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India marks 18 years since 26/11 attacks, receives global support in fight against terrorism

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India marked the 18th anniversary of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks on Thursday, honoring the 166 people killed and remembering the security personnel who fought the attackers. The four-day assault, which began on November 26, 2008, also left hundreds injured. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar paid tribute to the victims and security forces, reaffirming India's commitment to combating terrorism. Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar attended a memorial ceremony at the Police Martyrs' Memorial in Mumbai. The National Security Guard held a memorial and pledge ceremony at the Gateway of India under the theme "#NEVEREVER." Railway Police and Railway Protection



Force personnel also honored those killed at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus. Diplomatic representatives from the United States, Israel, France, Argentina and Iran expressed solidarity with India. Their messages remembered the victims, including foreign nationals, and underscored the importance of international cooperation against terrorism. The anniversary renewed calls for justice, vigilance and collective action against those responsible for the attacks.

Canada pushes back against US criticism of military spending and F-35 review

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Canada pushed back against criticism from the United States over its military spending and review of a planned fighter-jet purchase, with Defense Minister David McGuinty asserting the country's sovereignty on Tuesday. The response followed a sharply worded Pentagon statement on Monday accusing Ottawa of failing to modernize its armed forces, meet NATO commitments and present a credible, fully funded plan to reach the alliance's 2035 defense and security spending target of 5% of gross domestic product. The Pentagon also questioned Canada's review of its planned purchase of 88 American-made F-35 fighter jets, warning that a mixed fleet could worsen personnel shortages and create uncertainty for continental defense cooperation. McGuinty said Canada does not report to Washington and remains committed to its spending plans, with investment expected to reach 4% of gross domestic product by 2030. NATO members are scheduled to review the 5% commitment in 2029. The dispute comes amid strained relations over President Donald Trump's trade policies and threats against Canadian sovereignty.

Eisenkot secures coalition agreement with Israeli left-wing Democrats in bid to replace Netanyahu

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Former Israeli military chief Gadi Eisenkot's Yashar party reached a coalition agreement with the left-wing Democrats on Thursday, advancing his effort to form a government and replace caretaker Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The deal followed a brief suspension of talks over Yashar's discussions with Netanyahu's Likud party about a possible unity government. The Democrats, led by Yair Golan, are set to receive four ministerial positions, including public security, labor and welfare, communications, and culture and sport. Eisenkot's bloc holds 48 seats in the 120-member parliament, short of the 61 needed for a majority. He has until December 6 to form a government, with a possible 14-day extension.

US proposes tariffs of up to 25 percent on Indian goods, with 17 percent rate tied to trade deal

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The United States on Wednesday proposed tariffs of up to 25 percent on Indian goods following an investigation into manufacturing overcapacity, while indicating that a 17 percent rate could be considered if India reaches a trade agreement addressing Washington's concerns. The proposal, announced by United States Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, would account for existing tariffs imposed under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 and exempt certain products. The proposed duties have not yet taken effect. The agency said India's manufacturing policies burdened or restricted American commerce, particularly in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, steel, solar products and information and communications technology. It argued that the practices reduced opportunities for United States producers and contributed to lost production, exports, jobs and investment. India is among 14 economies covered by the findings. Written comments are due by January 5, 2027, and hearings are scheduled to begin January 25.

Trump turns Thanksgiving message into attack on political opponents, immigrants and federal government

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President Donald Trump used his Thanksgiving message on Thursday to criticize political opponents, immigrants and a federal agency, departing from the holiday's traditional focus on family and gratitude. In a 461-word post on Truth Social, Trump wished a happy Thanksgiving to people he accused of pushing the country toward the "Radical Far Left." He also alleged that his government had falsified economic data and warned, without naming individuals, of efforts to impose Muslim religious law and redistribute private property. Trump characterized large numbers of immigrants and people of Somali descent as unemployed or criminal, offering no evidence for the claims. The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The president spent the holiday at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida, and was expected to call American service members later Thursday. The message followed Republican losses in the midterm elections. The party is set to relinquish control of both chambers of Congress in January.

Thousands of Sikh pilgrims celebrate Guru Nanak's 557th birth anniversary in Pakistan

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Thousands of Sikh pilgrims gathered in Nankana Sahib, Pakistan, on Tuesday to celebrate the 557th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. More than 5,000 worshippers attended ceremonies at Gurdwara Janam Asthan, located in the Punjab town where Guru Nanak was born. Pakistan issued visas to more than 3,000 Sikh pilgrims from India for the annual commemoration. Dressed in colorful traditional clothing, devotees offered prayers and sang hymns at the Gurudwara. The pilgrimage also highlighted the importance of Sikh heritage sites in Pakistan, many of which remained there after the 1947 partition of British India, despite longstanding tensions between the two neighboring countries.

Gaza ministry reports 16 schoolchildren killed in Israeli strikes this month

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At least 16 schoolchildren have been killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza since the beginning of November, according to the territory's education ministry. The ministry's announcement on Wednesday followed the deaths of sisters Yusra, 15, and Jana Abu al-Ouf, 13, in an airstrike on a residential apartment in western Gaza City. Their parents were also killed, and several Palestinians were injured. Other children reported killed this month include 15-year-old Mohammed Nidal Barbakh, who was shot in al-Mawasi, and 12-year-old Ahmed Abu Daher, killed in artillery shelling in Deir al-Balah. The ministry said attacks continued to threaten students and Gaza's already devastated education system.

European leaders select Spain's Pablo Hernández de Cos to lead European Central Bank



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European leaders on Thursday selected former Spanish central bank chief Pablo Hernández de Cos to succeed Christine Lagarde as president of the European Central Bank. The decision came as the eurozone faces persistent inflation, rising government debt and concerns over borrowing costs. De Cos, who served on the bank's rate-setting council from 2018 to 2024, is known for favoring policies that support economic growth and lower interest rates. Leaders also agreed on two other appointments: German economist Markus Brunnermeier as chief economist and France's Laurence Boone for a position overseeing market operations. The nominations must undergo formal approval before the new leadership takes office.

China and Brazil push back against Trump's proposed tariffs

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China and Brazil on Wednesday opposed new tariff proposals from President Donald Trump targeting 14 major trading partners. Beijing said it reserved the right to take necessary measures, urging Washington to resolve trade disputes through dialogue. China could face a capped tariff rate of 20 percent, potentially bringing combined duties to 45 percent in some cases. Brazil rejected the proposals as unacceptable, particularly higher taxes on raw and refined sugar and a proposed 10 percent tariff on aircraft that could affect Embraer. The Trump administration said the measures address unfair trade practices and excess manufacturing capacity. Public consultations and a hearing are planned before the proposed duties take effect next year.

Global freshwater levels plunged during hottest years, study finds

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Global river flows and water stored in lakes and reservoirs fell sharply in 2023 and 2024, the two hottest years on record, according to an international study led by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Researchers found river flows were approximately 5.7 percent below normal, while lake and reservoir storage declined 9.5 percent. The combined drop was the largest synchronized decline since at least 1991. South America experienced particularly severe losses, with river flows falling 17.8 percent and lake and reservoir storage dropping 16.5 percent, despite flooding in some areas. Scientists said rising temperatures increase evaporation and make freshwater availability less predictable, warning that floods do not necessarily mean water security.

Trump demands investigation into revised economic growth figures

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President Donald Trump on Thursday demanded an investigation into United States economic figures, alleging without evidence that officials deliberately understated growth before the midterm elections. The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis revised third-quarter economic growth to an annual rate of 4.3 percent on Wednesday, up from its earlier estimate of 3.4 percent. Trump called the earlier figures "fake" and described the revision as purposeful, linking it to Republican losses in the November elections. However, economic estimates are routinely updated as more complete information becomes available. The bureau said the upward revision primarily reflected stronger investment and consumer spending.

European leaders divided over proposed Ukraine loan and future budget

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European Union leaders on Thursday faced divisions over a proposed €45 billion loan to Ukraine for 2027 and negotiations on the bloc's long-term budget. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz urged all 27 member states to support the financing, warning that the next seven-year budget could be blocked without agreement. Slovakia, Hungary and Czechia sought to opt out, citing domestic priorities and opposition to funding Ukraine's war effort. Bulgaria, however, changed its position and agreed to contribute to the proposed €20 billion civilian aid component, while refusing to fund weapons. The package also includes up to €25 billion for military assistance. Leaders remain concerned that a possible French far-right victory could threaten future support for Kyiv.

Elon Musk pledges two SpaceX shares for every American child

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Elon Musk has pledged to give every child in the United States two SpaceX shares, a giveaway valued at nearly $18 billion based on the company's Wednesday closing price. Musk announced the plan on Wednesday, saying one share would come from SpaceX and another from him personally. SpaceX said it would contribute newly issued shares to active Trump Accounts, a federal investment program for children under 18, with Musk matching the company's donation. The announcement followed approval for SpaceX to deploy up to one million satellites to support artificial intelligence data centers in space. Astronomers have criticized the plan, warning that the constellation could interfere with research and observations of the night sky.

Khanna calls on State Department to ease visa backlogs separating workers from jobs and families

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Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna has called on the United States State Department to expand visa appointment availability, warning that prolonged delays are leaving skilled workers stranded overseas for months and separated from their jobs and families. The California Democrat made the appeal on Tuesday, saying visa backlogs were forcing people to make difficult choices, including whether to travel to see a seriously ill loved one and risk being unable to return to the United States. "The State Department must address these delays and expand appointment availability," Khanna wrote on X. He did not name India or specify a visa category. The delays affect Indian professionals who need new visa stamps after traveling abroad. An approved extension of their stay and employment does not renew the visa in their passports. State Department estimates showed interview waits of two months in New Delhi and Kolkata, two and a half months in Mumbai, three months in Chennai and six and a half months in Hyderabad for combined petition-based work visa categories. These estimates do not guarantee appointment dates or reflect the full processing time.

Sweden's Centre Party shifts support to Kristersson, potentially ending government deadlock

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Sweden's Centre Party leader Elisabeth Thand Ringqvist recommended Thursday that her party support caretaker Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson in a parliamentary vote on Monday, marking a major political shift. The party had campaigned for a center-left government led by Magdalena Andersson, but negotiations among left-leaning parties repeatedly failed over power-sharing. Ringqvist proposed that the Centre Party join a four-party minority government led by Kristersson's Moderates, alongside the Liberals and Christian Democrats. The governing council must still approve the recommendation, which was not unanimous among party leaders and lawmakers. The proposed government would depend on support from the far-right Sweden Democrats. If Kristersson fails, Andersson could get another opportunity to form a government.

Turkey's ruling alliance backs Erdogan for 2028 election, vice president says



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Turkey's elections will take place in 2028, with a possible adjustment to the scheduled May timing, Vice President Cevdet Yilmaz said Thursday. He added that the ruling alliance had reached a consensus to support President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as its candidate for another term. Yilmaz said officials were discussing whether the vote could be moved forward by one or two months, but did not announce a revised election date. The statement signals the governing bloc's intention to keep Erdogan at the center of its electoral strategy. Erdogan's potential candidacy remains subject to Turkey's constitutional and electoral rules, while the opposition is expected to challenge the ruling alliance's plans as the next national vote approaches.

Thousands protest in Irbil as Baghdad moves to control Kurdish oil and borders

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Thousands of demonstrators gathered in Irbil, the capital of Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdish region, on Thursday to oppose Baghdad's move to take control of oil operations and border crossings. Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi announced the measures on Tuesday, saying they were intended to curb oil smuggling. The decision places border crossings under federal management, gives Iraq's oil ministry authority over regional exports and transfers oversight of several oil fields to Baghdad. Iraq's Federal Supreme Court backed the government's authority to deploy troops along international borders. Kurdish officials condemned the measures as unconstitutional and an attempt to centralize power. The dispute deepens a longstanding conflict over territory, oil revenues and regional autonomy.

Macy's moves centennial Thanksgiving parade to Saturday as storm threatens New York

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The 100th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City was postponed from Thursday to Saturday for the first time because of severe weather. Organizers said the decision followed consultations with city officials and concerns about participants, spectators and the giant balloons. A powerful coastal storm was expected to bring heavy rain, dangerous winds and possible flooding. The parade is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, with Macy's working to preserve its lineup of performers and marching bands. The event was canceled during World War II from 1942 to 1944, while its balloons were grounded in 1971 because of high winds.

Meloni warns against Ukraine war spreading to Mediterranean as European Union budget talks stall

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Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said Thursday that European Union leaders remain far from agreeing on the bloc's proposed $1.75 trillion budget for 2028 to 2034. Speaking before a special summit in Brussels, she warned Italy would not accept a deal in which it paid more but received less. The seven-year budget requires unanimous approval from all 27 member states, and leaders hope to reach an agreement by year-end before elections complicate negotiations. Meloni also cautioned Ukraine against widening its war with Russia into the Mediterranean, following a Ukrainian strike on a Russian military vessel in Libyan waters. She said she would convey Italy's concerns to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, emphasizing Libya's territorial integrity.

Argentina's Senate debates suspending primaries, a move that could aid Milei's reelection

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Argentina's Senate opened debate Thursday on a bill to suspend the country's primary elections ahead of the 2027 presidential race, a proposal that could strengthen President Javier Milei's reelection prospects. The measure would also reduce public funding for political parties and eliminate the mandatory presidential debate. Milei's government said it expected to secure the 37 votes needed for Senate approval, although the bill would still require passage by the lower house. Supporters argue that suspending primaries would cut costs and simplify the electoral calendar. Critics say it could weaken democratic safeguards and make it harder for divided opposition parties to choose candidates transparently. The debate comes as Argentina's economy slows, unemployment rises and inflation remains high.

Ukraine says North Korea pauses some military supplies to Russia amid diplomatic tensions



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Ukraine's military intelligence agency said Thursday that North Korea had temporarily suspended some military cooperation with Russia, including shipments of KN-23 ballistic missiles. The agency attributed the pause to diplomatic tensions after a Russian deputy foreign minister reportedly suggested Moscow would help ease friction between North and South Korea. According to Ukrainian intelligence, North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui announced the suspension last month. North Korea has supplied Russia with weapons since 2023 and troops since 2024, including forces involved in fighting in Russia's Kursk region. Reuters said it could not independently verify the intelligence report or the statements attributed to the officials. Moscow and Pyongyang had not immediately commented.

China urges Japan to stop stirring up South China Sea disputes over military support for Philippines



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China's Defense Ministry on Thursday urged Japan to stop "stirring up trouble" in the South China Sea, accusing Tokyo of worsening regional tensions through closer military cooperation with the Philippines. The remarks followed Japan's announcement earlier this month that it would provide the Philippines with radars and drones to strengthen coastal surveillance. Chinese and Philippine coast guard vessels regularly confront one another near disputed reefs and shoals in the strategically important waterway. Ministry spokesperson Chen Xi said Japan was not a party to the maritime disputes and had no right to comment on them. He accused Tokyo of using external threats to heighten regional anxiety, form military groupings and expand its presence in the South China Sea. China claims nearly the entire waterway, despite a 2016 international tribunal ruling that its claims lacked legal basis. Beijing rejects the ruling. Chen also defended recent Chinese military exercises around Taiwan and the western Pacific as legitimate efforts to protect sovereignty.

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26/11: : The world must stand united against terrorism, not just when it strikes home

India has endured decades of terror attacks and warned the world about the dangers of extremism, cross-border terrorism and double standards. Today, its call for a united global response has never been more urgent.



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Every November 26, India remembers one of the darkest chapters in its history. Eighteen years ago, ten heavily armed terrorists arrived in Mumbai by sea and unleashed a coordinated assault that continued for nearly 60 hours. They attacked hotels, a railway station, a restaurant, a Jewish center and other locations, killing 166 innocent people, including six Americans. Police officers, security personnel and ordinary citizens lost their lives defending a city under siege.

The 26/11 attacks were not simply an assault on Mumbai or India. They were an attack on humanity, on the freedom to live without fear and on the fundamental values that civilized societies claim to defend. We remember the victims. We salute the courage of our security forces, including the police officers and commandos who confronted the terrorists. We honor the extraordinary bravery of ordinary citizens who risked their lives to save others.

And we remember that the wounds of 26/11 remain with families who lost their loved ones. But remembrance alone is not enough. The anniversary must also renew a difficult question: Why has the world not always responded to terrorism with the same urgency, resolve and determination, regardless of where it strikes?

When terror strikes the world

The United States learned the devastating reality of international terrorism on September 11, 2001, when nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks on New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. The world stood with America, and rightly so. Europe, too, has suffered horrific attacks: the Madrid train bombings in 2004, the London transport bombings in 2005, the coordinated Paris attacks in 2015 and the Brussels bombings in 2016. These tragedies demonstrated that no democracy, no major city and no society is immune to terrorism.

Yet India had been confronting this threat long before 9/11. The 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, the 2001 attack on India's Parliament, the 2008 Mumbai massacre, the attacks on military installations and security forces, the 2019 Pulwama suicide bombing and the 2025 Pahalgam terrorist attack are painful reminders of the price India has paid.

In Pahalgam, 26 people, most of them tourists, were killed in an attack that once again exposed the brutality of terrorism against innocent civilians. For decades, India has warned that terrorism does not respect borders. It has repeatedly called on the international community to confront terrorist organizations, dismantle their financing networks, deny them safe havens and hold their sponsors and perpetrators accountable. Too often, however, India's appeals have been met with statements of sympathy and condemnation, while decisive international action has fallen short. The language of counterterrorism has sometimes been weakened by political calculations, selective outrage and the dangerous practice of distinguishing between terrorists based on who they target or where they operate. There can be no acceptable terrorist, no justified massacre of civilians and no double standard in condemning terrorism.

India's message is becoming the world's message

India's position has been consistent: terrorism must be confronted in all its forms and manifestations, without political excuses or selective condemnation. India has taken this message to international forums, including the United Nations. In 2022, while chairing the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, India hosted a special meeting in Mumbai and New Delhi. The resulting Delhi Declaration addressed the growing misuse of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes. India has also pressed the international community to address terrorist financing, cross-border networks, recruitment and the use of modern technology to spread extremist ideology.

Today, international statements increasingly echo the principles India has long advocated: stronger cooperation, accountability, intelligence-sharing and a refusal to provide safe havens to terrorist organizations. On this 18th anniversary, the United States, Israel, France and other countries have joined India in remembering the victims. The US Ambassador has reaffirmed America's commitment to standing with India in the fight against terrorism. The recent visit of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to the Taj Mahal Palace memorial further demonstrated the importance of this partnership. These gestures matter. But solidarity must extend beyond anniversaries and diplomatic statements. It must translate into sustained action.

Terrorism has no nationality, religion or justification

The fight against terrorism must never become a conflict against any religion, nationality or community. Terrorists do not represent the faith they claim to invoke. Their objective is to spread fear, divide societies and weaken democratic institutions. The world must therefore reject both terrorism and the hatred that extremists seek to create. Democracies must cooperate, share intelligence, disrupt financing, strengthen security and ensure that those responsible for attacks face justice. The United States, India, Europe and every nation threatened by terrorism have a shared responsibility. An attack on innocent people in Mumbai is no less horrific than an attack in New York, London, Paris or any other city.

Remembering 26/11, Renewing the Resolve

India does not seek sympathy alone. It seeks justice, accountability and an international commitment that does not change according to political convenience. The families of 26/11 victims deserve justice. Survivors deserve to know that the world has not forgotten. Every innocent life lost to terrorism deserves the same recognition and the same resolve.

As India remembers November 26, let the message to the world be unmistakable: There can be no safe haven for terrorism, no justification for its perpetrators and no double standards in the global fight against it. India has carried this message for decades. The world must now turn that message into collective action—not only when terrorism strikes its own cities, but whenever and wherever innocent lives are threatened.

The fight against terrorism is not India's fight alone. It is humanity's fight.

Best regards,
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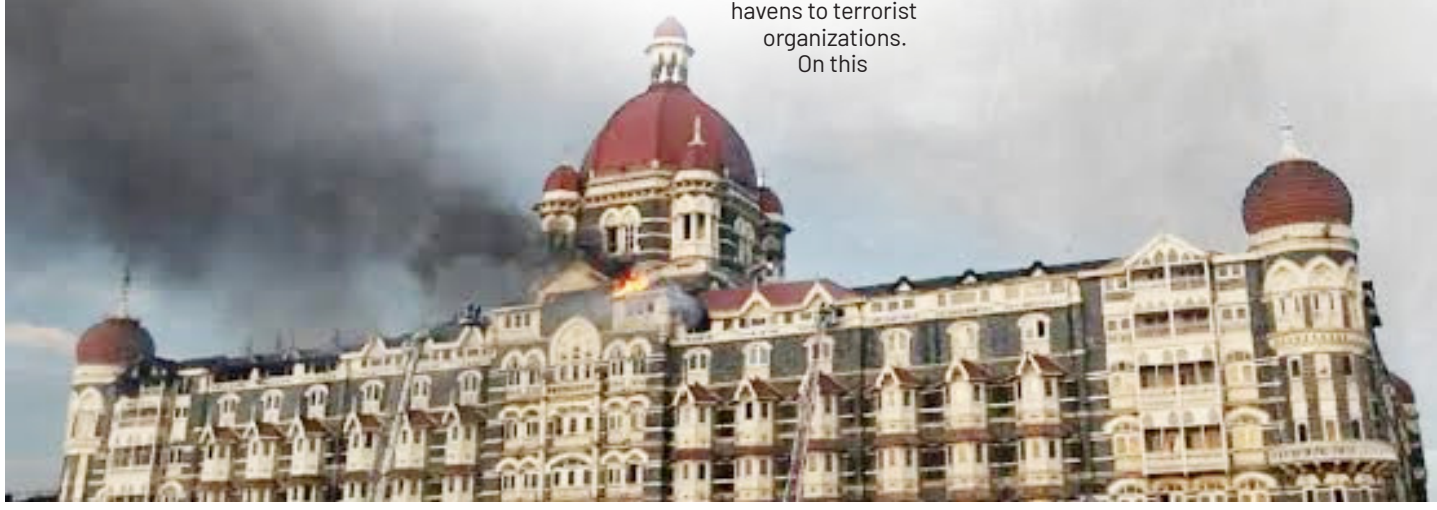

Iran says increased cargo through land borders will help it withstand renewed US naval blockade

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Iran's first vice president said on Wednesday the country was prepared to withstand the United States naval blockade, citing increased cargo movement through non-southern borders. Mohammad Reza Aref said strategic reserves were strong and supplies plentiful, though he provided no figures. The United States reimposed its blockade on Iranian ports in July and recently announced measures to restrict weapons and sanctioned materials moving across land borders and the Caspian Sea. Aref said the government was working to prevent basic goods prices from rising for at least three months. President Masoud Pezeshkian separately said budget resources and energy savings would help improve living standards in poorer communities. Iran is facing severe inflation, with food prices particularly affected.

Congo's Ebola outbreak surpasses 12,000 confirmed cases, with nearly 5,900 deaths reported



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The Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola outbreak has exceeded 12,000 confirmed cases, with 5,904 deaths reported, government data showed on Thursday. The outbreak, caused by the rare Bundibugyo virus, began in northeastern Ituri province in May and has spread to eight provinces.

Health responders are struggling to contain the epidemic, which has been described as the second-largest Ebola outbreak on record. No approved vaccine or treatment is available for this virus strain. Conflict, delayed detection and strained health services have complicated containment efforts. Health authorities have also reported that many new infections are not linked to contacts already known to surveillance teams, indicating that transmission chains remain undetected.

Russian ballistic missile strikes damage Kyiv buildings, wound seven

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Russian forces struck Kyiv with ballistic missiles overnight from Wednesday into Thursday, wounding seven people and damaging a shopping center and two other buildings, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. Two wounded people were in serious condition, and one building on the city's eastern bank was badly damaged.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it targeted two sites linked to drone production and storage, including facilities associated with Ukrainian weapons maker Fire Point. Reuters could not independently verify the claims. Ukraine's air force said Russia also launched 113 attack drones, of which 87 were intercepted or neutralized. Separately, a Russian strike on Kharkiv wounded three people, the city's mayor said.

India urges Bangladesh to investigate attacks on minority communities and prosecute perpetrators

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India on Wednesday expressed concern over violence against minority communities in Bangladesh and urged Dhaka to investigate the incidents and prosecute those responsible. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal made the appeal during a media briefing in New Delhi.

A report by the Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities documented 1,445 incidents affecting minorities across the country's 64 districts from January through October. The group recorded 286 reported murders and unexplained deaths, 408 attacks on homes and property, and 251 attacks on temples and religious sites.

The report also cited abductions, assaults and sexual violence, warning that fear and barriers to reporting may mean the figures are undercounts.

Intelligence agencies warn of alleged Khalistan-linked threats and extortion ahead of Punjab polls

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Intelligence agencies have warned of a possible increase in extortion calls, threatening emails and targeted attacks by pro-Khalistan elements ahead of Punjab's upcoming Assembly elections, according to an Intelligence Bureau official. The official said the groups allegedly sought to recreate the low voter turnout of 1992, when only 23.82 percent of eligible voters participated amid violence, threats and election boycotts. Intelligence inputs reportedly indicate that the Shahzad Bhatti network has been directed to target political figures in Punjab and Haryana. Officials also cited threats linked to a concert by singer Diljit Dosanjh in Bengaluru and a metro rail track there. Authorities believe intimidation could be intended to discourage voting and raise funds through extortion.

Trump presents Rudy Giuliani with Presidential Medal of Freedom, honoring his leadership after September 11

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President Donald Trump presented former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani with the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Tuesday, honoring his public service and leadership following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The White House described Giuliani as "America's Mayor" and praised his career in public service. The ceremony took place in the Oval Office and was closed to reporters. Giuliani, who served as mayor from 1994 to 2001, thanked Trump and said he was humbled to receive the nation's highest civilian honor. Trump first announced the award in September 2025. Giuliani later became Trump's personal lawyer and faced legal setbacks, including a defamation judgment involving two Georgia election workers.

Serbia schedules December presidential election after student movement defeats ruling party in parliamentary vote



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Serbia's Parliament speaker Aleksandar Čupić called a presidential election for December 27 on Thursday, following a major political shift after a student-led movement defeated the Serbian Progressive Party in an early parliamentary election. Former President Aleksandar Vučić resigned in September to pursue a bid for prime minister, which ultimately failed. He had served two near-complete presidential terms and was barred from seeking a third. The presidential candidates have not yet been announced. Vučić has suggested his party may not participate. Although the presidency is largely ceremonial, Vučić had concentrated power in the office. The student movement emerged from protests over a train station canopy collapse in Novi Sad that killed 16 people.

European Parliament accepts Paank petition seeking review of Pakistan's GSP+ trade privileges over alleged abuses



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The European Parliament's Committee on Petitions has declared admissible a petition by Paank, the human rights department of the Baloch National Movement, raising alleged abuses in Balochistan and questioning Pakistan's eligibility for European Union trade preferences. The committee said the matter falls within the European Union's remit and referred it to the Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Human Rights for information. It also notified the delegation responsible for relations with South Asian countries. The petition cites concerns in the European Commission's assessment of Pakistan for 2023–2025, including enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, restrictions on expression and assembly, and fair-trial rights. Admissibility does not mean the trade preferences have been suspended.

Jaishankar and Seychelles foreign minister seek stronger cooperation ahead of Indian Ocean summit

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Seychelles Foreign Minister Barry Faure in New Delhi on Thursday ahead of the Indian Ocean Rim Association's 25th Council of Ministers meeting. They reaffirmed a people-centered partnership and discussed regional issues and cooperation within the association. Jaishankar said both countries would focus on health, connectivity, skills training, energy, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. Faure arrived for Friday's meeting, which will review regional cooperation among 23 member states and 12 dialogue partners. India's 2025-2027 chairmanship theme is "Innovation, Openness, Resilience and Adaptability in the Indian Ocean Region," supporting a peaceful, stable and rules-based maritime order under its MAHASAGAR vision.

India and UAE discuss regional security as defence talks seek practical cooperation

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India and the United Arab Emirates held their 14th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting in Abu Dhabi on Thursday, discussing the "no war, no peace" security environment. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh led the Indian delegation.

The two sides identified practical steps to translate their leaders' vision into security outcomes, India's Defence Ministry said. Singh was on a two-day visit and paid tribute Wednesday at Wahat Al Karama, honoring Emirati personnel who died in service.

The meeting followed the countries' Mountain Guardian military exercise in Uttarakhand in October, which focused on coordination and combat effectiveness in sub-conventional operations. September's naval staff talks addressed maritime security, training and operational cooperation. The committee sought to strengthen the strategic defence partnership.

Ontario minister says India-Canada ties are strongest ever, sees growth in artificial intelligence and defence

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Ontario Economic Development Minister Victor Fedeli said Wednesday that relations between India and Canada are at their strongest ever, citing warmer ties between Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Mark Carney and expanding business links. Fedeli, who also chairs Ontario's Cabinet, said Canada's largest province accounts for much of the country's manufacturing, producing aircraft, trains, automobiles and semiconductor chips. He described technology as the leading area for cooperation, with artificial intelligence and defence emerging as priorities. Fedeli said global defence spending could reach $6 trillion to $7 trillion over the next decade, creating opportunities for both countries to supply equipment.

He also urged stronger links between universities, noting Ontario's artificial intelligence sector includes 1,600 companies, 1,700 master's students enrolled this year and 1,400 graduates last year. Ontario added 17,000 artificial intelligence employees last year, he said. Fedeli said the province visits India twice annually and maintains two offices there to develop business opportunities. He credited United States tariffs with accelerating countries' efforts to diversify partnerships.

Jaishankar and Mauritius foreign minister reaffirm strategic partnership and development support

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Mauritius Foreign Minister Dhananjay Ritish Ramful in New Delhi on Thursday during the Indian Ocean Rim Association's Council of Ministers meeting. They reviewed bilateral ties, including progress under India's Special Economic Package, and reaffirmed the Enhanced Strategic Partnership. Jaishankar said India would support Mauritius' development priorities through its MAHASAGAR vision and Neighbourhood First policy. Ramful arrived for the association's 25th ministerial meeting on Friday. The meeting will review regional cooperation and identify areas for collaboration. India's 2025-2027 chairmanship theme emphasizes innovation, openness, resilience and adaptability in the Indian Ocean. The association includes 23 member states and 12 dialogue partners; its Council of Ministers is its highest decision-making body.

African Union chief praises India's support for G20 membership and wider partnership

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African Union Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf praised India's support for the African Union's permanent membership in the Group of 20 during India's presidency. He spoke Wednesday in Addis Ababa while receiving credentials from India's Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, Devesh Uttam. They discussed cooperation in education, youth skills, health, manufacturing, peacekeeping, energy, technology and trade, reaffirming India-Africa ties and South-South cooperation. The officials also discussed the fourth India-Africa Forum Summit, expected next year. India has backed a stronger African voice in global institutions. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in October that the principle should also guide reform of the United Nations Security Council.

Jaishankar and Lavrov discuss bilateral ties, regional tensions and ongoing conflicts

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov discussed bilateral relations and international developments during a recent telephone call, India's Ministry of External Affairs said Wednesday. Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said they exchanged views on multilateral affairs, regional matters and ongoing conflicts. He noted that India and Russia had held several engagements in recent weeks. Jaishankar said after Monday's call that he appreciated the discussion on recent developments. Russia's Foreign Ministry confirmed



that the ministers reviewed bilateral matters and current international issues. They had spoken earlier this month about the war in Ukraine and diplomatic efforts. The latest conversation followed continued high-level contact between New Delhi and Moscow.

India and Georgia review trade, energy and transport links in ninth diplomatic consultation

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India and Georgia reviewed bilateral relations during their ninth round of Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi on Wednesday. India's delegation was led by Sibi George, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs, while Georgia's was headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Khvtisiashvili.

The discussions covered trade, investment, cultural and educational exchanges, and people-to-people ties. Both sides explored cooperation in infrastructure, energy and connectivity, and exchanged views on regional and global developments.

They reaffirmed plans to strengthen ties through high-level visits, institutional dialogue and broader cooperation. The next consultations will take place in Tbilisi at a mutually convenient time. Georgia's foreign ministry also cited discussions on transport links and the possible resumption of direct air services.

Palestinian ambassador thanks India for Gaza statements, urges world to call war genocide



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Palestinian Ambassador to India Abdullah M. Abu Shawesh thanked the Indian government, its people and opposition leader Rahul Gandhi for speaking about Gaza, saying the world should not remain silent. In an IANS interview Wednesday, he urged countries that describe the October 7 attacks as terrorism to also call Israel's military campaign in Gaza genocide. Abu Shawesh said the occupied West Bank also needs attention, citing attacks by extremist Israeli settlers. He said his comments reflected what he described as findings by United Nations bodies and genocide experts, rather than political opinion. The ambassador highlighted longstanding India-Palestine ties and welcomed India's support for Palestinian resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly. He said the bilateral relationship remained strong.

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Mamdani's rent freeze survives landlords' legal challenge

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New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani won a legal victory Wednesday after a Manhattan judge dismissed landlords' challenge to the city's rent freeze for nearly one million rent-stabilized apartments. State Supreme Court Justice Brendan Lantry found no evidence that Mamdani improperly influenced the independent Rent Guidelines Board.

The board approved a freeze on increases for one- and two-year leases in June, following the mayor's campaign promise to protect tenants from rising housing costs. Landlords argued that the decision ignored mounting expenses, including insurance, taxes and maintenance. Lantry said his ruling addressed legality, not whether the freeze was economically wise. Landlords are considering further action.

Judge blocks Trump's revised birthright citizenship restrictions, citing Supreme Court precedent

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A federal judge in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday blocked President Donald Trump's second attempt to restrict birthright citizenship, ruling that the administration cannot create new exceptions to a constitutional guarantee. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper issued a preliminary injunction in a class-action lawsuit brought on behalf of children who could be denied citizenship under Trump's revised executive order. The ruling prevents federal agencies from enforcing the restrictions against the affected class. Trump signed the revised orders on August 6, after the Supreme Court rejected his initial effort on June 30. The new measures targeted children born to certain foreign government or international organization employees, those born



through commercial surrogacy, and children whose parents were suspected of links to gangs or terrorist groups.

Cooper cited the Fourteenth Amendment and longstanding legal precedent. A Maryland judge had also blocked the revised order in September. The White House called the decision judicial activism and said the order was consistent with the Supreme Court's ruling.

FAA outage and soaring fares push Thanksgiving travelers toward roads

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High airfares and recent technology disruptions are prompting Americans to reconsider Thanksgiving travel. Domestic holiday airfares averaged about $469, up 57 percent from last year, according to Kayak. A nationwide Federal Aviation Administration ground stop on Friday, November 13, followed a router outage that disrupted more than 18,000 flights and affected roughly one million passengers. Subsequent technology problems at United Airlines and Delta Air Lines further unsettled travelers. Airlines for America expects nearly 29 million passengers during the holiday period, below last year's forecast. Bus and train bookings are rising, while Amtrak anticipates another record Thanksgiving.

Iowa Army destroys unstable explosives as environmental monitoring continues

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The United States Army on Wednesday carried out a controlled detonation of nearly five tonnes of deteriorated lead azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown, eliminating a serious explosion risk.

The material had crystallized inside 68 drums and become highly sensitive to friction, heat and vibration, making transport or chemical treatment unsafe. The Environmental Protection Agency reported no detectable airborne lead in its monitors after the operation. Officials stressed that initial readings were not a final assessment and continued testing air, soil, dust and water.

The agency deployed about 300 personnel and contractors. It had collected 1,200 samples before the blast and began additional sampling afterward. Army officials reported no infrastructure damage or secondary explosions. Federal agencies said monitoring and any necessary cleanup would continue.

Judge lets block on taxpayer-funded Trump advertisements expire after midterm elections

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A federal judge in Washington on Wednesday declined to extend a temporary block on taxpayer-funded advertisements that the Democratic National Committee alleged promoted President Donald Trump before the midterm elections.

Judge Loren AliKhan said the November 3 election had passed and the party had not demonstrated irreparable harm from future contests. The advertisements were supported by a $20 million Department of Homeland Security contract and began airing in September.

AliKhan had temporarily blocked the funding and further development of the challenged advertisements on October 28. She denied the committee's request for a longer injunction, allowing the order to expire Wednesday.

The judge did not decide the case's merits and reiterated that the committee's legal challenge could succeed. The lawsuit remains pending, with both sides directed to propose next steps by December 9.

Trump seeks replacement for Texas judicial nominee opposed by Cornyn

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President Donald Trump is moving to replace judicial nominee T. Elliot Gaiser after Republican Senator John Cornyn blocked his appointment to a federal judgeship in Dallas.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley said Wednesday that his panel had received partial paperwork for Steve Fahey, a former prosecutor supported by Cornyn. The senator withheld a procedural "blue slip," citing Gaiser's lack of Texas ties and inadequate vetting for a lifetime position. Trump is seeking to advance judicial appointments before Democrats assume Senate control in January. Grassley will consult colleagues on Fahey's prospects, as well as those of newly announced North Carolina nominee Jim O'Neill.

House Democrats widen scrutiny of Trump Jr.'s investment firm

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House Democrats expanded their investigation Tuesday into Donald Trump Jr.'s venture capital firm, 1789 Capital, seeking records from Polymarket, Juul, GrabAGun and Hadrian Automation. Representative Jamie Raskin said the inquiry examines whether Trump Jr. and business partners influenced federal contracts or regulatory decisions, or profited from advance knowledge. Raskin highlighted the timing of investments and government actions involving the companies. Trump Jr. and 1789 Capital have denied wrongdoing, calling the allegations unfounded. Juul said it would cooperate, while GrabAGun described the inquiry as political. The investigation is expected to broaden after Democrats take control of the House.

Judge blocks FCC's early review of Disney-owned ABC stations

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A federal judge on Wednesday blocked the Federal Communications Commission from pursuing an early review of broadcast licenses held by eight Disney-owned ABC stations. Judge Loren AliKhan granted a preliminary injunction, finding the network was likely to prove the review retaliated against it for protected speech. The FCC had ordered the reviews in April, years before the stations' licenses were due for renewal. ABC and Disney sued in August, arguing the administration was targeting the network over its programming. The FCC disputed the ruling and said it would continue enforcing broadcasters' public-interest obligations. ABC called the decision an important First Amendment victory.

DHS defends deportation totals amid dispute over immigration data

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The Department of Homeland Security defended its deportation figures after an advocacy group challenged how Immigration and Customs Enforcement classified thousands of cases. DHS General Counsel James Percival said a 1996 immigration law allows removals on inadmissibility grounds, including for people arrested inside the United States. The Oversight Project questioned a spreadsheet listing 442,637 returns or removals in fiscal 2025, accepting only about 60,000 as supported deportations. The group sought underlying records and clearer distinctions between border returns and interior enforcement. DHS reported 483,200 deportations in fiscal 2026, calling it an agency record. The figures remain disputed in interpretation.

Friends and family contribute more than $1 billion to Trump Accounts

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Friends and relatives have contributed more than $1 billion to Trump Accounts, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced Tuesday. More than three million contributors helped reach the milestone, separate from major philanthropic pledges. The program's website reported total assets exceeding $9 billion, including family donations, charitable commitments and federal seed payments. President Donald Trump also made a personal contribution, although the amount and recipients were not disclosed. Created under a tax and spending law signed in July 2025, the accounts are investment savings vehicles for children. Eligible parents must claim accounts and separately elect the government's $1,000 seed contribution.

Trump attacks Newsom over planned California death sentence commutations

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President Donald Trump criticized California Governor Gavin Newsom Monday over his plan to commute 548 death sentences to life imprisonment without parole. Speaking at the Justice Department alongside Attorney General Todd Blanche and FBI Director Kash Patel, Trump called the decision a betrayal of crime victims' families. Newsom said every affected prisoner would remain in prison for life and defended the move as consistent with his opposition to capital punishment. Many commutations require California Supreme Court approval. Trump also announced measures to expand federal use of the death penalty and directed the Justice Department to accelerate executions.

Trump's Nvidia intervention draws bipartisan scrutiny over China chip probe

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Democrats have opened an investigation into Nvidia's influence over a United States Commerce Department inquiry into Singapore-based cloud computing company Megaspeed, which is suspected of diverting advanced artificial intelligence chips to China.

The investigation follows President Donald Trump's decision to welcome Jensen Huang's return as Nvidia chief executive, despite concerns surrounding the company's export controls and national security implications.

Megaspeed, an Nvidia partner, was investigated by American authorities over possible illegal chip transfers. The company has denied violating export control requirements. The Commerce and Justice departments said their investigation began two years ago, with officials requesting Nvidia sales records in May 2025 and inspecting Megaspeed's operations in Singapore the following month.

Washington added Megaspeed to its trade blacklist on Monday, November



23. Nvidia has said it cooperates with government officials by answering questions, providing information and seeking guidance. The company is also facing scrutiny from federal agencies over its business practices, accounting and possible antitrust concerns.

Huang is scheduled to testify publicly before the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday, December 3. He and Nvidia General Counsel Tim Teter are also expected to participate in House committee interviews on Tuesday, December 1, and Wednesday, December 2. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick is scheduled to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday, December 10, as lawmakers examine the department's handling of the Megaspeed investigation and the broader oversight of advanced chip exports.

Weekly US unemployment claims fall to 189,000, signaling limited layoffs

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Applications for unemployment benefits in the United States fell by 13,000 to 189,000 during the week ending Saturday, November 21, according to Labor Department figures released Wednesday. The result was below economists' forecast of 200,000 and reflected continued low levels of layoffs. The four-week average, which smooths weekly fluctuations, declined to 196,000. The report was released a day early because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The number of people continuing to receive benefits also dropped sharply, falling by 95,000 to 1.697 million for the week ending November 14. Economists view continuing claims as an indicator of how easily unemployed workers are finding new jobs. The figures suggest the labor market remains in a low-hiring, low-layoff pattern, even as hiring momentum has varied across sectors.

Virginia and Oregon sue SpaceX over Grok-generated sexual images

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Virginia and Oregon sued SpaceX on Monday, accusing the company of allowing its Grok artificial intelligence tool to generate child sexual abuse material and nonconsensual sexual images. The states allege Grok's "spicy mode" enabled users to turn photographs into nude or sexualized images without consent, while the company failed to provide adequate safeguards. The lawsuits claim violations of state consumer protection laws and seek penalties, damages and court orders. SpaceX did not immediately comment. Grok's safety team said it had blocked prompts linked to such imagery and was working with law enforcement. The allegations remain subject to legal proceedings.

Inflation remains above target as Fed weighs December rate decision

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The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge rose to 3.8 percent year over year in October, up from a revised 3.7 percent in September, according to Bureau of Economic Analysis figures released Wednesday. Monthly inflation slowed to 0.3 percent from 0.5 percent. Core personal consumption expenditures inflation, excluding food and energy, reached 3.3 percent annually and rose 0.3 percent monthly. Both measures remain above the Fed's 2 percent target. The report could complicate the central bank's next policy decision. Governor Christopher Waller has called for stronger action, while markets were reported to expect a quarter-point rate hike at the December 8–9 meeting.

State Department reports questioned over asylum seekers' safety claims

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New State Department reports used in immigration courts summarize conditions in Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and El Salvador in ways that may minimize dangers faced by asylum seekers, an Associated Press investigation found Wednesday. The reports cite selected data and favorable descriptions, despite concerns about violence, corruption and weak police protection. One report calls Honduras' Gracias a Dios region relatively safe, while the department's travel advisory warns Americans of violent crime and armed groups. Researchers and



advocates say the documents appear designed to counter asylum claims involving domestic abuse and criminal gangs. The State Department says it may provide country-condition information to immigration courts. Asylum denials have reached 94 percent under President Donald Trump's second term.

Abortion rights gains leave Democrats facing major policy hurdles

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Democrats who campaigned on abortion rights made major gains in the midterm elections, but policy changes may remain difficult. Next year, Democrats will control legislative chambers and governors' offices in six states that already protect abortion through fetal viability. Leaders in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are calling for constitutional amendments. In Georgia, Democrats may seek to repeal the state's roughly six-week ban, although Republicans retain a narrow Senate majority. Texas' incoming Democratic attorney general, Nathan Johnson, says he



will stop lawsuits against out-of-state providers sending abortion medication to Texans and may withdraw from related litigation. Congressional Democrats could pursue federal protections, but President Donald Trump is expected to veto such legislation.

Indian diaspora faith leaders unite at Vancouver interfaith conference

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The Consulate General of India in Vancouver hosted a multi-faith conference on Friday as part of Hindu Heritage Month, bringing representatives of six faith traditions together to discuss inclusion and social harmony. The gathering focused on "From Tolerance to Acceptance," while the Consulate's broader month-long celebrations carried the theme "Many Paths – One Society." Hindu representative Jaya Mazumdar, Ismaili representative Fawziah Bhatia, Sikh representative Kala Singh, Buddhist representative Ernest Ng, Christian representative Mathew Koshy and Jain representative Sahil Jain took part. Dr. Rishi Singh moderated the discussion. Participants explored how tolerance can develop into acceptance and cooperation, emphasizing shared values such as compassion, humility, service, peace and human dignity.

Indian woman in Australia alleges egg attack on families at food truck

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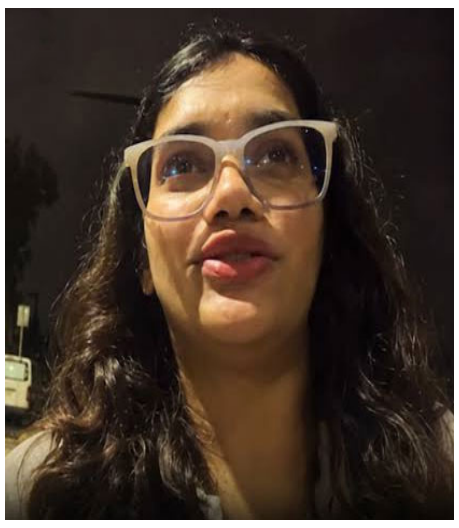
An Indian woman living in Australia has alleged that occupants of a passing vehicle threw eggs at Indian families eating beside a roadside food truck. Anjalie Sharma described the incident in an Instagram video, saying she witnessed it while returning home from work.

Sharma said a utility vehicle, known locally as a ute, approached the group and its occupants allegedly pelted them before driving away. She said families, women and older people were among those targeted and appeared to be simply enjoying their meal.

Sharma described the incident as a possible act of racism or anti-Indian hatred and said she had contacted police. In her post, she stressed that nobody should face harassment for



sharing a meal or expressing their cultural identity.

The allegation prompted online debate, with users condemning the reported attack and others discussing discrimination and the conduct of immigrants.

Hoshiarpur-born fighter dies after injury at Spanish tournament

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California-based Muay Thai fighter Prabhjot Singh Mann, 25, died Saturday after suffering a severe head injury during a tournament in Madrid, Spain. Mann, whose family roots were in Bigra village in Punjab's Hoshiarpur district, was injured November 7 and airlifted to a university hospital, where he remained in intensive care. His funeral and last rites are scheduled for Monday at a gurdwara in Fresno, California, where he lived. Mann was active in the Sikh community across the Central Valley. Besides mixed martial arts, he was a popular Bhangra performer who volunteered, mentored young people and taught traditional dance. The Indian and Sikh communities have expressed grief and paid tribute.

Punjab-origin truck driver indicted over alleged cocaine shipment to Canada

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A 27-year-old truck driver of Punjab origin, Kawal Preet Singh, has been indicted in the United States over allegations that he transported about 93 kilograms of cocaine in a commercial truck bound for Canada. Federal authorities charged him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Michigan State Police stopped his Ontario-plated truck in Kimball Township shortly after midnight Friday, October 31, while he was traveling from Laredo, Texas, to Belleville, Ontario. Investigators said four bags containing cocaine were concealed in the trailer. Authorities questioned Singh's account of the



trailer's security seal, citing license plate camera images that reportedly showed discrepancies. Singh has claimed innocence. He is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

Indians lead United Kingdom emigration figures as net migration falls

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Indians accounted for 85,000 people who emigrated from the United Kingdom in the year ending June 2026, making them the largest non-European Union nationality in departure figures, according to data released Thursday by the Office for National Statistics. The total included 55,000 people on study visas, 28,000 on work visas and 2,000 in other visa categories. Chinese nationals followed with 51,000 departures.

Net migration, the difference between arrivals and departures, fell to 77,000 during the year. Immigration declined by 155,000 to 738,000, while emigration dropped by 28,000



to 661,000. Indians also remained prominent among arrivals, with 77,000 study visa grants and 40,000 work-related entries reported. Separate Home Office figures recorded 31,000 irregular arrivals through September, 86 percent by small boat across the English Channel.

Brampton man arrested over alleged extortion and business arson

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A 29-year-old Brampton man, Jasjeet Singh, has been arrested in connection with an extortion investigation involving threats and a fire at a victim's business, Peel Regional Police said. Investigators allege the victim received repeated demands for money from April, along with threats against his family, home, business and property. Police responded to a fire at the premises early Saturday, September 5. Authorities said a person poured a flammable liquid, believed to be gasoline, near a garage door and set it alight. The fire damaged the business and nearby vehicles, with losses estimated at about $100,000. Singh was arrested Friday, October 9, and charged with extortion. He appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton for a bail hearing. The investigation continues, and police believe others may be involved.

Amritsar-born advocate honored for campaign to restore London flights

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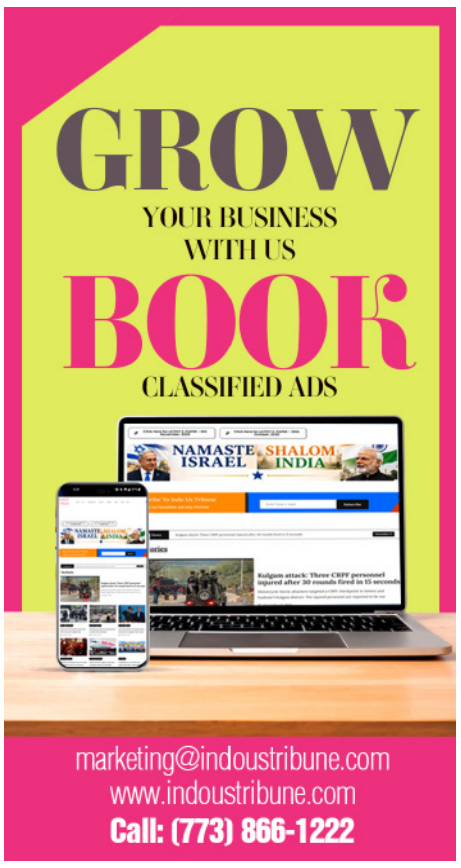
Amritsar-born, United States-based Sameep Singh Gumtala has been honored in London for his community work and efforts to improve international air connectivity to Amritsar. SEVA Trust UK presented him with the UK-India Impact Award during its 10th-anniversary celebration at the House of Commons.

Gumtala is the global convener of the volunteer-led FlyAmritsar Initiative and overseas secretary of Amritsar Vikas Manch. He has urged British lawmakers and airlines, including British Airways and Virgin Atlantic, to explore restoring direct London-Amritsar service.

The campaign highlights the route's importance for Punjab's diaspora, tourism and religious travel. Direct Birmingham-Amritsar flights continue, while the London service remains suspended. Gumtala said the recognition belonged to the volunteers and community members supporting the effort.





Two Punjabi brothers killed in Greece return home for final rites

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The bodies of two Punjabi brothers, Daljit Singh, 26, and Gurwinder Singh, 23, were brought to Amritsar on Friday, November 20, after they were allegedly murdered in Greece. The brothers, from Talwandi Sanghera village in Jalandhar district, were reportedly working at a pig farm. Their family alleged that a man who helped arrange their employment was responsible for the killings. Greek police reportedly arrested the accused. The brothers were cremated on Saturday, November 21. Their grieving family has sought a thorough investigation and assistance from Indian and Punjab authorities.

Punjabi-origin Vancouver police officer suspended without pay amid fraud charges

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The Vancouver Police Board has stopped paying suspended constable Kalwinder Dosanjh, a Punjabi-origin officer facing multiple criminal charges. Dosanjh, 50, has served with the Vancouver Police Department for 26 years and has been suspended since September. The Crown approved charges in September, including four counts of fraud over $5,000, four counts of theft over $5,000 and one count of breach of trust. The alleged offenses span 2017 to 2025 and involve 19 complainants and more than $3 million in reported losses. Dosanjh denies the allegations. His next court appearance is scheduled for Thursday, December 3.

Rajasthan-origin Navdeep Bains elected leader of Ontario Liberal Party

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Navdeep Bains, a Canadian politician of Indian origin and former federal minister, has been elected leader of Ontario's Liberal Party. Bains secured 50.3 percent of the vote in the final ballot on Saturday, November 21, narrowly defeating rival Lee Fairclough. His parents immigrated to Canada from a village in Rajasthan about five decades ago. Bains said he intends to challenge Ontario Premier Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives. Although he currently has no seat in the provincial legislature, he has said he plans to run in an upcoming election.

Punjabi-origin men charged in Canada employment agency robberies

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Two Punjabi-origin men from Brampton, Ontario, have been charged in connection with a series of armed robberies targeting employment agencies in Brampton and Mississauga. Peel Regional Police said the incidents occurred between April and August, when masked suspects allegedly threatened employees with guns and, in some cases, knives. The robbers reportedly stole cash, gift cards, electronics and other valuables, with losses exceeding $53,000. The accused, Satnam Dhillon, 31, faces 11 charges, while Rajdeep Singh, 21, faces eight. Investigators recovered a stolen vehicle worth approximately $30,000 and two replica firearms. Both men remain in custody pending bail hearings. Police said the investigation was conducted under Project Sega with support from regional and federal partners.

Indian lawyer Vijay Aggarwal granted bail in UK sexual assault case

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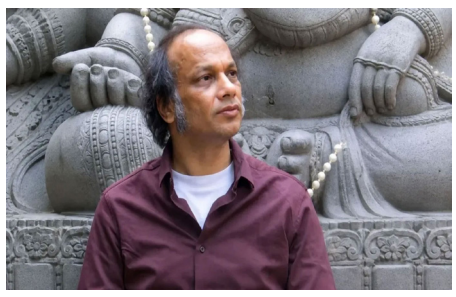

Indian criminal lawyer Vijay Aggarwal was granted bail on Wednesday by Southwark Crown Court in London while awaiting trial on charges of rape and sexual assault. Judge David Tomlinson also approved bail for Aggarwal's co-accused and assistant, Manpreet Kaur. Aggarwal, 57, must provide a £500,000 security bond and wear an electronic monitoring tag. Kaur, 41, was ordered to provide £200,000 in security. Both must surrender their passports and remain in the United Kingdom. The Crown Prosecution Service opposed their release, citing concerns about flight risk. Aggarwal faces one rape charge and three sexual assault charges. His defense argued that the alleged sexual encounter was consensual. The trial is scheduled to begin next March.

Punjabi man from Kapurthala shot dead in United States

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A Punjabi man from Bholath in Kapurthala district has been shot dead in the United States, leaving his family seeking answers. Paramjit Singh Ghuman, also known as Pamma, was 35. According to relatives, he had returned from work and was sitting in his car when an unidentified assailant opened fire. He reportedly died at the scene. The family said they received news of his death from a relative in the United States on Sunday night. Authorities have not publicly disclosed the motive or further details about the shooting.

Mumbai terror survivor Baby Moshe studies to become rabbi in New York

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Moshe Holtzberg, the Israeli survivor of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks widely remembered as "Baby Moshe," is studying in New York to become a rabbi, following in his father's footsteps. Rabbi Israel Kozlovsky, who oversees Nariman House, said he met the 20-year-old at a rabbinical conference in New York attended by thousands of religious leaders. Moshe was two when terrorists killed his parents, Rabbi Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg, at the Chabad House. His nanny, Sandra Samuel, rescued him from the building. He later moved to Israel to live with his grandparents. Nariman House is now being renovated, with part of the building planned as a museum and memorial to the victims. The project is expected to take about 18 months.

Punjab family awaits return of migrant son killed in Spain

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A family in Punjab's Beas region is still waiting for the body of Manpreet Singh, who died in Spain following a clash involving Indian nationals. The laborer was killed on Saturday, October 31, leaving his family struggling to bring him home nearly a month later. His mother, Gurmeet Kaur, said Spanish authorities had reportedly raised technical objections to the paperwork, despite the family submitting the required documents. Manpreet was the sole brother of three sisters and the family's main breadwinner. His relatives have appealed to the Indian and Punjab governments for help with repatriation.

Kansas Capitol hosts its first Diwali celebration, honors Indian Americans

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The Kansas State Capitol in Topeka hosted its first Diwali celebration on Monday, bringing together state leaders and Indian American organizations. Lieutenant Governor David Toland hosted the event, organized by the Gujarati Samaj of Greater Kansas City and other diaspora groups statewide. Governor Laura Kelly presented a proclamation recognizing Diwali's message of light overcoming darkness and Indian Americans' contributions to Kansas' social, economic, academic and cultural life. India's Consul General in Houston, D.C. Manjunath, attended and called the gathering significant because it took place at the symbolic heart of state democracy. Padma Shri recipient Prateek Sharma and Gujarati Samaj president Dev Bharwad also addressed attendees.

Manjunath also highlighted the shared values reflected in Diwali, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving, noting that public celebrations help communities understand one another's traditions. He said the gathering built on earlier engagement with Kansas leaders and offered an opportunity to strengthen cultural connections and deepen ties between India and Kansas.

Indian Oxford scholar speaks out after alleged racist encounter in UK

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An Indian doctoral student at the University of Oxford has described an alleged racist encounter while shopping in the British city. Kamakshi said a white woman circled her before telling her that she smelled "really, really bad." The student said she froze, adding that the perfume she had worn was one her father liked. The incident left her hurt and frustrated, prompting her to reflect on everyday racism and microaggressions faced by people of color. She said she would continue embracing her identity through traditional clothing, jewelry and a bindi.

Nine miners dead and 17 missing after Indonesian mine floods

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Nine miners were found dead Wednesday after flooding trapped workers in an underground mine in West Java, Indonesia, while 17 remained missing. Rescue teams recovered six bodies from one tunnel and three from another, officials said. Workers began pumping water from the roughly 100-meter-deep excavation, but high water levels, narrow passages, slippery ground and poor visibility hampered operations. Eleven miners had escaped before floodwaters submerged the site. Emergency personnel continued searching while prioritizing the safety of rescue crews. The mine is in a mountainous area south of Jakarta, where authorities are coordinating recovery work and support for families. Local authorities said recovery operations were continuing.

Egypt arrests driver after tanker fire on Giza highway kills 31

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Egyptian authorities arrested a driver on Thursday over a fuel tanker crash that caused a major fire on Cairo's Ring Road in Giza, killing 31 people and injuring at least 21, according to prosecutors and news reports. The driver reportedly told investigators he was traveling at about 110 kilometers per hour and changing lanes while overtaking when his car struck the tanker. The impact caused a tire to burst, sending the tanker into a concrete barrier before it overturned and spilled gasoline that ignited.

The fire damaged 27 vehicles. Authorities ordered forensic testing, including DNA analysis to identify victims whose remains could not be recognized. Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly visited injured people on Thursday and directed



officials to provide medical care and compensation. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi also ordered support for victims' families and a prompt clearance of the scene.

Indian researchers begin Antarctic studies of ice and mountains

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Researchers from India's National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research have begun field expeditions from Maitri Station in Antarctica to study ice-shelf processes and geological formations. One team is examining melt interactions on the Nivlisen Ice Shelf, led by scientist Vikram and joined by Australian researcher Tobias Tal and other specialists. A separate expedition to the Gruber Mountains, about 100 kilometers south of Maitri, is led by scientist Yogesh Ray and includes a Geological Survey of India geologist. Researchers said the work will involve collecting samples and examining features to better understand climate change and other environmental factors. The teams will work under difficult weather and terrain conditions.

Houthis threaten Saudi Red Sea ports after warning over Yemen's Hodeidah

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Yemen's Houthi forces on Wednesday threatened to target Jeddah and other Saudi ports along the Red Sea if Saudi Arabia attacked the Yemeni port of Hodeidah. Spokesperson Yahya Saree urged port workers and nearby residents to evacuate and called on shipping companies to withdraw their vessels.



The warning followed a Houthi drone strike on Riyadh's tallest tower on Tuesday, which Saudi authorities said injured at least 11 people. The Saudi-led coalition vowed a response. On Wednesday, the coalition said it had targeted operational capabilities at Hodeidah and struck sites in the Yemeni governorates of Saada and Amran.

Hodeidah is a major entry point for food, humanitarian aid and commercial supplies serving millions in Houthi-controlled northern Yemen. The escalating confrontation has also involved attacks on Saudi airports, ports and oil facilities.

South Korean foreign minister seeks bipartisan backing as successor prepares

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South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun on Thursday urged lawmakers across party lines to support the government's foreign policy as he prepared to leave office. Speaking before the National Assembly's foreign affairs and unification committee, Cho said he was honored to have served as the first foreign minister of President Lee Jae Myung's administration.
Cho emphasized the importance of bipartisan backing, particularly for summit diplomacy, amid an increasingly challenging international environment. He took office in July 2025. Lim Woong-soon, currently the second deputy director of the National Security Office, has been nominated to succeed Cho. Lim began



preparing for his confirmation hearing at a designated office on Thursday, although the hearing date has not been announced. Lee named Lim as part of a broader cabinet reshuffle announced Monday, intended to strengthen leadership and improve the government's ability to deliver policy.

Bushfire emergency declared on Tasmania's Flinders Island

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Authorities declared a life-threatening bushfire emergency Wednesday on Flinders Island off Tasmania, warning residents in an affected area that it was too late to evacuate safely. The fire threatened homes and escape routes along the island's northwest coast, prompting officials to advise people to shelter indoors, close windows and doors, and turn off air conditioners. The warning covered an area with about 43 residents at the 2021 census.
The blaze, sparked by lightning in a nature reserve, had burned about 3,000 hectares by Tuesday. Fire crews and aircraft were supporting response efforts. Emergency crews urged residents to follow official instructions.

Pope Leo calls failed United Nations climate talks troubling and demands stronger action

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Pope Leo on Wednesday criticized the failure of the United Nations climate conference, calling its outcome "troubling" and urging governments to take climate change more seriously. Addressing pilgrims during his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square, the pope said nations had failed to agree on clear commitments despite increasingly frequent extreme weather events.
He called for shared responsibility, stronger international solidarity and changes in social, economic and political systems. The COP31 negotiations collapsed Sunday after the European Union and other participants rejected a proposed agreement from the conference's Turkish and Australian presidents, arguing it did not do enough to address global warming. The last major United Nations climate summit to end without an adopted agreement was held in Copenhagen in 2009.
Leo has repeatedly urged Catholics worldwide to protect the environment.



India and China hold military talks on eastern border sector

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India and China recently held a meeting of senior military commanders in the eastern sector to discuss border management and unresolved issues along the Line of Actual Control, India's Foreign Ministry said Wednesday. Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the countries continue to engage through diplomatic and military channels to maintain peace and prevent escalation. He recalled earlier remarks that tensions can arise when Chinese forces depart from established patrolling patterns. The two sides have also agreed to discuss ways to improve understanding of the boundary in certain areas. Maintaining peace and stability remains important to broader bilateral relations. Officials said continued communication was essential to avoid misunderstandings.

London Tube strike disrupts travel as winter action begins

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London's underground network faced widespread disruption Thursday as drivers began the first of eight nonconsecutive strike days planned this winter. The 24-hour walkout was expected to affect travel into Friday evening, with three lines suspended, including a major route serving Heathrow Airport. Transport officials warned that services across the network would be reduced and trains would stop early Thursday night. The Rail, Maritime and Transport union opposes proposed arrangements linked to a voluntary four-day workweek, saying they would require drivers to work longer. Further strikes are planned in December, January and February. Officials advised passengers to check routes before traveling.

Canary Islands record more than 2,100 migrant arrivals in 24 hours

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Spain's Canary Islands received more than 2,100 migrants in overcrowded boats over 24 hours, setting a new single-day record, maritime rescue data showed Wednesday. The arrivals exceeded the previous record of about 1,500 set two weeks earlier.

One migrant was found dead aboard a boat, while another gave birth during the dangerous crossing from West Africa. Most vessels reached El Hierro, an island of about 11,400 residents that has become a major entry point for migrants. Regional leader Fernando Clavijo called the pressure unprecedented and sought urgent assistance from the European Union.



Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez urged a coordinated European response, including stronger cooperation with Senegal and Gambia on border controls, while supporting legal migration pathways for workers.

The Atlantic route remains among the world's deadliest migration crossings.

Israel's parliament advances independent inquiry into Hamas's October 7 attack

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Israel's parliament on Wednesday gave preliminary approval to legislation establishing an independent state commission to investigate security failures surrounding Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack. The bill passed by 65 votes to 50 and must clear three further parliamentary readings before becoming law. The proposed inquiry is backed by opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot, who has pledged to uncover the failures behind the attack. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opposes an independent commission and favors a government-controlled inquiry, with political leaders helping select its members and define its mandate. Critics say that approach could limit accountability. The attack killed about 1,200 people and led to the taking of more than 250 hostages. The vote marks an early legislative victory for opposition parties, which have gained control of the parliament's agenda after Netanyahu's coalition lost its majority.

Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey plan defense talks in Islamabad

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Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey will meet in Islamabad Friday and Saturday to discuss their joint defense agreement, two Pakistani sources told Reuters on Thursday. The Saudi and Turkish foreign ministers are expected to attend. The three countries signed the agreement in Mecca in August amid growing concerns over the United States and Israel's war against Iran. The meeting will bring together countries with significant strategic influence: Turkey has NATO's second-largest military, Saudi Arabia is a major oil exporter and home to Islam's holiest sites, and Pakistan is the only nuclear-armed Muslim country. Officials said the meeting will review implementation and future cooperation.

Trump and NATO chief urge Russia to avoid widening Ukraine war

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United States President Donald Trump and NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte urged Russia Wednesday to avoid actions that could expand its war in Ukraine. In a joint statement following their meeting in Florida, the leaders also called for a rapid, peaceful resolution. They discussed defense spending and investment across NATO, along with the wars in Ukraine and Iran. The meeting followed Trump's recent discussions with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping. European allies have pressed for greater involvement in United States-backed efforts to end the Ukraine conflict.

North Korea orders Swiss diplomatic official to leave

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North Korea ordered the head of Switzerland's diplomatic office in Pyongyang to leave within 48 hours on Wednesday, protesting Swiss sanctions against a children's camp. The sanctions target the Songdowon International Children's Camp over alleged involvement in the forced deportation of Ukrainian children. North Korean officials summoned Swiss representative Astier Sylvain and declared him persona non grata, according to state media. The office reopened in October after Switzerland withdrew staff in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The two countries established diplomatic relations in 1974. Switzerland has not been quoted responding to the expulsion order. The closure order followed a public warning from Kim Yo-jong.

Ecuador and United States discuss reviewing joint operations

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Ecuador's Interior Minister John Reimberg said Wednesday that recent talks with United States Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth focused on reviewing operations, identifying next steps and assessing Ecuador's requirements. Reimberg described the discussions as productive and said both countries had an established action plan. His comments followed a report that Washington had paused joint military operations while investigating a deadly operation by Ecuadorian forces. President Daniel Noboa announced joint operations with the United States and other allies in March as part of efforts to combat drug trafficking and illegal mining.

Suspected militants kill at least 30 in Nigeria's Niger State amid reprisal violence

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Suspected militants killed at least 30 people and burned homes in villages in Nigeria's Niger State on Tuesday evening, residents said Wednesday. A village head who escaped reported that gunmen occupied several villages and prevented residents from recovering bodies. The attack was described as retaliation for the killing of Fulani herders in the area days earlier. Fulani groups said at least 64 people were killed during violence in Borgu over the weekend, including a traditional ruler and four relatives in Lumman-Ba'are. Reuters said it could not independently verify a social media video appearing to show bodies being



burned. Governor Umaru Bago visited Borgu on Wednesday and announced compensation of 2 million naira, about $1,250, for each victim's family. He appealed for dialogue and peaceful coexistence as tensions continued.

Sheinbaum accuses DEA of interference after agency launches Mexico cartel tip lines

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Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum criticized the United States Drug Enforcement Administration on Thursday for launching anonymous tip lines in Mexico, calling the move interference and saying the agency should do more to tackle fentanyl and corruption at home. Her remarks followed an Associated Press investigation that found the agency allowed at least 1.4 million counterfeit fentanyl pills to go unseized while tracking a trafficking network for eight months. DEA Administrator Terry Cole had urged Mexicans to report cartel members, corrupt officials and money launderers through confidential



channels, including messaging applications and email. Sheinbaum said Mexico would cooperate with Washington on security but would not accept subordination. Recent joint efforts included United States drone assistance in the capture of Sinaloa cartel ally Fausto Isidro Meza Flores. Mexico says he will face trial domestically despite a United States extradition request.

RBI chief says Indian exporters are leaving trade agreement benefits untapped

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Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Friday urged Indian exporters, especially micro, small and medium enterprises, to use free trade agreements more effectively. At the SME Finance and Investment Summit in Mumbai, he said just 20–30 percent of eligible Indian exports benefit from lower tariffs under the pacts, compared with 60–70 percent of partner countries' exports to India. Malhotra called the gap a missed opportunity and encouraged businesses to explore overseas markets, strengthen product quality and meet international standards. Better use of trade agreements, he said, could help smaller firms enter global supply chains and expand beyond India's domestic market.

PM Modi inaugurates Nitish Setu bridge across Ganga in Bihar

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the six-lane Nitish Setu bridge across the Ganga in Bihar's Vaishali district. The bridge has been named after former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Modi was accompanied by Governor Syed Ata Hasnain, Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, Union Minister Chirag Paswan and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

The project connects Kachchi Dargah, near Patna, with Bidupur in Vaishali and was built at a cost of approximately $510 million. The main bridge stretches 9.76 kilometers, while its approach roads extend another 10 kilometers.

The infrastructure project is expected



to ease congestion on existing crossings, reduce travel time and improve connectivity to markets and essential services across the region.

Passport office seeks birthplace clarification from CJP leader Saurav Das

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The Ministry of External Affairs said Wednesday that Chennai's Regional Passport Office had issued a show-cause notice to Cockroach Janta Party leader Saurav Das over his declared place of birth.

Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the notice, issued Monday, gave Das seven days to clarify the discrepancy. He was also advised not to use his passport until submitting a response.

Das had claimed he was stopped at New Delhi airport while travelling to Britain for an Oxford-related event. The Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party disputed his account, saying he was due to attend an Oxford Union event, not deliver a lecture at the university.

Kerala Assembly faces stormy session with nine bills on agenda

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Kerala's Assembly is preparing for a contentious nine-day session beginning Monday, with nine bills on the agenda and political disputes likely to intensify. Speaker Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan said Friday that the House would devote eight days to legislative business and one to private members' matters. Proposed legislation includes changes involving the Public Service Commission, shops and commercial establishments, university laws, private universities, student welfare and sports development. The session comes as the ruling Congress-led government faces factional tensions and the Opposition



confronts controversies of its own. Investigations, health department issues and differences among Left parties may also shape debate.

Jaishankar calls attacks on ships and seafarers unacceptable

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday condemned attacks on maritime shipping and seafarers as unacceptable, calling for a stronger international response.

Speaking at the Indian Ocean Rim Association's general debate in New Delhi, he said regional countries must safeguard maritime trade and uphold international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Jaishankar urged greater cooperation against terrorism, narcotics trafficking and illegal fishing, as well as coordinated action during climate-related disasters. The meeting is being held under India's chairmanship of the



association for 2025–2027, with a focus on innovation, openness, resilience and adaptability across the Indian Ocean.

Supreme Court issues contempt notices over Thiruparankundram lamp order

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The Supreme Court on Friday issued contempt notices to senior Tamil Nadu officials after its order to light the Karthigai Deepam lamp at Thiruparankundram hill was not carried out at the disputed pillar.

The bench said the failure appeared to amount to wilful disobedience and sought explanations from the chief secretary, police chief and other authorities. It ordered the chief secretary to disclose communications about implementation and appear at the next hearing. The court also suspended the temple's board of trustees, appointed former judges as receivers and directed the Central Reserve Police Force to secure the hill. It ordered the lamp lit Saturday.

Cabinet reportedly clears fresh push for delimitation and women's reservation

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The Union Cabinet on Friday reportedly approved amendments linked to a proposed delimitation exercise and women's reservation, ahead of Parliament's special session beginning Monday. The plan could expand the Lok Sabha's current 543 seats, with reports suggesting a 50 percent increase and a freeze on the revised strength for 25 years. The government has not yet released the bill's full details or confirmed the reported formula. Southern and Opposition-governed states have warned that population-based delimitation could weaken their relative representation. The proposal is expected to revive debate over constituency boundaries and the implementation of 33 percent reservation for women in legislatures.

India plans financial crackdown on overseas terror networks

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Indian security agencies are reportedly planning to target the finances and communications of terror and criminal networks operating overseas, according to officials cited in the report.

The proposed strategy would trace funding, foreign telephone connections and links between overseas handlers and operatives in India. Officials said local police and a central agency would coordinate investigations to avoid duplication and strengthen evidence for extradition requests.

The approach draws on earlier financial action against separatist networks in Jammu and Kashmir, including property attachment.

Authorities say focusing on entire networks, rather than individual suspects, could make it harder for groups to replace arrested operatives and continue their activities.



DMK seeks clarity on proposed delimitation bill before deciding its stand

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The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam will examine the Centre's proposed revised delimitation bill before deciding whether to support it, party spokesperson T. K. S. Elangovan said Friday. He said the party had opposed the earlier proposal because of concerns about its impact on states and regional representation. Elangovan asked the government to make the new bill public, saying the party could not take a position before reviewing its provisions. He also said the party would assess whether its concerns had been addressed. Parliament is scheduled to reconvene for a special sitting from Monday through Thursday next week. The Congress has criticized the government's reported plan, arguing that delimitation must not disadvantage southern states.

ICMR crosses 100 technology transfers, signs 20 licensing agreements

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The Indian Council of Medical Research has crossed 100 successful technology transfers, marking a significant milestone in taking Indian health research from laboratories to the market. The achievement was announced Wednesday at the third Health Research Excellence Summit, organized by the Department of Health Research and ICMR in New Delhi. During the summit, held Monday and Tuesday, ICMR exchanged 20 licensing agreements covering eight technologies with nine Indian companies. More than 600 scientists, researchers and policymakers attended the event, which also marked 115 years of the council's work. Three initiatives were launched to strengthen research translation, disease surveillance and policy support. An exhibition showcased 17 indigenous health technologies developed by ICMR institutes and partner institutions.

Imran Masood rejects SP's 26-seat offer, says Congress will not surrender its party

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Congress lawmaker Imran Masood on Friday strongly opposed the Samajwadi Party's reported offer of 26 seats to his party for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, saying Congress would not accept constituencies it considered unwinnable. Masood questioned the electoral prospects of some seats and said two or three had previously seen defeats by margins exceeding 100,000 votes. He argued that an alliance must provide Congress adequate political space rather than expect it to accept what he called scraps. Masood also said there was little justification for an agreement offering fewer seats than Congress contested in the 2017 state election.

Gujarat ATS arrests Assam man over alleged plot against Vadodara Air Force station

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Gujarat's Anti-Terrorist Squad arrested an Assam man accused of plotting an attack on the Indian Air Force station in Vadodara, officials said Friday. The suspect, Mohammad Saharul Islam Kabiruddin, was allegedly in contact with a Pakistan-based handler linked to the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed group. Investigators said they seized a rifle resembling an AK-47, 23 live rounds, mobile phones and a group flag. They also reportedly found photographs and videos of the station's entrance, suggesting reconnaissance. The arrest followed intelligence and surveillance, officials said. A case has been registered under anti-terrorism and criminal laws, and investigators are examining whether others were involved.

Madras High Court refuses to dismiss petition challenging Vijay's Perambur victory

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The Madras High Court on Friday rejected Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay's request to dismiss an election petition challenging his victory from the Perambur Assembly constituency. Justice V. Lakshminarayanan said allegations that Vijay omitted or inaccurately disclosed income and land details in his election affidavit required examination at trial. The petition was filed by Perambur voter S. Dinesh, who claims the affidavit contained incomplete information about the chief minister's assets and property transactions. Vijay's lawyers argued that the alleged discrepancies did not establish that the election result had been affected and questioned whether the petition met legal requirements. The court's ruling allows the case to proceed; it does not invalidate Vijay's election or establish wrongdoing.

Nadda accuses Congress of undermining Constitution, cites Emergency and misuse of Article 356

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Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Thursday accused the Congress of undermining constitutional values during its years in power, addressing a Samvidhan Gaurav Diwas programme at Tagore Hall in Ahmedabad. In the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and state BJP president Jagdish Vishwakarma, Nadda alleged that Congress leaders had opposed Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and repeatedly misused Article 356 to dismiss elected state governments. He cited the Emergency imposed in 1975, when civil liberties were curtailed and opposition leaders jailed. Nadda also recalled his own arrests during the Emergency and questioned Congress's record on constitutional institutions and democratic freedoms.

Giriraj Singh backs Amit Shah's UCC pledge, says it should have been implemented after Independence

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Union Minister Giriraj Singh on Friday backed Home Minister Amit Shah's pledge that states governed by the Bharatiya Janata Party would implement the Uniform Civil Code in the coming days. Singh said the code should have been introduced after Independence and urged all states, regardless of which party governs them, to adopt it. He accused the Congress of delaying implementation and called for support across party lines, describing the proposal as "one nation, one law." Shah made his announcement Thursday, saying the Constitution's framers had placed the Uniform Civil Code among the Directive Principles and that laws should not be framed on religious grounds. The code is already in force in Uttarakhand; other state laws are awaiting commencement notifications.

Manipur chief minister urges 36 communities to strengthen unity on Constitution Day

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Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Thursday urged the state's 36 communities to strengthen bonds of love, unity and mutual understanding, in keeping with the Constitution's Preamble. Speaking at the Constitution Day observance at the Civil Secretariat in Mantripukhri, Imphal, he said collective efforts were essential to fostering harmony across the state.

Singh emphasized that residents should identify themselves first as Indians and then as Manipuris. He administered the Preamble pledge and signed a printed copy during the ceremony. Deputy Chief Minister Losii Dikho, Home Minister Govindas Konthoujam, Tourism Minister Khuraijam Loken Singh, the Advocate General, lawmakers and senior officials attended. In Arunachal Pradesh, Governor K.T. Parnaik urged citizens to uphold constitutional ideals, honor Fundamental Duties and rise above differences.



CPI(M) leader challenges scrutiny of controversial speech, asks police to examine chief minister's remarks

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CPI(M) Kannur district secretary K.K. Ragesh on Thursday defended former party legislator T.I. Madhusoodanan amid controversy over his remarks following the Dhanaraj murder case verdict.

Ragesh questioned why Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan's earlier "blood for blood" statement had not drawn similar scrutiny, demanding that police register a case against him first.

He accused the media of applying double standards but clarified that he was not endorsing Madhusoodanan's speech. The controversy followed a court ruling on Wednesday sentencing three BJP-RSS workers to life imprisonment for the 2016 murder of CPI(M) activist C.V. Dhanaraj, while acquitting 16 others. Madhusoodanan's remarks, including references to the Cheemeni killings, prompted Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala to order a police examination and appropriate action.



Iran-war fuel shock deepens airlines' financial crisis

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The Iran war's jet-fuel shock is worsening airlines' financial distress, forcing closures, restructuring and emergency funding efforts. United States discount carrier Spirit Airlines stopped flying in May after a proposed bailout failed and lenders refused fresh capital, derailing its planned bankruptcy exit. Latvia's airBaltic entered United States bankruptcy proceedings and planned 500 to 700 job cuts; its government approved a guarantee of up to $192 million to attract financing. Spain's Volotea is negotiating with creditors and state-backed partners to restructure debt, citing about $165 million in added fuel costs. Plus Ultra suspended its final route. Norway's Norse Atlantic grounded flights Thursday and warned it may file for bankruptcy without urgent financing.

Trump's proposed tariffs draw protests from China and other trading partners

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President Donald Trump's administration proposed new tariffs Wednesday on 14 trading partners, including China, India, Japan and the European Union, accusing them of maintaining excess manufacturing capacity that harms American commerce. The measures follow an eight-month investigation under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, after the Supreme Court struck down most of Trump's earlier sweeping tariffs in February.

China faces a proposed 20 percent rate, potentially rising to 40 percent if Washington considers its cooperation inadequate. India could face 25 percent without a trade agreement, or 17 percent with one. Japan and the European Union face proposed rates of 15 percent, while Singapore could face 20 percent. China rejected the overcapacity allegation



as a false premise and warned it would defend its interests. Japan, Singapore and Malaysia also denied distorting global markets. The European Union rejected the claim, while Vietnam said negotiations were continuing. Thailand considered its proposed 18 percent cap more favorable than expected. The proposals remain subject to public review, with a hearing scheduled for January. Economists warned the duties could still raise consumer prices and prolong goods inflation.

Trump holds crypto gala as meme coin falls below $1

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President Donald Trump hosted a dinner Sunday for major holders of his $TRUMP meme coin, saying his support aimed to strengthen United States competitiveness against China. The token, once worth about $75, has fallen below $1, a record low. Organizers said 185 wallets qualified, but the final public leaderboard listed 130 wallets holding a combined $8.6 million, compared with $148 million before the May 2025 gala. The event was quieter and smaller, attendees said. The Trump family has earned at least $635 million from the token, according to the president's financial disclosure. Meanwhile, outside investors in five major family crypto ventures have lost more than $5 billion.

SpaceX wins approval for million-satellite orbital data center network

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Federal regulators approved SpaceX's plan to deploy as many as one million satellites for its Starmind orbital data center network, prompting warnings from astronomers. The Federal Communications Commission said the satellites would process artificial intelligence data in orbit and send results to Earth. The authorization allows deployment, not immediate launch. SpaceX must begin placing satellites by 2033, reach 100,000 by 2035 and complete the constellation by 2040. The American Astronomical Society said the network could obstruct optical and infrared observations, interfere



with radio astronomy and increase collision and environmental risks. It urged continued coordination with scientific agencies, saying earlier satellite-design changes had reduced, but not eliminated, astronomy-related concerns.

Mexico asks Asian partners to tighten checks against tariff evasion

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Mexico urged Asian trade partners Thursday to strengthen checks against tariff evasion, as Washington presses it to prevent Chinese goods from entering supply chains through third countries. Economy Minister Marcelo Ebrard made the appeal at a Pacific Rim trade ministers' meeting in Vietnam, calling for better tracking of products and enforcement of rules governing their country of origin. The effort comes amid negotiations over the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and demands for more regional content in vehicles, electronics and pharmaceuticals. Mexico has raised tariffs as high as



50 percent on imports from countries without free-trade agreements. Ebrard also urged partners to buy more Mexican goods and invest jointly in manufacturing, particularly electronics.

Global markets rebound as technology shares recover

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Global stocks rebounded Friday after a turbulent month driven by doubts over artificial intelligence spending and valuations. Nasdaq futures rose 2.8 percent and Standard and Poor's 500 futures gained 2 percent after Wall Street closed Thursday for Thanksgiving. European shares advanced 1 percent, Japan's Nikkei rose 2.1 percent and Chinese blue-chip stocks jumped 4.2 percent after Beijing announced market-support measures. The recovery eased demand for safe-haven bonds, pushing the 10-year United States Treasury yield up seven basis points to 4.92 percent. The dollar was little changed but headed for a third monthly gain. Investors still warned that a deeper market correction remained possible.

Ford discusses military vehicle supply with Pentagon

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Ford said Tuesday it had discussed supplying military vehicles and other defense products with the Pentagon, as automakers seek opportunities amid rising defense spending.

A company spokesperson said talks focused on capable military vehicles and Ford's work with satellite manufacturer Revolution Space, in which it recently made a minority investment. Separately, The Wall Street Journal reported that the Pentagon was discussing drone production with Ford, General Motors and other manufacturers, potentially supplying engines, sensors and other components.

General Motors was considering drone motors, the report said. Defense officials also met with Canadian supplier Magna International and other firms.

Reuters said it could not independently verify the newspaper's drone report.



Goyal says India remains on track for $1 trillion export goal

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Friday India was on course to reach its $1 trillion export target for the current fiscal year, despite global uncertainty. Speaking at the India Debt Capital Market Summit, he said exports totaled $570 billion in the first seven months. Gross fixed capital formation rose about 12 percent, while credit growth reached roughly 19 percent. India recorded 7.8 percent economic growth in the first quarter, and Goyal expected momentum to continue in the second. He cited conflicts, oil-price shocks, tariff uncertainty and disrupted transport routes as challenges. He also outlined the government's long-term ambition to build a $30 trillion economy by 2047.

Apple removes MiniMax chatbot after reports of inappropriate messages to minors

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Apple removed MiniMax's Talkie chatbot from its App Store worldwide this week after media reports alleged that its artificial intelligence characters sent sexualized and abusive messages to children.

The Shanghai-based company launched Talkie in 2023, offering virtual companions and romantic interactions. Its Chinese counterpart is called Xingye. Although Talkie carries an adults-only rating, users can reportedly verify their age themselves, raising concerns about safeguards. The app had about 11 million monthly active users across its website and app in October. Talkie and Xingye generated more than 60 percent of MiniMax's revenue in 2024.

Wall Street pares losses as artificial intelligence selloff slows

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Wall Street ended Wednesday modestly lower after major indexes recovered much of their steep early losses as selling in artificial intelligence stocks eased. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 0.3 percent to 7,182.78, after dropping as much as 3.2 percent during the session. The Nasdaq Composite lost 0.6 percent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.3 percent. Nvidia finished down 3.9 percent after falling more than 9 percent earlier. Meta and Salesforce advanced, while financial stocks also helped limit losses. Investors remained concerned about high inflation, proposed tariffs and whether heavy artificial intelligence spending will deliver sufficient returns.

European Union fines fragrance giants $516 million over cartel

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The European Commission fined fragrance makers Firmenich, Givaudan and International Flavors & Fragrances a combined €471.9 million, or about $516.5 million, on Wednesday for participating in a cartel targeting Unilever. Regulators said the companies exchanged commercially sensitive information, including pricing and strategies for responding to Unilever's requests for greater transparency on ingredients and costs. Givaudan received the largest penalty, followed by Firmenich and International Flavors & Fragrances.

Britain's competition watchdog separately imposed an £85 million fine. The companies acknowledged wrongdoing and received reductions for settlement and cooperation. The cartel operated from March 2019 through March 2023.

October inflation rises to 3.8 percent, adding pressure on Federal Reserve

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United States inflation accelerated in October, with the Personal Consumption Expenditures price index rising 3.8 percent from a year earlier, compared with 3.6 percent in September, according to Commerce Department data released Wednesday. Prices increased 0.3 percent month over month, following a 0.5 percent rise in September. Core inflation, which excludes food and energy, reached 3.3 percent annually, up from 3.1 percent. Food prices rose 0.4 percent, while gasoline inflation slowed sharply. The figures remain above the Federal



Reserve's 2 percent target and could strengthen expectations of further interest-rate increases. Economic growth was also revised upward to 4.3 percent for the third quarter.

Maharashtra regulator penalizes Blinkit, suspends Zepto and Big Basket licences

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Maharashtra's Food and Drug Administration penalized a Blinkit outlet in Amravati and suspended food licences at facilities operated by Zepto and Big Basket over safety violations. Five respondents linked to the Blinkit outlet were fined a combined 11 lakh rupees for operating without a mandatory licence and failing to follow regulatory directions. The Zepto dark store in Mumbai was suspended after inspectors found live cockroaches, expired and damaged products, poor storage practices and inadequate temperature records. Officials also reported improper segregation of food and non-food items, waste and gaps in staff training and medical documentation. The Zepto facility was barred from storing and selling food during the suspension.

Huawei found guilty on 10 counts in United States criminal trial

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A federal jury in Brooklyn convicted Chinese telecommunications company Huawei on 10 of 12 criminal counts Tuesday, including bank fraud, wire fraud, sanctions violations and conspiracy to steal trade secrets. Jurors acquitted the company of racketeering conspiracy and conspiring to obstruct justice. The case, launched in 2018, accused Huawei of misleading banks about its Iran business and stealing technology from American companies. Huawei said it was disappointed and planned to appeal, arguing the remaining charges lacked legal and factual merit. China's foreign ministry opposed what it called United States efforts to suppress Chinese companies. Sentencing is scheduled for September 2027.

US-backed investor group agrees to buy Lukoil's international assets

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A consortium led by United States asset manager Eldridge agreed Wednesday to acquire the international assets of Russian oil company Lukoil. The group includes the United States International Development Finance Corporation, United Arab Emirates-based Catena Investment Holding and New York investment bank Xtellus Capital Partners. The proposed purchase covers oil and gas fields, refineries, pipelines and other infrastructure across 11 countries, producing about 350,000 barrels of oil equivalent daily. The transaction would exchange restricted Russian shares for Lukoil International's liquidity, avoiding direct cash payments to Russia. A Democratic lawmaker criticized the agreement, arguing it circumvents congressional restrictions on financing Russia.

Chinese group explores $600 million investment in Zimbabwe gold mines

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Zimbabwe-focused Duration Gold signed an agreement Thursday with China Railway Resources Group to explore a potential $600 million investment in reviving and expanding four gold mines. The proposed partnership covers Vubachikwe, Gaika, Athens and Royal Family mines, which have histories of production. China Railway Resources would contribute financing, technology and engineering expertise, and plans to introduce artificial intelligence-based smart mining techniques. The agreement was signed in Harare by company executives to advance discussions, not finalize the investment. Zimbabwe produced a record 46.7 metric tons of gold in



2025, more than doubling output over a decade, with production expected to exceed 50 tons this year.

Flipkart chief Kalyan Krishnamurthy to leave after decade-long tenure

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Walmart-owned Flipkart said Wednesday that Chief Executive Kalyan Krishnamurthy will step down after more than 11 years with the company, as it prepares for a potential stock market listing and faces growing competition. Chief product and technology officer Balaji Thiagarajan will lead the company in the interim, with a successor expected in the coming weeks. Krishnamurthy joined Flipkart in 2016, became chief executive in 2017 and group chief executive in 2018. He guided the retailer through Walmart's $16 billion acquisition of a roughly 77 percent stake. Flipkart has more than 500 million registered users.

Gold slips as expectations of Federal Reserve rate hikes increase

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Gold prices edged lower Thursday as persistent inflation and expectations of further Federal Reserve interest-rate increases weighed on the metal. Spot gold fell 0.4 percent to $3,566.99 per ounce by 7:01 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time, while United States gold futures for December delivery rose 0.9 percent to $3,565.90. Gold briefly dropped below $3,500 on Wednesday for the first time since September 2025. Higher interest rates can reduce demand for gold because it does not generate income. Investors also weighed new tariff proposals targeting 14 trading partners. United States markets were closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.



Marc Marquez announces retirement after historic MotoGP season

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Eight-time MotoGP champion Marc Marquez announced Friday that he will retire after the 2026 season, making this weekend's Valencia Grand Prix his final race. The Spaniard secured his eighth premier-class world championship in Portugal on Sunday, matching Italian legend Giacomo Agostini's record. Marquez thanked fans, teammates and others who supported his career, saying he hoped they had enjoyed the journey as much as he had.

He won six championships with Honda before joining Ducati, where he had extended his contract through 2028 in June. Ducati confirmed that the Valencia race would be his final appearance with the team. His announcement moved teammates and supporters to tears at the Circuit Ricardo Tormo.

FIFA confirms cyberattack exposing personal and business information

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FIFA confirmed on Thursday that hackers accessed a limited amount of personal and business information in a criminal cyberattack. The governing body said it was cooperating with law enforcement and condemned the unlawful acquisition and publication of data. The Handsome Boy Hacking Club appeared to claim responsibility, posting a screenshot of purported FIFA files on X last Wednesday. The group later appeared to acknowledge the breach amid claims that more than 12 gigabytes of documents had been stolen. FIFA has not verified the alleged volume or full contents.

Reports say attackers entered by impersonating FIFA employees. Allegedly accessed material included identity and immigration records, financial documents and internal files.



A source told Reuters that less than 0.1 percent of FIFA's data was affected and that files linked to the abandoned FIFA Forward Enterprise proposal were not accessed. FIFA called the incident a serious privacy violation. Spanish league LaLiga also reported a cyberattack involving fan information earlier this month.

Britain reach Davis Cup semifinals after dramatic win over Germany

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Great Britain reached the Davis Cup semifinals Thursday for the first time in seven years, defeating Germany 2-1 in Bologna, Italy. Cameron Norrie gave Britain an early lead by beating Jan-Lennard Struff in three sets, but Alexander Zverev levelled the tie with a straight-sets victory over Arthur Fery. Henry Patten and Neal Skupski then secured the decisive point, defeating Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 6-2, 7-6. Britain will face Spain in Saturday's semifinal as it pursues its first Davis Cup title since 2015. Spain advanced by beating Austria 2-0 without using Carlos Alcaraz, who watched from the sidelines. Rafael Jodar recovered from a difficult opening set to clinch the tie.

Lionel Messi confirmed for Carlos Tevez testimonial in Argentina

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Lionel Messi will appear in former Argentina teammate Carlos Tevez's testimonial match on Sunday, organizers confirmed. Tevez, nicknamed "Apache," retired in 2022 after a career that included spells with Manchester United, Manchester City and Juventus. The 42-year-old ended his playing career at boyhood club Boca Juniors and will host the celebration at the club's La Bombonera stadium. Organizers announced Messi's participation on Thursday, describing it as an honor to welcome the celebrated forward to Tevez's farewell event. Former players Rio Ferdinand, Sergio Aguero, Leandro Paredes, Gianluigi Buffon and Martin Palermo are also expected to take part. Tevez had previously expressed a wish for Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to play on opposing teams, but Ronaldo's participation has not been confirmed.



Arsenal face City as title rivals approach crucial Premier League clash

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Arsenal remain six points clear at the top of the Premier League despite consecutive draws against Newcastle United and Borussia Dortmund. Their recent matches exposed a lack of clinical finishing, particularly against Dortmund, when they recorded 30 attempts but only four on target. Manchester City arrive for Sunday's meeting in greater difficulty, having suffered three league defeats and a draw, followed by another stalemate against Napoli in the Champions League. Their defense has gone 10 matches without a clean sheet, while midfield control and Erling Haaland's scoring form have faded. City also face uncertainty surrounding their financial-rule appeal. A defeat would leave them nine points behind Arsenal, while victory could cut the gap to three.

Tomlin and Brady weigh in on Rodgers' turbulent Steelers exit

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Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin and retired quarterback Tom Brady addressed the public dispute involving Aaron Rodgers and coach Mike McCarthy on Thursday. Rodgers, released by Pittsburgh after being benched, accused McCarthy of missing meetings and appearing to fall asleep during one. McCarthy acknowledged mistakenly ending a halftime huddle with "1, 2, 3 Packers." Tomlin called the situation a "dumpster fire" and said Rodgers had been beloved by teammates during their season together in 2025. He warned that the allegations could create serious challenges for McCarthy's leadership.

Steelers owner backs McCarthy and criticizes Rodgers' ultimatum

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Pittsburgh Steelers owner and president Art Rooney II expressed full confidence in head coach Mike McCarthy on Thursday after quarterback Aaron Rodgers was released following a public dispute. Rodgers had accused McCarthy of being unhealthy, falling asleep during meetings and missing team activities. Rooney rejected concerns about the coach's fitness, saying health was not an issue, and declared that insubordination and ultimatums could not be tolerated. McCarthy said Rodgers had presented a demand outside his role, leading to



the quarterback's benching in favor of Mason Rudolph. Rodgers was released Wednesday and cleared waivers Thursday. Rooney said he was disappointed by the way Rodgers' Pittsburgh tenure ended, although he had expected success after a positive experience last season.

Bournemouth, Milan and Juventus rally as Benfica suffer heavy defeat

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Bournemouth preserved their perfect Europa League record Thursday with a 2-1 comeback victory at Celta Vigo, despite playing with 10 men after Bafode Diakite's dismissal. Alvaro Rodriguez and Rayan scored after Iago Aspas had put the hosts ahead. Juventus recovered from an early deficit to defeat Omonia Nicosia 4-1 and move into second place, two points behind Bournemouth. AC Milan also mounted a comeback, overturning a two-goal disadvantage to beat Olympiakos 4-2 in Greece. Viktoria Plzen delivered one of the night's biggest results, defeating Benfica 4-0. Crystal Palace beat Real Sociedad 2-1, while Celtic won 2-1 against Torreense. Marseille,

Cricket Australia expands ball-tampering forum to include Ashes series

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Cricket Australia will expand its independent review of the 2018 ball-tampering scandal to include the entire 2017-18 season, including the Ashes series against England. The six-week confidential forum will be led by senior counsel Fiona McLeod and allow players and staff to share experiences without fear of punishment. The review follows renewed allegations after Usman Khawaja's memoir and recent comments from former teammates. Its scope includes the South Africa tour, particularly the Cape Town Test when Cameron Bancroft was caught with sandpaper. Cricket Australia said the process is intended for listening and information gathering, not disciplinary action. No individual will face adverse findings or retrospective sanctions. The board will publish the final report and its response.

Report alleges Nathan Lyon suggested ball-tampering method after scandal

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Fresh allegations surrounding Australia's ball-tampering controversy have emerged, with reports claiming veteran spinner Nathan Lyon suggested using mints or sweets to shine the ball during a Test series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates in 2018. The alleged suggestion came months after the Cape Town scandal, in which Cameron Bancroft, David Warner and Steve Smith were punished. Usman Khawaja reportedly described the episode on a podcast, saying the player involved had also toured South Africa. A report attributed the suggestion to Lyon and said captain Tim Paine and coach Justin Langer rejected it. It remains unclear whether Lyon was joking. Lyon previously signed a statement denying knowledge of the 2018 plot. The allegation has not been independently established.

Ahmedabad prepares for 10th marathon with 32,000 runners expected

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Ahmedabad is preparing to host the 10th Adani Ahmedabad Marathon on Sunday, with more than 32,000 runners expected across four categories: full marathon, half marathon, 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer races. The event, organized by Adani Sportsline, carries the theme "Run for Our Soldiers," honoring India's armed forces. This edition has been listed in the World Athletics calendar as a labeled road race. Police will deploy more than 500 personnel for security, crowd control and route management, while medical teams and ambulances will be positioned along the course. Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service will operate 12 special air-conditioned buses across six routes from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Organizers urged residents and participants to follow traffic advisories.

India strike three wickets as New Zealand reach 131 at tea

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India took three wickets in the second session to restrict New Zealand to 131 for four at tea on the opening day of the second Test in Christchurch on Friday. New Zealand resumed after lunch at 77 for one, with captain Tom Latham batting confidently. Latham scored 59 before Akash Deep had him caught behind. Anshul Kamboj then dismissed Henry Nicholls for 16, and Deep removed Rachin Ravindra for a duck in the following over. Devon Conway had earlier fallen for 31 to debutant Gurnoor Brar shortly before lunch. Daryl Mitchell was unbeaten on six and Tom Blundell on eight at the interval. India captain Shubman Gill had elected to bowl on a grassy pitch.

Ireland announce historic Pakistan tour



Ireland will tour Pakistan for the first time in January, playing six 50-over matches ahead of the World Cup qualifiers. The team will face Pakistan Shaheens in three matches before playing three one-day internationals against the senior side. All games will be held in Lahore. Cricket Ireland said the tour will focus on one-day preparation for the qualifiers in South Africa and Namibia. Ireland's women previously toured Pakistan in 2022.

Unbeaten India face Malaysia in hockey semifinal



Defending champions India will face Malaysia in Friday's Women's Asian Champions Trophy semifinal in Bhopal after winning all five group matches. India topped the standings with 15 points, scoring 23 goals and conceding four. Deepika leads the tournament with eight goals. Malaysia finished fourth with seven points, including a 4-0 win over Thailand. India had beaten Malaysia 4-1 earlier. South Korea will face Thailand in the other semifinal.

Barcelona win as Roma halt Paris' perfect run



Barcelona beat Sabah 4-1 in Baku on Wednesday, with Anthony Gordon scoring twice. Karim Adeyemi and Gabriel Jesus also scored as Barcelona claimed their fourth win in five Champions League matches. Paris Saint-Germain drew 2-2 with Roma, ending their perfect record. Mario Hermoso and Illia Zabarnyi scored before penalties from Ousmane Dembélé and Donyell Malen settled the match. Lille also rallied to beat Bayern Munich 2-1 after trailing at halftime.



Lana Del Rey teases progress on two albums, says she is nearing the finish line



Lana Del Rey has given fans a promising update on her much-anticipated new music, revealing that she is getting closer to completing two albums. The singer-songwriter shared the news in the comments of her Thanksgiving Instagram post on Thursday, saying she was happy with how both projects were taking shape. Del Rey admitted the journey had taken several unexpected turns over the years, but said the music now feels as though it has come together for a reason. She described the albums as deeply personal, reflecting on her experiences, relationships and growth over the past three years. The singer also offered a glimpse into the elaborate physical editions, revealing that the copper plates alone took six months to make. While fans await an official release announcement, Del Rey assured them the projects are progressing well.

Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and 'Ramayana' team meet Amit Shah

The world of 'Ramayana' took a moment away from the big screen as Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi and members of the film's team met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday. The gathering brought together the stars and key creatives behind the ambitious mythological project, directed by Nitesh Tiwari and produced by Namit Malhotra. Ranbir steps into the role of Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi portrays Sita, and Yash plays Ravana. The meeting comes as the film continues to draw attention for its grand scale and retelling of the revered Indian epic. The team shared the occasion on social media, describing it as an honor to meet Shah. The first installment is part of a planned two-film adaptation of the 'Ramayana'.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt settle winery dispute after years of legal battles

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have settled their long-running lawsuit over Château Miraval, the French winery they once owned together, ending a legal dispute that lasted several years. The actors announced the settlement in a joint statement Wednesday, saying they had resolved the matter out of court in the best interests of their family.

Pitt sued Jolie in 2022 after she sold her share of the winery to a wine group, alleging she violated an agreement requiring his consent. Jolie disputed his claims. The lawsuit later brought allegations about an incident aboard a private flight in 2016 into public view. Jolie accused Pitt of abusing her and their children, while Pitt has denied abuse. Federal authorities investigated the incident, but prosecutors did not pursue criminal charges.



The settlement follows their separation in 2016 and divorce, finalized in late 2024. Their six children are now adults.

Kumar Sanu recalls recording 28 songs in a single day

Playback singer Kumar Sanu has explained how he recorded 28 songs in one day during the peak of his 1990s career, earning a place in the Guinness World Records.

Speaking to IANS in Mumbai while promoting his latest song, 'Suniyo Zara,' Sanu said he could learn melodies quickly and routinely recorded 10 to 15 songs daily. He recalled arranging the marathon session before leaving for a 40-day United States tour.

His secretary contacted producers whose film shoots depended on his recordings, and they came to his own studio one by one.

Sanu said each song generally took 20 to 25 minutes, while 'Sochenge Tumhe Pyaar' took just nine.

Anupam Kher celebrates Sooraj Barjatya's new film with a nostalgic tribute

Actor Anupam Kher congratulated filmmaker Sooraj Barjatya and the team of 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya,' which opened in theaters Friday. In a video message shared on social media, Kher recalled that Rajshri Productions gave him his first film opportunity with 'Saaransh,' directed by Mahesh Bhatt.

He described the production house's successes as celebrations within his own family and praised Barjatya for bringing relationships, traditions and festivals to the screen with warmth. Kher said the filmmaker's enduring faith in goodness remains distinctive. He added that characters in Barjatya's films often feel like family and stay with audiences long after the stories end.

Bomb threat prompts heightened security at Diljit Dosanjh's Mumbai concert

A threatening email naming Amitabh Bachchan's Juhu residence, Jalsa, and singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh's Mumbai concert prompted a security alert Thursday. The message, reportedly sent to Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde and Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Bhide, warned of grenade attacks if Dosanjh's show went ahead at Mahalaxmi Racecourse on Friday.

The email also allegedly threatened attacks on the city's Metro network and other locations, including the mayor's office. It referred to Khalistan and the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and named organizations cited in the message. Police and security agencies searched the locations mentioned, but no suspicious objects were found.

More than 500 police personnel were deployed at the concert



venue, while bomb detection teams swept the grounds. Authorities also tightened entry checks and security arrangements. The sender's identity and the credibility of the threat remained under investigation.



Hannah Lillith Assadi wins National Book Award for 'Paradiso 17'

Hannah Lillith Assadi's novel 'Paradiso 17' won the fiction prize at the National Book Awards ceremony Wednesday in New York. The book follows Sufien, a Palestinian man born before the 1948 Nakba who is forced into exile and journeys across countries and decades. Assadi said the novel was shaped in part by her father's death and by grief over Palestinians killed in the war in Gaza. Abdelrahman ElGendy's 'Huna: A Memoir of Revolution, Prison, and Becoming' won nonfiction, while other honors went to poetry, translated literature and young people's literature. Salman Rushdie received the award for distinguished contribution to American letters. Some finalists could not attend after visa denials.



Duran Duran guitarist Andy Taylor dies at 65 after courageous cancer battle

Duran Duran is mourning the loss of one of its musical pillars. Andy Taylor, the band's celebrated guitarist, died on Monday at 65 after a prolonged battle with prostate cancer. His family and bandmates announced the heartbreaking news on Wednesday, saying he passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones. Taylor's wife, Tracey, remembered him as a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and said family remained his greatest joy. The band paid tribute to his unmistakable guitar sound, swagger and sharp wit, which helped define its early success. Taylor was part of the original lineup and reunited with his bandmates in the early 2000s. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with Duran Duran in 2022, but illness kept him from attending the ceremony.



Amitabh Bachchan remembers his father's enduring lessons

Amitabh Bachchan paid an emotional tribute to his late father, poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan, on the occasion of his birth anniversary Friday. In his blog, the veteran actor reflected on balancing professional commitments with other responsibilities and said he hoped to reconnect with readers the following day. Calling his father 'Pujya Babuji,' Bachchan wrote that his memories continue to surround the family, while his words, conduct and teachings remain a lasting guide.

The actor shared the note in Hindi, expressing that little more needed to be said beyond acknowledging his father's constant presence in their lives. Bachchan continues to host the television quiz show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati.'

Jennifer Lopez calls Thanksgiving concert premiere a dream fulfilled



Jennifer Lopez described Thanksgiving as a dream fulfilled as she watched her concert film, 'The JLo Show: Live in Las Vegas,' with her family Thursday. In a social media post, the singer and actress recalled watching 'West Side Story' with her mother and sisters every Thanksgiving while growing up in New York, imagining a future in singing, dancing and acting. She said seeing her own show with her loved ones felt like a full-circle moment. Lopez thanked fans for supporting her career and invited them to share photos of their watch parties. The concert film premiered Thursday on CBS and Paramount+.

Elton John honors Billie Jean King's lifelong fight for equality

Singer Elton John celebrated his more than 50-year friendship with tennis champion Billie Jean King, praising her athletic drive and lifelong advocacy for equality.

In a social media message, John recalled admiring King's passion from their first meeting and seeing it carry through her achievements on court and her work beyond sport. He urged followers to watch 'Give Me The Ball!,' a documentary that tells King's story in her own words.

The film features reflections on her career and fight for equal opportunity, with John among those offering insight. It premiered in the United States Sunday and became available globally on Disney+ Monday.

Madhur Bhandarkar says women's stories deserve a stronger place in cinema

Filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar says he remains committed to telling stories from women's perspectives, despite being repeatedly encouraged to make films centered on male protagonists. Known for 'Chandni Bar', 'Page 3', 'Fashion' and 'Babli Bouncer', he said his research and conversations reveal many stories that need to be told through a woman's lens. Bhandarkar said he is comfortable with the label of a women-centric filmmaker, describing it as his natural storytelling space. He enjoys portraying complex, flawed and intelligent female characters, including the contrasting women in 'Chandni Bar' and 'Satta'. He also welcomed the growing interest among filmmakers and actresses in women-led projects, calling the change encouraging for Indian cinema.



Hoor Al Qasimi becomes first Arab woman to lead Venice Biennale



Emirati curator Hoor Al Qasimi has been appointed to lead the 2028 Venice Biennale contemporary art exhibition, becoming the first Arab and the seventh woman to hold the role. The announcement was made Thursday. Al Qasimi founded the Sharjah Art Foundation in 2009 and has led the Sharjah Biennial since 2003. She also curated the United Arab Emirates pavilion at Venice in 2015. ArtReview ranked her first on its 2024 Power 100 list of influential figures in contemporary art, recognizing her support for artists beyond the Western mainstream. As curator, she will establish the exhibition's central theme and select artists for its main show.

Gordon Ramsay to lead 'Top Gear' revival after four-year break

Chef and television personality Gordon Ramsay will lead the revival of the BBC's motoring series 'Top Gear,' the broadcaster announced Wednesday. The program has been off the air since 2022, when presenter Andrew Flintoff suffered serious injuries in a crash during filming. Ramsay, a car enthusiast who has appeared on the show as a guest, said he hopes to preserve its mix of surprises, entertainment and controlled chaos while bringing fresh energy to a new generation. Filming is expected to begin next year across the United Kingdom and international locations. The revived series is scheduled to return in 2028. Ramsay's co-presenters have not yet been announced.



IndoUS Tribune की भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा — हिमाचल प्रदेश अध्याय पहला पड़ाव

श्री माता चिंतपूर्णी मंदिर (माता छिन्नमस्तिका धाम)

शक्ति उपासना की पावन भूमि—देवी के सिद्धपीठों, प्राचीन मान्यताओं और हिमालय की आध्यात्मिक विरासत की नई यात्रा

आंध्र प्रदेश, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, असम, बिहार, छत्तीसगढ़, गोवा, गुजरात और हरियाणा के प्रमुख धार्मिक स्थलों की यात्रा के बाद अब **IndoUS Tribune** की विशेष श्रृंखला "भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा" हिमाचल प्रदेश में प्रवेश कर रही है। देवभूमि हिमाचल अपने प्राचीन मंदिरों, शक्तिपीठों, पौराणिक मान्यताओं और प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य के लिए विश्वभर में प्रसिद्ध है। यहां के पर्वत, नदियां और तीर्थस्थल सदियों से श्रद्धालुओं की आस्था के केंद्र रहे हैं।

हिमाचल प्रदेश की इस आध्यात्मिक यात्रा का शुभारंभ हम ऊना जिले में स्थित प्रसिद्ध माता चिंतपूर्णी मंदिर (माता छिन्नमस्तिका धाम) से कर रहे हैं। यह मंदिर 51 शक्तिपीठों में विशेष स्थान रखता है। मान्यता है कि यहां माता सती के शरीर का एक अंग गिरा था। माता चिंतपूर्णी को भक्तों की चिंताओं और कष्टों को दूर करने वाली देवी के रूप में पूजा जाता है।

हमारी इस यात्रा का पहला पड़ाव माता चिंतपूर्णी के दर्शन और उनकी पौराणिक गाथाओं को जानना है। इसके बाद हम पहुंचेंगे हिमाचल प्रदेश के प्रसिद्ध माता ज्वालामुखी मंदिर, जिसे ज्वाला जी मंदिर के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, जहां माता की ज्योति स्वरूप में पूजा होती है।

पहला पड़ाव — श्री माता चिंतपूर्णी मंदिर (माता छिन्नमस्तिका धाम)

हिमाचल प्रदेश के ऊना जिले में स्थित श्री माता चिंतपूर्णी मंदिर उत्तर भारत के प्रमुख शक्तिपीठों में से एक है। यहां माता को छिन्नमस्तिका देवी के रूप में भी पूजा जाता है। चिंतपूर्णी नाम का अर्थ है—चिंताओं को पूर्ण रूप से दूर करने वाली देवी। देश के विभिन्न भागों से श्रद्धालु वर्षभर यहां दर्शन के लिए आते हैं। विशेष रूप से चैत्र और आश्विन नवरात्र तथा श्रावण अष्टमी के अवसर पर यहां बड़ी संख्या में भक्त पहुंचते हैं।

मंदिर की स्थापना से जुड़ी कथा

स्थानीय मान्यता के अनुसार, सदियों पहले माई दास नामक एक ब्राह्मण इस क्षेत्र से गुजर रहे थे। यात्रा के दौरान उन्हें एक पहाड़ी से भजन-कीर्तन की मधुर ध्वनि सुनाई दी। आकर्षित होकर वे पहाड़ी पर पहुंचे, जहां उन्होंने सिंह के साथ विराजमान एक दिव्य कन्या के दर्शन किए। कन्या ने स्वयं को मां दुर्गा बताया और उन्हें भयमुक्त किया।

माता ने माई दास को निर्देश दिया कि वे वहां स्थापित पवित्र पिंडी की नियमित पूजा करें। माई दास ने अपनी असमर्थता जताते हुए कहा कि वह स्थान निर्जन है और वहां पानी की भी व्यवस्था नहीं है। माता ने उन्हें आशीर्वाद दिया और पास ही एक पत्थर के नीचे जलस्रोत होने का संकेत दिया। माई दास को वहां पानी मिला और उन्होंने माता की पूजा प्रारंभ कर दी।

कहा जाता है कि माई दास ने वहां एक छोटी-सी छप्परनुमा कुटिया बनवाई। धीरे-धीरे श्रद्धालुओं का आना बढ़ा और यह स्थान चिंतपूर्णी के नाम से प्रसिद्ध हो गया। मान्यता है कि माई दास के वंशज आज भी मंदिर में पुजारी के रूप में सेवा करते हैं।

धार्मिक और पौराणिक महत्व

एक अन्य पौराणिक मान्यता के अनुसार, माता सती के आत्मदाह के बाद भगवान शिव उनके शरीर को लेकर ब्रह्मांड में विचरण करने लगे। तब भगवान विष्णु ने अपने सुदर्शन चक्र से सती के शरीर को खंडित किया। जहां-जहां उनके अंग गिरे, वहां शक्तिपीठ स्थापित हुए। चिंतपूर्णी को भी इन्हीं पवित्र शक्तिपीठों में गिना जाता है।



मंदिर के गर्भगृह में माता की पूजा किसी सामान्य मूर्ति के बजाय पवित्र पिंडी के रूप में होती है। श्रद्धालु नारियल, लाल चुनरी, ध्वजा और मौली अर्पित कर माता से सुख-शांति और मनोकामनाओं की पूर्ति का आशीर्वाद मांगते हैं।

मंदिर दर्शन और पहुंचने की जानकारी

मंदिर में सामान्य दर्शन निःशुल्क हैं। श्रद्धालुओं को प्रवेश से पहले निर्धारित काउंटर से दर्शन पर्ची प्राप्त करनी होती है। नवरात्र के दौरान मंदिर में विशेष धार्मिक आयोजन और मेले आयोजित होते हैं।

- **रेल मार्ग:** अंब-अंदौरा रेलवे स्टेशन मंदिर से लगभग 20 किलोमीटर दूर है।
- **सड़क मार्ग:** चंडीगढ़ से लगभग 155 किलोमीटर और दिल्ली से लगभग 390 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर स्थित है।
- **हवाई मार्ग:** कांगड़ा स्थित गग्गल हवाई अड्डा निकटतम हवाई अड्डों में से एक है।

हिमाचल प्रदेश की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा का अगला पड़ाव

माता चिंतपूर्णी मंदिर के दर्शन के साथ हमारी हिमाचल प्रदेश की आध्यात्मिक यात्रा का शुभारंभ होता है। यह पवित्र धाम हमें शक्ति उपासना, भक्ति और सदियों पुरानी धार्मिक परंपराओं से जोड़ता है। यहां की लोककथाएं और पौराणिक मान्यताएं भारतीय संस्कृति में देवी शक्ति के विशेष स्थान को दर्शाती हैं।

अगला पड़ाव — माता ज्वालामुखी मंदिर (ज्वाला जी), हिमाचल प्रदेश

हमारी अगली यात्रा होगी कांगड़ा जिले में स्थित प्रसिद्ध माता ज्वालामुखी मंदिर की, जहां माता की पूजा प्राकृतिक रूप से प्रज्वलित अखंड ज्योतियों के रूप में की जाती है। इस मंदिर की अनूठी धार्मिक मान्यता, पौराणिक कथा और रहस्यमय ज्योतियों के दर्शन के साथ हम हिमाचल प्रदेश की शक्ति उपासना की एक और महत्वपूर्ण परंपरा से परिचित होंगे।

IndoUS Tribune की "भारत के मंदिरों की यात्रा" में अगले सप्ताह फिर मिलेंगे—देवभूमि हिमाचल प्रदेश के एक और पवित्र शक्तिपीठ माता ज्वालामुखी पर।
जय माता दी!

The great epic of the Mahabharata

Bhishma's terrible vow

After Devavrata returned to the earthly world, a close bond developed between father and son. King Shantanu was delighted to have his young son with him and spent considerable time teaching him the responsibilities of ruling a kingdom. As the years passed, Devavrata grew into a handsome and accomplished young man. He was intelligent, strong, skilled in warfare and weapons, and compassionate toward his subjects. He possessed all the qualities needed to become the Crown Prince of Hastinapur. One day, a king named Shalya attempted to unlawfully seize part of Hastinapur's territory. When King Shantanu learned of the disturbance, he sent Devavrata to handle the situation. Devavrata defeated Shalya and his soldiers, captured the king, and brought him before the royal court.



The Chief Minister recommended the death penalty. However, Devavrata requested permission to offer an alternative. He advised his father to forgive Shalya rather than punish him, explaining that forgiveness might help the enemy realize his mistake and eventually become an ally of Hastinapur. King Shantanu appreciated his son's wisdom and released Shalya. Impressed by Devavrata's leadership, he formally declared him the Crown Prince. Some days later, King Shantanu went hunting and reached the banks of the River Yamuna. While resting there, he noticed a beautiful young woman sitting in a boat. Her name was Satyavati, the daughter of a fisherman named Dashraj. The king was captivated by her beauty and immediately wished to marry her. After speaking with Satyavati, Shantanu approached her father and expressed his desire to marry her. Dashraj was delighted but placed one condition before the king: the son born from this marriage must inherit the throne of Hastinapur.

Shantanu refused, explaining that he had already declared Devavrata the Crown Prince and could not reverse his decision. Although he had fallen in love with Satyavati, he was unwilling to accept such an unreasonable condition. Disappointed, he returned to his palace. Despite his royal responsibilities, Shantanu remained unhappy and could not forget Satyavati. Noticing his father's sadness, Devavrata repeatedly tried to discover the reason, but the king avoided answering. Finally, Devavrata approached his father's charioteer, who revealed the entire story of Shantanu's meeting with Satyavati and Dashraj's condition. Devavrata realized that his position as Crown Prince was preventing his father's happiness. Determined to fulfill his duty as a son, he secretly went to meet Dashraj.

He offered to renounce his claim to the throne and promised that Satyavati's son would become the next king. However, Dashraj raised another concern. He questioned what would happen if Devavrata's future children challenged Satyavati's sons for the throne. After serious consideration, Devavrata made an extraordinary declaration:

"I promise that I shall remain celibate throughout my life. I will never marry or have children. Therefore, there will be no descendants of mine to challenge your daughter's sons for the throne."

This extraordinary sacrifice became known as the Bhishma Pratigya (the Terrible Vow).



The gods were deeply impressed by Devavrata's determination and sacrifice. They showered flowers from the heavens and praised him. From that day onward, Devavrata became known as Bhishma. When King Shantanu learned of his son's vow, he was overwhelmed with sorrow. He realized that Devavrata had sacrificed his entire future, including marriage and family life, solely for his father's happiness.

Shantanu tried repeatedly to persuade his son to withdraw the vow, but Bhishma remained firm. Eventually, the king accepted his son's decision. King Shantanu subsequently married Satyavati, and they lived together happily for many years.

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Jai Mahabharat!



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GURU NANAK DEV JI'S 557TH GURPURAB BRINGS SIKH COMMUNITIES TOGETHER ACROSS BORDERS

From the Golden Temple in Amritsar to gurdwaras and community gatherings in North America, the birth anniversary was marked by prayer, service and a renewed focus on the Guru's message of equality and compassion.

By: Staff Writer

The 557th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated on Tuesday, November 24, with devotion across India and among Sikh communities overseas. Known as Guru Nanak Jayanti, Gurpurab or Parkash Purab, the occasion honored the founder of Sikhism and his enduring teachings of equality, honest living, humility and selfless service. In India, devotees gathered at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, where the sacred complex was illuminated and prayers and devotional singing marked the occasion. In New Delhi, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan visited Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib and offered prayers. He also presented a Rumala Sahib to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, extending greetings to the Sikh community and highlighting Guru Nanak's message of compassion and universal brotherhood.

The celebrations also carried special significance in Pakistan, where Guru Nanak was born in Nankana Sahib, now in Punjab province. More than 2,300 Sikh pilgrims from India joined thousands of local and international devotees for the main observances. A sacred procession carrying Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in a golden palki moved between historic gurdwaras. Pakistan had issued more than 3,000 visas to Indian Sikh pilgrims, enabling them to visit important Sikh shrines across the country. Across the diaspora, the anniversary brought communities together through kirtan, prayers and langar. The Consulate General of India in Toronto hosted a gathering in Vaughan, bringing together Sikh and wider Indian community members. Consul General Mahavir Singhvi spoke about Guru Nanak's teachings of equality, harmony and universal brotherhood.

In Houston, the Indian consulate marked the occasion with satsang, kirtan and langar seva. The gathering welcomed members of the Indian diaspora and friends of India, underscoring the role of Sikh communities in strengthening cultural ties and civic life in the United States.

The celebrations reflected how Gurpurab continues to connect generations across borders. In Amritsar, a large nagar kirtan ahead of the anniversary featured schoolchildren, devotional music, traditional martial arts demonstrations and community participation. The procession was organized from the Akal Takht Sahib, with devotees welcoming it along the route and serving refreshments and langar.



Across these gatherings, the central message remained consistent: remember the divine, earn an honest living and share with those in need. Through prayers, processions and community meals, Sikh congregations in India and abroad celebrated not only Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birth, but also the values of equality, service and universal brotherhood that continue to shape Sikh life.



KADVA PATIDAR SAMAJ OF CHICAGO CELEBRATES DIWALI WITH GRAND FESTIVITIES

More than 275 families and friends enjoy an evening of cultural traditions, music, dance, and community fellowship.



By: Jayanti Oza

The Kadva Patidar Samaj (KPS) of Chicago celebrated its Annual Diwali Festival on Friday, November 13, 2026, at Crystal Palace Banquets in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. More than 275 families and friends gathered for an evening of festive entertainment, cultural pride, and community togetherness. KPS President Satish Patel warmly welcomed members, families, supporters, and donors, extending Diwali greetings and thanking everyone for their continued support.

The celebration began with the traditional Deep Pragatya (lamp-lighting) ceremony, performed by Grand Sponsors representing the 12 Gaam Kadva Patidar Samaj. The sponsors and their families represented several communities, including Mehsana, Chanasma, Unjha, Unava, Palasar, Umata, Kahoda, Upera, and other associated Gaams.

KPS Vice President Himanshu Patel recognized the Grand Sponsors and their families, expressing appreciation for their generosity and commitment to the organization. A special recognition ceremony honored former KPS President Vijaybhai Patel, who served during 2024–2025, for his dedicated leadership and contributions. Past Presidents Pankajbhai and Harshadbhai presented him with a commemorative plaque, while Bhavnaben and Rekhaben honored his wife, Shilaben Patel, with a floral bouquet in appreciation of her support.





Joint Treasurer Kirti Patel also acknowledged the annual advertisement sponsors for their valuable contributions to the organization's activities.
Guests enjoyed delicious appetizers, dinner, and desserts catered by Rasoi Indian Fine Cuisine. The evening's musical entertainment was provided by Manpasand Inc., whose lively performances of popular songs brought guests to the dance floor.

Families and friends enthusiastically participated in the festivities, enjoying music, dancing, and fellowship until approximately 11:45 p.m. The successful celebration highlighted the strong cultural heritage, generosity, friendship, and unity that define the Kadva Patidar Samaj of Chicago, concluding a memorable Diwali evening for the entire community.

VANCOUVER HINDU HERITAGE MONTH CONCLUDES WITH INTERFAITH CONFERENCE ON HARMONY

Faith leaders, scholars and community representatives came together to promote peaceful coexistence, mutual respect and inclusion in Canada's multicultural society.

By: Rajesh Ansal



The Consulate General of India in Vancouver concluded its month-long Hindu Heritage Month celebrations with a Multi-Faith Conference themed 'Many Paths – One Society' on Friday, November 20. The gathering brought together spiritual leaders, scholars and representatives of six faith communities to explore the role of faith in fostering social harmony.

Canada recognized November as Hindu Heritage Month in 2022, followed by British Columbia in 2025. The observance acknowledges Hinduism's spiritual, philosophical and cultural heritage, as well as the contributions of Canadians of Hindu heritage.

Addressing the conference, Consul General Masakui Rungsung highlighted India's traditions of religious acceptance and intellectual debate. Drawing on the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and the Bhagavad Gita, he emphasized that respecting different spiritual paths and viewpoints can help build an inclusive society and strengthen democratic values.



Former University of British Columbia professor Girish Chandra spoke about Hindu philosophy's emphasis on humility, integrity, nonviolence, service and respect for diversity. Vinayak Raghuvamshi, founder of Pragmatic Gita, discussed preserving cultural identity while embracing Canadian citizenship, contributing meaningfully to society and encouraging younger generations to explore their heritage.

The conference also featured discussions on interfaith understanding and environmental responsibility. Representatives of Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism and Jainism participated in a panel exploring shared ethical principles.

As part of the month-long celebrations, the Consulate organized an online competition for young people aged 12 to 25, inviting them to express their heritage through paintings, videos and speeches. Winners were felicitated during the conference.

The gathering reaffirmed that compassion, service, justice and mutual respect can bridge religious differences and help build stronger, more inclusive communities.











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ARA CHICAGO HOSTS DIWALI MILAN GALA 2026 IN DOWNERS GROVE

Consul General of India Dr. M. Anand Prakash attends celebration with more than 200 guests.



By: Staff Writer

The Chicago Association of Rajasthanis in America (ARA) held its Diwali Milan Gala 2026 on November 14 at Ashyana Banquet Hall in Downers Grove, Illinois. More than 200 guests, community leaders, and families attended the event celebrating Diwali and Rajasthani cultural traditions.

Dr. M. Anand Prakash, Consul General of India in Chicago, attended as the chief guest. The program opened with Lakshmi Aarti, followed by a welcome address from ARA President Rakesh Kumar Choudhry and First Lady Swetha Choudhry. The cultural program included Rajasthani folk dances, Bollywood performances, and musical presentations. The event was hosted by Dipesh and Pooja Sharma.

A highlight of the evening was the traditional Rajasthani welcome extended by ARA Co-Founder and Chairman Ram Saini, who presented the Consul General with a ceremonial Rajasthani safa (turban). Addressing the gathering, Saini





spoke about ARA's efforts to maintain connections with Rajasthan through cultural activities and community service. The association supports initiatives in underserved villages, including educational assistance for children, access to clean drinking water, and financial help for families facing economic difficulties. Its programs also include assistance with wedding expenses for daughters from financially disadvantaged families.

Saini said the organization aims to preserve Rajasthani heritage while supporting communities in its homeland.

Other members of the leadership team included Vice President Avdesh Mishra, Treasurer Neha Patodia, and Vice President Ekta Mundada, along with volunteers and sponsors who contributed to organizing the event.

In his concluding remarks, Saini thanked the Consul General, guests, performers, sponsors, and organizing committee.

Media representatives in attendance were recognized for covering the event.

The celebration concluded around midnight following dinner and cultural entertainment, bringing the community together for an evening marking Diwali and celebrating its Rajasthani roots

AAEIO ANNUAL GALA 2026 HONORS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP, AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXPLORES AI'S IMPACT



By: Vandana Jhingan

The American Association of Engineers of Indian Origin (AAEIO) hosted its Annual Gala 2026 at the Oakbrook Marriott's Grand Ballroom, bringing together government officials, business executives, technology professionals and community leaders to celebrate achievement, support education and explore emerging technologies.

Distinguished guests included Hon. Dr. Anand Prakash, Consul General of India in Chicago, as Chief Guest; U.S. Congressman Hon. Dr. Bill Foster; and Congresswoman-elect Hon. Melissa Bean. The evening opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the guests, AAEIO President Gladson Varghese and Board members, followed by a performance by Ghungru Dance Academy.

Scholarships and recognition

A key highlight was the presentation of scholarships by Dr. Prakash to four deserving students facing financial challenges: Gagan Singh, Jawahar Reddy, Manikanta Mandapalli and Surya Sreenivasa. He also expressed support for AAEIO's initiatives and offered assistance from the Indian Consulate.

The awards ceremony recognized contributions to business and the organization. Congressman Dr. Bill Foster and Congresswoman-elect Melissa Bean presented the AAEIO Award of Recognition to Gulzar Singh for his dedication to AAEIO. Parthiv Patel, President of Creative Lending Solutions, was also recognized for his business leadership.

The AAEIO Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2026 was presented to Mukesh Vasani, Chairman and CEO of Aimtron Corporation, recognizing his entrepreneurial journey, business growth, innovation and leadership.

AI and AAEIO's future priorities

The gala featured an AI Leadership Panel and Fireside Chat examining artificial intelligence and its growing impact on businesses and industries. Moderated by Subbu Iyer, Vice President of Syngenta, the panel included Nitin Maheshwari of EY, Harinder Singh, President of MITS Inc., and Raj Gupta, CEO and Managing Partner of Operations Solutions.

In his presidential address, Varghese reviewed AAEIO's achievements over the past five years, including its expanding professional network, scholarship and charitable programs, university outreach and business recognition initiatives.

He outlined plans to establish more university chapters, strengthen industry-academia partnerships and create opportunities for engineering students and young professionals.

Networking and community engagement

The evening also featured Bollywood musical performances by Bhavna Chaudhry and Nimesh Nagar, along with dance performances. The program was hosted by Shivam Vishwanathan, IT Engineering Director, and Sanskriti Sharma, Mrs. India USA 2024.

The event was coordinated by Varghese, with contributions from Gulzar Singh, Rajinder Singh Mago, Nitin Maheshwari, Nag Jaiswal, the Board of Directors and volunteers.

AAEIO thanked its sponsors, donors, supporters and attendees. The gala reinforced the organization's focus on recognizing professional achievement, encouraging innovation, supporting students and building connections among business, academia and the wider community.



BHARATIYA SENIORS OF CHICAGO CELEBRATES ANNUAL TULSI VIVAH WITH DEVOTION AND GRANDEUR

By: Jayanti Oza



The Bharatiya Seniors of Chicago (BSC) celebrated its annual Tulsi Vivah ceremony on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the National India Hub in Schaumburg, Illinois. The auspicious religious and cultural event attracted more than 500 community members, who gathered to participate in the sacred celebration with devotion, joy, and enthusiasm.

Tulsi Vivah is an important Hindu religious tradition commemorating the ceremonial marriage of Goddess Tulsi, represented by the sacred Tulsi plant, to Lord Vishnu in his Shaligram form.

The ceremony signifies the conclusion of the monsoon season and the beginning of the auspicious Hindu wedding season. It also reflects the spiritual and cultural values deeply rooted in Indian traditions.

The festivities commenced with a traditional Varghodo (wedding procession), as Bhagwan Shaligram arrived amid devotional singing and traditional wedding music.

Members representing the Tulsi family warmly welcomed the wedding procession, recreating the joyful atmosphere of a traditional Indian wedding.

The procession was followed by the sacred Lagna Vidhi (wedding rituals), conducted according to Hindu customs. Traditional Lagna Geet (wedding songs) added a festive and cultural dimension to the ceremony. One of the highlights was the Mangal Fera ceremony, in which the sacred wedding rituals were performed with great reverence and devotion.

The celebration provided a beautiful combination of religious observances, cultural traditions, and community fellowship. Attendees also enjoyed delicious Indian cuisine and the opportunity to socialize with friends and fellow members.

This year's Devi Tulsi Yajmans were Bhupendrabhai and Jyotsnaben Soni, while Shree Krishna (Shaligram) Yajmans were Heena and Shailesh Patel. Their participation and support played an important role in the successful observance of this auspicious occasion.

BSC President Haribhai Patel, Vice President Hirjibhai Ponkia, committee members, and dedicated volunteers worked together with great commitment to organize the event. Their collective efforts helped make the annual celebration a grand success while strengthening the organization's mission of preserving and promoting India's religious and cultural heritage.

The annual Tulsi Vivah celebration concluded on a joyful and devotional note. The gathering not only brought the community together but also reinforced the importance of passing India's cherished religious customs, traditions, and cultural heritage on to future generations.







INDIAN SENIORS OF CHICAGO CELEBRATES FOUNDER DR. NARSINHBHAI PATEL'S 95TH BIRTHDAY



By: Jayanti Oza

The Indian Seniors of Chicago (ISC) celebrated the 95th birthday of its founder, Dr. Narsinhbhai Patel, with great enthusiasm, bringing together 520 members for a memorable gathering that also celebrated the festive occasions of Diwali and the New Year.

The program began with ISC Secretary Jayesh Shah distributing boxes of sweets to members. Vice President Navinbhai Patel then invited members whose birthdays fell in October and November onto the stage. The gathering opened with a Ganesh Stuti (a hymn dedicated to Lord Ganesha), followed by the chanting of the Hanuman Chalisa. Subsequently, the birthday celebrants were honored with roses presented by the day's chief guest, Leenaben Patel. The audience also joined in singing birthday greetings and songs for Dr. Narsinhbhai Patel.

Treasurer Hemant Modi presented the organization's income and expenditure statement and acknowledged donors for their generous financial contributions. Dahyabhai Prajapati, Secretary of Manav Seva Mandir, appealed to members for support for the organization's December 31 New Year celebration.

Adding to the spirit of generosity, members Rajan Patel and Shilaben Patel donated $500 to ISC in celebration of their birthdays and wedding anniversary. Former ISC President Dilipbhai Patel, together with Leenaben Patel, introduced the lunch sponsors and their family. Chicago entrepreneur Chhotalal Patel presented Dr. Narsinhbhai Patel with a floral bouquet in honor of his milestone birthday. ISC President Kanti Patel, along with Navin Patel, Sharad Shah, C. V. Desai, and Chandrakant Patel, shared their thoughts and reflections on Dr. Patel's lifestyle, discipline, dedication, and approach to work.

In his address, Dr. Patel expressed immense happiness and pride in witnessing the remarkable growth of the organization he founded. He encouraged members to embrace disciplined lifestyles, maintain good health, enjoy life, and contribute meaningfully to society. His inspiring message was warmly received and earned a standing ovation from the audience.

The cultural segment featured Anjali Varghese and her group from Kalpadam Dance Academy, who presented devotional dance performances honoring Lord Ganesha and the goddesses Navdurga, Kushmanda, Skandamata, and Katyayani.

In his concluding remarks, President Kanti Patel expressed sincere gratitude to the sponsors, performers, distinguished guests, volunteers, members, and Chicago-area media representatives for their valuable contributions and support in making the celebration a grand success. The memorable occasion concluded with lunch and fellowship, as members came together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Narsinhbhai Patel and the continued growth of the Indian Seniors of Chicago.



HEALTHY AGING, HEALTHY LIVING SERIES

PART 10 – PREVENTIVE MEDICINE: THE HEALTH CHECKLIST FOR EVERY AGE

SCREENINGS, ROUTINE EXAMINATIONS, VACCINATIONS AND HEALTHY HABITS FOR A LONGER, HEALTHIER LIFE

By: Avi Verma MD(h)



Throughout our Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we have explored the many factors that contribute to a longer, healthier and more independent life—from heart and brain health to physical activity, nutrition, quality sleep, immune function and the safe use of medications. As we reach the final installment, we focus on one of the most important principles of good health: prevention.

Many serious health conditions develop gradually and may not produce noticeable symptoms in their early stages. Regular medical visits, age-appropriate screenings, vaccinations and healthy lifestyle choices can help identify potential problems early and reduce the risk of complications. Preventive care is not just for older adults; it is a lifelong commitment that should evolve as we move through different stages of life.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasizes the importance of preventive visits, recommended screenings, vaccinations, dental care and awareness of family health history. Knowing which steps to take—and when—can make a meaningful difference in protecting long-term health.

Core pillars of preventive care

- **Routine physicals and preventive visits:** Schedule regular checkups to monitor vital signs, review medications, discuss mental health and determine which screenings and vaccinations are appropriate for your age and health risks.
- **Family health history:** Keep track of major illnesses among close relatives, including heart disease, diabetes and cancer, along with their ages at diagnosis. Family history may influence when certain screenings should begin.
- **Blood pressure and cholesterol:** Blood pressure screening is recommended for adults beginning at age 18. How often it should be checked depends on previous readings and individual risk. Cholesterol testing is also important, with frequency determined by age, cardiovascular risk and medical history.
- **Diabetes screening:** Adults between 35 and 70 who are overweight or have obesity are generally recommended for screening. Those with additional risk factors, such as family history or high blood pressure, may need testing earlier.
- **Cancer screenings:** Important screening recommendations include cervical cancer screening for eligible women, mammograms beginning at age 40 for many women at average risk, and colorectal cancer screening beginning at age 45. Annual low-dose CT scans are recommended for eligible adults with a significant smoking history.
- **Vaccinations:** Keep immunizations current. These may include annual influenza vaccination, updated COVID-19 vaccines, tetanus boosters, shingles vaccination beginning at age 50, and pneumococcal vaccination according to age and risk.
- **Dental, vision and hearing care:** Regular dental visits help prevent gum disease and tooth loss. Eye and hearing examinations can identify changes that may affect safety, communication and quality of life.
- **Healthy lifestyle habits:** Regular physical activity, balanced nutrition, adequate sleep, stress management, avoiding tobacco and limiting alcohol all contribute to reducing the risk of chronic disease.

Preventive health checklist by life stage

Childhood and adolescence (Ages 0–18)

- **Infancy and early childhood:** Monitor growth and development, vision and hearing, and ensure routine childhood vaccinations are completed.
- **School age and teens:** Schedule regular wellness visits, monitor blood pressure when appropriate, assess vision and hearing, and discuss emotional and mental well-being. Recommended adolescent vaccines include HPV, Tdap, meningococcal and annual influenza vaccines.

Young Adulthood (Ages 19–39)

- **Baseline Health Monitoring:** Check blood pressure regularly and obtain cholesterol and blood sugar testing as recommended based on age and risk factors.
- **Screenings and Preventive Care:** Follow recommended cervical cancer screening guidelines, obtain HIV and other STI testing when appropriate, maintain dental care and discuss family health history with a healthcare professional.

Midlife (Ages 40–64)

- **Heart and metabolic health:** Monitor blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose or A1C levels. Discuss personal cardiovascular risk and ways to reduce it.
- **Cancer screening:** Follow recommendations for breast cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening beginning at 45, and lung cancer screening for eligible adults ages 50–80 with a qualifying smoking history.
- **Vaccinations:** Discuss shingles and pneumococcal vaccines, along with other age- and risk-appropriate immunizations.

Older adulthood (Ages 65 and above)

- **Maintaining health and independence:** Continue monitoring blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes. Discuss bone density testing, vision and hearing evaluations, fall risk, mobility and memory concerns.
- **Personalized screening and vaccination:** Keep recommended influenza, COVID-19, shingles and pneumococcal vaccinations current. Decisions about continuing certain cancer screenings should consider overall health, life expectancy, previous results and personal preferences.

Prevention Is a lifelong investment

Preventive care is not a one-size-fits-all checklist. Screening schedules and vaccination recommendations vary according to age, sex, family history, medical conditions, lifestyle and individual risk. Some tests may be needed earlier or more frequently, while others may no longer be beneficial at an advanced age. Always discuss your personal preventive health plan with your healthcare professional.

As we conclude our Healthy Aging, Healthy Living series, we hope these articles have encouraged readers to take a more active role in protecting their health. Healthy aging is not simply about adding years to life; it is about preserving strength, independence, vitality and quality of life at every age.

Next week, IndoUS Tribune will embark on a new health awareness journey with a series titled "The Silent Diseases." We will examine health conditions that can develop quietly, often without obvious warning signs, yet may lead to serious complications if left undetected. The series will begin with "Prediabetes – The Warning Before Diabetes," followed by "High Blood Pressure – The Silent Threat." Our aim is to help readers recognize hidden risks, understand the importance of early detection and take timely steps toward better health.

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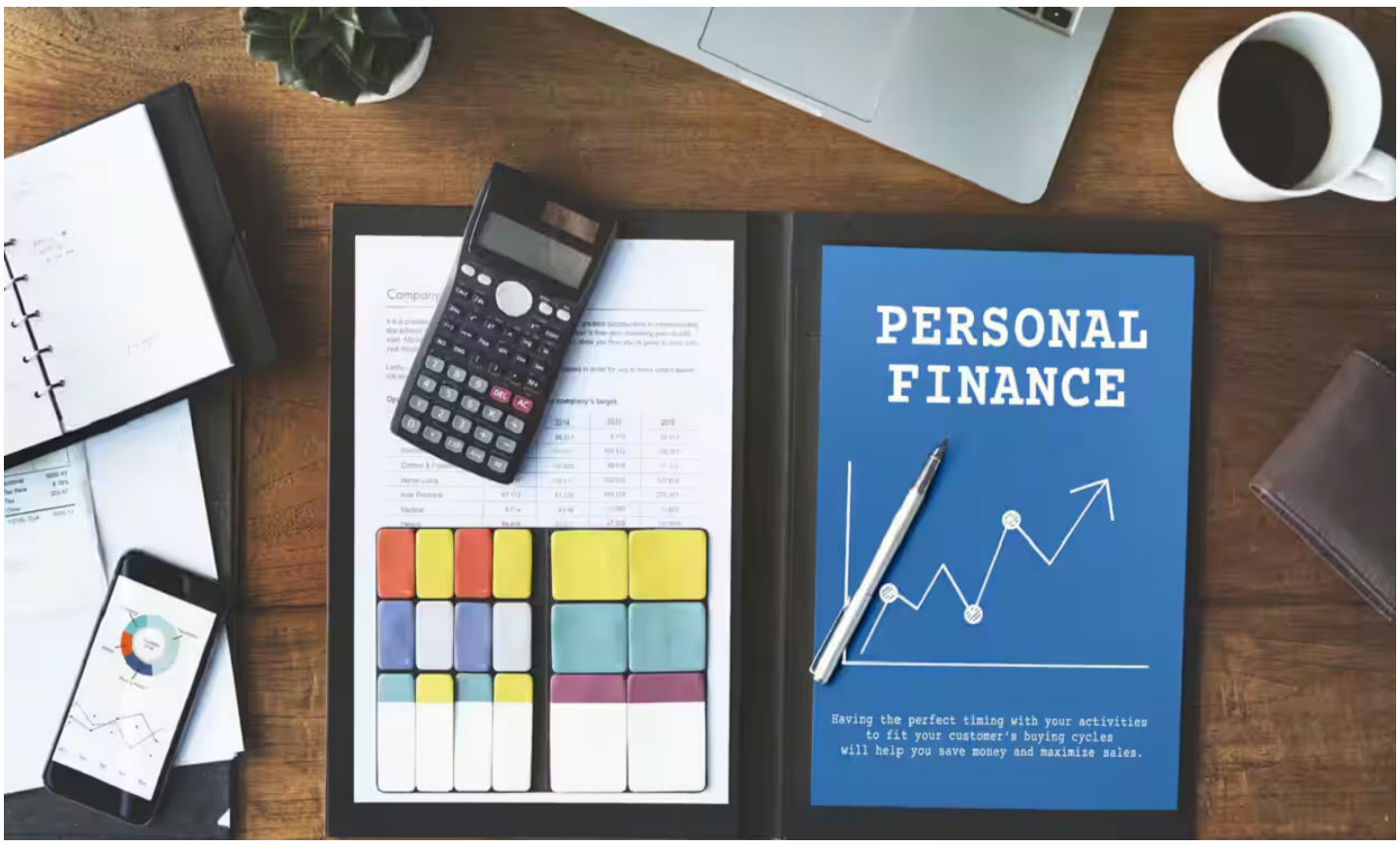

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CNN Fear & Greed Index 10 (extreme fear)
NYSE %Above 50-dMA 27.15% (oversold)
SP500 %Above 50-dMA 43.20% (negative)

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+ hike

Treasury

T-Bills 3-mo yield 4.32%, 1-yr 4.51%; T-Notes 2-yr 4.63%, 5-yr 4.71%, 10-yr 4.92%; T-Bonds 30-yr 5.31%;
TIPS/Real yields 5-yr 2.53%, 10-yr 2.77%, 30-yr 3.17%
FRNs Index 4.199%

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 5.50% (3-yr), 5.65% (5-yr), 5.70% (7-yr)
TSP G Fund 5.00% (previous 5.375%)

India Fear & Greed MMI 74.79 (extreme greed)
Weekly ETFs: INDA +2.82%, EPI +2.79%, INDH +2.06%, SMIN +0.87% | SPY -8.56%

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

NEWS
DEFENSE

India has opened up the defense sector to Indian & foreign companies. Several foreign defense companies have started defense production & manufacturing facilities in India with subsidiaries or in collaboration with Indian companies. Recent examples are Belgian Lachaussee (ammunitions); French Dassault Rafale (aviation), Safran (jet engines); Israeli Elbit Systems (electronics, drones), Rafael (electronics, missiles, air defense); US Boeing (aviation).

FINANCIALS

Bank of America/BAC is buying 49.9% stake in nonbank financial (NBFC) Jio Credit in 2 steps (26.5% initial, rest later through warrants). Jio Credit was a 2023 divestiture by Mukesh AMBANI's Reliance Industries. Its business include digital lending, payments, insurance brokering & asset management. It has also partnered with US BlackRock/BLK on funds and German Allianz on insurance. There have been several similar deals after the rules for foreign investments in financials were relaxed.

IT/TECH

Swiss Logitech/LOGI has started producing keyboards & related devices in Manesar, Haryana in stages - assembly, manufacturing. It will supplement its existing R&D facilities in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Logitech product pricing will not change immediately.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY

ISRO & CNES satellite TRISHNA (means thirst in Sanskrit) is to be launched in 10/2027 in a Sun-synchronous orbit. It will monitor water, energy & other natural resources using visual/ optical & thermal infrared imaging. ISRO & CNES partnership is more than six decades old. It will be a successor to 2011 Megha-Tropiques satellite. TRISHNA = Thermal InfraRed Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment.

FEATURE
INDIAN GPS NavIC

Global positioning systems (GPS) use multiple satellites to determine your location. They use very precise atomic clocks for measuring distances by sending & receiving signals over thousands of miles. Each satellite defines a sphere of radius of the measured distance & the intersection point of 4 such spheres from 4 satellites provides your unique location. In implementation, adjustments have to be made for the movements of these 4 satellites as well as your movements. Typically, more than 4 satellites are used to improve coverage, reliability & redundancy of operations. All this happens in background & in real-time.

India relied on foreign satellite-based GPS for many years (from US, Europe, Russia). But the GPS availability was restricted or blocked for some critical areas during 1999 Kargil War.

Then began an urgent program to develop Indian GPS that was initially called IRNSS & now is NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation). Related satellite launches were from 2013-16. At its inauguration in 2016, the 4-satellite system was named NavIC (like "navik" whose variations mean boat or sailor or navigator in Sanskrit). Due to several technical issues, Indian GPS service finally started in 2018.

These satellites & their equipment have finite lives, so the additional satellites are added as the old ones fade out. The European atomic clocks used by NavIC satellites started failing prematurely despite each satellite having 3 atomic clocks on board. So, India also developed Indian atomic clocks & NavIC now uses a combination of Indian & foreign atomic clocks. And there were some launch failures in 2025. So, by 03/2026, there were only 3 operational NavIC satellites left & the system could no longer function as GPS.

India then relied on US & European GPS systems. The Nav-03 launch on 10/2026 restored the operation of NavIC in 11/2026 with minimum 4 operational satellites after a gap of 7 months. Full operational design of NavIC calls for 7 satellites, so additional satellites will be launched soon.



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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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A MASTERCLASS IN WINTER DRESSING

The secret to looking effortlessly chic in the cold? Smart layers, unexpected textures and a wardrobe that works as beautifully as it looks.

Winter fashion is often a balancing act: staying warm without feeling weighed down, looking polished without compromising comfort. The secret lies in layering with intention. Think soft knits, structured coats, tactile fabrics and accessories that bring an outfit together. With a little creativity, even the chilliest days can become an opportunity to make a style statement. Here is your guide to mastering the art of winter dressing, one thoughtful layer at a time.

Begin with the perfect base

Every great winter look starts with a comfortable foundation. Lightweight thermal tops, ribbed long-sleeved tees, fine-knit turtlenecks and classic crewneck sweaters provide warmth without adding unnecessary bulk. Choose breathable fabrics that sit comfortably against the skin and slip easily beneath heavier pieces.

Neutral shades such as cream, charcoal, camel and black make a winter wardrobe wonderfully versatile. They also create a sophisticated canvas for experimenting with color and texture.

Let outerwear take center stage

A statement coat can transform the simplest outfit. From oversized puffers and tailored wool coats to insulated parkas and cropped jackets, winter outerwear offers plenty of room for personal expression.







For a refined daytime look, pair a structured coat with straight-leg trousers, a fine-knit sweater and ankle boots. For a more relaxed mood, try a voluminous puffer with wide-leg denim and chunky sneakers.

The secret is proportion. Balance oversized silhouettes with streamlined layers underneath, or add a belt to create definition and shape.

Make accessories count

Winter accessories are more than practical necessities. A chunky scarf, leather gloves, a knitted beanie and cozy socks can introduce personality to even the most understated ensemble.

Experiment with contrasting textures, pairing wool with leather, fleece with denim or cashmere with corduroy. These subtle combinations add depth without making an outfit feel overly complicated. For footwear, choose sturdy boots with reliable grip for snowy conditions, while insulated slip-ons or comfortable sneakers work well for everyday errands.

The finishing touch

The best winter wardrobe is not about wearing everything at once. It is about choosing pieces that complement one another, with every layer serving a purpose.

A thoughtful mix of timeless essentials, interesting textures and well-chosen accessories can make cold-weather dressing feel effortless. Because true winter style is not simply about bundling up. It is about doing so beautifully.



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