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Democrats begin positioning for crowded 2028 presidential race after midterm victories

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Democrats have begun preparing for a potentially crowded and unpredictable 2028 presidential primary following their strong performance in Tuesday's midterm elections, with no clear frontrunner emerging to challenge the Republican nominee. Potential contenders include former Vice President Kamala Harris, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Strategists estimate that at least 30 Democrats are considering a presidential bid.

The party faces an internal debate over whether to adopt a moderate or progressive approach on healthcare, taxation, policing and foreign policy. On the Republican side, Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio are among the leading potential contenders. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Senator Ted Cruz are also being discussed. President Donald Trump is constitutionally barred from seeking a third term, but his influence could shape the contest. Neither Vance nor Rubio has confirmed a presidential bid.

India hopes G20 leaders can reach common ground at December summit, Jaishankar says

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said Saturday that India hopes G20 members will reach common ground at the group's leaders' summit in December, adding that consensus remains possible through sustained efforts. Speaking after the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta, he cited the recent BRICS experience, where key participants agreed on a joint statement. Jaishankar said ministers had also recognized India's ability to engage different sides and help bridge divisions in a polarized world. He clarified that his earlier description of the United States as "the lone power" was made in a different setting before analysts and policymakers. He also said the Quad had made progress, following its third foreign ministers' meeting this year, and hoped to expand its agenda.

Indian pilot Smit Machchhar receives international recognition for bravery during flight emergency

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Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar has received recognition from the United Arab Emirates and Israel for his actions during a cockpit attack aboard a flydubai flight on Wednesday, September 30. The United Arab Emirates awarded him and the flight crew the First Class Order of Zayed II for protecting passengers and helping secure the aircraft's safe landing in Saudi Arabia. Israeli President Isaac Herzog has also announced plans to confer the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism on Machchhar after his recovery. The captain was seriously injured when his co-pilot attacked him during the Dubai-to-Tel Aviv flight. Devotees at Abu Dhabi's BAPS Hindu Mandir have also held special prayers for his recovery.

Israel's president Herzog to nominate candidate to form Israel's next government on Sunday

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Israeli President Isaac Herzog said Thursday that he would nominate a candidate to form the next government on Sunday, following an inconclusive October 27 election that left the country facing a political deadlock.

Former military chief Gadi Eisenkot received recommendations from 67 of the 120 lawmakers, compared with 46 backing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. However, Herzog said political divisions and mutual objections between rival blocs made it difficult to determine who could secure a governing coalition. Netanyahu's Likud party won 27 seats, while his broader coalition secured 53. Eisenkot's opposition bloc won 48 seats, while Arab-led parties secured 19. The nominee will have 28 days, with a possible 14-day extension, to form a government. Netanyahu will remain caretaker prime minister in the meantime.

India urges end to West Asia conflict, warns of global economic disruptions and stresses safety of nationals

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India on Tuesday called for an end to hostilities in West Asia, warning that the conflict had caused casualties, disrupted lives and affected global economic activity. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the fighting had disrupted international flows of food, fuel, fertilizers and financial resources, affecting countries far beyond the region. He reiterated New Delhi's position that dialogue and diplomacy were essential to restoring peace and stability.

Jaiswal said Indian embassies across West Asia were maintaining close contact with the Indian community, issuing safety advisories and providing assistance when required.

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Seven killed, 18 injured in alleged crackdown on protesters in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

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At least seven people, including children, were reportedly killed and 18 seriously injured Thursday after Pakistani security forces allegedly opened fire and launched drone attacks on protesters in Rawalakot, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

The United Kashmir People's National Party said security personnel targeted sit-ins at Matialmera Bus Terminal and Umar Farooq Chowk using heavy weapons and armored vehicles.

The group identified three adult victims and raised concerns about four children reportedly killed in a drone strike that destroyed a house.

It called for independent investigations and urged the United Nations and international community to intervene. The allegations have not been independently verified.

US watchdog urges Peru to investigate Catholic Church abuse allegations

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A United States-based clergy abuse watchdog called on Thursday for a truth commission in Peru to investigate sexual abuse allegations involving the Catholic Church, ahead of Pope Leo's visit to the country.
Anne Barrett Doyle, co-director of BishopAccountability.org, accused Church leaders of concealing allegations and failing to hold those responsible accountable. The organization also released a database identifying dozens of Peruvian clergy and religious figures accused of abusing children or vulnerable people. Pope Leo is scheduled to visit Peru during the final leg of his South American tour and is expected to meet abuse survivors. The watchdog urged him to address accountability among bishops and support journalists investigating abuse cases.

'Mogging' named Collins Dictionary's 2026 word of the year

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Collins Dictionary has named 'mogging', slang for outshining or upstaging someone, its 2026 word of the year. Announced on Tuesday, the term has gained popularity among younger generations and recorded a 210 percent increase in usage during the year. Collins said it is often used playfully and ironically when someone attracts more attention than another person. Other notable additions to its 2026 list include 'firewaves', referring to successive urban wildfires, and 'P(doom)', an estimate of the risk that artificial intelligence could cause human civilization to collapse. The list also features 'ghost jobs', 'carspreading', 'fricy' and 'friendslop', reflecting changing trends in technology, culture and everyday language.

UN begins withdrawal of peacekeeping mission from Western Sahara after 35 years

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The United Nations has begun winding down its peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara following the expiration of its mandate after 35 years. The liquidation process, which began Sunday, includes repatriating approximately 160 military observers, withdrawing 180 civilian and affiliated personnel, closing 13 facilities and disposing of equipment. Established in 1991, the mission was tasked with monitoring a ceasefire between Morocco and the pro-independence Polisario Front and organizing a referendum on self-determination. The referendum never took place, and the ceasefire collapsed in 2020.

Trump meets Putin's envoy, signals possible Ukraine peace agreement

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US President Donald Trump said Thursday that he had met privately with Russian President Vladimir Putin's special envoy, Kirill Dmitriev, at the White House and expressed optimism that an agreement to end the war in Ukraine could emerge soon. Trump did not disclose details of their discussion and said a broader agreement could involve European countries. He also confirmed that he had not met the Ukrainian delegation attending a separate White House event.

The meeting followed a gathering hosted by First Lady Melania Trump, who brought Russian and Ukrainian representatives together to discuss a



six-day ceasefire she helped arrange in the Russian-controlled Ukrainian city of Oleshky. The truce, which ended Sunday, allowed humanitarian assistance and civilian evacuations. US-led negotiations involving Russia and Ukraine are scheduled to resume in Abu Dhabi on November 10 and 11.

Lula's reelection complicates US plans for access to Brazil's rare earths

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Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's reelection is expected to complicate United States efforts to secure faster access to Brazil's vast rare earth reserves, as his government prioritizes domestic processing and manufacturing. Lula's administration plans to introduce new regulations through the National Council for the Industrialization of Critical and Strategic Minerals, which held its first meeting on Thursday. The framework will prioritize local processing, technology sharing and investment in domestic production rather than exports of raw minerals.

The United States remains welcome



as an investor, but companies will be encouraged to add value within Brazil. The country holds the world's second-largest rare earth reserves, making it strategically important in the competition with China. Officials expect the new regulations to be presented during the first months of 2027.

Hegseth vows to fight impeachment efforts, defends US military campaign in Iran

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US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth vowed Thursday to resist congressional efforts to impeach him, defending the administration's military campaign against Iran as a historic



operation despite growing criticism following the Republican Party's midterm election losses.

In a video message posted on social media, Hegseth defended his leadership at the Pentagon, including the dismissal of senior military officials and the administration's policy changes. Democrats, who secured control of Congress, have promised investigations into his handling of the Iran war and other defense decisions. Republican Representative Thomas Massie also said he would reintroduce articles of impeachment next week.

President Donald Trump, however, praised Hegseth and defended his performance. Hegseth urged lawmakers to approve a proposed $1.5 trillion defense spending package.

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He also highlighted the Indian Navy's rescue of 20 Iranian crew members aboard the hijacked fishing vessel Azini in the Arabian Sea. The operation, completed Monday after 48 hours, involved locating and intercepting the vessel and securing the crew's release from armed pirates. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised the Navy for its operational readiness and response to maritime threats.

Trump moves to protect Oval Office and Cabinet Room as national monuments



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US President Donald Trump signed a document on Thursday designating the White House's Oval Office and Cabinet Room as national monuments. The move follows extensive decorative changes Trump has made to the Oval Office since returning to the White House, including gold accents, statuettes, portraits and a copy of the Declaration of Independence. Asked whether future presidents could modify the rooms, Trump said major changes would require congressional approval. He cited a hypothetical proposal to change the Oval Office's shape, saying Congress would have to authorize such a modification. The designation marks another step in Trump's efforts to reshape the appearance and presentation of the historic presidential workplace.

EU sets accession roadmaps for Ukraine and three other membership candidates

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The European Commission on Wednesday presented accession roadmaps for Ukraine, Montenegro, Albania and Moldova, outlining milestones for advancing their European Union membership negotiations. It urged Ukraine to accelerate reforms involving the rule of law, democratic institutions, public administration and minority rights, with Kyiv aiming to conclude negotiations by the end of 2028. Montenegro, which has provisionally closed 21 negotiating chapters, is closest to completing the process. Albania is targeting 2027, while Moldova aims for early 2028. The Commission also proposed closer integration of candidate countries into energy, transport, digital and defense sectors. Separate talks involving Ukraine and international partners focused on postwar reconstruction and economic development.

Former Chinese Politburo member faces charges over alleged bribery



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Former Chinese Politburo member Ma Xingrui was formally charged with accepting bribes, state media reported Thursday, following his expulsion from the Communist Party. Prosecutors in Hubei province accused Ma of abusing his official positions to accept exceptionally large bribes and provide benefits to others. Ma, who served as Xinjiang's Communist Party chief and Guangdong's governor, previously held leadership positions at China's state-owned aerospace corporation and in Shenzhen. His investigation became public in April over alleged serious violations of party discipline and national laws. He is among more than 30 senior officials expelled from the party during President Xi Jinping's continuing anti-corruption campaign.

Eiffel Tower shuts down as nationwide strikes and protests sweep France

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The Eiffel Tower closed to visitors Thursday as hundreds of thousands joined nationwide demonstrations and public-sector strikes across France over rising living costs, wages and deteriorating public services. France's Interior Ministry reported approximately 600,000 demonstrators nationwide, while the General Confederation of Labor union estimated 1.6 million participants. Authorities deployed around 70,000 police officers to maintain security. The protests, supported by student groups, also highlighted concerns over education and working conditions. More than 15 percent of teaching staff



participated in the strike, according to the Education Ministry. Most demonstrations remained peaceful, although clashes with police and incidents of vandalism were reported in Paris and Lyon.

Cyprus gas discovery offers Europe another source of energy, president says

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Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides said Thursday that offshore natural gas reserves could help the European Union diversify energy supplies and strengthen its energy security. The Cronos field, located southwest of Cyprus, is expected to begin production in the first half of 2028 and contains an estimated 3 trillion cubic feet of gas. Italian energy company Eni has signed development contracts covering production systems, pipelines and drilling services. The gas will be transported to Egypt for liquefaction and export, primarily to European markets. Christodoulides said production could reach 500 million cubic feet daily at peak capacity, marking Cyprus' first major natural gas production project.

Bavarian political leader Hubert Aiwanger found dead in Berlin hotel

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Hubert Aiwanger, 55, leader of Germany's Free Voters party and Bavaria's deputy governor and economy minister, was found dead in his hotel room in Berlin on Wednesday evening, police and prosecutors said. He had been scheduled to speak at the opening of his party's Berlin office but withdrew earlier that day for health reasons. An autopsy conducted Thursday found no evidence of another person's involvement, although further medical examinations are pending. Aiwanger led the Free Voters in Bavaria since 2006 and nationally since 2010. The party became a junior coalition partner in Bavaria's state government in 2018.

Hoax bomb threats disrupt flights across Europe, trigger emergency landings

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More than a dozen flights across Europe received bomb threats Thursday, prompting emergency landings, diversions and military escorts. Authorities reported no hazardous or suspicious materials during initial inspections and described the threats as malicious hoaxes. Flights departing from Copenhagen, Dublin, Helsinki, Madrid, Milan and Warsaw were among those affected. An Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Rome was diverted to a French military airbase, while fighter jets escorted flights operated



by Finnair and Ryanair. European Union officials said investigations were underway and warned against drawing conclusions about whether the incidents were connected. Similar threats had disrupted at least 25 flights earlier in the week.

Mugabe's youngest son charged with assaulting anti-corruption official

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Bellarmine Chatunga Mugabe, the 29-year-old son of Zimbabwe's late former president Robert Mugabe, appeared in a Harare court on Thursday accused of assaulting an anti-corruption official during an operation involving two luxury vehicles suspected of being illegally imported. Police said Bellarmine and four other men were arrested Tuesday. Investigators had gone to a lodge to seize a Lamborghini and a Mercedes-Benz when an official was allegedly assaulted. Neither vehicle has been directly linked to Bellarmine. He was previously involved in legal proceedings in Zimbabwe and South Africa, including a separate case involving possession of cannabis, which was withdrawn.

Australia approves major offshore carbon storage site for Japanese company

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Australia has approved a seabed geological storage site where Japanese energy company Inpex plans to store up to 443 million metric tons of carbon dioxide over 35 years. The West Peron formation, located offshore in the Bonaparte Basin, is intended to receive emissions initially from the Ichthys liquefied natural gas facility near Darwin. The project is being promoted as a way to reduce industrial emissions, but environmental groups warn that drilling, dredging and increased marine activity could threaten dugongs, turtles and other wildlife. The designation is an important regulatory milestone, not final project approval. Further environmental assessments and government licenses are required before carbon injection can begin.

Finnish court sentences Russian captain and crew member over Baltic cable damage

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A Finnish court on Thursday convicted the Russian captain and Azerbaijani boatswain of the cargo ship Fitburg of aggravated sabotage for damaging two undersea telecommunications cables in the Baltic Sea. The Helsinki District Court sentenced the captain to three years and six months in prison and the boatswain to two years and 10 months. The vessel dragged its anchor along approximately 130 kilometers of seabed in the Gulf of Finland on December 31, 2025, damaging the cables. Both defendants denied wrongdoing. The court ruled that they must have known the anchor was dragging. The verdict can be appealed and is not yet final.

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The November 3, 2026, midterm elections have delivered a major political setback to President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. Democrats have secured control of both chambers of Congress, turning what was expected to be a competitive midterm into a sweeping electoral victory. In Illinois, Governor J.B. Pritzker won an unprecedented third term, and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton was elected to the U.S. Senate. The results reflect voter concerns over affordability, immigration enforcement and the direction of national leadership. But an election victory is not a blank cheque. It is an opportunity—and an obligation—to govern responsibly. For the new Democratic majority, the real test begins now.

A historic moment for Illinois

Illinois has emerged as an important part of the Democratic victory. Stratton's election to succeed retiring Senator Dick Durbin creates a historic milestone: she will serve alongside Senator Tammy Duckworth, making Illinois the first state represented simultaneously by two women of color in the U.S. Senate. Democrats also maintained control of the Illinois legislature and their 14–3 advantage in the state's U.S. House delegation. New representatives, including Daniel Biss and Melissa Bean, will bring fresh voices to Congress. This political continuity gives Illinois Democrats considerable influence in Washington and Springfield. The responsibility now is to convert that influence into results for residents.

The domestic priority: Relief for American families

The cost of living remains a major concern for American households. Families continue to face pressure from grocery bills, housing, healthcare, energy, insurance and everyday expenses. The new Congress must make affordability its central priority. It should pursue practical measures that strengthen employment, improve access to healthcare, encourage economic growth and ease the financial burden on working families.

Inflation cannot be addressed through political rhetoric alone. Congress must work with the administration, businesses and state governments to tackle the underlying pressures affecting household budgets. In Illinois, Governor Pritzker's third term must address property taxes, public safety, education, infrastructure, state finances and economic opportunity. The state's economic strength must translate into tangible benefits for ordinary families and small businesses.

Oversight without political warfare

With Democrats controlling both chambers of Congress, scrutiny of the Trump administration will become a defining feature of national politics.

Congress has a constitutional duty to examine executive actions, investigate credible allegations of misconduct, oversee public spending and protect the separation of powers. That responsibility applies regardless of which party controls the White House. However, oversight must be based on evidence, due process and constitutional principles—not political retaliation. Investigations should produce accountability, not become substitutes for legislation.

Americans are weary of partisan gridlock. Immigration reform, healthcare, infrastructure, taxation and national security require a functioning Congress. The new majority must demonstrate that it can hold the administration accountable while still delivering meaningful legislation.

A fractured world: Diplomacy and strategic clarity

The international environment presents difficult choices. The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, tensions involving Iran, competition with China and uncertainty over global trade require careful judgment.

Ukraine: Congress must evaluate military assistance, humanitarian support and diplomatic initiatives while considering the security interests of the United States and its European allies. Support for national sovereignty should be accompanied by clear objectives, accountability and a realistic path toward peace.

Iran and the Middle East: Washington must avoid an open-ended military confrontation. Protecting American and regional security requires credible deterrence, coordination with allies and serious diplomatic efforts to prevent escalation.

Israel and Gaza: America's commitment to Israel's security remains important. At the same time, U.S. policy and military assistance must be subject to appropriate oversight, with attention to civilian protection, humanitarian access and a sustainable political settlement.

Israel's security and the legitimate aspirations of Palestinians for dignity and security must both remain part of the discussion.

The new Congress should approach these challenges through informed debate and bipartisan engagement, not domestic political calculations.

India and the Indo-U.S. strategic partnership

For India and the Indian American community, the election carries important implications. The U.S.-India relationship has developed under administrations of both parties, supported by cooperation in defense, technology, education, trade and Indo-Pacific security.

This bipartisan foundation must be preserved. India is not simply a counterweight to China; it is an independent global partner with its own strategic interests and diplomatic priorities.

Three areas deserve particular attention:

Immigration: H-1B visas, employment-based immigration, green-card backlogs and policies affecting international students remain major concerns for Indian professionals, families and technology companies. Fair and predictable immigration policies benefit both the Indian American community and America's economic competitiveness.

Trade and technology: Cooperation in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing and critical technologies can create opportunities for businesses and workers in both countries. Trade disagreements should be addressed through negotiation rather than measures that weaken long-term confidence.

Defense and regional security: Cooperation in defense, maritime security and the Indo-Pacific serves shared interests. Washington must also respect India's strategic autonomy and recognize that partnership does not require identical positions on every international issue. For Indian Americans, this relationship is not merely diplomatic. It affects professional opportunities, family connections, education, investment and the future of the next generation.

The real measure of victory

The 2026 midterms have changed who controls Congress. They have not eliminated America's divisions, resolved its economic pressures or simplified its foreign-policy challenges. The Democratic majority will be judged not by political rhetoric or the number of investigations it launches, but by the quality of its legislation, the integrity of its oversight and its ability to address the concerns of ordinary Americans. At home, people need affordability, opportunity and confidence in their institutions. Abroad, America needs a foreign policy that protects its interests while recognizing the importance of diplomacy and international stability. The IndoUS Tribune believes the central question after this election is not simply who won political power, but how that power will be exercised. Democracy is strengthened when elected leaders govern with restraint, transparency and accountability.

The mandate has been delivered. The responsibility to deliver results now belongs to those elected.

Best regards,
Dr. Avi Verma
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Russia and Ukraine trade drone strikes as US-led security talks continue



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Russia and Ukraine exchanged drone strikes overnight into Thursday as officials from the United States, European countries and Ukraine concluded two days of talks in Brussels on postwar reconstruction and security guarantees. US envoy Jared Kushner described the discussions as 'productive and substantive'. Ukrainian negotiator Rustem Umerov said the meeting also addressed threats from Russia and coordinated responses. Ukraine reported intercepting or suppressing 105 of 128 Russian drones, while Moscow claimed to have downed 496 Ukrainian drones. The European Commission also transferred 4.4 billion euros to Ukraine as part of a broader loan to support defense and public services.

Swedish parliament rejects Centre Party leader, prolonging government deadlock



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Sweden's parliament rejected Centre Party leader Elisabeth Thand Ringqvist's nomination as prime minister on Tuesday, extending the political deadlock following September's general election. The vote was 324 against and 25 in favor, with support coming only from her party. Ringqvist had been asked to explore forming a government but said negotiations had failed to produce a viable centrist coalition. She reiterated that her party would not join a government with the Sweden Democrats or support one dependent on their backing. Following the vote, Speaker Andreas Norlén tasked outgoing Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson with exploring government options. He must report back by Tuesday, November 10.

Turkey's renewable energy push faces scrutiny ahead of climate summit

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Turkey is highlighting its growing solar and wind capacity ahead of the United Nations climate summit, COP31, scheduled to begin Monday in Antalya. The Kalyon Karapinar solar power plant in Konya province, operational since 2023, has more than 3 million panels and produces enough electricity to meet about 0.7 percent of Turkey's annual power demand. However, coal remained the country's largest electricity source last year, accounting for 33 percent of generation, while solar and wind together supplied nearly 23 percent. Climate campaigners say Turkey lacks a clear plan to phase out fossil fuels, despite its target of reaching net-zero emissions by 2053.

China's military expansion and South China Sea disputes overshadow ASEAN defense meeting

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Tensions in the South China Sea and China's expanding military capabilities featured prominently at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus in the Philippines. Australian Defense Minister Richard Marles described China's military expansion as the largest conventional buildup since World War II, warning that its growing assertiveness was increasing pressure across Southeast Asia. The meeting also faced a diplomatic dispute after China accused the Philippines of obstructing its participation. Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun did not attend, and Beijing was represented by its defense attaché. Philippine Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro said China had been given an opportunity to present its position. The tensions reflect continuing disputes around Scarborough Shoal and Second Thomas Shoal.

Russia remains only country to formally recognize Taliban administration in Afghanistan

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Russia remains the only country to formally recognize Afghanistan's Taliban administration, despite growing diplomatic and economic engagement between Kabul and other nations, according to a TOLOnews report. China, the United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan are among the countries that have accepted Taliban-appointed diplomats without formally recognizing the government. The report said international recognition remains linked to demands for an inclusive government, respect for human rights and compliance with the 2020 Doha Agreement. Afghanistan's neighbors have continued expanding cooperation in trade, security and other sectors. India, which has not formally recognized the Taliban administration, maintains diplomatic engagement and continues humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

Indian intelligence alleges Pakistan plans Kashmir recruitment and anti-India propaganda in Bangladesh

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Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence is pursuing a two-pronged strategy to influence developments in India by recruiting operatives for activities in Jammu and Kashmir while expanding anti-India propaganda networks in Bangladesh, according to Indian intelligence officials cited by IANS. Officials allege that the agency is looking beyond Kashmir for recruits, targeting young people in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. They claim that groups linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed are also working with Bangladesh-based networks to circulate fabricated content through social media accounts impersonating Indian military personnel and government officials. The alleged strategy aims to divert Indian security agencies' attention from Kashmir. These claims are based on unnamed Indian intelligence sources and have not been independently verified.

North Korea fires multiple missiles toward East Sea, South Korea says



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North Korea fired multiple missiles toward the East Sea early Wednesday from the Sondok area in South Hamgyong Province, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. The missiles are believed to have traveled less than 300 kilometers, although their specifications remain under analysis in coordination with the United States. South Korean authorities have not confirmed the missile types. The launch followed another firing of nearly a dozen short-range ballistic missiles the previous Thursday. Seoul said its military was monitoring North Korea's activities and maintaining readiness with US forces. The latest launch came amid renewed tensions over Pyongyang's weapons development and its denial of involvement in a major cryptocurrency theft.

Afghanistan's hospitals struggle with rising cases of severe malnutrition



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Hospitals and health facilities in southern Afghanistan are facing overcrowded wards and increasing admissions of patients with severe malnutrition, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said Wednesday. The warning comes as humanitarian agencies report worsening food insecurity and declining aid resources. Nearly 19.2 million Afghans, or 38 percent of the population, are projected to face acute food insecurity during the winter period from November through April, according to an October assessment by United Nations food agencies. Around five million could experience emergency levels of hunger. Acute malnutrition cases are also expected to rise in 2027, with women and children particularly vulnerable.

India and Guyana reaffirm commitment to expanding bilateral partnership

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India and Guyana have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral ties across energy, health care, digital innovation, capacity building and sustainable development. India's Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita made the remarks during celebrations marking 60 years of Guyana's independence and diplomatic relations between the two countries. He said the partnership was rooted in shared history and democratic values. In June, Guyanese President Irfaan Ali congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving head of government, highlighting the country's development and growing global role. Modi thanked Ali and expressed his commitment to continued cooperation for the benefit of both nations.

US Ambassador Sergio Gor celebrates Diwali at New Delhi Embassy, extends festive greetings to Indian community

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US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor celebrated Diwali at the United States Embassy in New Delhi on Thursday and extended festive greetings to those observing the holiday. In a post on X, Gor said he was pleased to join the celebrations. Diwali is observed by Hindu, Jain and Sikh communities, as well as some Buddhist communities. The United States has recognized the festival at the presidential level since Barack Obama became the first US president to participate in a White House Diwali celebration in 2009. More recently, the US Postal Service unveiled a new Diwali-themed Rangoli Forever stamp at the Indian Embassy in Washington, with 20 million copies printed.

India and Germany expand strategic partnership across trade, investment and clean energy

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India and Germany are expanding cooperation in trade, investment, energy and strategic sectors, German Ambassador Jasper Wieck said Wednesday at an event marking the 20th anniversary of the Indo-German Energy Forum. He said the relationship had grown beyond the expectations of the two countries' strategic partnership, established 26 years ago, and noted that they had recently marked 75 years of diplomatic relations. Wieck said the proposed India-European Union free trade agreement could significantly boost bilateral trade and investment by reducing tariffs on industrial and some agricultural products. He said the agreement was expected to be signed by the end of this year and take effect in the first half of next year. He also highlighted Germany's support for India's transition to renewable energy.

Nepal prime minister thanks India for flood assistance and appreciates Modi's solidarity

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Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah thanked India for its prompt humanitarian assistance following the devastating Rasuwa-Bhotekoshi floods during a meeting with Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri in Kathmandu on Thursday. Shah expressed gratitude for the relief supplies and rescue teams provided by India and appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's solidarity. He also discussed opportunities for cooperation in sports development. Misri briefed Shah on preparations for his upcoming visit to India and progress in bilateral cooperation covering energy, water resources, trade, transit and aviation. He also informed him that a trial run of the Ayodhya-Janakpur railway service had been conducted Thursday. During the meeting, Misri conveyed Modi's greetings and discussed possible initiatives to strengthen ties during Shah's upcoming visit to India. Earlier, Misri met Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle, Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal and other senior ministers. He also held delegation-level talks with Nepal's foreign secretary on Wednesday, reviewing cooperation in trade, hydropower, infrastructure, border management and connectivity. Both countries also discussed newer areas of collaboration, including startups, digital connectivity, artificial intelligence and sports.

India and Denmark explore deeper cooperation in renewable energy and green technology

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India and Denmark discussed expanding cooperation in offshore wind, green hydrogen, battery storage and renewable energy integration during a meeting between Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Denmark's Minister for Business and Competitiveness Martin Lidegaard on Tuesday, on the sidelines of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026. Joshi highlighted investment opportunities in India's clean energy sector and welcomed Danish participation through technology partnerships, joint ventures and local manufacturing. Both ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership. During his visit to Mumbai on Monday, Lidegaard also discussed maritime cooperation, green shipping, trade and infrastructure development, noting that more than 60 Danish companies already operate in Maharashtra.

India and Caribbean nations explore stronger cooperation during minister's Madrid visit

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India is looking to expand its engagement with the Greater Caribbean region as part of its broader outreach to the Global South. Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita discussed opportunities for closer cooperation with Noemi Espinoza Madrid, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States, during a meeting in Madrid on Tuesday. Margherita also met representatives of Spain's textile and tourism industries to explore partnerships in textile trade, sourcing, manufacturing, sustainable textiles, investment and tourism. He emphasized the importance of strengthening people-to-people connections and paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue in Madrid, recalling his enduring message of truth and non-violence. Margherita is attending the 30th Ibero-American Conference Summit, where India is set to join as an associate observer. His visit also coincides with the India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence.

Bhutan dedicates stupa to PM Modi, celebrating enduring India-Bhutan friendship

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India's close ties with Bhutan received a special tribute as Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck dedicated a stupa to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Gelephu Mindfulness City. Modi expressed gratitude for the gesture on Tuesday, accepting the honor on behalf of the people of India and describing the Jangchub Chorten as an enduring symbol of the two countries' shared spiritual and cultural heritage. The dedication ceremony took place Sunday following the construction of 108 stupas in the city. The Bhutanese King and India's Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju unveiled a plaque dedicating the 76th stupa to Modi. Thousands of volunteers helped erect the 108 structures, each 15 meters tall, along the Aie River near the Assam border. India has reaffirmed its support for the Gelephu Mindfulness City project, including measures to facilitate cross-border movement and encourage investment.

India and Canada launch defense dialogue to expand military and industrial cooperation

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India and Canada held their first bilateral Defense Dialogue virtually on Tuesday, exploring ways to expand cooperation in defense industries, military technology and capacity building. The meeting was co-chaired by Amit Telang, Joint Secretary for International Cooperation at India's Ministry of Defense, and Scott Millar, Assistant Deputy Minister for Policy at Canada's Department of National Defense. Both sides exchanged views on their defense policies, strategic priorities and regional and global developments. They identified defense industrial cooperation, military-technical collaboration and defense research and development as priority areas. The dialogue follows commitments by Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Mark Carney to institutionalize defense discussions and strengthen strategic engagement. The two sides agreed to continue discussions on proposals to advance bilateral cooperation.

Jitin Prasada holds talks with Polish business leaders to expand technology and investment ties



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Indian Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada met senior executives of four Polish companies in Warsaw on Wednesday to explore cooperation in defense technology, information technology, space, manufacturing and advanced electronics. At WB Group, he discussed research partnerships in defense electronics, unmanned aerial systems and autonomous technologies with President Piotr Wojciechowski. Talks with Billennium Chief Executive Gaweł Łopiński focused on investment in India's digital talent, cloud services and artificial intelligence. With Creotech Instruments executives, Prasada explored collaboration in microsatellites, space hardware and quantum technologies. He also met Boryszew Group representatives to discuss joint ventures, technical cooperation and investment under India's Make in India initiative and production-linked incentive programs.

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Democrats target Trump policies and administration in sweeping agenda under Jeffries

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House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries formally launched his bid Wednesday to become the next speaker of the United States House of Representatives after Democrats secured control of the chamber in Tuesday's midterm elections. If elected, he would become the first Black speaker in American history.

In a letter to incoming lawmakers, Jeffries outlined three priorities: affordability, accountability and American values. He pledged to reverse Medicaid cuts, restore food assistance funding, extend Affordable Care Act tax credits, eliminate President Donald Trump's tariffs and oppose the Iran war. He also promised stronger congressional oversight and fairer immigration enforcement.

Democrats are preparing investigations into Trump's family business dealings, cryptocurrency ventures, immigration operations, the Jeffrey Epstein investigation and federal construction projects. Senate Democrats are also planning inquiries into real estate investments and financial dealings involving administration allies.

Jeffries has linked alleged corruption to the rising cost of living, while promising action on price gouging and a ban on stock trading by lawmakers. Trump and his administration have denied wrongdoing. Some Democrats have cautioned that investigations must focus on accountability rather than political retaliation.



California voters reject proposed one-time wealth tax on billionaires

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California voters rejected Proposition 40, a ballot measure proposing a one-time 5 percent tax on the covered assets of residents worth more than $1 billion. The proposal was defeated in Tuesday's midterm election, with approximately 56 percent voting against it and 44 percent supporting it in early results. Supporters said the measure could generate tens of billions of dollars for healthcare, food assistance and education, while opponents warned it could prompt wealthy residents to leave the state and reduce tax revenues. Campaign spending exceeded $160 million, with opponents outspending supporters. Dave Regan of the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers and Representative Ro Khanna said they would seek to revive the proposal in 2028.

Trump proclaims November 1-7 as Anti-Communism Week

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President Donald Trump declared November 1–7 as Anti-Communism Week, urging Americans to defend democratic freedoms and remember victims of communist and socialist regimes. The proclamation described these ideologies as threats to individual liberty, political expression and economic opportunity. Announced on Election Day, it followed Republican criticism of Democratic candidates associated with socialist policies. Trump issued a similar proclamation last year. A bill by Senator Rick Scott to make the observance annual remains stalled in committee.

Melania Trump and Louisiana State University establish $5 million fund for former foster youth

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First Lady Melania Trump and Louisiana State University have secured $5 million in donations to establish a permanent scholarship endowment for students who have experienced foster care. The fund is part of her Fostering the Future initiative, which supports young adults transitioning out of the foster care system through education and career opportunities. Melania Trump is scheduled to formally announce the initiative at the university on Saturday, when she will also attend the LSU Tigers football game against the Alabama Crimson Tide at Tiger Stadium. The endowment will provide continuing scholarship support to eligible students. The initiative builds on earlier efforts,



including scholarships announced in August for foster youth attending universities in Indiana.

Federal judge temporarily halts construction of Trump's proposed Washington arch

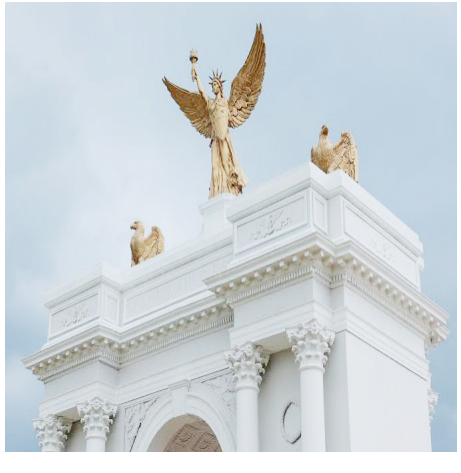
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A federal judge on Thursday temporarily blocked construction of President Donald Trump's proposed 250-foot triumphal arch near Arlington National Cemetery, issuing a 14-day restraining order. The decision came shortly after the National Capital Planning Commission approved the project in an 8-4 vote.

Judge Tanya Chutkan questioned the administration's claim that a century-old law authorized the structure, citing the potential disruption from excavation, noise and construction.

The Justice Department had said preliminary work could begin immediately. Virginia and Washington, D.C., have challenged the project, arguing that Congress has not approved it.

The proposed arch would stand more than 80 feet taller than Paris's Arc de Triomphe.



Record flooding devastates Georgia-Tennessee border towns, dozens rescued

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Torrential overnight thunderstorms triggered record flooding in two towns along the Georgia-Tennessee border on Thursday, submerging buildings, damaging homes and businesses, and prompting emergency crews to rescue more than 100 people. The Toccoa River, which runs between McCaysville, Georgia, and Copperhill, Tennessee, rose to a record 18 feet after parts of northern Georgia received 8 to 10 inches of rain. Emergency agencies reported at least 57 swift-water rescues in Georgia and 68 in Tennessee. One firefighter sustained minor injuries, while several residents received treatment for suspected hypothermia and shock. Flooding also damaged businesses, disrupted power and cellphone services, and shut down McCaysville's water treatment plant, triggering a boil-water advisory.

US officials warn noncitizens against illegal voting as federal scrutiny intensifies

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Federal officials warned Tuesday that noncitizens who illegally register or vote in United States elections could face investigation and prosecution. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said the department would collect voting records and examine them for evidence of illegal participation. Immigration and Customs Enforcement issued a similar warning, saying individuals found to have voted unlawfully would be arrested and prosecuted. The administration has increased efforts to identify noncitizens on voter registration lists, but state and local officials have challenged some federal findings, arguing that the lists contain errors and include eligible citizens. Several courts have also restricted federal efforts to compel states to act on lists of suspected noncitizen voters. Documented cases of noncitizens illegally voting remain rare.

Republicans urge Trump to change course after Democrats' midterm election gains

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Republican strategists and allies urged President Donald Trump on Wednesday to overhaul his White House team and reconsider policies they blamed for the party's losses in Tuesday's midterm elections. Democrats won control of Congress, while several Trump-backed candidates were defeated in key races. Republicans cited the Iran war, tariffs and the president's focus on White House construction projects as political liabilities. Vice President JD Vance also distanced himself from Trump by blaming the Iran conflict for the election setback. Despite the criticism, Trump said he did not view the results as a personal defeat. White House officials are preparing for possible staff departures, Cabinet changes and investigations by the incoming Democratic congressional majorities.

US hospitals face mounting financial pressure from insurance losses and Medicaid cuts



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Major United States hospital operators are preparing for financial pressure in 2027 as more patients lose health insurance and government payments decline. HCA Healthcare, Tenet Healthcare and Universal Health Services reported third-quarter declines of 17 to 19 percent in patient volumes linked to Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges. The loss of federal subsidies has increased premiums, prompting more than three million people to drop coverage. HCA estimates the subsidy changes could reduce its 2026 income by as much as $1.2 billion. Hospitals also expect lower Medicaid supplemental payments. Further reductions beginning in 2028 could put approximately $60 billion in federal hospital funding at risk, according to health policy research firm KFF.

Trump ally Harmeet Dhillon resigns after overhaul of Justice Department civil rights division

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Harmeet Dhillon, a senior Justice Department official and longtime ally of President Donald Trump, resigned Thursday after leading a major restructuring of the department's Civil Rights Division. Attorney General Todd Blanche announced that he had accepted her resignation. Dhillon redirected the division's work toward issues including gun rights, investigations into alleged antisemitism on college campuses and challenges to diversity initiatives. The changes prompted numerous career attorneys to leave the department and drew criticism from former officials who said its traditional civil rights enforcement role had been weakened. Dhillon said she had informed the White House in October of her intention to resign. She plans to return to her law firm, according to her spokesperson.

NASA's Swift space telescope burns up over Indonesia after nearly 22 years in orbit

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NASA's Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory re-entered Earth's atmosphere on Wednesday, ending nearly 22 years in orbit after studying some of the universe's most powerful explosions. The United States Space Force confirmed that the 3,200-pound satellite came down over Indonesia's North Sumatra province at 7:39 a.m. Eastern time. NASA expected most of the spacecraft to burn up during re-entry, although some fragments could survive. No damage or injuries were reported. Launched in 2004, Swift was designed to study gamma-ray bursts and also observed supernovas, black holes and other cosmic phenomena. Its end came less than three months after a rescue mission intended to raise its orbit failed.

White House schedules December hearing on allegations involving Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook

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The White House has scheduled a December 14 hearing into mortgage fraud allegations against Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook, according to a report published Wednesday by The New York Times. President Donald Trump has sought to remove Cook for more than a year, but she denies wrongdoing. The proposed hearing is intended to give her an opportunity to respond to the allegations. Trump's economic adviser Kevin Hassett is part of a three-member committee that will conduct the hearing and recommend whether she should be dismissed. Cook's lawyer has questioned whether the process would be fair and requested details about the evidence and the committee's neutrality. The Supreme Court has ruled that Trump cannot dismiss a Federal Reserve governor at will.

Pentagon task force to outline regulations governing US artificial intelligence labs

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The United States government will outline the laws and regulations that apply to domestic artificial intelligence laboratories later this month, Pentagon Chief Technology Officer Emil Michael said Wednesday. Michael, who is vice chair of President Donald Trump's Super Intelligence Task Force, said the group expects to publish an overview of the regulatory framework within one or two weeks. Speaking at a Wall Street Journal technology conference in Napa, California, he did not provide further details about the planned announcement. Michael said the government wants to establish a framework that builds public confidence in artificial intelligence companies while avoiding excessive regulation. The task force was established by Trump to help shape federal artificial intelligence policy.

Federal judge upholds free-speech rights of New Hampshire fathers in transgender sports protest

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Two New Hampshire fathers who were banned from school grounds for wearing pink wristbands marked 'XX' to protest transgender athletes in girls' sports have won a legal victory after more than two years of litigation. U.S. District Judge Steven McAuliffe ruled Thursday that Kyle Fellers and Anthony Foote had a First Amendment right to silently wear the wristbands at high school sporting events. The Bow School District's risk pool will pay $225,000 to the Institute for Free Speech and $50,000 to the men's attorney under a settlement.

Trump backs Hegseth amid impeachment calls over Iran war

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President Donald Trump said Wednesday he was not considering replacing War Secretary Pete Hegseth, praising his performance amid growing calls from lawmakers to remove him over the Iran war. Asked whether Hegseth could replace Republican Senator Marsha Blackburn when she becomes Tennessee governor, Trump said he believed the Pentagon chief would be popular but had not discussed the possibility. The comments came as Democratic lawmakers and Republican Representative Thomas Massie prepared to pursue impeachment proceedings against Hegseth when Congress resumes on Monday. Massie's proposed articles accuse Hegseth of exceeding the 90-day limit for military operations without congressional authorization and abusing his department's powers.

FAA plans to replace decades-old floppy disks at air traffic control facilities by 2028

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The Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday it plans to eliminate the use of floppy disks for critical air traffic control information at more than 400 facilities by the end of 2028. The agency's new Enterprise Information Display System will replace four systems dating to the 1980s and consolidate operational information, including flight alerts, restricted airspace schedules and pilot reports. The modernization is part of a wider effort to address aging technology across the national air traffic control network. Congress approved $12.5 billion for system upgrades last year, while Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has sought an additional $30 billion. The agency plans to install the new system at 435 locations.

Indian Americans make historic electoral gains as 30 win state legislative seats, Nithya Raman takes Los Angeles mayoralty

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Indian American candidates registered a strong performance in Tuesday's United States midterm elections, with at least 30 winning state legislative seats across the country. The results also brought historic milestones, strengthened Democratic control in several states and expanded the community's representation in American politics.

One of the biggest victories came in Los Angeles, where Indian American city council member Nithya Raman defeated incumbent Mayor Karen Bass. Bass conceded on Thursday after updated results showed Raman leading with approximately 52 percent of the vote against 48 percent for Bass. Raman becomes the city's first Asian American mayor and the first challenger to unseat an incumbent mayor in more than two decades.





In Michigan, Democratic House Minority Leader Ranjeev Puri won reelection with approximately 66 percent of the vote. He could become the first Indian American and Sikh speaker of the Michigan House, subject to a vote by the Democratic caucus. Democrats also regained control of the state government.

Arizona Senate Minority Leader Priya Sundareshan secured reelection with approximately 66 percent. Democrats flipped both legislative chambers, establishing their first state government trifecta since the 1960s.

Two newcomers also achieved notable milestones. Jyot Singh won Georgia's 97th House District with approximately 68 percent, becoming the first Indian American and Sikh American elected to the state legislature. In Texas, Pooja Sethi won the 47th House District with approximately 63 percent, becoming the first Indian American woman elected to the Texas Legislature.

Other significant victories included Nabeela Syed in Illinois and Lisa Kaul in New York, both of whom defeated Republican opponents in state legislative contests.

Overall, Indian American Democrats won 28 of 33 decided state legislative races, while two of six Republicans secured victories. Fifteen of the 30 winners were women, underlining the community's expanding political participation.









India's planned visa overhaul could simplify travel for overseas Indians

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Overseas Indians and foreign visitors could face a simpler visa application process under proposed changes by India's Home Ministry. Officials said Wednesday that the government plans to reduce the number of main visa categories from 13 to nine and cut application form fields by 70 percent. The number of subcategories is also expected to fall from 49 to 23. The proposed changes are part of a review of the Visa Manual, 2019, intended to remove overlapping requirements and make applications easier to complete. The review follows discussions held in August, although the government has not announced when the revised framework will take effect. The changes could make travel arrangements more straightforward for members of the Indian diaspora visiting relatives, attending family events or undertaking business and cultural trips to India.

Phagwara-born doctor's death in UK house fire sparks family dispute and police probe



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The death of a doctor originally from Phagwara in a house fire in England has prompted a police investigation and conflicting accounts from her family and in-laws. The woman, identified as Dr. Shivani, died after the fire broke out at her residence. Her husband, Dilawar Kataria, was rescued and remains in critical condition at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, according to reports. Shivani's father, Dr. K.K. Verma, has alleged domestic harassment and called for an investigation into possible foul play. Kataria's family has denied the allegations, describing the incident as accidental and suggesting that an electrical fault or room heater may have caused the fire. British police and forensic specialists are examining the property. The cause of the fire has not been officially established, and no criminal charges have been reported.

Indian American community plans Atlanta bank to honor Sardar Patel's legacy

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An Indian American community initiative is seeking to establish a new bank in the Atlanta area in honor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of the leading figures of India's independence movement. Community leader Dr. Vasudev Patel said Thursday that the proposed institution, named Iron Man Unity Bank, would feature the Statue of Unity in its branding. Organizers hope to begin operations by April 2027, although regulatory and government formalities are still pending. The announcement coincided with a National Unity Day commemoration at the Indian Consulate in Atlanta, where External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar unveiled a bust of Patel. The Federation



of Gujarati Associations of the United States sponsored the bust, according to Dr. Patel. The proposed bank reflects an effort by members of the Indian American community to honor Patel's legacy through a local institution.

Indian care workers in UK retain five-year route to permanent settlement

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Thousands of Indian nationals working in Britain's social care sector could benefit from the government's decision to retain the five-year pathway to permanent settlement for eligible overseas care workers. Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood told Parliament on Monday that workers who comply with their visa conditions and earn at least 25,000 pounds annually in social care can apply for indefinite leave to remain after five years. Those who do not meet the requirements will be offered another five-year visa, giving them an opportunity to qualify later. The decision follows concerns among migrant workers and employers over an earlier proposal to extend the settlement waiting period to 15 years. Indian nationals form a significant part of Britain's overseas care workforce, making the revised policy particularly relevant to the Indian diaspora.

Indian students and Ontario colleges caught in probe into thousands of aid applications

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A provincial investigation into alleged irregularities involving student financial aid applications has raised concerns for international students, including members of Ontario's Indian student community. More than 8,300 applications to the Ontario Student Assistance Program were traced to three internet protocol addresses, according to court documents cited by provincial officials. The documents allege that more than half of the applications at two private career colleges originated from a single address. The government has also received more than 200 complaints, including allegations that recruiters submitted applications and completed coursework on behalf of students. Ontario has commissioned an audit of payments to private career colleges and referred preliminary findings to the Ontario Provincial Police. The colleges have challenged the suspension of their access to the financial aid program. The allegations have not been established in court.

Indian national jailed in US for laundering money from scams targeting elderly victims

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TUCSON: An Indian national has been sentenced to eight years in prison in the United States for laundering proceeds from fraud schemes that targeted elderly victims. Ahmed Maqbul Syed, 60, received a 96-month sentence Tuesday from United States District Judge John C. Hinderaker after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering. The United States Justice Department said Thursday that he was also ordered to pay approximately $2.4 million in restitution. The schemes involved fraudulent computer warnings and callers posing as technical support workers or government officials. Victims were falsely told their accounts had been compromised and were persuaded to hand over cash, buy gold or gift cards, or deposit money into cryptocurrency machines. The case highlights the legal consequences faced by individuals involved in financial fraud networks operating across communities in the United States.

Punjabi Canadian makes history as Surrey's youngest city councillor

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Suhana Gill, a 20-year-old politician of Punjabi origin, has become the youngest city councillor in Surrey, British Columbia, marking a milestone for youth representation in the city's diverse South Asian community. Gill took the oath of office on Monday and joined the newly elected council led by Mayor Doug McCallum. Elected as a candidate of the Safe Surrey Coalition, Gill campaigned on issues including housing affordability, safety, transportation, infrastructure and greater youth representation. She has also worked with the House of Commons, participated in Canadian Broadcasting Corporation news panels and contributed to nonprofit initiatives.

Brampton resident charged in alleged sexual assaults involving Toronto ride-share passenger

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A 32-year-old Brampton resident has been charged following an investigation into alleged sexual assaults involving a woman passenger in a ride-share vehicle in Toronto. The Toronto Police Service said the incident occurred Saturday night near Yonge Street and Wellesley Street East. Police allege that the driver sexually assaulted the woman during the journey and prevented her from leaving when the vehicle reached its destination. The woman eventually escaped but left her purse inside the vehicle. Investigators allege that the driver then got out and assaulted her again. Sahib Brar faces two counts of sexual assault and one count of forcible confinement. Police believe there may be additional victims and have appealed for information. The charges have not been proven in court.

Indian nationals emerge as largest migrant group in UK over five-year period

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Indian nationals were the largest single nationality group migrating to the United Kingdom between 2021 and 2025, accounting for approximately one million arrivals, according to the University of Oxford's Migration Observatory. Indians represented 24 percent of arrivals from outside the European Union and 18 percent of all migrants during the period. Students and skilled professionals, alongside workers recruited through health and social care routes, contributed to the trend. Indian students were also the largest overseas group entering British universities for the third consecutive academic year in 2024-25, according to figures cited in the report. The findings underline the continuing role of Indian migrants in Britain's education system and workforce.

Belarusian priest sentenced to three years after opposing war in Ukraine

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A Belarusian court has sentenced Roman Catholic priest Anatoly Parakhnevich, 66, to three years in prison following a closed-door trial, the Viasna Human Rights Center said Thursday. He was convicted of "insulting the authorities" and "extremism," charges he denies. Viasna said Parakhnevich, who had openly opposed Russia's war in Ukraine and organized humanitarian aid for Ukrainians, would appeal the verdict. The group has designated him a political prisoner. The priest has been in custody since March and reportedly suffered a heart attack behind bars. His sentencing comes amid a wider crackdown on critics and religious communities under President Alexander Lukashenko. Belarusian opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya described the verdict as politically motivated.

Russian diesel shipments to US face uncertainty as tankers change course

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A plan to bring Russian diesel into the United States faced uncertainty Thursday after two tankers originally bound for the country changed course amid mounting legal and sanctions concerns. President Donald Trump announced an agreement with Russian President Vladimir Putin on October 9 to make more than 300,000 metric tons of Russian diesel available to the United States and other markets. However, no shipment has been confirmed as delivered to the country. Shipping data showed that one tanker had changed its destination to Brazil, while the other had entered the Mediterranean. A third vessel continued across the North Atlantic but replaced New York as its destination with 'for orders,' leaving its final port unclear.



New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill warned port operators against handling the fuel, citing potential legal consequences. The Treasury Department defended its temporary sanctions exemption, while lawmakers from both parties challenged the arrangement. Russian presidential envoy Kirill Dmitriev rejected reports of the diversions, claiming the tankers bound for the United States were continuing toward their destinations.

China backs South Africa's G20 membership after US excludes it from Atlanta meeting

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China on Friday reaffirmed its support for South Africa's participation in G20 activities after the United States excluded Pretoria from the group's foreign ministers' meeting in Atlanta. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun described South Africa as an important G20 member and said it should continue participating in the grouping's activities. Washington had announced last year that it would not invite South Africa to G20 events during its presidency, accusing Pretoria of promoting division and disregarding American objections during its own presidency. South Africa rejected the decision, maintaining that it is a full member of the G20 and should participate in all its structures on equal terms.

Modi to sign India-European Union free trade agreement in December, European Council President António Costa says

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Brussels in December to formally sign the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement, European Council President Antonio Costa announced Thursday in Montreal, Canada. The visit is expected shortly before a meeting of European leaders beginning December 17. India and the European Union concluded negotiations on the agreement in January, marking a major step toward strengthening economic relations between the two sides. The proposed pact will create a market of more than two billion people, representing approximately one-quarter of the global economy. It is expected to provide preferential or duty-free access to the European market for more than 99 percent of Indian exports by value, while expanding cooperation in services and facilitating opportunities for skilled Indian professionals. The agreement must complete the remaining approval and ratification procedures before it can take effect.



Indonesia deploys thousands of security personnel amid wiretapping scandal

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Indonesia deployed thousands of police and military personnel in Jakarta on Thursday as former President Joko Widodo appeared in court in an unrelated defamation case amid a growing wiretapping scandal involving senior security officials. Three police generals have been detained over allegations that President Prabowo Subianto's telephone conversations were illegally intercepted between 2025 and 2026. Police also named a fourth suspect, an official accused of authorizing the deletion of surveillance records. Authorities said 6,770 personnel secured Widodo's court appearance, while more than 20,000 troops had been sent to the capital, mostly held in reserve. Widodo denied allegations that he used a fake university diploma and urged the public to respect the ongoing investigation. Amnesty International called for a broader inquiry into possible surveillance of other officials, journalists and civil society leaders.



Nepal and Bhutan seek dedicated Himalayan climate agenda at COP31

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Nepal and Bhutan have jointly proposed a dedicated agenda on rising temperatures in the Himalayan region at the United Nations climate conference, COP31, scheduled to begin Monday in Antalya, Türkiye. Nepal's Agriculture, Forests and Environment Minister Geeta Chaudhary submitted the proposal on behalf of both countries, seeking international attention to the effects of rising temperatures on mountain ecosystems and communities. The proposal calls for scientific studies, an annual high-level dialogue on mountain climate issues and an action plan to protect Himalayan ecosystems. It also highlights accelerating glacier melt, water insecurity and extreme weather risks. The countries stressed that rivers originating in the Himalayas provide water, food and energy to more than two billion people downstream.

Grynspan maintains lead in race for United Nations secretary-general as UAE candidate makes debut

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Rebeca Grynspan, the Costa Rican head of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, strengthened her lead in the race to become the next United Nations secretary-general after securing 11 positive votes in a Security Council straw poll on Friday. Her support increased by two votes from the previous round, while her negative votes fell to four. However, the latest ballots did not distinguish votes cast by the council's five permanent members, leaving it unclear whether any of the opposition could block her candidacy. United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Lana Nusseibeh received seven positive, six negative and two neutral votes in her first poll, placing fourth. Argentina's Rafael Grossi received nine positive votes, while Guyana's Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett secured eight. The council must recommend a candidate to the General Assembly before current Secretary-General António Guterres' term ends on December 31.



Israel tightens airline security rules following foiled cockpit attack

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Israel has introduced security requirements for airlines following an attack aboard a flydubai flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv in September. Airlines must submit crew details at least 48 hours before departure, provide updates no later than two hours before takeoff and submit a final list at departure. Non-Israeli passengers and crew will be required to complete online information forms before entering the country. The measures followed a security review ordered by PM Netanyahu after an Omani co-pilot allegedly attacked Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar during a flight. Machchhar and passengers helped subdue the attacker, preventing a disaster.

Trump remains open to meeting North Korea's Kim, Rubio says

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US President Donald Trump remains open to meeting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un if discussions could produce meaningful results, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Saturday. Speaking after the G20 foreign ministers' meeting in Atlanta, Rubio emphasized that no meeting had been scheduled and that there was no announcement regarding preparations or a timetable. He said Trump was willing to discuss issues affecting the United States and its allies, including South Korea. Rubio added that the president did not consider meeting another leader a diplomatic concession or an endorsement of that government. Trump and Kim previously held three meetings during Trump's first term, including summits in Singapore and Hanoi.

Rights groups condemn 10-year prison sentences for Pakistani human rights lawyers

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International human rights organizations and activists have condemned the 10-year prison sentences handed to Pakistani lawyers Imaan Mazari-Hazir and her husband, Hadi Ali Chattha, by an anti-terrorism court. The couple was also fined 100k Pakistani rupees each in a case linked to alleged interference with security arrangements during an international cricket team's visit to Pakistan in October 2024. Human Rights Watch called the convictions an escalation of the government's crackdown on civil society and urged authorities to overturn the sentences and release the lawyers. The Baloch National Movement and Baloch Women Forum also criticized the ruling, saying it targeted people defending victims of alleged state abuses and enforced disappearances.

United States and Japan agree to establish missile assembly facility in Japan

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The United States and Japan have agreed to establish a facility in Japan for the final assembly and inspection of Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles, Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi announced Wednesday. The agreement followed his meeting with United States Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Defense Ministers' Meeting-Plus in Cebu, the Philippines. Koizumi described the agreement as a significant step toward strengthening allied missile production in the Indo-Pacific and expanding Japan's defense industrial capacity. The two countries also agreed to share technical information to increase production of the jointly developed Standard Missile-3 Block IIA, a ship-based ballistic missile interceptor. Both initiatives fall under 'Operation Supercharge', which aims to accelerate bilateral missile development and production. Japan has not disclosed the facility's location, industrial partner, construction timeline or expected production capacity.

Hasina vows to return to Bangladesh despite death sentence

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Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has told The Associated Press that she intends to return from exile in India in December, despite a death sentence imposed over her government's 2024 crackdown on protesters. In an email interview received Wednesday, Hasina said she was prepared to face arrest, imprisonment or death upon returning. She fled Bangladesh after a student-led uprising forced her from power in August 2024. A special tribunal sentenced her to death in 2025 for crimes against humanity, a verdict she rejects. The United Nations estimated that nearly 1,400 people were killed during the crackdown. Bangladesh has repeatedly sought her extradition, but India has not handed her over. Hasina has not disclosed how she plans to return.

United States, Japan and South Korea sign agreement to expand Arctic cooperation

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The United States, Japan and South Korea signed a memorandum of cooperation on Friday to strengthen maritime and economic ties in the Pacific Arctic. United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio signed the agreement with Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Atlanta. The agreement establishes a trilateral Arctic-Pacific Partnership and provides for a working group to explore maritime safety, emergency response and potential economic opportunities. Rubio said the three countries would work to keep the Arctic free from coercion and open to peaceful commerce. The ministers also reviewed broader regional security and economic cooperation.

Iran's supreme leader orders immediate response to any enemy threat

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Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has ordered the country's armed forces to respond immediately and effectively to any threat from adversaries, without geographical limitations. In a statement released Saturday following a meeting with senior military commanders, Khamenei said that any renewed military or terrorist attack against Iran must receive a response. He added that Iran's armed forces and people would determine the timing and conditions for ending any renewed conflict. Khamenei also called for stronger military intelligence, improved domestic defense capabilities and the use of advanced technologies. He directed commanders to update the country's target database to include American and Israeli assets. His remarks came amid heightened tensions with Washington and Israel.

China's major Tibet hydropower project raises concerns over earthquake risks

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China's massive hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet has drawn renewed scrutiny over its ability to withstand earthquakes and other natural disasters. A report published by The National Interest cited a magnitude 7.0 earthquake in Tibet on Thursday that killed at least 16 people and damaged hundreds of homes as evidence of the region's geological risks. Construction of the five-station hydropower complex began in July 2025, with an estimated investment of 1.2 trillion yuan, or about $170 billion. The river becomes the Brahmaputra after entering India and flows onward into Bangladesh. The report warned that a major infrastructure failure could have serious consequences for downstream communities, although the earthquake did not occur at the project site.

Jaish-e-Mohammed reportedly turns to artificial intelligence to revive recruitment

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Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed is reportedly using artificial intelligence to produce audio and video clips of its leader, Masood Azhar, in an effort to revive recruitment, according to Indian intelligence officials cited by IANS. Officials allege that the group's recruitment efforts weakened after Operation Sindoor, during which its headquarters in Bahawalpur was struck and several members were killed. With Azhar largely absent from public appearances, potential recruits have reportedly questioned his whereabouts and leadership. Intelligence sources claim the group is



circulating artificially generated clips portraying him as active and urging followers to join its activities. The material is reportedly being tailored for different audiences, including people in rural India. These claims have not been independently verified.

Report raises concerns over Khalistani demonstrations targeting Hindu temples in Canada

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A report by Khalsa Vox has criticized repeated demonstrations by Khalistani supporters outside Hindu temples in Canada, warning that such protests are deepening community tensions and risking the reputation of the wider Sikh community. The report said demands for transparency and justice in the 2023 killing of pro-Khalistan activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar should not be conflated with demonstrations that disrupt religious gatherings and community events. It cited protests outside Lakshmi Narayan Mandir in Surrey, including a confrontation during a consular camp in November



2024 that resulted in three arrests. Four men are facing murder charges in connection with Nijjar's killing. The report also referred to separate United States allegations involving organized crime figures and the killing, while questioning the use of Hindu places of worship as venues for political protests.

Uttar Pradesh medical colleges ordered to keep emergency services running during Diwali and Chhath

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Uttar Pradesh has placed government-run and autonomous medical colleges on high alert during the Diwali and Chhath celebrations, directing affiliated hospitals to maintain emergency services around the clock. The Department of Medical Education issued instructions to ensure the availability of doctors, nurses, essential medicines and equipment amid the risk of fires, road accidents and other emergencies. Emergency departments, trauma centers, intensive care units, burn units, operating rooms and surgical services must remain operational 24 hours a day. Hospitals have also been told to prepare staff rosters, review disaster plans, arrange ambulances and coordinate referrals for critically ill patients.

Delhi traders seek fire safety audits after major Gaffar Market blaze

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The Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh has urged the government to conduct comprehensive fire safety audits of commercial markets following a major blaze at Gaffar Market in Karol Bagh on Friday. The traders' body called for inspections of electrical systems, firefighting equipment and emergency access routes, particularly during the busy festive and wedding season. It also advised traders to avoid electrical overloading, maintain fire extinguishers and keep exits clear. The fire began in a ground-floor shop storing mobile batteries at Chain Wali Gali and spread through a four-story commercial building. Twenty-two fire units were deployed to control the blaze.



Arunachal Pradesh celebrates foundation days of 15 states and union territories

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Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lieutenant General K. T. Parnaik highlighted national unity and cultural exchange during foundation day celebrations at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar on Thursday. The event recognized eight states and seven union territories, including Punjab, Kerala, Haryana, Delhi, Ladakh and Puducherry. Parnaik said India's diversity was strengthened by shared constitutional values and a common national identity. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative, he said such celebrations encourage mutual understanding and closer connections. The program featured traditional dances, music and presentations by students and community groups showcasing the participating regions' cultural heritage.

Agencies warn Shahzad Bhatti network is attempting to recruit young Indians again

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Indian security agencies say they have arrested around 700 people suspected of links to the network of Pakistan-based terrorist Shahzad Bhatti, while warning that the group is attempting to rebuild its operations.

Officials said the network's alleged plans included targeted attacks, surveillance installations and trafficking in drugs and counterfeit currency.

Investigators also reported more than 100 requests to Meta to remove linked Instagram accounts, with new profiles continuing to appear.



According to intelligence officials, the recruitment strategy is shifting from financial incentives toward religious messaging, alongside promises of money and opportunities to settle abroad. The allegations remain under investigation.

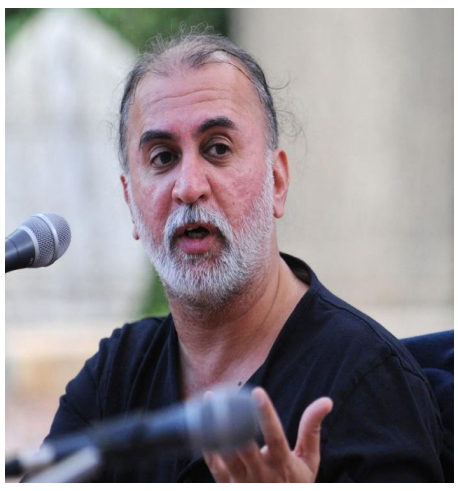
Supreme Court refuses to suspend Tarun Tejpal's 10-year prison sentence

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The Supreme Court on Friday refused to suspend former Tehelka editor-in-chief Tarun Tejpal's 10-year rigorous imprisonment sentence in a 2013 rape case. A bench of Justices M. M. Sundresh and Prasanna B. Varale said it was not inclined to grant relief after considering prosecution evidence, including emails and messages.

Tejpal's lawyers argued that his sentence should be suspended while he appealed his conviction. The Goa government opposed the request.

The Bombay High Court convicted Tejpal in August, overturning his 2021



acquittal by a trial court. The case concerns the sexual assault of a junior colleague inside a hotel elevator in Goa.

Odisha landslide toll rises to seven as rescuers recover five more bodies

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Rescue teams recovered five more bodies from debris in Gidipabali village in Odisha's Ganjam district on Thursday, taking the landslide death toll there to seven.

The victims, identified as Bijaya Pradhan, 25, his wife Bhumika, 27, and their three children, were among those missing after the landslide on October 28. The disaster followed heavy rainfall associated with Cyclone Arnab. Six people remain missing, and teams from the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force and Fire Services continue search operations.

The family chose to perform the victims' last rites at the site, with the administration providing assistance.

Rajasthan Youth Congress suspends 43 leaders over absence from Delhi rally

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The Rajasthan Youth Congress suspended 43 office-bearers on Thursday for failing to attend an opposition rally at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on Sunday.

Those suspended include 12 district presidents and 31 other functionaries, among them state-level office-bearers and secretaries. The organization had assigned its leaders responsibility for mobilizing participants for the event.

According to the suspension orders, the leadership took disciplinary action after reviewing the absences. The district presidents affected represent areas including Rajsamand, Jalore, Bikaner, Baran, Dungarpur and Churu.

The suspensions remain in effect until further instructions from the party leadership.



Delhi Police arrest two Bihar men with counterfeit currency worth 265,100 rupees

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Delhi Police arrested two men from Bihar on Thursday and seized counterfeit currency with a face value of 265,100 rupees during a raid at a guest house in Paharganj, near New Delhi Railway Station. The accused, Dinesh Kumar Jha, 36, and Satish Kumar, 20, allegedly travelled to the capital to sell the fake notes. Police said they planned to exchange counterfeit notes worth 1 lakh rupees for 25,000 to 30,000 rupees in genuine currency but had not found a buyer. Investigators are tracing the alleged supplier and examining whether others were involved.

Lalu Prasad Yadav appears before Siwan court in 2011 election case



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Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad Yadav appeared before a court in Siwan, Bihar, on Friday in a case alleging violation of the Model Code of Conduct during the 2011 Assembly by-election campaign. The court read out the charges and completed the formal process of framing them during a brief hearing. The case relates to allegations that Yadav addressed a public meeting and used loudspeakers without permission in the Daraunda constituency on October 8, 2011. A non-bailable warrant had earlier been issued after he missed court appearances. Proceedings to attach his property were later stayed on health-related grounds.

Muslim cleric urges Humayun Kabir to choose another name for proposed mosque

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Muslim cleric Maulana Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi Barelvi on Thursday urged West Bengal legislator Humayun Kabir not to name his proposed mosque in Murshidabad 'Babri Masjid', warning that it could revive tensions. The All India Muslim Jamaat president said the Ayodhya dispute had ended following the Supreme Court's verdict and called for preserving communal harmony. Kabir, who leads the Aam Janata Unnayan Party, has said construction will begin on December 6 and threatened to block National Highway 34 if authorities intervene. Police and local officials are preparing to prevent possible law and order problems.

Digvijaya Singh accuses BJP of promoting Hindutva rather than Sanatan Dharma

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Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Friday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of promoting Hindutva rather than Sanatan Dharma, claiming the ideology spreads hatred. Speaking to reporters in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district during his 'Satya Sanatan Swabhiman Yatra' from Ujjain to Ayodhya, Singh said Sanatan Dharma stood for respecting all religions and promoting universal welfare. He also criticized the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Vishva Hindu Parishad.



Congress leader Udit Raj separately questioned the interpretation of Hindutva associated with Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, arguing that it could create divisions based on religious identity.

West Bengal bars 205 B.Ed colleges from admitting students for 2026-27

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West Bengal has barred 205 Bachelor of Education colleges from admitting students for the 2026-27 academic year after inspections found they had failed to meet required standards, according to Higher Education Minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay. He said 415 colleges had initially received show-cause notices and 237 were subsequently cleared to admit students after a second inspection. The minister also reported admission suspensions at 14 industrial training institutes, 38 pharmacy colleges and one polytechnic. A teachers' association representative warned that closures could affect students and employees and reduce the supply of qualified teachers. The government said the inspections aimed to improve educational standards.

Akhilesh Yadav's decision to skip 2027 UP Assembly polls draws BJP criticism

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Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav's indication that he will not contest the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections has triggered criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party, while the Congress has defended his decision. During a visit to Varanasi on Tuesday, Yadav was asked whether he would contest the upcoming elections. He replied, "We become chief minister when we do not contest elections. So, we will do what is auspicious for us." He also recalled becoming chief minister in 2012 while serving as a Lok Sabha member. Uttar Pradesh ministers Anil Rajbhar and Om Prakash Rajbhar criticised him, accusing him of avoiding voters. BJP parliamentarian Prakash Pal said Yadav had made the right decision. Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput defended the SP chief, saying he would lead the party's election campaign regardless of whether he contested.

Cabinet approves two-year extension for Agniveers, opens pathway to regular military service

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a two-year extension for Agniveers completing their initial four-year tenure, creating another pathway to regular military service. Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani announced the decision in New Delhi. Under the arrangement, 25 percent of Agniveers will be selected for regular service after four years, while the remaining 75 percent may opt for another two-year engagement. They will then be eligible for regular enrolment, subject to selection criteria. The extension includes higher remuneration, an enhanced Seva Nidhi package and seniority benefits. The Agnipath scheme was introduced in 2022 to recruit younger personnel.

Left leaders divided over growing bonhomie between M. A. Baby and Mamata Banerjee

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The growing cordiality between Communist Party of India (Marxist) General Secretary M. A. Baby and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee has reportedly triggered unease within sections of the Left in West Bengal. The issue gained attention after the INDIA bloc's rally at New Delhi's Ramlila Maidan on Sunday, where both leaders participated. A photograph reportedly showing Baby whispering to Banerjee further fuelled discussions about their changing political relationship. The two parties were bitter political rivals, particularly after Banerjee ended the Left Front's 34-year rule in West Bengal in 2011. While some Left leaders consider cooperation with regional parties necessary to challenge the Bharatiya Janata Party, others fear that closer ties with the Trinamool Congress could weaken the Left's independent identity and alienate grassroots supporters.

Deepotsav celebrations begin in Ayodhya with more than 151,000 lamps

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The 2026 Deepotsav celebrations began in Ayodhya on Thursday, with 151,000 earthen lamps illuminating the banks of the Gomti River near Maa Kamakhya Dham. The event marked the sixth annual celebration at the site, with organizers saying the display surpassed their previous record. Saints, local residents, students and public representatives participated. Ayodhya District Magistrate Shashank Tripathi said a trial prayer ceremony was held ahead of the main Diwali celebrations, with preparations for drone and laser shows also scheduled. In Moradabad, the municipal corporation organized a separate Deepotsav at Ramlila Ground, where 500,000 lamps were lit on Thursday.



Dhanteras celebrations draw devotees to Ujjain temple adorned with Rs 40 lakh in currency

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Thousands of devotees visited Ujjain's historic Gajalakshmi Temple in Madhya Pradesh on Friday to celebrate Dhanteras, where Goddess Lakshmi received a special 501-liter milk abhishek and was adorned with currency decorations worth Rs 40 lakh.

The temple, believed to house a 2,000-year-old idol, witnessed large crowds seeking blessings for wealth and prosperity.

Priest Animesh Sharma said devotees received prasad containing rice grains mixed with turmeric and vermilion, which they could preserve at home or in their businesses.

In Mandsaur, devotees gathered at the ancient Shri Kuber Dham, with visitors arriving as early as 4 a.m. to worship Lord Kuber.

Markets across India also witnessed festive shopping. In Jalandhar, Punjab, Attari Bazaar saw a rush of customers purchasing utensils ahead of Diwali.

The Confederation of All India Traders estimated that Dhanteras could generate more than Rs 1 lakh crore in business nationwide, including over Rs 60,000 crore in gold and silver sales

India launches fresh auctions for 20 critical mineral blocks

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India's Ministry of Mines launched its ninth auction round for 20 critical and strategic mineral blocks on Thursday, alongside a third round offering exploration licenses. Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy launched the initiative, with Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant attending as chief guest.

The blocks contain minerals including graphite, vanadium, gallium, titanium, tungsten and scandium, which are used in clean energy, electric vehicles, defense, aerospace and electronics.

In the previous eight auction rounds, 100 blocks were offered and 64 successfully auctioned. The government has also eased bidding requirements to encourage participation and improve the chances of completing auctions.

Jaishankar urges G20 nations to diversify supply chains and resist trade restrictions

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Saturday called on G20 nations to strengthen global supply chains, protect countries' right to industrialize and resist unfair trade practices, as foreign ministers concluded their meeting in Atlanta. Jaishankar said supply chains faced growing risks from geopolitical conflicts, pandemics and climate-related disruptions, making diversification and wider production networks essential to global economic stability. He urged members to reduce excessive concentration in global manufacturing and prevent the use of finance, natural resources and market access as instruments of political pressure. He also called for keeping markets free from political interference and promoting transparent trade networks involving multiple countries. United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who



hosted the meeting, highlighted the need to keep strategic shipping routes, including the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, open to international commerce. He also called for stronger critical mineral supply chains to support economic and national security. The discussions followed a Quad foreign ministers' meeting involving India, the United States, Japan and Australia. Jaishankar also met Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to discuss the Ukraine conflict, the situation in the Gulf and multilateral issues.

Asian markets fall as artificial intelligence sell-off rattles Wall Street

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Asian stock markets declined Friday after a sharp sell-off in artificial intelligence-related shares sent Wall Street to its worst session since April 2025. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 5.7 percent by midday, while South Korea's Kospi dropped 7.4 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 1 percent, and Hong Kong and Shanghai markets also traded lower. On Thursday, the S&P 500 plunged 4.4 percent, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 3.4 percent and the Nasdaq Composite declined 5.5 percent. Nvidia shares dropped 9.3 percent, while Advanced Micro Devices lost 17.3 percent. Investors are concerned that high borrowing costs, stretched valuations and possible restrictions on data center construction could weaken demand for artificial intelligence chips and related infrastructure.

Oil prices rebound as Gulf shipping risks revive supply concerns

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Global crude oil prices rose for a second consecutive session on Friday as fresh attacks on tankers in the Gulf renewed concerns about disruptions to energy supplies through the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude futures gained 1.76 percent to $100.08 a barrel in early trading, while United States West Texas Intermediate crude rose 1.33 percent to $91.72.

The recovery followed a steep decline earlier in the week. On Wednesday, Brent fell 8.7 percent to $94.62 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate dropped 8.3 percent to $88.12, amid expectations of diplomatic progress following the United States midterm elections.

Prices recovered on Thursday, with Brent settling 3.88 percent higher at $98.29 and West Texas Intermediate gaining 2.72 percent to $90.52.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations reported at least five vessel-related incidents in the Gulf since Sunday, raising concerns about commercial shipping safety. The Strait of Hormuz normally carries about one-fifth of global oil and natural gas supplies. Continued uncertainty over the Iran conflict and negotiations with Washington has kept energy markets volatile.

Carney unveils budget to reduce Canada's economic dependence on the United States

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Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's government unveiled a budget Thursday aimed at strengthening the domestic economy and reducing reliance on the United States as President Donald Trump's trade policies weigh on growth. The plan proposes 142.1 billion Canadian dollars in multiyear spending and tax incentives for investment, infrastructure, energy and culture. The government forecasts economic growth of 1 percent in 2026 and 1.7 percent in 2027, with a deficit of 62.3 billion Canadian dollars for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Measures include a proposed 25 billion Canadian dollar sovereign wealth fund and



7.7 billion Canadian dollars to strengthen the defense industry. Carney also aims to double exports to markets outside the United States by 2035. The budget offers businesses immediate tax deductions for qualifying investments, a measure expected to cost 36 billion Canadian dollars over five years.

United Kingdom announces winter energy relief as Iran conflict drives up costs

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British Treasury chief John Healey announced a winter support package Wednesday to help households and businesses manage rising energy costs linked to the Iran conflict. The measures include a one-time payment of 100 pounds (about $133) for 20 million lower- and middle-income households, an extension of a reduction in electricity sales tax and the removal of a charge on gas bills. The government will finance part of the package by doubling the surcharge on bank profits to 6 percent for 15 months beginning in January. Healey also announced an additional 10 billion pounds in economic and military support for Ukraine. The government's economic forecast projects growth of 1.2 percent in 2026, slowing to 1 percent in 2027 as higher energy costs weigh on the economy.

Russian attacks deepen Ukraine's economic crisis as steel and grain exports suffer

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Russian attacks on Ukraine's industrial facilities, energy infrastructure and export routes are worsening the country's economic crisis, disrupting steel production and agricultural shipments. Kamet Steel, which accounted for more than a quarter of Ukraine's steel output in 2025, closed after five Russian ballistic missiles struck the complex on September 5.

Grain exports have also suffered as attacks on Black Sea ports and shipping routes reduce vessel traffic and raise insurance and transportation costs. Ukraine's central bank has forecast a 0.4 percent economic contraction in 2026, reversing its earlier growth projection, while raising its inflation forecast to 12.5 percent. Kyiv faces a funding shortfall of nearly $25 billion this year and expects a larger gap in 2027, increasing its dependence on European assistance as United States support declines.



Advocacy groups file European complaints against JBS over alleged Amazon deforestation links

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Environmental and human rights groups filed 14 complaints in Europe on Wednesday, alleging that meatpacking giant JBS and financial institutions benefited from proceeds linked to illegal Amazon deforestation. The complaints, submitted in Britain, Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands, seek investigations into JBS's beef supply chain and financial partners. The coalition cited research linking cattle suppliers to properties affected by illegal forest clearing. JBS said it had not received the evidence or methodology and could not assess the allegations.

US mortgage rates fall for third consecutive week



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The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage in the United States fell to 7.18 percent this week, marking its third consecutive weekly decline, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday. The rate was down from 7.24 percent the previous week but remained above the 6.22 percent recorded a year earlier. The average rate on 15-year fixed mortgages also eased, falling to 6.57 percent from 6.60 percent. The decline follows a recent retreat in Treasury yields, which influence mortgage rates. Lower borrowing costs could offer some relief to homebuyers, although elevated prices and interest rates continue to weigh on housing demand.

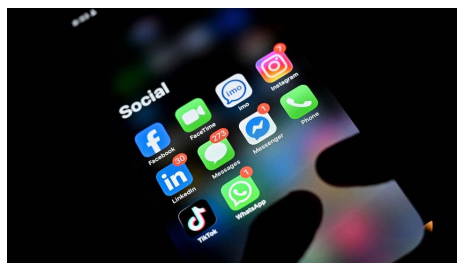
Nintendo reports higher profits despite declining sales

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Nintendo reported an 11 percent increase in net profit for the first half of its fiscal year, although sales declined, the Japanese video game company said Thursday. Profit for the April-September period rose to 220.9 billion yen, while sales fell 12 percent to 966 billion yen. The company sold 6.49 million Switch 2 consoles and 1.27 million original Switch units during the period. Strong digital sales and demand for games, including 'Star Fox' and 'Splatoon Raiders', supported earnings. Nintendo maintained its full-year forecast of 310 billion yen in profit and 2 trillion yen in sales for the fiscal year ending in March 2027.

Google, Meta and TikTok challenge California law restricting social media features for children

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Google, Meta and TikTok have filed separate lawsuits seeking to block a California law restricting social media features considered addictive for users under 16. The companies argue that the legislation violates their First Amendment rights and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in September, the law is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2027. It prohibits platforms from offering features such as personalized feeds, endless scrolling and autoplay videos to children under 16 and requires companies to take reasonable steps to verify users' ages. The lawsuits were filed in federal courts in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Jose. California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office said Thursday that it was reviewing the cases and would defend the law.

JetBlue increases baggage fees again as fuel costs remain high

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JetBlue has raised checked baggage fees for the second time this year, citing higher fuel and operating costs. Under the revised charges, most economy passengers traveling within the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean will pay at least $50 each way for their first checked bag, up from $39. Fees rise to $55 during peak travel periods, including Thanksgiving and the winter holidays. Passengers checking bags within 24 hours of departure may pay as much as $70 for the first bag. The airline also increased second-bag charges. JetBlue said the changes would help offset rising costs while keeping base fares competitive.

Big technology stocks lift Wall Street despite Apple losses

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

Gains in major technology shares helped lift the United States stock market Tuesday, despite declines in Apple and most other stocks. The S&P 500 rose 0.4 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite gained 0.8 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.4 percent. Nvidia advanced 2.3 percent, and Broadcom gained 3.1 percent, while Microsoft, Amazon and Meta Platforms also recorded gains. Apple shares dropped 1.9 percent after the company warned that rising memory-chip costs could reduce its profit margins. The technology sector's recovery followed recent volatility linked to concerns about artificial intelligence valuations. Investors also monitored economic reports and the United States midterm elections.

Toyota raises annual profit forecast despite quarterly earnings decline

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Toyota raised its full-year profit forecast Thursday despite reporting a 19 percent decline in net profit for the July-September quarter. The Japanese automaker earned 759.4 billion yen, down from 932 billion yen a year earlier, while quarterly sales increased to 13.4 trillion yen. Toyota now expects annual profit of 3.57 trillion yen for the fiscal year ending in March 2027, up from its earlier forecast of 3.25 trillion yen. The company cited resilient vehicle sales and a favorable exchange rate, while facing pressure from United States tariffs, higher material costs and supply disruptions. Toyota expects global vehicle sales to reach 9.7 million during the fiscal year.

Anthropic's artificial intelligence development accelerates despite calls for caution

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Anthropic is developing artificial intelligence capabilities nearly twice as fast as it did a year ago, according to an assessment released Thursday by independent research group Model Evaluation and Threat Research. The nonprofit reviewed company data and interviewed employees after receiving access to internal information. Researchers attributed much of the acceleration to artificial intelligence helping develop newer models, although they acknowledged limitations in their findings. Anthropic co-founder Sam McCandlish said the report's conclusions largely matched his own observations but defended withholding some details for commercial and security reasons. The findings come as Chief Executive Dario Amodei has called for slower artificial intelligence development to allow safety measures to keep pace.

India records strong electric vehicle sales despite overall retail decline

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India recorded retail sales of 3.17 million vehicles in October, up 25.05 percent from September but down 23.8 percent from a year earlier, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations. The decline was largely attributed to an unusually strong October 2025, when both Navratri and Diwali fell in the month.

Electric vehicle sales reached a record of approximately 355,000 units, rising 44.88 percent year over year. Commercial vehicle, three-wheeler and tractor sales also recorded their strongest October performances. Passenger vehicle sales fell 14.23

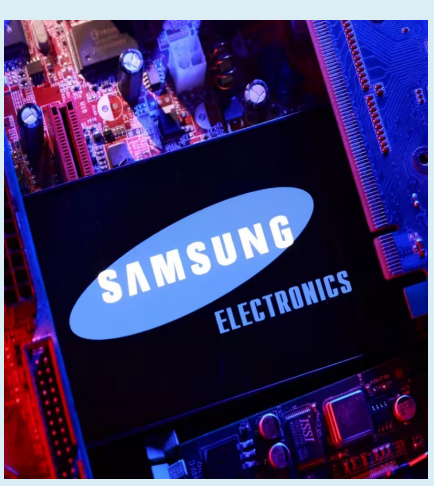


percent, while two-wheeler sales declined 28.35 percent. Dealers reported passenger vehicle inventories of 43 to 45 days.

Samsung partners with India's MSME Ministry to train young workers

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

India's Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises signed a three-year agreement with Samsung India Electronics on Thursday to expand technical training and employment opportunities for young people. The partnership will operate through 15 ministry technology centers and initially target 1,600 trainees in its first year. Training will cover electronics, mobile phones, home appliances, installation, servicing and repairs. Samsung will provide specialized instruction, technical support and training for instructors. Successful participants will receive three-month internships with monthly stipends of 12,000



rupees, along with career guidance and placement assistance. Eligible women and people with disabilities will also receive scholarships.

Australia brings Mike Hussey into coaching team ahead of Ashes and World Cup

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

Australia has appointed former batter Mike Hussey as a consultant coach to strengthen its batting ahead of next year's Ashes series against England and the 2027 One-Day International World Cup. Cricket Australia announced the appointment on Friday as the team looks to address recent struggles, including a 2-1 Test series defeat against South Africa. Hussey, 51, will also advise the national team on the Twenty20 format ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and the subsequent Twenty20 World Cup. His role begins with Australia's upcoming home Twenty20 series against England, followed by preparations for the Test series against New Zealand. Head coach Andrew McDonald welcomed the appointment, citing Hussey's experience across international cricket and coaching.

Cricket fraternity celebrates Virat Kohli's 38th birthday with heartfelt wishes

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

Birthday wishes poured in for Indian cricket star Virat Kohli as he turned 38 on Thursday, with former teammates, fellow players, the Board of Control for Cricket in India and Indian Premier League franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru celebrating his career and achievements.

Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan praised Kohli's passion and hunger for the game, while Suresh Raina called him 'King Kohli' and recalled his memorable cover drives and run chases. Dinesh Karthik and Mohammed Shami also extended their greetings.

BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla lauded Kohli's achievements and fighting spirit, saying they had set new benchmarks for aspiring sportspersons. The BCCI also



highlighted his international record, including 28,601 runs and 86 centuries.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru described Kohli as a defining player of his generation, praising the impact his performances have had on cricket fans.

Kohli, who has retired from Test and Twenty20 International cricket, continues to represent India in the one-day international format. He has scored 15,183 runs in 318 one-day internationals, including 55 centuries.

Curry leads Warriors past Heat for sixth consecutive victory

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Stephen Curry scored 29 points as the Golden State Warriors defeated the Miami Heat 120-100 on Thursday to extend their winning streak to six games. Curry scored 22 points in the second half, including five three-pointers, as Golden State took control after halftime. Draymond Green contributed 11 assists, while Yaxel Lendeborg recorded 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led Miami with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Davion Mitchell added 22 points and eight assists. Bam Adebayo finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds. The Warriors, who began the season with three consecutive losses, have now won six straight.

Infantino praises India's performance at inaugural U-15 World Cup

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has praised India's campaign at the inaugural FIFA Under-15 World Cup and Festival in Azerbaijan, describing the team as "very, very strong" and calling its performance a tournament highlight.

In a video shared on Instagram, Infantino said India had won several matches and emphasized that the competition offered young players an opportunity to learn, enjoy the experience and create lasting memories. Coached by Bibiano Fernandes, India finished 87th among 189 participating nations after playing 10 matches in Baku. The team

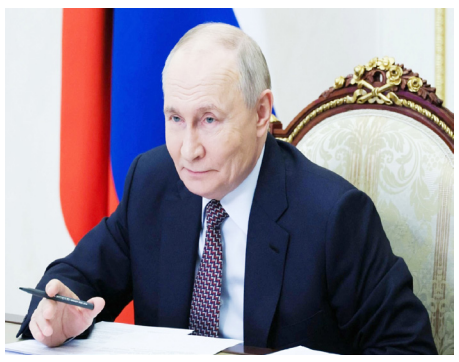


recorded five victories, four defeats and one draw, scoring 6-4 wins over Cuba and victories against Laos, Cameroon, Bahrain and Trinidad and Tobago. India ended its campaign with a win over Cuba in the 87th-place playoff on Thursday. R Lalremruatfela led the team's scoring with nine goals, followed by Lalawmpuia with eight.

Putin accuses nations opposing Russia's sports return of violating athletes' rights

Indous Tribune Newsdesk

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that countries refusing to compete against Russian teams were violating athletes' rights and undermining international sports institutions. His comments followed a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport upholding Russia's appeal against the international ice hockey federation's ban on its teams for the 2026-27 season. Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Latvia and the Czech Republic have indicated they will not play Russia, citing its invasion of Ukraine and security concerns. Canada has also said Russia and Belarus will be excluded from the



upcoming World Junior Championship. Putin described the court and Olympic decisions supporting Russia's return as consistent with the Olympic Charter. The Court of Arbitration for Sport said Thursday that its ruling was based on the evidence submitted, despite the controversy surrounding the decision.

Ballon d'Or winner Harry Kane extends Bayern Munich contract until 2029

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England captain Harry Kane has signed a contract extension with Bayern Munich until June 2029, the German club announced Thursday. The 33-year-old striker joined Bayern from Tottenham Hotspur in 2023 and has scored 156 goals in 161 competitive appearances.

He recently won the Ballon d'Or, becoming the first Englishman to receive the award since Michael Owen in 2001. Kane has helped Bayern secure two Bundesliga titles, the German Cup and two German Super Cups. He said he felt at home in Munich and wanted to continue competing for major trophies, particularly the Champions League. Bayern did not disclose the financial terms of the new agreement.

Jordan cancels Indonesia friendly over regional security concerns

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Jordan's scheduled international friendly against Indonesia next week has been cancelled after the Indonesian Football Association raised concerns about security in the Middle East.

The Jordanian Football Association announced the cancellation on Thursday, saying Indonesia had apologized for withdrawing from the fixture. An Indonesian official told Reuters on Friday that the decision was taken over concerns about the players' safety and psychological well-being.

Jordan confirmed that its friendly against Australia on Tuesday, November 17, in Amman would proceed as scheduled. The matches were intended to help the teams prepare for the Asian Cup, which has been postponed until December next year following attacks in Saudi Arabia. Australia has advised its citizens to reconsider travel to Jordan because of regional security risks.



Hamilton reaches 400 Formula One starts ahead of Brazilian Grand Prix

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Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton will reach 400 Formula One race starts at this weekend's Sao Paulo Grand Prix, marking another milestone in his record-setting career. The 41-year-old British driver made his debut with McLaren in 2007 and has since secured 106 victories and 105 pole positions. He won his first championship in 2008 before claiming six more titles with Mercedes between 2014 and 2020. Now racing for Ferrari, Hamilton said Thursday that he remained motivated and confident in his speed. He also described Brazil as a special place to celebrate the achievement, having been made an honorary citizen in 2022.

Cristiano Ronaldo brings 23-year Portugal career to an end with international retirement

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Cristiano Ronaldo announced Thursday that he will retire from international football after the November international break, bringing an end to a 23-year career with Portugal. The 41-year-old forward said the time had come to hand over the national team's number seven shirt, describing the decision as difficult but necessary. Ronaldo leaves international football with 234 appearances and 146 goals, both records in men's international football. He captained Portugal to its first major international trophy at the 2016 European Championship and later helped the team win the Nations League in 2019 and 2025.



He also became the first player to score at six different World Cups, appearing at the 2026 tournament before Portugal's elimination by Spain in the last 16. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner thanked his family, teammates, coaches and Portuguese supporters for their support throughout his career. The Portuguese Football Federation praised Ronaldo as an inspirational leader and a defining figure in the national team's history.

LIV Golf plans to wind down operations after funding talks collapse

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LIV Golf announced Thursday that it plans to wind down operations after discussions with financial backer BC Partners failed to secure an agreement to keep the breakaway league running. Backed primarily by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, LIV has received more than $5 billion in investment since 2022. Launched in 2021, the league attracted prominent players, including Phil Mickelson, Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau and Dustin Johnson, with lucrative guaranteed payouts.



The league's launch created a major divide in professional golf, drawing players away from the established PGA Tour. However, LIV struggled to secure a long-term United States television partner, limiting its visibility and revenue. Several events were also canceled this year, including its team championship. LIV said an orderly wind-down was the most responsible course under the circumstances.

WTA apologizes after Pegula's private comments about Andreeva reach livestream

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The Women's Tennis Association apologized Thursday after private comments by American player Jessica Pegula about Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva were broadcast during a practice-session livestream ahead of the season-ending WTA Finals. Pegula, speaking with her coach Mark Knowles, described Andreeva as a "diva" and said she needed to be humbled. The association accepted responsibility for failing to tell players and their teams that microphones were active during practice. It subsequently removed the recordings from its YouTube channel, although clips had already circulated online. Pegula's representative said she had not known the conversation was being streamed and had contacted those involved to apologize. The tournament begins Sunday at Indian Wells.

Marseille end Leverkusen's unbeaten Europa League run with away victory

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Olympique Marseille defeated Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 on Thursday, ending the German club's unbeaten start to the Europa League league phase. Amine Gouiri scored the decisive goal in the 77th minute, collecting possession after a Leverkusen turnover before cutting inside Edmond Tapsoba and curling the ball into the far corner. Leverkusen had earlier threatened through Miguel Gutierrez, whose effort struck the crossbar, but struggled to convert its chances.

Tapsoba narrowly missed an opportunity to equalize late in the match. Elsewhere, Benfica beat Lech Poznan 3-1 to maintain its perfect record, while Bournemouth defeated Sparta Prague by the same score. Ferencvaros beat AC Milan 2-0, and Juventus secured a 2-1 victory over AZ Alkmaar.



Harry Kane extends Bayern Munich contract through 2029

Harry Kane has signed a contract extension with Bayern Munich until June 2029, the German club announced Thursday, days after the England captain won the Ballon d'Or. The 33-year-old striker joined Bayern from Tottenham Hotspur in 2023 and has scored 156 goals in 161 competitive appearances. He has helped the club win two Bundesliga titles, the German Cup and two German Super Cups. Kane said he was happy in Munich and eager to win more trophies with Bayern.



Azam Khan criticizes Babar Azam's fans over online abuse

Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Azam Khan has criticized abusive behavior among Babar Azam's supporters, describing parts of the fanbase as "toxic and uneducated." Speaking on the Backward Point Cricket Podcast, he recalled receiving an Instagram message threatening his parents during an international match in Ireland while batting alongside Babar. Azam also rejected criticism over Pakistan's 2024 Twenty20 World Cup exit, saying he played one match and faced only one ball. He clarified that his remarks targeted fan behavior, not Babar's cricket.



Alcaraz advances to Paris Masters quarterfinals after Berrettini withdraws

Carlos Alcaraz advanced to the Paris Masters quarterfinals by walkover on Thursday after Matteo Berrettini withdrew from their third-round match because of persistent arm pain. The Italian said he would undergo medical tests to determine the cause. Alcaraz, who defeated American Alex Michelsen in his opening match, will face either France's Arthur Fils or American Taylor Fritz next. The Spaniard is pursuing his fifth title of the season after winning the Australian Open, Qatar Open, Japan Open and Vienna Open.

Saif Ali Khan recalls son Jeh's touching gesture after knife attack

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Actor Saif Ali Khan has opened up about how the knife attack at his Mumbai residence in January 2025 affected his family, particularly his younger son, Jeh. Appearing on 'Koffee with Karan' alongside his wife, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Saif recalled that Jeh gave him a plastic sword and asked him to use it if the intruder returned. The actor said the incident unfolded in front of his young son, who continued to see him as a protector. Saif recalled confronting the attacker, who was standing near Jeh, and suffering multiple stab injuries, including wounds to his neck and back. He also described how he and a household employee considered retrieving decorative swords to check for other intruders, but Kareena insisted that he go to the hospital. Kareena revealed that the frightening experience affected her sleep for nearly six months.

Anupam Kher celebrates 'Ramayana' taking Indian cinema to the global stage

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Veteran actor Anupam Kher has expressed pride in seeing Indian cinema and culture reach audiences worldwide with the release of 'Ramayana'. On Thursday, Kher shared a video message on Instagram from Stockholm, Sweden, where he attended the film's international premiere. He congratulated director Namit Malhotra, the cast, producers and technical crew, wishing the team success as the mythological epic reached theaters across the world.



Kher said he had received encouraging messages from people across India, including acquaintances who had not contacted him in years. He added that audiences were appreciating the film's grand scale, subject and performances. The actor also expressed particular pride in his contribution as the voice of Jatayu, describing the character as one of the film's highlights. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, 'Ramayana' brings the story of Lord Rama and Ravana to a global audience.

Dolly Parton's manager moves to withdraw complaint against her nephew

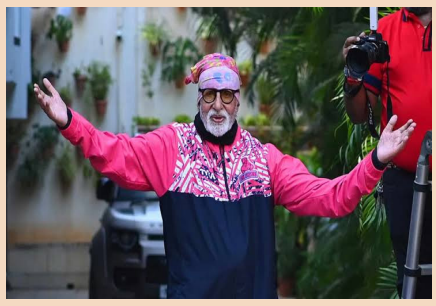
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Dolly Parton's longtime manager, Danny Nozell, moved Thursday to withdraw a complaint accusing the late singer's nephew, Bryan Seaver, of threatening her estate and its employees. The move followed an agreement between the parties, although the terms were not disclosed. Nozell had obtained a temporary restraining order in September after alleging that Seaver threatened to destroy the estate's brand. Seaver, who previously handled Parton's security, denied making threats and described the messages cited in the complaint as private exchanges during a dispute over more than $250,000 in unpaid security work. The proposed dismissal is without prejudice, allowing the complaint to be filed again.

Amitabh Bachchan shares fascinating story about Sara Ali Khan's great-grandmother

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Amitabh Bachchan shared an interesting piece of Sara Ali Khan's family history during an episode of the television quiz show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'. Recalling an encounter from decades ago, the veteran actor revealed that Sara's great-grandmother, Sajida Sultan, used to drive a white open-top Jaguar around Delhi at a time when it was unusual for women to be behind the wheel.



Sajida Sultan, who belonged to the former royal family of Bhopal, was the mother of legendary Indian cricket captain Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, popularly known as Tiger Pataudi. Sara appeared surprised by the revelation and admitted she had never heard the story. Bachchan also complimented the Pataudi family's distinctive eyes, saying he had always admired the feature, which he had noticed across generations, from Tiger Pataudi to Sara. The conversation offered a glimpse into the family's royal history.

Salman Khan faces criticism over romantic song in Galwan-inspired film 'Maatrubhumi'

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Salman Khan has faced considerable criticism on social media following the release of 'Teri Sexy Beauty', a romantic song from his upcoming film 'Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace'. Released on Wednesday, the track features Khan and Chitrangda Singh in a flirtatious sequence, with Khan returning to playback singing after 11 years. Muskaan also lends her voice, while Sajid Khan provides additional vocals. Several viewers questioned the song's suitability for a film inspired by the 2020 Galwan Valley clash, in which 20 Indian soldiers, including Colonel Bikkumalla Santosh Babu, lost their lives. Critics took issue with its



lyrics and presentation, with some questioning the film's musical direction and urging Khan to reconsider his career choices. However, other fans defended the track and welcomed his return to singing. Khan portrays an Army officer, while Singh plays his wife. The film was earlier titled 'Battle of Galwan'.

Appeals court allows 'The Pitt' lawsuit over alleged 'ER' similarities to proceed

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A California appeals court ruled Wednesday that a lawsuit alleging HBO's medical drama 'The Pitt' is an unauthorized reboot of 'ER' can move forward.

The three-judge panel unanimously upheld an earlier decision rejecting Warner Bros. Television's request to dismiss the case, finding sufficient similarities between the two series.

However, the court removed actor Noah Wyle and producers John Wells and R. Scott Gemmill as defendants, citing a lack of evidence that they knew about the contractual restrictions at the center of the dispute. The lawsuit was filed by Sherri Crichton, widow of 'ER' creator Michael Crichton. The ruling does not establish copyright infringement.

Bengaluru engineer arrested for allegedly threatening Bollywood actors

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Mumbai police arrested a 30-year-old Bengaluru-based information technology engineer on Wednesday for allegedly sending extortion threats to Bollywood actors Ayushmann Khurrana, Tusshar Kapoor and other celebrities. The accused, identified as Vaibhav Mishra, allegedly posed as an associate of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang while sending threatening audio messages and demanding money. Police said preliminary investigations found no evidence linking him to the gang. The threats reportedly included a demand for 5 crore rupees from Kapoor. The arrest followed complaints from actors who received the messages. Investigators are examining whether Mishra sent similar threats to other members of the film industry.

Ranbir Kapoor says lack of praise is a generational tradition in the Kapoor family

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Actor Ranbir Kapoor has spoken about a family tradition in which fathers rarely praised their sons, even after major professional achievements. During an appearance on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' with Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir recalled an anecdote involving his grandfather, actor and filmmaker Raj Kapoor, and his great-grandfather, Prithviraj Kapoor. He said he had read the story in a book about Raj Kapoor written by his aunt, Ritu Nanda. According to the anecdote, when Raj asked why his father never appreciated his success, Prithviraj told him about a young rope performer whose father always said there was room for improvement. He explained that constant praise could distract the boy from his goals.

Lady Gaga, Shakira and Jack White lead 2027 Songwriters Hall of Fame nominees

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Lady Gaga, Shakira, Pink, Boy George, Jack White and Sia are among the prominent artists nominated for the 2027 Songwriters Hall of Fame class. The nominees, announced Thursday, also include Vince Gill, Ne-Yo, Blondie members Debbie Harry and Chris Stein, and several influential songwriting and production teams. The list recognizes both performing and nonperforming songwriters, including creators behind hits recorded by Whitney Houston, Adele, Beyoncé and Rihanna. Eligible voting members can select up to three nominees in each category, with ballots due by December 14.

Alexander the Great biography wins prestigious Baillie Gifford nonfiction prize

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Edmund Richardson's biography 'Alexander: God, King, Man' won the prestigious Baillie Gifford Prize for nonfiction at a ceremony in London on Wednesday. Richardson, a classics professor at Durham University, received the £50,000 award, worth approximately $67,000, for his account of the ancient Macedonian ruler. The judges praised the book for its immersive storytelling and extensive original research, including translations of ancient sources in 12 languages. Richardson spent a decade researching Alexander, who became king at 20, conquered territories stretching from Greece to India and died at 32. The book was selected from more than 350 entries and six finalists.

Salon announces closure after 31 years as influential online magazine

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Salon, one of the internet's early influential digital publications, announced Thursday that it will shut down after 31 years. Known for its liberal perspective and coverage of politics, culture and social issues, the online magazine said changing business conditions had made independent digital journalism increasingly difficult. A spokesperson confirmed that 19 full-time employees and several contractors were affected. Founded by David Talbot in the 1990s, Salon became a platform for distinctive commentary and journalism, featuring writers including Jake Tapper and Glenn Greenwald. The publication thanked readers for supporting its work and said its extensive online archives would remain accessible for now.

'General Hospital' sets Daytime Emmy record as Scott Clifton and Tamara Tunie win acting honors

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'General Hospital' won outstanding daytime drama at the 53rd Daytime Emmy Awards on Friday, securing the honor for a record 19th time and sixth consecutive year. Scott Clifton of 'The Bold and the Beautiful' won outstanding lead actor, while Tamara Tunie of 'Beyond the Gates' received the lead actress award. Roger Howarth and Beth Maitland won supporting acting honors for 'The Young and the Restless'. Veteran 'General Hospital' actress Genie Francis received the Lifetime



Achievement Award. Other winners included Kelly Clarkson for daytime talk series and Sherri Shepherd for talk show host. The ceremony took place at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.

'Heat' director Michael Mann injured in accidental gun discharge at Los Angeles range

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Filmmaker Michael Mann, known for 'Heat' and 'Collateral', sustained a superficial injury after a firearm accidentally discharged at a sanctioned gun range in Los Angeles on Saturday. The 83-year-old director was taken to a hospital, treated and later released, his representative confirmed Sunday. The weapon reportedly discharged while holstered. Mann has been an experienced target shooter for decades. Despite the incident, he remains active in Hollywood. His most recent directorial



project was 'Ferrari', starring Adam Driver. He is also developing a sequel to 'Heat', which is expected to begin filming early next year.

Heidi Klum becomes gruesome severed hand for 25th annual Halloween party

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Heidi Klum marked the 25th anniversary of her famous Halloween party in New York on Saturday with another elaborate transformation, appearing as a giant, gruesome severed hand. The supermodel and television personality was almost unrecognizable, with only her eyes and mouth visible beneath the elaborate prosthetics. Blood dripped from her mouth, while the top of the costume featured dangling ligaments and tendons. A group of assistants dressed in blood-stained protective suits accompanied her. Klum said the costume took five to six hours to put on and was particularly difficult to carry because of its weight. Her husband, musician Tom Kaulitz, was absent because of a tour.

Russell Brand convicted of rape and sexual assault in United Kingdom

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British comedian and actor Russell Brand was convicted Thursday of rape and sexual assault involving four women following a trial at Southwark Crown Court in London. The 51-year-old was found guilty of one count of rape and three counts of sexual assault relating to incidents between 2004 and 2009. He was acquitted of two other rape charges and one count of attempted indecent assault. Brand denied all the allegations during the trial. Judge Joel Bennathan said he would receive a significant prison sentence when sentencing takes place Monday. The court rejected his bail request, and he was taken into custody after the verdict.

Celebrated San Francisco Symphony conductor Herbert Blomstedt dies at 99 after seven-decade career

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Renowned conductor Herbert Blomstedt, who led the San Francisco Symphony from 1985 to 1995 and held prominent positions with orchestras across Europe, died Wednesday at his home in Gothenburg, Sweden.

He was 99. His career spanned more than seven decades, with leadership roles in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany.

Blomstedt received Grammy Awards for recordings with the San Francisco Symphony, including Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana' and Brahms' 'A German Requiem.'

His final performance was with the San Francisco Symphony in May, when he conducted Mahler's Ninth Symphony. He had continued accepting engagements into 2027.

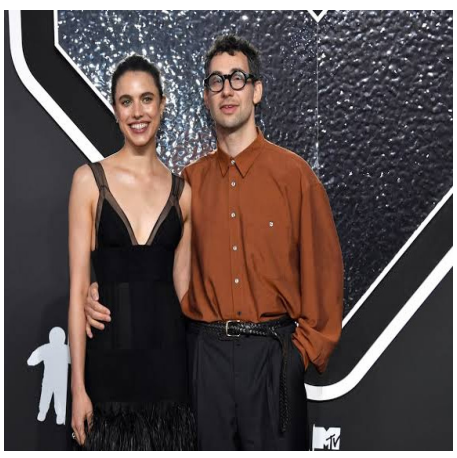
Margaret Qualley and Jack Antonoff file for divorce after three years of marriage

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Actor Margaret Qualley and Grammy-winning musician and producer Jack Antonoff have filed for divorce after three years of marriage, according to court records. The uncontested case was filed Friday in Kings County Supreme Court in Brooklyn, New York, with Qualley listed as the plaintiff and Antonoff as the defendant.

The couple reportedly separated in July. They began dating in 2021 and married in August 2023.

Qualley, 32, is known for films including 'The Substance' and 'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood'. Antonoff,



42, has won 14 Grammy Awards and worked with artists including Taylor Swift, Lana Del Rey and Sabrina Carpenter. He is also a member of Bleachers.

Prosecutors drop felony strangulation charge against rapper Rick Ross

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Prosecutors have dropped a felony battery by strangulation charge against rapper Rick Ross in a domestic violence case in Miami Beach, citing insufficient evidence. The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office filed the paperwork Thursday, about a month after the rapper's arrest. Ross, whose legal name is William Roberts II, still faces a misdemeanor domestic violence battery charge. He has pleaded not guilty and maintains his innocence.

The allegations stem from an incident in August involving a woman who told police that Ross had struck



and choked her. His attorney said Friday that the rapper would continue defending himself against the allegations.

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

स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर, थानेसर

शीतला माता मंदिर, गुरुग्राम से धर्मक्षेत्र कुरुक्षेत्र तक—भगवान शिव की प्राचीन उपासना, पांडवों की मान्यताएं और सम्राट हर्षवर्धन की ऐतिहासिक विरासत की यात्रा

आंध्र प्रदेश, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, असम, बिहार, छत्तीसगढ़, गोवा और गुजरात के प्रमुख मंदिरों की यात्रा के बाद **IndoUS Tribune** की "भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा" अब हरियाणा में आगे बढ़ रही है। हरियाणा अध्याय के पहले पड़ाव में हमने पंचकूला स्थित माता मनसा देवी मंदिर की शक्ति उपासना को जाना, दूसरे पड़ाव में कुरुक्षेत्र के पवित्र ब्रह्म सरोवर की धार्मिक महत्ता को समझा और तीसरे पड़ाव में गुरुग्राम के प्रसिद्ध शीतला माता मंदिर की लोक आस्था और परंपराओं से परिचित हुए। अब इस यात्रा का चौथा पड़ाव है थानेसर स्थित प्राचीन स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर, जो भगवान शिव की उपासना, महाभारत की मान्यताओं और प्राचीन वर्धन राजवंश के इतिहास से जुड़ा हुआ है।



स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर, थानेसर — इतिहास, पौराणिक मान्यताएं और शिवभक्ति

भगवान शिव के नाम पर बसा थानेसर

हरियाणा के कुरुक्षेत्र जिले के प्राचीन नगर थानेसर में स्थित स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर भगवान शिव को समर्पित एक महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थस्थल है। 'स्थानेश्वर' नाम का अर्थ है—स्थान के ईश्वर अर्थात भगवान शिव। माना जाता है कि इसी मंदिर के नाम से इस नगर की पहचान थानेसर के रूप में विकसित हुई।

हिंदू धार्मिक परंपरा में भगवान शिव को यहां स्थानु स्वरूप में पूजा जाता है। कुरुक्षेत्र आने वाले श्रद्धालुओं के लिए इस मंदिर के दर्शन को विशेष महत्व दिया जाता है। हरियाणा पर्यटन विभाग के अनुसार, कुरुक्षेत्र की तीर्थयात्रा इस मंदिर के दर्शन के बिना अधूरी मानी जाती है।

महाभारत और पांडवों से जुड़ी मान्यता

स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर से जुड़ी सबसे प्रसिद्ध मान्यता महाभारत काल की है। स्थानीय धार्मिक परंपरा के अनुसार, महाभारत युद्ध शुरू होने से पहले भगवान श्रीकृष्ण और पांडवों ने यहां भगवान शिव की पूजा-अर्चना की थी और युद्ध में विजय का आशीर्वाद मांगा था।

मान्यता है कि पांडवों ने यहां शिवलिंग की स्थापना कर अभिषेक और पूजा की थी। इस कथा के कारण मंदिर का संबंध धर्म, कर्तव्य और भगवान शिव के आशीर्वाद से जोड़ा जाता है।

यह कथा धार्मिक परंपराओं का हिस्सा है और मंदिर की आस्था को विशेष पहचान देती है।

वर्धन राजवंश और सम्राट हर्षवर्धन का संबंध

स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर का महत्व केवल धार्मिक नहीं, बल्कि ऐतिहासिक भी है। प्राचीन काल में थानेसर पुष्यभूति अथवा वर्धन राजवंश की राजधानी था। इस राजवंश के प्रमुख शासकों में सम्राट हर्षवर्धन का नाम विशेष रूप से उल्लेखनीय है, जिन्होंने सातवीं शताब्दी में उत्तर भारत के बड़े भूभाग पर शासन किया।

ऐतिहासिक परंपराओं के अनुसार, वर्धन राजवंश के शासक भगवान शिव के उपासक थे और स्थानेश्वर महादेव उनके आराध्य देवता माने जाते थे। प्रसिद्ध संस्कृत कवि बाणभट्ट की रचना हर्षचरित में तत्कालीन थानेसर की प्रतिष्ठा और उसके धार्मिक-सांस्कृतिक जीवन का वर्णन मिलता है। इस प्रकार यह मंदिर उस समय की धार्मिक आस्था और राजकीय परंपरा के बीच संबंध का महत्वपूर्ण उदाहरण है।



मंदिर का पुनर्निर्माण और स्थापत्य

मध्यकाल में उत्तर भारत के अनेक प्राचीन मंदिरों की तरह स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर को भी समय के साथ क्षति पहुंची। बाद के काल में मराठा शासकों और सेनानायकों के संरक्षण में कुरुक्षेत्र क्षेत्र के कई मंदिरों का जीर्णोद्धार कराया गया। स्थानेश्वर मंदिर के वर्तमान स्वरूप को भी मराठा काल के पुनर्निर्माण से जोड़ा जाता है।

मंदिर की बनावट में क्षेत्रीय स्थापत्य शैली दिखाई देती है। इसका गुंबदाकार स्वरूप, ऊंचा शिखर और गर्भगृह में स्थापित प्राचीन शिवलिंग इसकी विशेष पहचान हैं।

पवित्र सरोवर और गुरु तेग बहादुर जी की स्मृति

मंदिर के पास स्थित पवित्र जलकुंड भी श्रद्धालुओं के लिए विशेष महत्व रखता है। एक स्थानीय कथा के अनुसार, राजा वेण अथवा राजा बाण नामक शासक त्वचा रोग से पीड़ित थे और इस कुंड के जल के संपर्क में आने से उन्हें रोग से मुक्ति मिली थी। यह धार्मिक लोकविश्वास है; इसे किसी चिकित्सकीय उपचार का विकल्प नहीं समझना चाहिए।

मंदिर के निकट एक गुरुद्वारा भी स्थित है, जो सिखों के नौवें गुरु, श्री गुरु तेग बहादुर जी की इस क्षेत्र में यात्रा और स्मृति से जुड़ा माना जाता है। यह स्थान क्षेत्र की साझा धार्मिक और सांस्कृतिक विरासत का भी परिचय देता है।

धार्मिक आयोजन और श्रद्धालुओं की आस्था

महाशिवरात्रि और सावन के महीने में मंदिर में विशेष पूजा-अर्चना होती है। इन अवसरों पर हरियाणा, पंजाब और आसपास के राज्यों से बड़ी संख्या में श्रद्धालु भगवान शिव के दर्शन के लिए पहुंचते हैं।

स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर कुरुक्षेत्र के उन प्रमुख तीर्थस्थलों में शामिल है, जहां धार्मिक आस्था के साथ इतिहास और संस्कृति का भी अनुभव होता है।

हरियाणा की धार्मिक विरासत का चौथा पड़ाव

स्थानेश्वर महादेव मंदिर भगवान शिव की प्राचीन उपासना, महाभारत से जुड़ी मान्यताओं और सम्राट हर्षवर्धन के ऐतिहासिक काल की यादों को एक साथ जोड़ता है। यह मंदिर इस बात का उदाहरण है कि किस प्रकार भारत के धार्मिक स्थल सदियों से हमारी आस्था, इतिहास और सांस्कृतिक पहचान को संजोए हुए हैं।

IndoUS Tribune की "भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा" का उद्देश्य ऐसे ही महत्वपूर्ण तीर्थस्थलों के माध्यम से भारत की समृद्ध आध्यात्मिक और ऐतिहासिक विरासत को पाठकों तक पहुंचाना है।

अगला पड़ाव — भीमा देवी मंदिर परिसर, पिंजौर

हरियाणा में हमारी आध्यात्मिक यात्रा का अगला पड़ाव होगा पिंजौर स्थित प्राचीन भीमा देवी मंदिर परिसर। यह पुरातात्विक और धार्मिक दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण स्थल अपनी प्राचीन मंदिर स्थापत्य कला और ऐतिहासिक अवशेषों के लिए प्रसिद्ध है। अगले लेख में हम इसके इतिहास, मंदिर परिसर की विशेषताओं और हरियाणा की प्राचीन धार्मिक विरासत में इसके स्थान को जानेंगे।

IndoUS Tribune की "भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा" में अगले सप्ताह मिलते हैं—हरियाणा के एक और ऐतिहासिक एवं धार्मिक स्थल, भीमा देवी मंदिर परिसर, पिंजौर में।

महाभारत की महान गाथा

शान्तनु और गंगा की कहानी



आज से हम महाभारत की महान गाथा आरम्भ करने जा रहे हैं. महाभारत जैसा की नाम में ही निहित है, एक महान भारत की कहानी है. यह उस भरत वंश की संतानों की कहानी है, जोकि दुष्यन्त और शकुन्तला के पुत्र थे. उन्हीं के नाम पर हमारा देश भारत कहलाया. यह एक ऐसे देश के इतिहास की कहानी है, जिसमें भीष्म जैसे महानायक पैदा हुए. यह एक ऐसे परिवार की कहानी है, जिसमें परिवारों में केवल प्रेम ही नहीं, बल्कि आम परिवारों की तरह कलह और द्वेष भी था. इसमें एक अन्धे राजा रानी का अपनी सन्तान के प्रति अन्धामोह भी है. इसमें भगवान कृष्ण भी हैं और विदुर जैसे निष्पक्ष ज्ञानी भी हैं. यहाँ कृष्ण जैसे समृद्ध राजा भी है, तो सुदामा जैसे गरीब ब्राह्मण भी हैं. और साथ ही है, उनकी अद्भुत मित्रता, जिसका दूसरा कोई उदाहरण नहीं मिलता. इसमें पारिवारिक दुश्मनी की चरम सीमा भी नज़र आती है, तो करण का अपने मित्र के प्रति बिना किसी शर्त पर आधारित, एक अतुलनीय पूर्ण समर्पण भी, दिखाई पड़ता है. इसमें जुआ भी है, स्त्री को दाँव पर लगा हार जाने की लज्जा जनक कथा भी है. इसमें अतुलनीय योद्धा भी हैं, तो इसमें लाचार और हारे हुए पति भी हैं, जो सबको कुछ होने पर भी, हार की विवशता से कमजोर, सिर पर हाथ धरे दिखाई पड़ते हैं.

यह एक ऐसे अर्जुन की कहानी है, जो विश्व का सबसे बलशाली धनुर्धारी होने के बावजूद, युद्ध से इंकार कर देता है. तो इसमें उसका एक सकुशल सारथी (कृष्ण) भी है, जिसने न केवल अर्जुन के घोड़ों की लगाम सँभाली, बल्कि मानवता के मन के निराश घोड़ों की, लगाम भी सँभाली. यह कहानी विश्व के सबसे सुसंस्कृत देश भारत की है, जिसने विश्व को मर्यादित ढंग से जीवन जीना सिखाया. पारिवारिक कलह में भी, किस तरह सन्तुलन बनाया जा सकता है, यह कला भारत के गौरवशाली इतिहास ने, विश्व के सम्मुख एक उदाहरण के रूप में रखी.

आख़िर यह कहानी कहाँ से आरम्भ हुई? यह कहानी शान्तनु और गंगा की प्रेम कहानी से आरम्भ होती है. हस्तिनापुर का राजा शान्तनु एक दिन शिकार के लिए निकला, तो उसे एक गंगा नदी के किनारे एक अप्सरा जैसी सुंदर स्त्री, जिसका नाम भी गंगा था, दिखाई पड़ी. राजा अपनी सुध बुध भूल बैठा. शान्तनु उसके सौंदर्य पर मोहित हो गया. वास्तव में गंगा ब्रह्मलोक की एक बेटी थी, जो एक शापवश, धरती पर विचरण कर रही थी. राजा शान्तनु से जब रहा नहीं गया, तो वह गंगा के समीप जा, अपना प्रेम निवेदन करने लगे. गंगा को भी शान्तनु पसन्द आ गए.

थोड़ी देर बातचीत के बाद, शान्तनु ने गंगा के सम्मुख विवाह का प्रस्ताव रख दिया. गंगा ने प्रस्ताव स्वीकार करते समय, एक शर्त सामने रख दी. शर्त यह थी कि, विवाह के बाद, गंगा जो भी करेगी, उस पर शान्तनु, कभी प्रश्न नहीं उठायेंगे. शान्तनु को यह शर्त बड़ी साधारण लगी. गंगा ने यह भी जोड़ दिया कि, जिस दिन शान्तनु उसे किसी काम करने से रोक देंगे, ठीक उसी दिन, वह उन्हें छोड़ कर चली जाएगी. शान्तनु प्रेम में इतने डूबे हुए थे कि, उन्होंने थोड़ा विचार कर, हर शर्त की स्वीकृति दे दी. इसके बाद वह गंगा को अपने साथ महल में ले आए और उसके साथ विधिवत विवाह सम्पन्न कर लिया.

उनका दाम्पत्य जीवन बड़े आनन्द से गुज़रने लगा. लगभग दो वर्ष के बाद, उनके घर एक पुत्र का जन्म हुआ. चारों ओर ख़ुशी की लहर दौड़ गई. कुछ दिन बाद, एक दिन, गंगा अपने पुत्र को गोद में लिए, अकेली गंगा नदी की ओर निकल पड़ी. राजा शान्तनु ने उसे देखा, लेकिन कारण नहीं पूछा. वह अपनी शर्त से बँधे थे. सेवकों को पीछे भेज दिया कि, पता करो, गंगा करती क्या है? सेवकों ने देखा कि, गंगा ने अपने पुत्र को गंगा नदी में बहा दिया था. जब राजा तक यह समाचार पहुँचा, तो शान्तनु को, मन ही मन बहुत बुरा लगा. लेकिन वह प्रश्न करने की स्थिति में नहीं थे.

एक वर्ष के बाद, गंगा ने फिर एक पुत्र को जन्म दिया. और कुछ दिन पश्चात उसे भी चुपचाप गंगा में बहा आईं. ऐसा करते करते दिन, महीने, वर्ष बीतने लगे. शान्तनु के घर एक एक करके सात पुत्र जन्मे और सातों को गंगा ने चुपचाप गंगा में बहा दिया. शान्तनु को इससे मन ही मन बड़ी पीड़ा होने लगी. मन में हज़ारों प्रश्न जन्म लेने लगे , लेकिन वह एक ऐसी शर्त से बंधे थे, कि पत्नी के इस कृत्य के लिए उससे कुछ पूछ नहीं सकते थे. मन का द्वन्द चरम सीमा पर जा पहुँचा था.

अगले वर्ष गंगा ने आठवें पुत्र को जन्म दिया. जब गंगा इस पुत्र को भी, गंगा नदी की ओर ले जाने लगी, तो शान्तनु अपने आप को रोक नहीं पाए. शान्तनु ने गंगा से बड़े दुखी मन से कहा, तुम कैसी माँ हो? जो अपनी नवजात सन्तान को चुपचाप गंगा में बहा देती हो? तुम्हें पीड़ा नहीं होती? तुम्हारा वात्सल्य तुम्हें धिक्कारता नहीं? गंगा वहीं रुक गई, थोड़ा मुस्कुराने लगी. सहज होकर बोली, राजन आज आपने अपना वचन तोड़ दिया. आपने इस पुत्र को तो बचा लिया है. लेकिन अब मैं आपको इनका रहस्य बताती हूँ. मैं गंगा, ब्रह्मा जी की बेटी, एक श्रापवश धरती पर भेजी गई थी. और यह आठ पुत्र भी ब्रह्मलोक के वसु थे, इन्हें भी धरती पर जन्म लेने का श्राप था. मुझे इन्हें इस श्राप से मुक्त कराना था. इसीलिए मैंने वही किया, जो नियति में निर्धारित था. यह आठवाँ पुत्र अब श्राप मुक्त नहीं हो पाया. यह आपका बेटा बन कर जियेगा. इसे मैं इच्छामृत्यु का वरदान देती हूँ. जब तक यह नहीं चाहेगा, इसकी मृत्यु नहीं होगी. मैं इसको देवव्रत नाम प्रदान करती हूँ. साथ ही चूँकि यह मेरी कोख से जन्मा है, इसे जगत गंगापुत्र के नाम से भी जानेगा.

यह सब कहानी सुन शान्तनु प्रसन्न भी हुए और दुखी भी. प्रसन्न इसलिए कि, उन्होंने एक पुत्र को बचा लिया था, साथ ही दुखी इसलिए कि, उन्होंने गंगा को दिया वचन तोड़ दिया था. उसी दुखी मन से, वह गंगा से क्षमा माँगने लगे. लेकिन गंगा ने कहा, राजन अब मैं श्राप मुक्त हो गई हूँ. अब मुझे ब्रह्मलोक लौटना पड़ेगा. मैं अब आपके साथ नहीं रह सकती. इस नवजात शिशु को मैं अपने साथ लिए जा रही हूँ. अभी इसे माँ की आवश्यकता है. कुछ वर्षों में, मैं वापस लौट कर आऊँगी, और आपके पुत्र को आप को लौटा जाऊँगी. यह कह कर गंगा और उसका बेटा दोनों अंतर्ध्यान हो गए.

राजा शान्तनु महल में उदास लौट आए. अब उनका मन राजकाज में भी नहीं लगता था. निरन्तर गंगा की याद उन्हें परेशान करती रहती थी. अपने बेटे का भी उन्हें ध्यान आता रहता था. ऐसा करते करते सोलह वर्ष बीत गए. एक दिन वह अपने महल से गंगा नदी को निहार रहे थे कि, अचानक उन्हें गंगा के किनारे एक स्त्री और एक युवक दिखाई पड़े.

वह अधीर मन से उस दिशा को चल पड़े. निकट जाकर देखा तो, वहाँ गंगा खड़ी थी. साथ ही एक सुंदर सुकुमार राजकुमार भी था. गंगा ने अभिवादन के बाद, राजा शान्तनु से कहा, महाराज यह आपका पुत्र देवव्रत है. मैंने इसे अपनी योग्यता अनुसार पाला पोसा है. इसे ऋषि वशिष्ठ के गुरुकुल से प्रारंभिक शिक्षा प्राप्त हुई. ऋषि ने इसे शास्त्रों का गहन ज्ञान प्रदान किया है.

फिर इसे ऋषि परशुराम के आश्रम में शस्त्र विद्या के लिए भेजा गया. वहाँ परशुराम जी ने इसे शस्त्र विद्या में पारंगत किया. अब यह जीवन की हर छोटी बड़ी लड़ाई के लिए सजग है.

इसका ब्रह्मलोक में समय समाप्त हो गया है. अब यह आपके पास रहेगा. मैंने अपना वचन पूरा किया. इसे अब आप सम्भालिए, यह आपके वंश का गौरव बनेगा. राजा शान्तनु अपने युवा पुत्र को पाकर अति प्रसन्न हुए. और गंगा वहाँ से अंतर्ध्यान हो गईं. आगे की कथा, नई कड़ी में.

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DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT STATE CAPITO
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Diwali celebrations across the U.S. Pacific Northwest received recognition from s capitols and official residences and mayor





By: Vandana Jhingan

According to information released by the Consulate General of India in Seattle, governors of Idaho, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota and Washington hosted Diwali events during October and November 2026. Oregon is scheduled to host the sixth state-level celebration on November 10 at the State Capitol in Salem.

The celebrations brought together state and local officials, community leaders, diplomats and Indian American residents. In their remarks, governors recognized the Indian American community's contributions to their states' economies, professional sectors, civic life and cultural diversity.

Governors recognize Indian American contributions

At the Idaho State Capitol Rotunda in Boise on October 16, Governor Brad Little spoke about the values associated with Diwali and the contributions of the Indian American community.

"Diwali reminds us of the importance of choosing kindness, pursuing knowledge, serving others and finding hope even when there are challenges," Little said.

He added: "Here in Idaho, we're proud to have a vibrant Indian community that contributes very much to our state through their businesses, professions, service and civic involvement. Indian Americans help strengthen Idaho's economy and help our communities be better places to live, work and raise a family."

Little also noted that the traditions and perspectives brought by different communities strengthen the state, adding that recognizing Diwali provides an opportunity to reaffirm the freedoms that allow people to preserve and share their cultural and religious traditions.

At the Nebraska Governor's Residence in Lincoln on October 20, Governor Jim Pillen described the Indian American community as an important part of the state.

"The Indian community is an incredibly vital piece of who we are as the people of Nebraska. It's really important, and this is such a special occasion because light triumphs over evil," Pillen said.

He also spoke about the festival's emphasis on family, unity, reflection and gratitude, encouraging families to pass their traditions on to younger generations.

"Happy Diwali, and it's really important that you keep these traditions alive in your families. Never, ever, ever let the light go out!" he said.

At the Governor's Residence in Bismarck on October 29, North Dakota Governor Kelly Armstrong emphasized the importance of

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state and local governments this year, with governors hosting ceremonies at state s participating in observances at city halls.







relationships and cultural diversity.

"We should celebrate these relationships. We should celebrate these friendships. Diversity is our strength," Armstrong said.

He also highlighted the broader relationship between India and North Dakota, saying:

"We're going to continue this relationship because it's a fantastic one, at an international level, at a trade level, at a state-to-state level, at a diplomatic level, but most importantly, a human level. We have people that have done great things from India in North Dakota, and they don't always have to be big to be great."

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte hosted a Diwali celebration at the Governor's Mansion in Helena on October 26. Speaking about the value of bringing people from different backgrounds together, he said:

"We love bringing people together from many different cultures and backgrounds. Even some Montanans don't always know who the other person is, and we find that when we get together with no agenda except to get to know each other, break bread together and build relationships."

Washington highlights its Indian American community

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson hosted a Diwali celebration at the State Capitol Rotunda in Olympia on November 4. He described the festival as a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness and connected its message to the state's cultural diversity.

"It's an honor to have all of you here in this really beautiful part of our state capitol. And it's wonderful to be able to celebrate Diwali with all of you. It is, as has been mentioned a number of times already, a celebration, a triumph of light over darkness," Ferguson said.

He added that embracing the state's diversity was an important part of that message.

"That triumph of light over darkness happens when we, speaking as a state, when we lean into the rich diversity of our state. I think that diversity is a great strength. And we see that here today with this wonderful celebration and the strong Indian American community that we have."

Ferguson also referred to Washington's significant Indian American population and its growth over the previous decade, noting the community's contributions to the state.

Diwali observances across 18 Washington cities

Diwali celebrations extended beyond the state capitol to municipal governments across Washington. Mayors of 18 cities participated in individual observances, with ceremonies held in city council chambers and attended by members of their respective city councils.

The celebrations provided an opportunity for local officials to recognize the Indian American community and its cultural contributions. Additional observances were scheduled for November 10 in Snoqualmie, King County and the City of Seattle.

Several state and municipal governments also issued official proclamations recognizing Diwali as a festival symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness. The proclamations acknowledged the contributions of Indian Americans to the economic and cultural life of their communities and noted cooperation with the Consulate General of India in Seattle.

Washington's legislative recognition

Washington has also taken a legislative step toward recognizing the festival. In February 2026, the state Senate passed Senate Bill 6044, recognizing Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas as state observances, although not as legal holidays.

The Consulate General of India in Seattle worked with Indian American community organizations and leaders to coordinate and co-host the celebrations across the participating states and cities.

The events provided opportunities for elected officials and community representatives to acknowledge the Indian American community's role in local development and to discuss cultural exchange, public service and ties between India and the United States.

The participation of governors and mayors reflects the increasing presence of Diwali in the public and civic life of communities across the Pacific Northwest.



ILLINOIS' NEW POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CONGRATULATIONS TO FOUR MAJOR DEMOCRATIC WINNERS

Pritzker, Stratton, Bean and Biss emerge from a historic election with new opportunities to serve Illinois and engage its diverse communities.

By: Dr. Avi Verma

The November 3, 2026, elections have brought a new chapter to Illinois politics. Four victories stand out for their significance to the state's future: Governor J.B. Pritzker's reelection to an unprecedented third term, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton's election to the U.S. Senate, and the congressional victories of Melissa Bean in the 8th District and Daniel Biss in the 9th District.

The IndoUS Tribune warmly congratulates all four leaders. Their victories reflect the confidence voters have placed in them and offer an opportunity to build on their public-service records while responding to the changing needs of Illinois communities.

As these leaders prepare for their next responsibilities, we recognize not only their electoral achievements but also the importance of maintaining an open and constructive relationship between elected representatives and the people they serve.

Governor J.B. Pritzker: A historic third term



Governor J.B. Pritzker's reelection marks a milestone in Illinois political history. He becomes the first Democratic governor in the state's history to win three terms. His victory gives him another four years to lead Illinois and continue the work of his administration.

A third term offers an opportunity to build on existing initiatives while addressing the issues that matter most to residents: economic growth, education, healthcare, infrastructure, public safety and the cost of living. Property taxes, fiscal responsibility and the state's business climate will also remain important concerns.

Illinois is home to a diverse and accomplished Indian American community, with significant contributions in medicine, technology, education, business and public service. Its members are employers, professionals, investors, taxpayers and active participants in civic life.

We congratulate Governor Pritzker on this historic achievement and look forward to continued engagement with his administration on issues affecting all Illinois residents, including the state's Indian American families and businesses.

Juliana Stratton: A historic journey to the U.S. Senate



Senator-elect Juliana Stratton's victory over Republican Don Tracy for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Dick Durbin is another defining result of the Illinois election.

Her election creates a historic distinction: Stratton will serve alongside Senator Tammy Duckworth, making Illinois the first state represented simultaneously by two women of color in the U.S. Senate.

As she moves from the office of lieutenant governor to the national legislature, Stratton will have an important role in shaping federal policy and representing the interests of Illinois residents. Her new responsibilities will include engaging with questions involving economic opportunity, healthcare, education, immigration and America's relationships with international partners.

For the Indian American community, the opportunity for dialogue with the incoming senator is particularly meaningful. Immigration policies, international students, skilled professionals, entrepreneurship and the U.S.-India relationship are among the issues that connect the community to decisions made in Washington.

We extend our congratulations to Senator-elect Stratton and look forward to hearing her perspectives on the priorities of Illinois' diverse communities.

Melissa Bean: Returning to Congress in the 8th District



Melissa Bean's victory in the 8th Congressional District brings her back to the U.S. House of Representatives. Having previously represented the district from 2005 to 2011, she returns to Congress with prior legislative experience and familiarity with the communities she will serve.

Her election comes at a time when residents are looking for responsive representation on economic development, healthcare, taxation, education, housing and small-business growth.

The 8th District encompasses communities with diverse professional, cultural and business backgrounds. Indian American families, entrepreneurs and technology professionals are part of this changing suburban landscape. Their concerns deserve attention and meaningful access to their elected representative.

We congratulate Congresswoman-elect Bean and look forward to reconnecting with her as she prepares to represent the district in the new Congress.

Daniel Biss: From Evanston to the U.S. Congress



Daniel Biss's election in the 9th Congressional District marks an important transition from local and state leadership to national public service. The former Evanston mayor and state legislator will succeed retiring Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

The 9th District is home to universities, businesses, immigrant families and communities with a wide range of economic and cultural interests.

Its residents look to their representative for engagement on education, housing, healthcare, transportation, economic opportunity and community development.

Biss brings experience in municipal and state government to his new congressional role. As he prepares to take office, there is an opportunity to strengthen connections with the many community organizations and constituencies that make the district distinctive.

We congratulate Congressman-elect Biss and look forward to engaging with him on the issues affecting residents throughout the 9th District, including the Indian American community.

A stronger connection with Illinois' communities

Beyond these four major victories, Democratic candidates also made gains in several Illinois State Senate and House races. These local contests will shape important decisions in Springfield on education, taxation, public safety, healthcare and economic development.

For IndoUS Tribune, this election is also an opportunity to strengthen communication between Illinois' elected leadership and the Indian American diaspora.

The community is not simply an audience during election season. It is an active part of the state's economic, professional, educational and civic life.

We look forward to inviting Governor Pritzker, Senator-elect Stratton, Congresswoman-elect Bean and Congressman-elect Biss to share their perspectives with our readers through interviews and discussions about their priorities for Illinois.

Congratulations to all four leaders. We wish them success as they take on their new responsibilities and look forward to a constructive relationship built on dialogue, mutual understanding and service to the people of Illinois.

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RANA CHICAGO MARKS DIWALI WITH CULTURAL CELEBRATION, ANNOUNCES 2026-2028 LEADERSHIP TEAM

By: Jayanti Oza

The Chicago Chapter of the Rajput Association of North America (RANA) celebrated Diwali on October 25, 2026, at Imli Banquet Hall in Schaumburg, bringing together community members and families for an evening of cultural performances, traditional observances and a leadership transition.

The celebration featured a Shastra Puja, reflecting the community's connection to Rajput heritage, followed by a traditional State Walk showcasing regional and cultural attire. Singing and dance performances formed part of the evening's program, while sponsors and supporters were acknowledged for their contributions to the organization's activities. The event concluded with a community dinner.

The gathering also marked the transition to a new executive committee for the 2026–2028 term. Outgoing President Daksha Parmar thanked committee members, volunteers and community supporters for their cooperation during her tenure. She noted the importance of teamwork and collective participation in carrying forward the organization's activities. Incoming President Karuna Parmar welcomed the new committee and acknowledged the volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to the association.



The newly announced RANA Chicago Chapter leadership team is:

- **President:** Karuna Parmar
- **Vice President:** Shilvantsinh Raol
- **General Secretary:** Asmitaben Gharia
- **Membership Secretary:** Harshvardhansinh Rathore



- **Cultural Secretary:** Rajeshwari Rawat
- **Treasurer:** Kedarsinh Puvar
- **Social Media:** Abhishek Singh
- **Youth Secretary:** Sonia Zala

The new committee is expected to oversee the chapter's cultural, social and community activities during the next two years, with plans for further programs in 2027. RANA Chicago's annual Diwali gathering provides an opportunity for families and community members to celebrate the festival while maintaining connections with Rajput traditions and heritage. The leadership transition adds a new chapter to the organization's ongoing activities, with the incoming team taking responsibility for its programs and community engagement.

SUNDARKAND PARIVAAR CHICAGO HOSTS PRE-DIWALI CELEBRATION IN DOWNERS GROVE

By: Parachi Jaitly

Sundarkand Parivaar Chicago (SPC) hosted a Pre-Diwali celebration on November 1, 2026, at Ashyana Banquets in Downers Grove, bringing together families, community representatives and guests for an afternoon of cultural performances and activities centered on the traditions of Diwali. The program opened with a traditional diya-lighting ceremony led by Chief Guests Mike Lawler, Deputy Mayor of Bolingbrook, and Shri M.S. Chauhan, Consul. SPC President Sanjay Sharma welcomed attendees and extended Diwali greetings. Members of the SPC Board of Directors and representatives of Brahmcharya Hindi Vedic School (BHVS) also attended, along with many community members.





Cultural performances formed the central part of the celebration. The program began with a presentation of Shri Ram Stuti by Sloka, followed by dance performances by several groups. A Ramayan-themed quiz, conducted by Abha Mehta, invited audience participation and highlighted the religious and cultural significance of the epic. A comedy performance by young Avyaan added a lighter element to the program. The festivities continued with a couples' dance led by Vandana Sharma, which encouraged guests to join in. Lunch was catered and served by Shikara Restaurant, bringing the gathering to a close.

Through its annual cultural programs, Sundarkand Parivaar Chicago provides a platform for families to celebrate Hindu festivals and introduce younger generations to traditions associated with Diwali and the Ramayana.

CHICAGO-AREA GATHERING EXAMINES GLOBAL RELEVANCE OF INDIA'S TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

By: Dr. Avi Verma



Nearly 250 people attended a seminar titled "Mission Vishwaguru | India's Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times" on October 30 at the International University of Vedic Wellness (IUVW) in Streamwood, Illinois. The event brought together community representatives, civic leaders, diplomats, scholars and members of cultural and faith-based organizations to discuss the relevance of India's traditional knowledge systems in contemporary society. The discussions focused on three major areas of Indian heritage—Yoga, Ayurveda and Vedanta—and their perspectives on physical and mental well-being, philosophy, personal responsibility and peaceful coexistence.

The concept of Vishwaguru, or India's aspiration to share its knowledge and philosophical traditions with the world, was a central theme. Speakers discussed how these traditions could contribute to modern life through education, wellness practices, self-reflection and community engagement.

Dr. Santosh Kumar, founder of IUVW and host of the seminar, welcomed the participants and spoke about the importance of preserving and sharing India's philosophical heritage. She highlighted Vedantic teachings, particularly self-inquiry and the recognition of human interconnectedness, as ideas that can encourage compassion and peaceful coexistence. Rakesh Malhotra, president of the Global Indian Diaspora Foundation (GIDF), said the relevance of India's traditional values depends on how they are reflected in everyday actions. He cited community service, interfaith understanding, mentoring and volunteering as practical ways for members of the Indian diaspora to put the principle of seva, or selfless service, into practice.

Malhotra also discussed the diaspora's role in strengthening cultural understanding and people-to-people connections between India and the United States.

Among the guests were Delphine Gamburg, Deputy Consul General of Israel; Sanjeev Pal, Consul at the Consulate General of India in Chicago; Paula McCombie, Mayor of South Barrington; and Billi D. Roth, Village President of Streamwood.

The seminar also featured presentations by Acharya Prayagraj Phule, a Vedantic philosopher; Purvi Pandya, Yoga faculty member at IUVW; and Dr. Pushpa Biradar, Ayurveda faculty member at the university. Their presentations examined the philosophical foundations and practical applications of these traditions, including their potential relevance to modern lifestyles and personal well-being.

Other attendees included Dr. Hitesh Patel of BAPS; Amar Upadhyay; Dipen (Joy) Shah of the Federation of Indian Associations; Acharya Rohit Joshi of ICNT; Arun Mani; Shilpa Nakapati of Heartfulness Meditation; and Dr. Monali Desai, board member of Metropolitan Asian Family Services. GIDF was represented by Malhotra, General Secretary Abhinav Raina and Chetan Notaria. Media representative Vandana Jhingan also attended. Aditi Chopra served as the master of ceremonies.

The gathering provided an opportunity for representatives of diplomatic missions, local government, educational institutions and community organizations to exchange views on India's intellectual and cultural traditions.

A recurring theme throughout the program was that the global relevance of Yoga, Ayurveda and Vedanta lies not only in their historical origins but also in how their principles are understood and applied today. Speakers emphasized that cultural knowledge can contribute to dialogue across communities when shared through education, mutual respect and practical engagement.

The seminar concluded with an emphasis on continued dialogue and collaboration among institutions and community organizations interested in promoting India's traditional knowledge and cultural heritage.

SKOKIE PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER HINDU AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

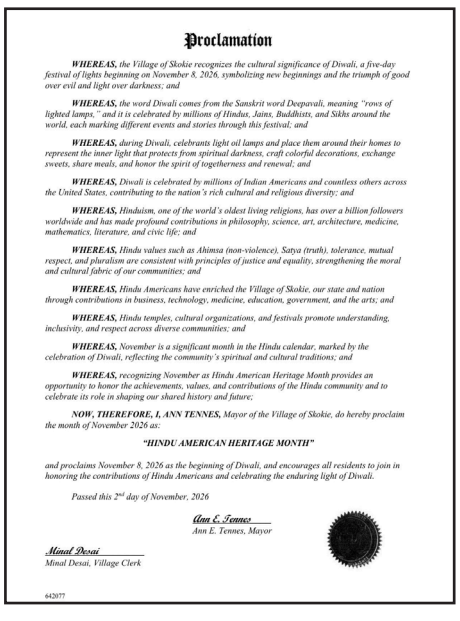
By: Dr. Avi Verma



The Village of Skokie has proclaimed November 2026 as Hindu American Heritage Month, recognizing Diwali and the contributions of Hindu Americans. During a recent board meeting, Mayor Ann Tennes welcomed local community members, including Susan Patel, Pramod Joshi, Kusam Joshi and State Senator Ram Villivalam. Clerk Minal Desai read the proclamation.

It highlights Diwali, the five-day Festival of Lights beginning November 8, 2026, which symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Celebrated by millions of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs, the holiday features oil lamps, sweets, and family gatherings.

The proclamation notes Hinduism's ancient roots and its values of nonviolence, truth, and pluralism. It praises Hindu Americans' contributions to business, technology, medicine, education, and the arts in Skokie and beyond.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the Village of Skokie recognizes the cultural significance of Diwali, a five-day festival of lights beginning on November 8, 2026, symbolizing new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness; and*

WHEREAS, *the word Diwali comes from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, meaning "rows of lighted lamps," and it is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs around the world, each marking different events and stories through this festival; and*

WHEREAS, *during Diwali, celebrants light oil lamps and place them around their homes to represent the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness, craft colorful decorations, exchange sweets, share meals, and honor the spirit of togetherness and renewal; and*

WHEREAS, *Diwali is celebrated by millions of Indian Americans and countless others across the United States, contributing to the nation's rich cultural and religious diversity; and*

WHEREAS, *Hinduism, one of the world's oldest living religions, has over a billion followers worldwide and has made profound contributions in philosophy, science, art, architecture, medicine, mathematics, literature, and civic life; and*

WHEREAS, *Hindu values such as Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (truth), tolerance, mutual respect, and pluralism are consistent with principles of justice and equality, strengthening the moral and cultural fabric of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *Hindu Americans have enriched the Village of Skokie, our state and nation through contributions in business, technology, medicine, education, government, and the arts; and*

WHEREAS, *Hindu temples, cultural organizations, and festivals promote understanding, inclusivity, and respect across diverse communities; and*

WHEREAS, *November is a significant month in the Hindu calendar, marked by the celebration of Diwali, reflecting the community's spiritual and cultural traditions; and*

WHEREAS, *recognizing November as Hindu American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements, values, and contributions of the Hindu community and to celebrate its role in shaping our shared history and future;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANN TENNES, *Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2026 as:*

"HINDU AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

and proclaims November 8, 2026 as the beginning of Diwali, and encourages all residents to join in honoring the contributions of Hindu Americans and celebrating the enduring light of Diwali.

Passed this 2nd day of November, 2026

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Mayor Tennes encouraged residents to honor these contributions and celebrate Diwali's enduring light. The recognition drew applause, followed by a gathering at the flag.

THIS FALL, THE MAP TURNED BLUE

By: Rakesh Malhotra

The president's party normally loses seats in a midterm. What's striking in 2026 is just how far the losses went. Democrats won both chambers of Congress, flipped at least 7 Senate seats and over 20 House districts and took over Republican governorships in Texas, Ohio, Iowa and Georgia.

The American people have given a clear rebuke to corruption, the toll of high prices and the incompetence of Washington. They've given Congress both the House and the Senate and have sent a very clear message that they want to see household costs come down, and the administration held to account.

The AP voter poll gives us one explanation for the national mood. Most voters put the blame for the cost of living on the Trump administration and wanted Congress to do a better job of overseeing things.



Now the task is to turn this verdict into something families can feel at the grocery stores. Graphic by Rakesh Malhotra

That's a rebuke in terms of affordability and accountability. The poll results in themselves don't tell us how much of an impact candidate appeal, local issues or turnout may have had in any race. Two Senate races highlight that divide and the extent of the frustration. In Texas James Talarico beat Ken Paxton with strong support from younger and Hispanic voters.

In Kansas pastor Adam Hamilton ran on a platform of affordability and a readiness to work across the aisle. He defeated the incumbent Roger Marshall to become the first Democrat elected to the Senate from Kansas in 94 years. Even in the heart of the Republican party, loyalty to the party was not absolute.

Interestingly the Two-House races also had Indian American representation. Pia Dandiya won Florida's 22nd District and Dr. Amish Shah was the one who led Jay Feely in Arizona's 1st District, which was still uncalled in the morning of November 4.

The job is to turn this verdict into something families can see at the supermarket and something that shows how those in power conduct themselves. The onus is now on the incoming Democratic majority. Voters will judge them on what they do to reduce the cost of living for households and how closely they hold the administration to account.

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PART 7 - SLEEP IS MEDICINE: UNDERSTANDING INSOMNIA AND SLEEP APNEA

WHY QUALITY SLEEP IS ESSENTIAL FOR HEART HEALTH, BRAIN FUNCTION, METABOLISM AND HEALTHY AGING

By Dr. Avi Verma

In the earlier installments of our Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we explored how nutrition, physical activity, heart health, and preventive healthcare contribute to a longer, healthier, and more independent life. Another essential foundation of healthy aging is quality sleep. Sleep is not simply a period of rest; it is an active biological process during which the body repairs itself, the brain consolidates memories, hormones are regulated, and the immune system is strengthened. Yet, many people sacrifice sleep or dismiss persistent sleep problems as a normal consequence of aging. Understanding the importance of sleep and recognizing disorders such as insomnia and sleep apnea can help prevent complications and protect long-term health.

Why Sleep Matters: The Foundation of Good Health

Sleep affects nearly every organ system. Most adults need seven to nine hours nightly, while adults 65 and older generally need seven to eight hours. Inadequate or disrupted sleep can contribute to:

- **Heart disease:** Increased risk of high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease and stroke.
- **Metabolic problems:** Disrupted appetite regulation, weight gain and obesity.
- **Diabetes:** Reduced insulin sensitivity and impaired blood sugar control.
- **Brain health:** Difficulty with memory, concentration, learning and decision-making.
- **Weakened immunity:** Reduced ability to fight common infections.
- **Emotional health:** Increased irritability, anxiety and risk of depression.

Sleep deficiency also slows reaction time and increases the risk of accidents, particularly while driving.

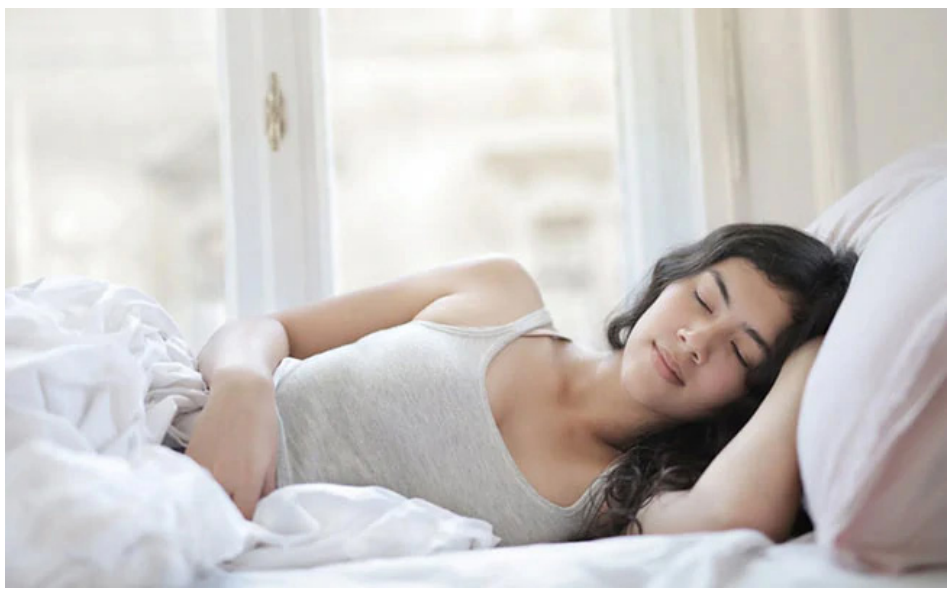
1. Insomnia: When Sleep Becomes a Struggle

Insomnia occurs when a person has difficulty falling asleep, staying asleep or returning to sleep after waking too early, despite having adequate opportunity to rest.

Common symptoms include persistent nighttime awakenings, early morning waking, daytime fatigue, poor concentration and irritability.

Stress, anxiety, depression, chronic pain, certain medications, excessive caffeine, alcohol and irregular sleep schedules can contribute to insomnia.

Chronic insomnia is generally defined as difficulty sleeping at least three nights a week for three months or longer.



Treatment: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I) is the recommended first-line treatment for chronic insomnia. It addresses unhealthy sleep habits and thoughts that interfere with rest. Medication may be considered in selected cases under medical supervision. Sleeping pills should not become a routine solution, particularly among older adults, because of potential side effects, including confusion and falls.

2. Obstructive Sleep Apnea: When Breathing Stops During Sleep

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) is a condition in which the upper airway repeatedly narrows or becomes blocked during sleep, temporarily reducing or stopping airflow. These interruptions can lower oxygen levels and repeatedly disturb the normal sleep cycle.

Warning signs include:

- Loud, habitual snoring.
- Witnessed pauses in breathing.
- Gasping or choking during sleep.
- Morning headaches or dry mouth.
- Frequent nighttime urination.
- Excessive daytime sleepiness and fatigue.
- Difficulty concentrating or memory problems.

Risk factors include increasing age, obesity, family history, a large neck circumference and certain anatomical features of the throat and jaw. However, sleep apnea can affect people who are not overweight.

Snoring is not always harmless. Ordinary snoring does not necessarily indicate sleep apnea. However, loud, irregular snoring accompanied by breathing pauses, gasping or daytime fatigue warrants medical evaluation. Women may experience less typical symptoms, including insomnia, headaches and unexplained fatigue.

3. Why Untreated Sleep Apnea Is Dangerous

Repeated breathing interruptions place stress on the cardiovascular system. Untreated sleep apnea is associated with:

- High blood pressure, including difficult-to-control hypertension.
- Heart disease and heart failure.
- Abnormal heart rhythms, including atrial fibrillation.
- Heart attack and stroke.
- Type 2 diabetes and metabolic complications.

For older adults, unexplained fatigue, memory difficulties and reduced alertness should not automatically be attributed to aging. An underlying sleep disorder may be responsible.

4. Diagnosis and Treatment

A physician may recommend a sleep evaluation based on symptoms, medical history and physical examination.

- **Home Sleep Apnea Test:** A portable device monitors breathing and oxygen levels during sleep in appropriate patients.
- **Polysomnography:** An overnight laboratory sleep study monitors brain activity, breathing, heart rate, oxygen levels and body movements.

Treatment depends on the diagnosis and severity

For sleep apnea, CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) is a commonly prescribed treatment. It delivers gentle air pressure through a mask to keep the airway open. Other options include custom oral appliances, weight management, positional therapy and selected surgical procedures. Patients should follow their prescribed treatment consistently and attend follow-up evaluations.

5. Healthy Sleep Habits and When to Seek Medical Help

Simple lifestyle changes can improve sleep quality:

- Maintain consistent sleeping and waking times.
- Keep the bedroom dark, quiet and comfortably cool.
- Avoid caffeine, nicotine and alcohol close to bedtime.
- Limit electronic screens before sleeping.
- Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight.
- Avoid heavy meals late at night.

Seek medical evaluation for persistent insomnia, loud snoring with breathing pauses, recurring morning headaches, unexplained daytime fatigue or difficulty staying awake during routine activities.

Never drive when excessively sleepy. Drowsiness can impair judgment and reaction time and cause dangerous microsleep.

Conclusion: Make Sleep a Health Priority

Healthy aging requires attention not only to what we eat and how much we exercise, but also to how well we sleep. Quality sleep supports heart health, brain function, metabolism and immunity.

Persistent sleeplessness, loud snoring and unexplained fatigue should never be dismissed as inevitable consequences of growing older. Recognizing sleep disorders and seeking timely medical care can protect health, preserve independence and improve quality of life.

In Part 8 of IndoUS Tribune's Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we will explore another essential pillar of healthy aging: The Immune System – How to Protect Yourself From Infection. We will examine age-related changes in immunity, adult vaccinations, hygiene, nutrition and the importance of managing chronic diseases to strengthen our defenses against infections.

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I-BONDS & SOCIAL SECURITY

PERSONAL FINANCE INSIGHTS: NEWS & FEATURES

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WEEKLY DATA
CONTRARIAN INDICATORS

AAII Bull-Bear Spread -3.6% (below average)
CNN Fear & Greed Index 26 (fear-high)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 42.70% (negative)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 61.60% (positive)

ICI Fund Allocations (Cumulative), 9/30/26
OEFs & ETFs: Stocks 63.30%, Hybrids 3.81%, Bonds 16.73%, M-Mkt 16.16%

INTEREST RATES

CME FedWatch
Cycle peak 5.25-5.50%
Current 3.75-4.00%
FOMC 12/9/26+ hike
FOMC 1/27/27+ hold

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.16%, 1-yr 4.36%; T-Notes 2-yr 4.56%, 5-yr 4.71%, 10-yr 4.94%; T-Bonds 30-yr 5.31%;
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.25%, 10-yr 2.60%, 30-yr 3.08%
FRNs Index 4.092%

Bank Rates www.depositaccounts.com/

Stable-Value (SV) Rates, 11/1/26
TIAA Traditional Annuity (Accumulation) Rates
Restricted RC 5.75%, RA 5.50%
Flexible RCP 5.00%, SRA 4.75%, IRA-101110+ 4.75%
TIAA MYGA 5.30% (3-yr), 5.40% (5-yr), 5.50% (7-yr) Stale
TSP G Fund pending% (previous 4.375%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 50.04 (greed, barely)
Weekly ETFs: INDA +2.71%, EPI +2.07%, INDH +2.48%, SMIN +2.36% | SPY -0.56%

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

NEWS
FINANCIALS

Canadian Fairfax (Prem Watsa) will buy 60.72% stake in IDBI bank at a price +6.6% above GoI minimum/ reserve price, but -11% discount from the last closing market price. GoI (15%) & LIC (19%) will retain a minority stake of 34% that may be sold in future. RBI approval is pending. GoI & LIC rescued IDBI in 2019 & acquiring 95% stake; they have been trying to offload 60.72% since 2022, but price had been an issue.

Fairfax will have 2 years to comply with Indian banking regulations. Entities cannot own 2 separate banks in India, so Fairfax will sell or merge (with IDBI itself) its 40% stake in smaller CSB bank; it's also disposing of its 15.2% stake in NBFC IIFL Finance to Blackstone/BX & others.

INDUSTRIALS

Dutch Stellantis/STLA has bought CK Birla's stake in auto-joint-venture (JV) in Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu, that started in 2017 & now owns 100%. It will also expand production significantly. Stellantis also has a larger 50-50 JV with Tata Motors in Pune.

In a related news, Dutch Stellantis/ STLA & Tata Motors have renewed & expanded their existing 50-50 joint-venture (JV) FIAPL (Fiat India) for Indian & global export markets.

Tata Technologies will become the lead developer for Honda-Tata cars. It follows as Honda's Indian market share has collapsed but Honda still wants a continuing presence. Indian managers were pushing Honda for localization & this deal emerged as a compromise. Honda will be responsible for quality & will retain control of technology, connectivity & driver-assist technology. Tata Technologies was spun off from Tata Motors that will now become a rival.

FEATURE: I-BONDS & SOCIAL SECURITY

September CPI & Treasury updates determined two important things.

I-BOND RATE

US Savings I-Bonds have the current rate that is a combination of base/ fixed rate & recent semiannual inflation rate (CPI-U, unadjusted; March-September-March). Rates change on May 1 & November 1 & remain valid for the next 6 months. The personal limit is $10K. Buyer cannot cash I-Bonds within 12 months; there is 3-month interest penalty if cashed in 1-5 years. The tax can be deferred until redeemed (default; recommended). They stop earning interest after 30 years. Buy late in the month, or sell early in the month, to get credit for full month interest. Account must be opened at Treasury Direct.

Formula for composite rate = [fixed rate + (2 x semiannual inflation rate) + (fixed rate x semiannual inflation rate)]

I-Bonds from November 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027: variable-rate 4.08% (semiannual 2.04%), base/fixed rate 1.40% & the total rate 5.51%.

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYOUT INCREASE

Many retirees depend on Social Security. They can start collecting benefits early at age 62 with penalties or delay benefits up to age 70 with bonuses. The full retirement age (FRA) is between 66-67 based on the date of birth. Make decision on when to take Social Security based on your personal financial situation, not on alarmist media news on the demise of Social Security. Some fixes will be found by the time the SSA IOUs at Treasury run out (there is no dedicated SSA fund) & sharp benefit cuts are auto-triggered.

The annual adjustments to Social Security payments are based on y-o-y increases in the Q3 averages of CPI-W readings for July, August, September.

Social Security COLA for 2027 is +3.6%. The salary-cap increased to $192.3K.



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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.
- Lecturio 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. Lecturio: 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.

Lecturio 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!.

Join IUHS to transform your dream of becoming a medical doctor into reality.

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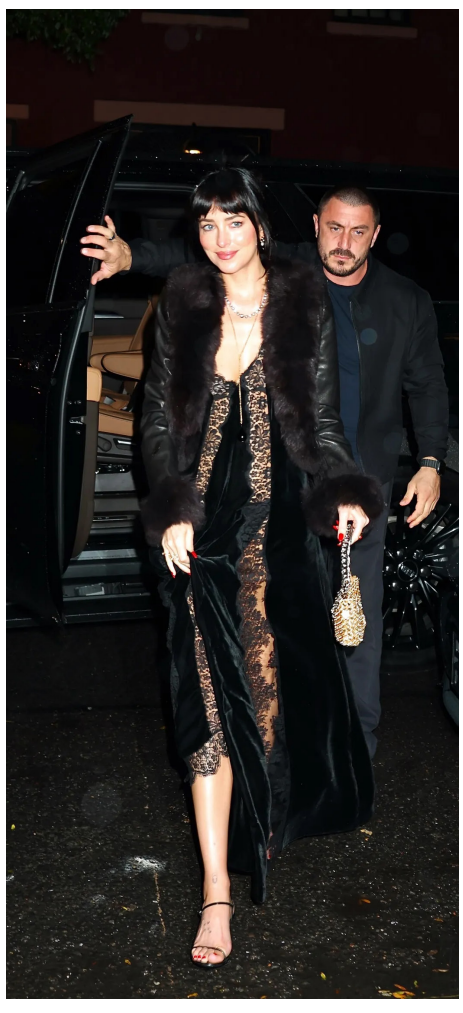
MAKE A STATEMENT THIS WINTER WITH THE PERSONALITY COAT

From bold floral prints and sumptuous velvet to plush textures and dramatic silhouettes, statement outerwear is bringing individuality, color and a fresh sense of style to winter wardrobes.

Winter fashion has a familiar routine. As temperatures drop, lightweight jackets make way for heavier layers, and wardrobes gradually fill with practical coats in black, gray, navy and camel. But this season, outerwear is refusing to play it safe. The personality coat is taking center stage, proving that staying warm does not mean compromising on style.

Think oversized silhouettes, unexpected color combinations, rich fabrics, striking patterns and details





that make a coat memorable. Whether it is a floral puffer, a velvet duster, a leather overcoat or a plush teddy jacket, the idea is to choose outerwear that reflects your personal style rather than simply blending into the winter landscape.

Celebrities are already making a case for this expressive approach to dressing. Jennifer Lawrence has been spotted wearing a green jacquard puffer by Dries Van Noten, decorated with delicate orange flowers. On another occasion, she stepped out in a sweeping celadon velvet coat by Colleen Allen, whose dramatic Victorian-inspired silhouette gave the look a distinctive character. Both outfits demonstrate how statement outerwear can combine practicality with a strong fashion identity.

Texture is proving just as important as color and print. Dakota Johnson celebrated her birthday in a calf-length black leather coat by Nour Hammour, finished with a soft faux-fur trim. Celine Dion, meanwhile, brought a touch of understated glamour to Paris in a fluffy Max Mara teddy coat, cinched at the waist to create a flattering silhouette. Their choices show that a coat does not need a bright color or bold pattern to stand out. Sometimes, an interesting finish, beautiful fabric or distinctive cut is enough.

The best part about investing in a personality coat is its versatility. A statement piece can instantly elevate everyday combinations such as jeans, knitwear and boots. A patterned puffer can bring energy to a casual weekend outfit, while a velvet or structured longline coat can add polish to an evening dress. Leather, faux fur and teddy textures offer different ways to introduce depth and interest without overcomplicating an outfit.



When styling a standout coat, let it be the hero of the look. Pair bold prints with neutral separates, balance oversized shapes with streamlined pieces and use accessories thoughtfully. A belt can define the waist of a voluminous coat, while knee-high boots, a structured handbag or a simple scarf can complete the look without competing for attention.

This winter, think beyond the conventional coat. Choose something with personality, experiment with texture and color, and make outerwear an expression of your individual style. After all, the coat is often the first thing people notice, so why not make it the most interesting part of your outfit?



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