Shinoda said he remained open to different possibilities rather than assuming the band had to return in its previous form. Armstrong described the pressure of joining established musicians and adapting to their creative process. Co-directed by Joe Hahn and Mark Ritchie, the documentary traces the band's reinvention, culminating in the 2024 album 'From Zero' and renewed international touring.

Anupam Kher remembers late author Jeffrey Archer and their memorable meeting at Dubai literary festival

Actor and author Anupam Kher paid tribute to British novelist Jeffrey Archer on Wednesday, recalling their meeting at the Emirates Literature Festival in Dubai. Kher shared a photograph of the encounter and remembered presenting Archer with his first book, 'The Best Thing About You Is You'. He described the moment as one of the highlights of his life and praised Archer's storytelling in works including 'Kane and Abel' and 'Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less'. Kher also recalled asking Archer about the most important qualities for a writer, saying the author's emphasis on memory and imagination stayed with him. Archer, who was 86, died on Monday, leaving readers and admirers mourning his loss.

Joey King celebrates wedding festivities with husband Steven Piet, sharing their love of dancing and happy tears

Actor Joey King offered a glimpse of the celebrations at the wedding of Destry Allyn and Jake Bongiovi, sharing photographs with her husband, filmmaker Steven Piet, on social media. In a post on Wednesday, King joked that the couple loves emotional wedding ceremonies and dances so enthusiastically at receptions that they sometimes damage their clothes and discover sore, injured feet the following morning. She described the photographs as resembling a Renaissance painting and sent her best wishes to the newlyweds. King and Piet met while working on the series 'The Act', began dating in 2019, became engaged in 2022 and married in Mallorca, Spain, in 2023. King is known for 'The Kissing Booth' films and her acclaimed performance in 'The Act'.

Madhuri Dixit reflects on reuniting with Amitabh Bachchan while preparing to host Marathi quiz show



Actor Madhuri Dixit has described her reunion with Amitabh Bachchan on the 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' stage as a warm and memorable experience. She appeared on the quiz show during its special birthday celebrations week to promote the upcoming Marathi edition, 'Kon Honar Crorepati', which marks her debut as a game show host. Dixit said the familiar camaraderie with Bachchan returned naturally, even as she prepared to take on a new professional challenge. She hopes the Marathi program will connect with contestants through their personal stories, aspirations and love of the game. 'Kon Honar Crorepati' is scheduled to premiere on Monday, October 12, while the eighteenth season of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' airs weekdays on Sony Entertainment Television.

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

बाल हनुमान मंदिर, जामनगर

सोमनाथ से जामनगर तक—शिव, कृष्ण, शक्ति, सूर्य, स्वामीनारायण और रामभक्ति की विविध आध्यात्मिक परंपराओं का गुजरात दर्शन

गुजरात के मंदिरों की हमारी आध्यात्मिक यात्रा अब अपने छठे और अंतिम पड़ाव—जामनगर के प्रसिद्ध बाल हनुमान मंदिर तक पहुंच गई है। सोमनाथ से शुरू हुई इस यात्रा ने हमें द्वारकाधीश, द्वारका, अंबाजी, मोढेरा के सूर्य मंदिर और गांधीनगर के अक्षरधाम तक पहुंचाया। प्रत्येक पड़ाव ने गुजरात की धार्मिक आस्था, इतिहास, स्थापत्य और सांस्कृतिक विविधता का एक अलग स्वरूप हमारे सामने रखा। अब इस गुजरात यात्रा का समापन जामनगर के उस मंदिर में हो रहा है, जो अपनी भव्यता से अधिक अपनी अखंड रामधुन—‘श्री राम, जय राम, जय जय राम’ के लिए विश्वभर में प्रसिद्ध है।

रणमल झील के किनारे भक्ति का अनूठा केंद्र

जामनगर शहर में रणमल झील, जिसे लाखोटा झील भी कहा जाता है, के दक्षिण-पूर्वी किनारे पर स्थित श्री बाल हनुमान मंदिर एक सरल, लेकिन अत्यंत आध्यात्मिक वातावरण वाला मंदिर है। यहां भगवान हनुमान की आराधना भगवान श्रीराम के प्रति उनकी अटूट भक्ति के साथ जुड़ी हुई है।

मंदिर की स्थापना 1964 के आसपास संत श्री प्रेमभिक्षुजी महाराज ने की थी। बाद में यही स्थान निरंतर रामनाम संकीर्तन की एक ऐसी परंपरा का केंद्र बना, जिसने जामनगर को धार्मिक मानचित्र पर एक विशेष पहचान दी।

मंदिर के गर्भगृह में श्रीराम, माता सीता, लक्ष्मण और हनुमानजी की प्रतिमाएं विराजमान हैं। इसलिए यहां की उपासना केवल हनुमान भक्ति तक सीमित नहीं, बल्कि राम परिवार के प्रति समर्पण का भी प्रतीक है।

अखंड रामधुन—मंदिर की सबसे बड़ी पहचान

बाल हनुमान मंदिर की सबसे विशिष्ट विशेषता है इसकी अखंड रामधुन। ‘श्री राम, जय राम, जय जय राम’ का जाप 1 अगस्त 1964 से निरंतर किए जाने की परंपरा से जुड़ा है। भक्तों और सेवकों की अलग-अलग टोलियां इस संकीर्तन को निरंतर आगे बढ़ाती हैं।

दशकों से चल रही यह अखंड रामधुन मंदिर को एक असाधारण आध्यात्मिक पहचान देती है और इसी निरंतर संकीर्तन के कारण मंदिर का नाम Guinness Book of World Records से भी जुड़ा रहा है।

यहां आने वाले श्रद्धालु केवल दर्शन नहीं करते, बल्कि कुछ समय इस निरंतर रामनाम की ध्वनि में बैठकर उस आध्यात्मिक वातावरण को अनुभव करते हैं, जिसमें भक्ति और अनुशासन दोनों दिखाई देते हैं।

रामनाम से जुड़ी एक जीवंत परंपरा

श्री प्रेमभिक्षुजी महाराज ने अपने जीवन के उत्तरार्ध में संन्यास ग्रहण किया और रामनाम संकीर्तन की परंपरा को व्यापक रूप से आगे बढ़ाया। जामनगर से शुरू हुई यह परंपरा गुजरात के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में भी लोकप्रिय हुई।



स्थानीय श्रद्धा में अखंड रामधुन को जामनगर के लिए आध्यात्मिक संरक्षण का प्रतीक माना जाता है। कुछ भक्तों की यह आस्था भी है कि निरंतर रामनाम शहर को प्राकृतिक आपदाओं और संकटों से बचाने वाली आध्यात्मिक शक्ति प्रदान करता है। यह आस्था और लोकविश्वास का विषय है, जिसे वैज्ञानिक तथ्य के रूप में नहीं देखा जाना चाहिए। मंदिर का वातावरण विशेष रूप से संध्या आरती और सामूहिक संकीर्तन के समय भक्तिमय हो उठता है।

जामनगर—इतिहास और संस्कृति का शहर

बाल हनुमान मंदिर को समझने के लिए जामनगर के इतिहास को जानना भी आवश्यक है। जामनगर की स्थापना 1540 ईस्वी में जाम रावल ने की थी और इसका पुराना नाम नवानगर था। यह काठियावाड़ क्षेत्र के प्रमुख ऐतिहासिक नगरों में रहा है। शहर की पहचान केवल मंदिरों तक सीमित नहीं है; यहां राजसी विरासत, झीलें, उद्यान और

स्थापत्य भी इसकी सांस्कृतिक पहचान का हिस्सा हैं।

बाल हनुमान मंदिर के अतिरिक्त जामनगर और आसपास के क्षेत्र में कई धार्मिक एवं ऐतिहासिक स्थल हैं, जिनमें मिडभंजन महादेव मंदिर, लाखोटा किला और संग्रहालय तथा अन्य प्राचीन मंदिर प्रमुख हैं।

मंदिर से मिलने वाला संदेश

बाल हनुमान मंदिर की सबसे बड़ी विशेषता उसका स्थापत्य नहीं, बल्कि उसकी निरंतर साधना है। एक ऐसा संकीर्तन जो दशकों से दिन-रात चलता आ रहा है, यह बताता है कि भारतीय मंदिर केवल पत्थर और मूर्तियों की संरचनाएं नहीं हैं। वे परंपराओं, सामूहिक स्मृति, सेवा, संगीत, मंत्र और पीढ़ियों से चली आ रही आस्था के जीवंत केंद्र भी हैं।

हनुमानजी की भक्ति का मूल संदेश भी यही है—अहंकार से ऊपर उठकर सेवा, समर्पण और प्रभु के प्रति निष्ठा।

कब जाएं और क्या देखें?

बाल हनुमान मंदिर वर्षभर श्रद्धालुओं के लिए आकर्षण का केंद्र रहता है। मंदिर के दर्शन के साथ रणमल झील और लाखोटा क्षेत्र की यात्रा भी की जा सकती है।

जामनगर आने वाले श्रद्धालु आसपास के अन्य मंदिरों और ऐतिहासिक स्थलों को भी अपनी यात्रा में शामिल कर सकते हैं। मंदिर के दर्शन और कार्यक्रमों के वर्तमान समय की जानकारी यात्रा से पहले स्थानीय स्रोत से प्राप्त करना उचित है, क्योंकि विशेष अवसरों पर समय में परिवर्तन हो सकता है।

गुजरात यात्रा का आध्यात्मिक समापन

सोमनाथ में हमने शिव की अनंत शक्ति का अनुभव किया।

द्वारका में श्रीकृष्ण की दिव्य नगरी के दर्शन किए। अंबाजी ने हमें शक्ति उपासना से जोड़ा। मोढेरा ने सूर्य आराधना और प्राचीन भारतीय स्थापत्य की भव्यता दिखाई।

अक्षरधाम ने आधुनिक युग में भारतीय संस्कृति, आध्यात्मिकता और मूल्यों की प्रस्तुति से परिचित कराया। और अब जामनगर का बाल हनुमान मंदिर हमें रामनाम, सेवा और अखंड भक्ति का संदेश देता है।

यही गुजरात की विशेषता है—एक ही प्रदेश में भक्ति की इतनी विविध धाराएं, लेकिन उनके मूल में वही भारतीय आध्यात्मिक परंपरा दिखाई देती है जो मनुष्य को सत्य, सेवा, समर्पण और सद्भाव की ओर ले जाती है।

अगला अध्याय — हरियाणा

गुजरात के छह महत्वपूर्ण मंदिरों की इस यात्रा के साथ IndoUS Tribune की गुजरात यात्रा का यह अध्याय अब पूर्ण होता है। सोमनाथ से शुरू होकर जामनगर के बाल हनुमान मंदिर तक की इस यात्रा ने हमें गुजरात की धार्मिक और सांस्कृतिक विरासत के अनेक रंगों से परिचित कराया।

लेकिन भारत के मंदिरों की हमारी यात्रा अभी समाप्त नहीं हुई है।

अगले सप्ताह हम एक नए राज्य की ओर बढ़ेंगे—हरियाणा। वहां के प्राचीन और ऐतिहासिक मंदिरों, तीर्थस्थलों और उनसे जुड़ी धार्मिक परंपराओं को जानने के लिए हमारी यात्रा का अगला अध्याय शुरू होगा।

IndoUS Tribune की “भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा” में अगले सप्ताह मिलते हैं—हरियाणा के एक नए आध्यात्मिक पड़ाव पर।



सप्ताह के सातों दिन और उनके ग्रह

किस दिन किस देवता की पूजा करें और जीवन में कौन-सी अच्छी आदत अपनाएं?

भारतीय संस्कृति में सप्ताह के सातों दिनों को केवल कैलेंडर की तारीख नहीं माना गया है। प्रत्येक वार का संबंध एक विशेष ग्रह से जोड़ा गया है और उसी के अनुरूप देवी-देवताओं की पूजा, मंत्र-जाप, दान, सेवा और संयम की परंपराएं विकसित हुई हैं।

रविवार से शनिवार तक सातों दिन क्रमशः सूर्य, चंद्रमा, मंगल, बुध, बृहस्पति, शुक और शनि से जुड़े हैं। भारतीय ज्योतिष और पंचांग परंपरा में इन्हें सप्ताह के सात ग्रह-अधिपति माना जाता है। नवग्रह परंपरा में राहु और केतु भी शामिल हैं, लेकिन वे किसी अलग वार के अधिपति नहीं हैं।

इन परंपराओं का सुंदर पक्ष यह है कि इनके माध्यम से जीवन के अलग-अलग गुणों पर जोर दिया गया है—सूर्य से आत्मविश्वास, चंद्रमा से मानसिक शांति, मंगल से साहस, बुध से बुद्धि, बृहस्पति से ज्ञान, शुक से प्रेम और शनि से कर्म तथा अनुशासन। यहां बताए गए उपाय धार्मिक और पारंपरिक मान्यताओं पर आधारित हैं। इन्हें आस्था और सकारात्मक जीवनशैली के रूप में समझना चाहिए। किसी बीमारी, आर्थिक समस्या या अन्य गंभीर परेशानी में उचित चिकित्सकीय, कानूनी या वित्तीय सलाह लेना आवश्यक है।

रविवार — सूर्य देव

ऊर्जा, स्वास्थ्य और आत्मविश्वास

रविवार सूर्य देव को समर्पित माना जाता है। सूर्य भारतीय परंपरा में जीवन, ऊर्जा, आत्मबल और प्रकाश के प्रतीक हैं। ज्योतिषीय मान्यता में सूर्य को नेतृत्व, आत्मविश्वास, प्रतिष्ठा और पिता से भी जोड़ा जाता है।

सुबह सूर्य को जल अर्पित करना, 'आदित्य हृदय स्तोत्र' का जाप करना और अपनी क्षमता के अनुसार सूर्य नमस्कार या व्यायाम करना प्रचलित परंपराएं हैं। माता-पिता और बुजुर्गों का सम्मान तथा जरूरतमंदों की सहायता भी इस दिन के सकारात्मक संदेश से जुड़ सकती है।

रविवार का संदेश: दिन की शुरुआत ऊर्जा, अनुशासन और आत्मविश्वास के साथ करें।

सोमवार — चंद्रमा और भगवान शिव

मन और भावनात्मक संतुलन

सोमवार के अधिपति चंद्रमा माने जाते हैं, जिन्हें मन, भावनाओं और संवेदनशीलता से जोड़ा जाता है। भगवान शिव के मस्तक पर चंद्रमा सुशोभित हैं, इसलिए सोमवार को शिव आराधना की विशेष परंपरा है। श्रद्धालु 'श्री शिवाय नमस्तुभ्यं' का जाप करते हैं और शिवलिंग पर जल अर्पित करते हैं। ध्यान, प्रार्थना, परिवार में शांतिपूर्ण संवाद और अनावश्यक विवाद से बचना भी इस दिन की अच्छी आदतें हो सकती हैं।

सोमवार का संदेश: शांत मन बेहतर निर्णय लेने में सहायता करता है।

मंगलवार — मंगल और भगवान हनुमान

साहस और आत्मसंयम

मंगलवार मंगल ग्रह से जुड़ा है, जिसे ऊर्जा, पराक्रम,



साहस और संघर्ष का प्रतीक माना जाता है। भगवान हनुमान शक्ति, बुद्धि, भक्ति और संकट का सामना करने की क्षमता के प्रतीक हैं।

हनुमान चालीसा का पाठ, जरूरतमंदों की सहायता और क्रोध पर नियंत्रण इस दिन के महत्वपूर्ण जीवन-संदेश हैं। धार्मिक परंपरा के अनुसार व्रत रखने वाले लोगों को अपनी स्वास्थ्य स्थिति का ध्यान रखना चाहिए।

मंगलवार का संदेश: वास्तविक शक्ति दूसरों को नियंत्रित करने में नहीं, बल्कि अपने क्रोध और अहंकार पर नियंत्रण में है।

बुधवार — बुध और भगवान विष्णु

बुद्धि, संवाद और विवेक

बुधवार के अधिपति बुध ग्रह हैं, जिन्हें बुद्धि, वाणी, लेखन, व्यापार और संचार से जोड़ा जाता है। अनेक परिवारों में इस दिन भगवान विष्णु या श्रीकृष्ण की आराधना की जाती है। 'ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय' का जाप, विद्यार्थियों की सहायता, पुस्तक दान और पौधों की देखभाल जैसी गतिविधियां इस दिन के सकारात्मक संदेश से जोड़ी जा सकती हैं। झूठ, अफवाह और कटु वाणी से बचना भी महत्वपूर्ण है।

बुधवार का संदेश: बुद्धि का वास्तविक मूल्य सही निर्णय और मधुर व्यवहार में दिखाई देता है।

गुरुवार — बृहस्पति और गुरु

ज्ञान, शिक्षा और नैतिकता

गुरुवार का संबंध देवगुरु बृहस्पति से है। ज्योतिषीय परंपरा में उन्हें ज्ञान, शिक्षा, धर्म, विवेक और गुरु-तत्व से जोड़ा जाता है। भगवान विष्णु की पूजा, गुरुजनों और माता-पिता का सम्मान, विद्यार्थियों की सहायता तथा पीली वस्तुओं का दान प्रचलित परंपराएं हैं। इससे भी अधिक महत्वपूर्ण है—अपने ज्ञान को दूसरों के हित में उपयोग करना।

गुरुवार का संदेश: ज्ञान तभी सार्थक है जब उसके साथ विनम्रता और चरित्र हो।

शुक्रवार — शुक और देवी शक्ति

प्रेम, परिवार और समृद्धि

शुक्रवार शुक ग्रह से जुड़ा है, जिसे प्रेम, सौंदर्य, कला, संगीत, दांपत्य और भौतिक सुख-सुविधाओं का प्रतीक माना जाता है। माता लक्ष्मी, दुर्गा और देवी के विभिन्न स्वरूपों की पूजा इस दिन की प्रमुख परंपराओं में है। घर और पूजा स्थल की स्वच्छता, दीप प्रज्ज्वलन, जरूरतमंदों को भोजन या वस्त्र देना और परिवार में प्रेम व संवाद बनाए रखना इस दिन की अच्छी आदतें हैं।

महिलाओं की गरिमा, सुरक्षा और समानता का सम्मान करना किसी भी धार्मिक अनुष्ठान से बड़ा सामाजिक धर्म है।

शुक्रवार का संदेश: वास्तविक समृद्धि केवल धन नहीं, बल्कि प्रेम, संतोष और अच्छे संबंधों में भी है।

शनिवार — शनि देव

कर्म, अनुशासन और न्याय

शनिवार के अधिपति शनि देव माने जाते हैं। शनि को कर्म, धैर्य, अनुशासन, जिम्मेदारी और न्याय से जोड़ा जाता है। अनेक परंपराओं में इस दिन शनि देव के साथ हनुमानजी की पूजा भी की जाती है।

जरूरतमंदों की सहायता, मेहनतकश लोगों का सम्मान, कर्मचारियों को उचित मेहनताना देना, समय का पालन करना और अन्याय से बचना शनि के संदेश को व्यवहार में उतारने के श्रेष्ठ तरीके हैं।

शनिवार का संदेश: शनि का संदेश डर नहीं, बल्कि जिम्मेदारी और ईमानदार कर्म है। क्या हर दिन व्रत रखना जरूरी है? बिल्कुल नहीं। व्रत व्यक्तिगत आस्था और संकल्प का विषय

है। सातों दिन व्रत रखना आवश्यक नहीं है। बच्चों, बुजुर्गों, गर्भवती महिलाओं और किसी बीमारी से पीड़ित लोगों को कठिन उपवास, विशेषकर लंबे समय तक भोजन या पानी छोड़ने से पहले चिकित्सकीय सलाह लेनी चाहिए।

इसी तरह ग्रहों की शांति के नाम पर महंगे रत्न, पूजा या अनुष्ठान करना अनिवार्य नहीं है।

सबसे बड़ा उपाय—अच्छे कर्म

सातों वारों की परंपरा को यदि सरल भाषा में समझें, तो इनके पीछे जीवन के महत्वपूर्ण मूल्य दिखाई देते हैं। रविवार ऊर्जा और आत्मविश्वास सिखाता है। सोमवार मन की शांति। मंगलवार साहस और आत्मसंयम। बुधवार बुद्धि और मधुर संवाद। गुरुवार ज्ञान और नैतिकता। शुक्रवार प्रेम, परिवार और समृद्धि। शनिवार कर्म, अनुशासन और न्याय।

इसलिए ग्रहों को अनुकूल बनाने का अर्थ केवल पूजा-पाठ नहीं है। माता-पिता का सम्मान करना, जरूरतमंद की सहायता करना, महिलाओं की गरिमा का सम्मान करना, ईमानदारी से काम करना, श्रमिक को उचित मेहनताना देना, प्रकृति की रक्षा करना और अपने क्रोध पर नियंत्रण रखना—ये सभी उन मूल्यों को जीवन में उतारने के तरीके हैं जिनसे सातों वारों की परंपराएं जुड़ी हैं।

आस्था मन को शक्ति दे सकती है, लेकिन अच्छे कर्म जीवन को दिशा देते हैं। यही सातों वारों और सात ग्रहों से जुड़ी भारतीय परंपरा का सबसे सरल और व्यावहारिक संदेश है।



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Akshaya Patra Chicago Gala raises support for children's nutrition and education in India

Rishad Tobaccowala delivers keynote address as Rex & Kosha perform and comedian Ojas Rawal entertains guests.



● By: Staff Writer

Philanthropists, community leaders and supporters came together at the Akshaya Patra Chicago Gala to support the foundation's mission of fighting classroom hunger and expanding educational opportunities for children across India.

The fundraising evening brought together members of the Indian American community and other well-wishers for a celebration combining philanthropy, inspiration and entertainment. The event highlighted the vital connection between proper nutrition and education, with contributions supporting Akshaya Patra's school meal programs.

A highlight of the evening was the keynote address by Rishad Tobaccowala,

an internationally recognized business strategist, author and former chief growth officer of Publicis Groupe. Known for his insights into leadership, technology and the changing business landscape, Tobaccowala inspired attendees to reflect on the importance of collective responsibility and meaningful social impact.

The gala also featured lively performances by Rex & Kosha, whose music brought energy and joy to the gathering. Comedian and actor Ojas Rawal kept the audience laughing with his humor and engaging stage presence, adding a lighthearted touch to the charitable occasion.

However, the central purpose of the evening remained the children whose lives are being transformed through access to nutritious meals and education.



Founded in 2000, The Akshaya Patra Foundation works with government partners to provide freshly prepared meals to children in government schools and Anganwadi centres across India. Its work supports the national PM POSHAN initiative, formerly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

According to the foundation's published information, its program serves more than 2.35 million children across 25,768 schools and Anganwadi centres in 16 states and three union territories. By helping address classroom hunger, the organization seeks to encourage school attendance, improve concentration and support children's learning.

Following the gala, organizers expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, donated and helped make the event successful. They emphasized

that every contribution helps sustain meal programs and create educational opportunities for children in need.

The fundraiser also reflected the Indian American community's continuing commitment to social development in India. Through charitable giving and community engagement, supporters can help ensure that children have a stronger foundation for learning and a better chance of building successful futures.

The message of the evening was clear: a nutritious meal can be much more than food. It can represent hope, opportunity and a pathway to education.

Through the generosity of its supporters, Akshaya Patra continues working toward a future in which hunger does not stand between a child and the opportunity to learn.



Sunderkand recitation creates devotional atmosphere at Siddh Peeth Mahabali Sankatmochan Temple

By: Staff Writer

The Siddh Peeth Mahabali Sankatmochan Shri Hanuman Temple, Joshi Nagar Dham, Shankaracharya Nagar in Ludhiana, observed the sacred Ekadashi occasion with its weekly havan yajna and evening devotional program in an atmosphere of faith and devotion. The program was organized under the leadership of temple president Aman Jain, chairman Rishi Jain and vice president Anuj Madan last week. A large number of devotees visited the temple and sought blessings at the shrine of Shri Balaji Maharaj.



As part of the Ekadashi observance, the temple management and devotees performed traditional prayers for the well-being of all. This was followed by a havan yajna, during which prayers were offered for world peace, prosperity and the welfare of humanity. The evening devotional program featured a musical recitation of Sunderkand, the fifth section of the Shri Ramcharitmanas, by Bhai Mukesh and his group. The recitation filled the temple premises with devotional chants, with devotees participating in prayers dedicated to Lord Shri Ram and Shri Balaji Maharaj.

Holy water from Salasar Dham and

Mehandipur Balaji Dham was sprinkled among devotees as part of the religious observances. A sacred flag was also unfurled before Shri Balaji Maharaj, followed by prayers for peace, prosperity, the progress of Sanatan Dharma and the welfare of humanity. The program concluded with a collective recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa, after which prasad was distributed among devotees.

Speaking about the significance of Sunderkand, the temple management said that it is not only a religious recitation but also conveys messages of devotion, courage, faith, service and surrender to the divine. The story

of Lord Hanuman's unwavering devotion to Lord Shri Ram, they said, offers inspiration to remain patient and confident while facing difficult circumstances.

The management also said that religious programs at the temple are intended to connect devotees with Sanatan traditions and spiritual values. Such gatherings also provide an opportunity for community members to come together and promote harmony, service and spiritual awareness.

A large number of devotees and community members attended the program.



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Skokie celebrates 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, remembers Lal Bahadur Shastri

Community leaders pay tribute to Gandhi's role in India's freedom struggle and honor the legacy of the former prime minister's "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" slogan.

● By: Staff Writer

The Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago celebrated the 157th birth anniversary of Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi on Friday, October 2, at the Gandhi statue in Heritage Park on McCormick Boulevard in Skokie, bringing together community leaders, dignitaries and members of the Indian American community to honor Gandhi's enduring legacy of truth, nonviolence and service.

The celebration also commemorated the birth anniversary of India's second prime minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, whose birthday falls on the same day. Speakers reflected on the contributions of both national leaders to India's history and nation-building. The celebrations were graced by Skokie Mayor Ann Tennes and Village Trustee Jim Iverson, along with other community representatives and dignitaries. Among the special attendees were India's Cabinet Minister Piyush Goyal and the newly appointed Consul General of India for the Midwest, Dr. M. Anand Prakash.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Santosh Kumar, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, community leaders Rakesh Malhotra, Sohan Joshi and Pramod Joshi, and Dr. Avi Verma, publisher of IndoUS Tribune.

The speakers highlighted Gandhi's pivotal role in India's independence movement and his commitment to truth, nonviolence, simplicity and peaceful resistance. They observed that Gandhi's philosophy continues to offer lessons for societies confronting conflict, division and inequality. Gandhi's leadership helped transform India's freedom struggle into a mass movement, inspiring millions to challenge British colonial rule through nonviolent civil disobedience. His ideals also gained international influence, shaping movements for civil rights and social justice around the world.

The gathering also remembered Lal Bahadur Shastri, who led India as prime minister from 1964 to 1966. His famous slogan, "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan"—meaning



"Hail the Soldier, Hail the Farmer"—recognized the vital contributions of the armed forces and farmers to the nation's security, food supply and progress. Speakers

recalled Shastri's simplicity, integrity and dedication to public service.

A special tribute was paid to Dr. Santosh

Kumar for her longstanding service to Chicagoland's senior community. Speakers recognized her work in community welfare and her commitment to supporting older adults, emphasizing the importance of carrying forward the values of compassion and service exemplified by Gandhi. Organized by the Gandhi Memorial Foundation, the annual observance serves as a reminder of India's freedom struggle and the continuing relevance of its national leaders' ideals among the diaspora.

The celebration concluded with a renewed call to uphold Gandhi's message of peace and nonviolence, Shastri's spirit of service, and the shared responsibility to build stronger, more compassionate communities.



G20 Trade Ministers reach consensus against weaponization of food through coercive trade actions



By: Vandana Jhingan

G20 Trade Ministers have reached consensus on a joint statement condemning the use of food, agricultural products and agricultural inputs as tools of economic or political coercion. The “G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions” was agreed upon during the G20 Trade Ministers’ meeting held in Milwaukee on September 30 and October 1 under the U.S. presidency.

U.S. Ambassador Jamieson Greer said the ministers’ discussions highlighted shared concerns about government actions that

restrict or redirect food and agricultural trade to exert pressure for unrelated geopolitical concessions.

“Food weaponization” can include measures intended to slow, stop, block or otherwise influence the movement of food, agricultural products and agricultural inputs. According to the statement, such actions can disrupt supply chains, threaten food security, affect agricultural producers and consumers, and undermine confidence in international markets.

The G20 ministers said coercive trade measures could particularly affect vulnerable populations and countries that

depend on stable international food and agricultural supply chains. The statement also acknowledges that governments may regulate food and agricultural trade for legitimate domestic policy reasons. The G20 said its concerns do not extend to measures that are transparent, consistent with relevant international rules and norms, and designed to advance legitimate public policy objectives, including food security. The ministers expressed concern that coercive actions could sometimes be presented as ordinary regulatory or public-policy measures while being used to pursue broader geopolitical objectives.

Greer said the agreement represents a step toward ensuring that agricultural products

are not used as instruments of economic or political pressure.

The statement reflects a broader G20 concern over the vulnerability of global food and agricultural supply chains to geopolitical disputes. By addressing the issue collectively, the trade ministers called attention to the potential humanitarian and economic consequences of using trade restrictions to pursue unrelated political objectives.

The G20 statement concludes with a clear condemnation of the weaponization of food, describing it as a significant humanitarian and economic threat.

Guinness World Records recognises World’s Longest Biography by a Single Author

By: Vandana Jhingan

Guinness World Records has recognised a 13-volume biography of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj as the Longest Biography by a Single Author. Titled Brahmaswarup Pramukh Swami Maharaj: Vistrut Jivan ane Karya, the biography comprises 8,848 pages and 2,146,447 words. It was authored by Sanskrit scholar Sadhu Adarshjivandas, PhD, and documents the 94-year life and work of Pramukh Swami Maharaj (1921–2016), the late spiritual leader of BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha.

The work covers Pramukh Swami Maharaj’s life from his birth in 1921 to his passing in 2016, documenting his spiritual leadership, service activities, personal humility and interactions with people and communities in India and around the world. According to the authorship record, the biography was researched and written over 38 months, from July 2017 to August 2020. More than 310,000 copies of the completed volumes have reportedly been sold.

The Guinness World Records certificate was presented to His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj at OVO Arena Wembley on October 4, 2026, during celebrations

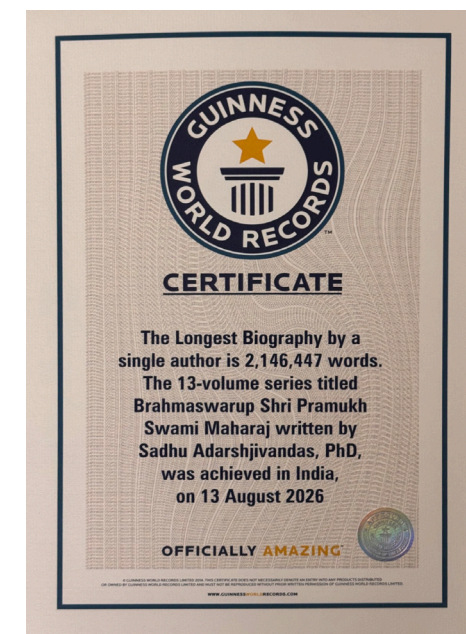


marking his 93rd birth anniversary. The presentation was witnessed by approximately 11,000 people at the venue, while additional viewers followed the event through a live webcast. Carl Saville, Senior Adjudicator for Guinness World Records, presented the certificate and said the achievement reflected the organisation’s role in documenting exceptional accomplishments from around the world.

Sadhu Adarshjivandas said the focus of

the work was Pramukh Swami Maharaj’s life and contribution rather than the author. He described the spiritual leader’s life as one marked by spirituality, humility and a commitment to compassion, harmony and service.

Beyond its record-setting length, the biography serves as a detailed historical account of Pramukh Swami Maharaj’s life, activities and influence. The 13 volumes seek to preserve documentation of his work and spiritual



legacy for future generations.

The Guinness recognition is the latest in a series of record achievements associated with BAPS. In February 2026, 12,723 children gathered in Vadodara, India, for a simultaneous recital of Sanskrit verses from Satsang Diksha, earning the Guinness World Records title for the Largest Simultaneous Hindu Text Recital. More than 15,000 children had memorised all 315 Sanskrit verses of the scripture as part of the wider initiative.



Healthy Aging, Healthy Living Series

Strong bones, strong body: Preventing osteoporosis and falls (Part 3)

Protecting bone strength, balance and independence as we age

By: Dr. Avi Verma

In Part 1 of our Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we discussed why healthy aging is about more than simply adding years to life—it is about preserving health, independence and quality of life. In Part 2, we explored the importance of protecting brain health, memory and cognitive function. But a healthy brain also needs a strong body to support it. Strong bones, healthy muscles, good balance and safe mobility are essential for maintaining independence as we age. Declining bone density and muscle strength can increase the risk of falls and fractures, but many of the factors that protect our bones and mobility are within our control.

Understanding osteoporosis

Bones are living tissues that constantly break down old bone and replace it with new bone. As we age, however, bone loss can begin to exceed bone formation. This process accelerates particularly in women after menopause because of declining estrogen levels, although men also experience age-related bone loss.

When bones become sufficiently weak and fragile, osteoporosis develops. Often called a “silent disease,” osteoporosis may have no obvious symptoms until a fracture occurs. A relatively minor fall can cause serious fractures of the hip, spine or wrist in someone with significantly weakened bones.

A DEXA or DXA scan measures bone mineral density. A T-score of -2.5 or lower at the hip or spine is one standard criterion used to diagnose osteoporosis. Doctors may also use tools such as FRAX to estimate an individual's 10-year fracture risk.

Bone density, however, is only part of the picture. Muscle strength, balance, previous falls, vision, medications and the safety of the home environment also influence fracture risk.

Calcium and Vitamin D

Adequate nutrition provides an important foundation for bone health.

Most adults need approximately 1,000–1,200 mg of calcium daily, depending on age and individual circumstances. Good sources include milk, yogurt, cheese, calcium-fortified foods, leafy greens, tofu and certain fish.

Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium and supports normal bone and muscle function. Recommended intake is generally 600 IU daily for adults through age 70 and 800 IU for those over 70, although individual needs may differ.

Food is generally the preferred source of nutrients. People with osteoporosis, vitamin D deficiency or other medical conditions may require individualized supplementation. More is not necessarily better, and excessive supplementation can carry risks.

Smoking and excessive alcohol



consumption can weaken bone health and should be avoided. A balanced diet rich in protein, vegetables, fruits and other minimally processed foods also supports healthy aging.

Exercise: build muscle, support bone

Regular physical activity is one of the most effective ways to maintain strength and mobility.

Weight-bearing activities, including brisk walking and stair climbing, place beneficial stress on bones. Resistance training using weights, resistance bands or body weight strengthens muscles and can support bone health.

For many older adults, strength training at least twice a week is an important goal. Exercises should be appropriate for an individual's fitness level and medical condition.

People with established osteoporosis or previous vertebral fractures should seek professional guidance before beginning high-impact activities. Some movements involving forceful spinal bending or twisting may increase fracture risk.

The goal is not extreme exercise—it is consistent, safe and progressive movement.

Balance can prevent falls

Strong bones cannot protect us if we frequently fall.

Balance may decline with age because of changes in muscle strength, vision, reaction time, joints and the nervous system. Fortunately, balance can be improved through regular practice.

Tai Chi, heel-to-toe walking and appropriately modified balance exercises can help improve stability. Strengthening the legs, hips, abdomen and back also

supports better mobility and posture.

Make your home safer

Many falls occur in familiar surroundings. Simple changes can make a significant difference.

Remove loose rugs or secure them properly. Keep electrical cords away from walkways. Improve lighting in hallways and stairways. Install grab bars in bathrooms when needed and use stair railings.

Wear properly fitting, supportive shoes and avoid walking on slippery floors in socks.

Regular vision and hearing checks are also important. Medication review is another essential step because some medicines can cause dizziness, drowsiness or a drop in blood pressure when standing. Never stop medication on your own; instead, ask your healthcare professional whether any medication may be increasing your fall risk. Simple assessments such as the Timed Up and Go test can help healthcare professionals evaluate mobility and fall risk.

Who should consider a bone density test?

In the United States, routine osteoporosis screening is generally recommended for women age 65 and older, as well as younger postmenopausal women whose fracture risk is elevated. Men and younger adults may also need screening depending on individual risk factors.

Earlier testing may be appropriate for people with a previous fracture, low body weight, a family history of osteoporosis, long-term corticosteroid use, smoking, heavy alcohol consumption or medical conditions affecting bone health.

If osteoporosis is diagnosed, lifestyle measures may be combined with

medications that reduce fracture risk. Treatment should be individualized according to a person's medical history and overall fracture risk.

Strong bones, stronger independence

Healthy aging is not about protecting one organ at a time. Strong bones, strong muscles, good balance, healthy vision, appropriate medications and a safe environment work together to preserve independence.

The objective is simple: stay strong, stay mobile and stay independent for as long as possible. Aging is inevitable. Frailty does not have to be.

Next week: Part 4 – Diabetes and prediabetes: The warning signs we should not ignore

In the next installment of Healthy Aging, Healthy Living, we will discuss diabetes and prediabetes—why prediabetes matters, who is at greater risk, warning signs, blood-sugar testing, and how diet, weight management and lifestyle changes can help protect long-term health.

Disclaimer

This article is intended for general educational and informational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Recommendations regarding osteoporosis screening, exercise, nutrition, supplements and medications should be individualized according to age, medical history and fracture risk. Consult your physician or another qualified healthcare professional before beginning a new exercise program, taking supplements, or making significant dietary or medication changes. Do not start, stop or change any medication without professional medical guidance. In case of a medical emergency, seek immediate medical attention.

Personal finance insights: News & Features

Mini Feature: RUPEE IN TRANSITION

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CONTRARIAN INDICATORS

AAII Bull-Bear Spread -11.9% (very low)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 31 (fear)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 23.51% (oversold)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 25.00% (oversold)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative), 8/30/26

OEFs & ETFs: Stocks 63.33%, Hybrids 3.85%, Bonds 16.83%, M-Mkt 15.99%

INTEREST RATES

CME FedWatch
Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 3.75-4.00%
FOMC 10/28/26+ hold
FOMC 12/9/26+ hike

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.19%, 1-yr 4.46%;
T-Notes 2-yr 4.83%, 5-yr 5.06%, 10-yr 5.28%; T-Bonds 30-yr 5.63% (normal yield-curve);
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.69%, 10-yr 2.92%, 30-yr 3.34%
FRNs Index 4.153%

Bank Rates www.depositaccounts.com/

Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 10/1/26
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates
Restricted RC 5.75%, RA 5.50%
Flexible RCP 5.00%, SRA 4.75%, IRA-101110+ 4.65%
TIAA MYGA 5.30% (3-yr), 5.40% (5-yr), 5.50% (7-yr)
TSP G Fund 5.375% (previous 4.875%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 12.74 (fear)
Weekly ETFs: INDA -2.80%, EPI -3.04%, INDH -2.34%, SMIN -2.59%
| SPY -0.22%



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

ENERGY

Essar Energy Transition Retail (EET Retail/Essar) is buying UK retail fuel distributor SGN Retail for integrated refinery-to-pump (forecourt) fuel operations.

FINTech

US Bank of America/BAC Zelle may link to Indian UPI for NRI/OCI cross-border transfers by the end of 2026. Zelle is operated by Early Warning Services that's is owned by a consortium of 7 US banks: Bank of America, Capital One, JPMorgan Chase, PNC Bank, Truist, US Bank & Wells Fargo. UPI is operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). Once beyond testing, a working Zelle-UPI linkage will be a fantastic development.

HEALTHCARE

UK global private-equity firm Leapfrog Investments will make additional investments in Indian healthcare - diagnostics, maternal care, ophthalmology, oncology, medical equipment, pharms & healthcare

providers. Its current Indian investments include Radcliffe Labs (diagnostics) & Healthify (healthcare provider).

INDUSTRIALS

Exide Industries-India & German ExCom Energy Solutions partner on industrial batteries for European Economic Area (EEA). Exide-India's origin was from a UK subsidiary/licensee of US Exide which went bankrupt 3x.

Mirai Aerospace Systems & Software Solutions & US GreenValley International partner on LiDAR (light/laser detection & ranging) that has applications in agriculture, defense, infrastructure, transportation, mining & urban planning & utilities.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Indian imaging/ mapping satellite EOS-05 (also, GISAT-1A) was launched by ISRO into a sub-GTO orbit from where it self-launched into a GEO orbit. India uses this 2-step process because it lack very powerful rockets. EOS-05 will use multispectral & hyperspectral images (i.e. well beyond the visual spectrum) for agricultural, oceanographic, glacier monitoring, disaster management & border security purposes. EOS = earth observation satellite, GEO = geostationary orbit, GTO = geostationary transfer orbit (highly elliptical)

SPECIAL TOPIC - RUPEE IN TRANSITION

Rupee has weakened significantly in 2026: \$1 = Rs 90s. The causes include foreign fund outflows; higher oil & other import prices due to Iran war & Hormuz shipping disruptions; & budgetary stresses due to government caps on some domestic prices. Iran war effects on Indian economy & rupee have been quite significant.

US trade tariffs have been another headwind. When an early US-India trade

deal in 2025 didn't materialize, high US tariffs were imposed on India. US Supreme Court blocked many US tariffs, so those have come down & there is now hope that the initial phase of US-India trade deal may be reached in 2026. Indian trade relations with Russia & Iran have also created risks of US sanctions.

In a positive development, Sergio GOR, a close confidant of President TRUMP, is the US Ambassador to India (01/2026-).

Weak rupee cuts into dollar returns of foreign investors that have been lackluster. Among the Asian markets, S Korea, Taiwan & Japan are rallying due to AI/tech & semis. India is not a big player in AI/tech yet. These factors have pulled some foreign funds away from India. There is net trade deficit, so weak rupee hurts overall - the favorable impact of weak rupee on exports is more than overcome by unfavorable impact of imports (especially, oil & gas, fertilizer, chemicals, technology).

RBI implemented an incentive program, effective 6/8/26, that offered lucrative rates for repatriable foreign currency term-deposits (FCNRs). After a slow start, it attracted deposits well above expectations so that the program was ended early on 8/31/26 (vs planned 9/30/26).

Sample values for rupees for \$1 at yearends; month-ends for 2026:

2010-44.70
2011-53.01, 2012-54.99, 2013-61.80, 2014-63.16, 2015-66.23
2016-67.96, 2017-63.83, 2018-69.49, 2019-71.21, 2020-73.05
2021-74.49, 2022-82.74, 2023-83.25, 2024-85.55, 2025-89.99
2026: 01-91.68, 02-91.08, 03-93.48, 04-94.76, 05-94.99, 06-94.92
07-95.39, 08-95.17, 09-95.96

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Everything you need to know about IUHS School of Medicine

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

2. Program Structure & Exams:

- ▶ **Preclinical Phase (Years 1 & 2):** Fully online, divided into 11 study blocks. The first block is 12 weeks, the rest are 8 weeks each. After completion, students take the IUHS Exit Exam, and U.S. students also prepare for Step 1.
- ▶ **Clinical Phase (Years 3 & 4):** 80 weeks of rotations—48 weeks core, 32 weeks electives. Students then take the IUHS Exit Exam 2 and officially graduate. U.S. students also take Step 2 before graduation.

3. Assessments:

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

knowledge gaps.

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

4. Teaching methods:

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

5. Clinical rotations:

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



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

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

Key Features:

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

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

8. Question and Concept Sessions:

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

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

Key Features:

- ▶ Comprehensive Medical Curriculum Support – Covers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fall 2026 is all about dressing with personality

From moody florals and dramatic proportions to modern tailoring and 1920s glamour, this season invites you to rethink the classics.

Fall fashion is stepping out of its quiet-luxury comfort zone. After seasons dominated by minimalism and understated dressing, the fall 2026 runways are embracing personality, contrast and a little more drama. The best part? The trends are surprisingly wearable. Think familiar wardrobe staples, refreshed through richer textures, unexpected proportions and clever styling. Here are the key styles and trends shaping the fall 2026 fashion landscape, straight from the runways.

Moody florals take root

Florals are no longer reserved for

spring. This season, they arrive in deeper, moodier shades of brown, green and other earthy tones. Look for dark floral prints on midi skirts, blouses and dresses, and pair them with simple knits or boots for an effortless fall look.

Play with proportion

Oversized shoulders, cocoon-shaped jackets, billowing trousers and sculptural dresses are bringing movement to everyday dressing. If dramatic silhouettes feel intimidating, introduce the trend gradually. Try a voluminous blouse with slim trousers or wide-leg pants with a fitted top.



Make styling the statement

You do not need a new wardrobe to look current. Fall 2026 puts the focus on styling familiar pieces in unexpected ways. Layer a cardigan over a crisp shirt, combine tailored trousers with relaxed knits or add an unexpected accessory to a simple outfit.

Modern tailoring gets softer

Power dressing is evolving. Structured jackets, sculpted waists and polished coats are being balanced with softer fabrics and feminine details. The result is confident without feeling overly corporate.

Celebrate the silhouette

Body-skimming dresses, sheer layers and lingerie-inspired details are also prominent. For everyday wear, balance a fitted or sheer piece with tailoring, a structured jacket or a more relaxed layer.

Bring back the 1920s

Art Deco glamour is making a sophisticated return, with velvet, fringe, geometric details, gloves and elegant evening shapes. The modern interpretation is less costume-like and more streamlined, making these details suitable for everything from dinner dates to festive gatherings.

The message for fall is clear: wear the classics, but make them your own.



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