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Cloudburst, Landslides in

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Japanese PM offers condolences to PM Modi over flood losses

"I am deeply saddened to learn that many precious lives were lost in the flood that occurred in the northern part of India," Ishiba said in a message to PM Modi, adding, "On behalf of the Government of Japan, I pray for the souls of the victims and extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. I would also like to express my sincere wishes for the swift recovery of the injured".



Disaster in Himachal, CM Sukhu busy in Bihar rally: BJP raises questions?

The people of Himachal Pradesh are facing natural disasters these days. Meanwhile, a political controversy has arisen over the Bihar visit of the state's Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Recently, Chief Minister Sukhu joined Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Rights Yatra' going on in Bihar. The Bharatiya Janata Party has surrounded the Congress and Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, calling it 'shameful'.

Leaving Punjab reeling under floods, CM goes to Tamil Nadu?

The Opposition on Tuesday criticised Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for attending an event in Chennai at a time when several parts of Punjab are reeling under floods and in need of urgent relief and rescue measures. The CM is in Tamil Nadu as the chief guest at the launch of the expansion of the state's Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme for government-aided primary schools in urban areas.

7 districts of Punjab flooded, Army deployed: Landslide hits Himachal's Banala, NH-24 closed, 2,000 tourists stranded

Seven districts and over 150 villages in Punjab are submerged as heavy rains swell the Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej rivers. All schools across the state will remain closed till August 30. In Ajnala, the Army has taken charge of rescue operations, deploying amphibious vehicles that can move both on land and in water.

Himachal Pradesh: Tourists stranded after landslides Continuous downpours have thrown life out of gear in Himachal. Overnight heavy rain triggered landslides on the Chandigarh-Manali highway, leaving over 2,000 tourists stranded across three districts.

Rain havoc toll rises to 310 So far, 310 people have lost their lives in floods and rain-related incidents across the state. Another 369 are injured, 38 missing, and more than 1,240 houses damaged — of which 331 have been completely destroyed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMPLAINT FILED
AGAINST MAHUA
MOITRA FOR
OBJECTIONABLE
REMARKS AGAINST
AMIT SHAH**

Diary Times Desk : TMC MP Mahua Moitra has sparked a fresh political controversy for her alleged remarks about Union home minister Amit Shah on the issue of infiltration from Bangladesh. Moitra was interacting with reporters in West Bengal's Nadia district on the sidelines of an event when she made the remarks while attacking the home minister for not tackling the issue of infiltration and blaming the TMC government over the issue, according to PTL. "They are repeatedly talking about infiltrators; but the border of India is protected by five forces, and that is directly the Home Ministry's responsibility," she said.

**MUMBAI:
MARATHA QUOTA
PROTEST CAUSES
RUSH AT CSMT,
JARANGE'S STRIKE
TO CONTINUE ON
SATURDAY**

Diary Times Desk : The Mumbai police on Friday allowed Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange Patil's hunger strike to continue for another day at the Azad Maidan. Jarange began his indefinite hunger strike on Friday, while stating that he would not relent till the community's demands towards Maratha reservation are met. In view of the rush at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus on account of the gathering of Jarange's supporters, the Central Railway urged passengers to avoid any unnecessary travel to the station.

"In view of the heavy crowd gathering in and around the CSMT station, Passengers are advised to travel to CSMT only if essential and unavoidable," the Central Railway said in a statement posted on their official X account.

Apart from the crowd at CSMT, the city also experienced traffic snarls on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway and Sion-Panvel Highway, which was caused by Jarange's convoy. Key roads, including the Eastern Freeway, Sion-Panvel Highway, Panvel-Sion Road, V N Purav Road, P D'Mello Road, Wallchand Hirachand Marg, Dr Dadabhai Naorji Road.

**SHIGERU
ISHIBA****AT MEETING WITH MODI, JAPAN SAYS IT
WILL INVEST \$68 BILLION IN INDIA OVER
10 YRS**

Diary Times Desk : Japan on Friday set a target of 10 trillion yen (\$68 billion) in private investments in India over a decade as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Shigeru Ishiba finalised a 10-year roadmap to deepen economic cooperation in vital areas such as technology, digitalisation and rare earths against the backdrop of uncertainty created by the trade policies of the US administration. Modi and Ishiba launched the Economic Security Initiative at their annual bilateral summit in Tokyo to ensure supply chain resilience in strategic sectors such as semiconductors, telecom, pharmaceuticals and emerging technologies, and also finalised a Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation to guide joint efforts to respond to contemporary defence challenges.

Economic and trade cooperation was the focus of the summit, held

amid the geo-economic churn affecting economies worldwide due to the trade and tariff policies of the Trump administration in the US. Both Modi and Ishiba didn't directly refer to the US in their public remarks but spoke about the need to strengthen the international order and protect national priorities.

"We both agree that as the world's two largest economies and vibrant democracies, our partnership is extremely important not only for our two countries but also for global peace and stability," Modi said at a joint media interaction. "Strong democracies are natural partners in shaping a better world."

He added, "The India-Japan partnership is rooted in mutual trust, reflects our national priorities, and is shaped by our shared values and beliefs. Together, we carry a common dream of peace, progress and prosperity of our peoples and for the world."

Ishiba said, "We share the responsibility to strengthen [the] international order as we see increasing opaqueness in international circumstances. Japan and India need to bring their strengths together for the peace and stability of the region."

Both PMs referred to Japan's target of 10 trillion yen in private investments in India over 10 years, with Ishiba saying that Tokyo would promote cooperation in space, next-generation mobility and the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed railway, a flagship project for the two sides. Japan's earlier investment target of 5 trillion yen (\$34 billion) during 2022-26 was achieved two years ahead of schedule.

According to a joint statement, Ishiba requested the Indian side to continue its regulatory and other reforms to allow Japanese companies to deepen their supply chains in India. Modi "recalled his intent to carry out additional regulatory and other reforms to facilitate investment into India and invited more Japanese businesses to avail of these," the statement said.

**A "SECRET" XI JINPING LETTER WAS KEY TO IMPROVED
INDIA-CHINA TIES: REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : When US President Donald Trump intensified his trade war with China earlier this year, Beijing began an outreach to India with a private letter from President Xi Jinping to President Droupadi Murmu, a Bloomberg report claims.

According to the report, which cited an unnamed Indian official as its source, Xi's letter was intended as a test of India's willingness to recalibrate ties with China. Although the letter was sent to President Murmu, the message was swiftly conveyed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the note, President Xi expressed concern about any prospective US-India agreements that might harm Beijing's interests, the report claimed. The Chinese premier also named "a provincial official who would steer Beijing's efforts," the report stated.

It further added that PM Modi's government began taking the Chinese outreach seriously in June, amid its own talks with the United States over Trump's tariff threats and his claim that it was he who brokered a ceasefire between India and Pakistan following the sharp regional escalation over the Pahalgam terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 people were killed.

Stung by Trump's tariffs, both India and China agreed to accelerate efforts to move beyond the 2020 border clash, pledging to renew talks over the long-standing boundary disputes, the report states. By July, Chinese officials were repeating the metaphor. The Global Times, a state-backed newspaper, went further, calling for a "ballet dance" between the two Asian giants in resisting US tariffs.

**TRUMP'S 50% TARIFFS ON INDIA
DRIVEN BY 'PERSONAL PIQUE':
JEFFERIES REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : The fifty per cent tariffs imposed by the United States on Indian goods are largely a result of President Donald Trump's "personal pique" at not being allowed to mediate in the India-Pakistan conflict, according to a report by American multinational investment bank and financial services company Jefferies. The report said Trump had "hoped to intervene" following the four-day military conflict between the two countries in May.

"Tariffs (on India) are primarily the consequence of the American president's 'personal pique' that he was not allowed to play a role in seeking to end the long-running acrimony between India and Pakistan," the report said.

"India has never accepted third party intervention in its relations with Pakistan and this remains a 'red line' despite the economic costs of depriving the 47th American president of one of his opportunities to win the Nobel Peace Prize," it added.

The report also said that agriculture is another sticking point between India and the US. It added that no Indian government, including the current one, is willing to open up the agriculture sector to imports "because of the severe consequences it would have on millions of people." India carried out precision strikes under Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure in Pakistan early on May 7. The strikes were in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

**ISRO AND JAPAN'S JAXA TO COLLABORATE FOR
CHANDRAYAAN-5 MISSION, SAYS PM MODI**

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced the collaboration between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency for the Chandrayaan-5 mission.

"We welcome the collaboration between ISRO and JAXA for the Chandrayaan-5 mission. Our active participation has gone beyond the limits of the earth and will become a symbol of mankind's progress in space," PM Modi said.

PM Modi announced the collaboration between the Indian and Japanese space agencies during a joint briefing after talks with his Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba in Tokyo.

Modi, during the briefing, also said that strong democracies are natural partners in shaping a better world. "We agree that as the two largest economies of the world and living democracies, our partnership is essential not just for the two countries but also for global peace and security," Modi said, adding that the talks with Ishiba were "productive" and "purposeful".

In the joint statement released by the both the Prime Ministers, the focus remained on the strengthening of economic cooperation and security cooperation between India and Japan.

The Prime Minister said that India and Japan had established the foundation for a new chapter in their "special strategic and global partnership", and outlined a roadmap for the next decade.

PM Modi also announced cooperation between India and Japan in high technology, with a focus on semiconductors and rare earth minerals, adding that both the countries were moving forward with Digital Partnership 2.0 and an AI Cooperation Initiative.

BIHAR POLL REVISION**TOP COURT TO HEAR PLEA
FOR BIHAR POLL REVISION
CLAIM DEADLINE EXTENSION
ON MONDAY**

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court will hear a plea on Monday seeking the extension of the deadline to submit claims by deleted voters from September 1 to 15.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) had filed an application seeking extension of the timeline for Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Supreme Court along with a status report on steps taken by it to help deleted voters.

The RJD claims that despite a previous order of the top court directing acceptance of Aadhaar as a valid document, Booth Level Agents (BLAs) are still not accepting the document. The party has also claimed that the Election Commission (EC) is deliberately building a false narrative that political parties are not cooperating and not filing claims of deleted voters.

In its status report, the RJD has cited some instances where claims by genuine electors in Form 6 have been wrongly deleted by the EC, but were collected by the BLA along with the acknowledgment on the declaration form by the Block Level Officer.

"Although these claims have been acknowledged by the BLAs, they have not been reflected by the Election Commission in the daily status report to set up a wrong narrative that the BLAs of political parties are not cooperating and filing claim," the plea claims.

The party also claims that since the last Supreme Court Order which permitted the filing of claims along with Aadhaar Card, the number of claims have doubled from 84,305 on August 22 to 1,78,948 electors on August 27, a period of just five days.

"However, across districts, there are many instances where the Officers have refused to accept the claims only with the Aadhaar Card.

**WITH PHOTO OF MODI IN
SAFFRON ROBE, TRUMP'S
TRADE ADVISER TARGETS
INDIA AGAIN OVER
RUSSIAN OIL IMPORTS**

Diary Times Desk : A day after controversially calling the Ukraine war "Modi's war," Trump's trade adviser Peter Navarro has launched a fresh tirade against India, accusing it of being a "money laundromat for the Kremlin."

In a series of social media posts, Navarro slammed India for buying discounted Russian crude, refining it, and exporting fuels globally, claiming the profits fuel Russia's war in Ukraine.

"India's Big Oil lobby has turned the world's largest democracy into a massive refining hub and oil money laundromat for the Kremlin," he wrote, accusing Indian refiners of partnering with Russian entities and exporting over 1 million barrels per day, more than half the volume of Russian crude imported.

Navarro slammed India for maintaining high tariffs on U.S. exports while demanding sensitive military technology transfers and defense manufacturing deals with American firms.

"That's strategic freeload," he said.

INDIA'S INTERNATIONAL BOOKER WINNER AT THE CENTRE OF A POLITICAL ROW

Diary Times Desk : International Booker Prize winning-author Banu Mushtaq has found herself in the midst of a controversy after she was invited to inaugurate a prominent festival in the southern Indian state of Karnataka. Last week, the state's Congress government announced that Mushtaq - who won the Prize earlier this year for her short story anthology, Heart Lamp - would inaugurate the Mysuru Dasara festivities in Mysuru (formerly called Mysore). Mysuru Dasara, also called Naada Habba (which roughly translates to festival of the land in Kannada), is an annual 10-day event that has been celebrated for decades. Thousands of people flock to the city to participate in the grand festivities, which include cultural performances, elephant parades, exhibitions and fireworks.



RUSSIAN PRESIDENT PUTIN TO VISIT INDIA IN DECEMBER, SAYS KREMLIN

Diary Times Desk : Russian President Vladimir Putin will pay an official visit to India in December, the Kremlin said Friday, as ties between the countries grow closer and after the United States imposed tariffs on New Delhi over its purchases of Russian oil. Putin will also meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a regional summit in China on Monday, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters, including AFP, saying the pair would discuss "preparation for the December visit". US President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs on Indian goods as punishment for New Delhi's massive purchases of Russian oil, part of a campaign to pressure Moscow into ending its offensive in Ukraine. Energy incomes are a key source of revenue for Moscow's state budget. Russia is also one of India's top arms suppliers, and the warm ties between the two countries date back to the Soviet era.

CLOUDBURSTS BATTER UTTARAKHAND; EIGHT DEAD, DOZENS MISSING AS RAINS TRIGGER LANDSLIDES, DEVASTATION

Diary Times Desk : A series of devastating cloudbursts rocked Uttarakhand between Thursday night and Friday morning, claiming at least eight lives and leaving over a dozen people missing across the Garhwal and Kumaon regions. The natural calamities, exacerbated by incessant monsoon rains, triggered widespread destruction in the districts of Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Tehri, and Bageshwar, washing away homes, damaging infrastructure, and burying more than 35 cattle. The Himalayan states of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir are grappling with the severe impact of monsoon-triggered cloudbursts and related natural disasters. Friday, in particular, proved to be a devastating day for Uttarakhand, as reports of cloudbursts in different parts of the state caused widespread panic. Torrential rains brought down massive debris, inundating several houses and severely damaging roads. Among the confirmed fatalities were two individuals in Dewal (Chamoli), two in Kapkot (Bageshwar), and one woman in Jakholi (Rudraprayag).

"AGAINST PARTY LINE": BJP TO MLA AFTER CLASH WITH TOP DISTRICT OFFICIAL



Diary Times Desk : Three days after sparking outrage by nearly assaulting Madhya Pradesh's Bhind Collector Sanjeev Srivastava, BJP MLA Narendra Singh Kushwaha was summoned to Bhopal and sternly reprimanded by the party leadership. On Friday, following a call from state BJP president Hemant Khandelwal, Mr Kushwaha appeared at the residence of organization general secretary Hitanand Sharma, where the incident was reviewed in the presence of state in-charge Dr Mahendra Singh. Sources said the leadership took a "serious view" of the MLA's conduct. He was warned in unambiguous terms that such behaviour was "against the party line" and would not be tolerated. Despite the censure, Mr Kushwaha is said to be pressing ahead with his demand to remove the Collector, the top district official. The controversy erupted on Wednesday when Mr Kushwaha stormed into the Collector's official bungalow with a group of farmers protesting fertilizer shortages. When Collector Srivastava asked him to "stay within his limits" and refused to allow illegal sand mining in the district, tempers flared.

YOUR HOROSCOPE 30-08-2025

<p>Aries</p> <p>Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.</p>	<p>Taurus</p> <p>Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.</p>
<p>Gemini</p> <p>Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.</p>	<p>Cancer</p> <p>Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.</p>
<p>Leo</p> <p>Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.</p>	<p>Virgo</p> <p>Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.</p>
<p>Libra</p> <p>Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.</p>	<p>Scorpio</p> <p>Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.</p>
<p>Sagittarius</p> <p>Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.</p>	<p>Capricorn</p> <p>Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.</p>
<p>Aquarius</p> <p>Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.</p>	<p>Pisces</p> <p>Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.</p>

DOWNPOUR DROWNS
DELHI: VEHICLES CRAWL ON
WATERLOGGED ROADS;
WETTEST AUG IN 15 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rains drenched Delhi on Friday, bringing traffic to a standstill on key routes, triggering a wall collapse that injured three children, and sparking a political blame game over the city's waterlogging issue. According to official data, the national capital has recorded its wettest August in the past 15 years, with 399.8 mm of rainfall reported so far.

This makes it the rainiest August since 2010, when the city received 455.8 mm of rainfall, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The heavy rains led to a political slugfest in the national capital, with the opposition slamming the BJP-led Delhi government over civic issue and saying it was due to their "gross neglect" that the capital was being inundated.

OPPOSITION STATES SEEK
COMPENSATION FOR
REVENUE LOSS DUE TO GST
REFORM PROPOSAL

Diary Times Desk : Opposition-ruled states on Friday said the Centre's proposal for GST rate reforms could result in a revenue loss of about Rs 1.5 crore to Rs 2 lakh crore and demanded compensation for the losses incurred by them. Finance ministers from eight states - Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal - decided to present their proposal to the GST Council at the next meeting on September 3 and 4. Their proposal for balancing rate rationalisation and revenue neutrality suggests levying an additional duty on sin and luxury goods in addition to the proposed 40 per cent rate to maintain the current tax incidence. The proceeds from this levy should be distributed among states, the opposition-ruled states demanded. Briefing reporters after a meeting of the eight states, Karnataka Finance Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said each state is expected to lose 15-20 per cent from its current Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue. "The 20 per cent GST revenue loss will seriously destabilise the fiscal structure of state governments across the country," Byre Gowda said, adding that states should be compensated for 5 years till the revenues stabilise. He said when GST was implemented, the revenue-neutral rate (RNR) was 14.4 per cent.

PUNJAB: RAIL TRAFFIC DISRUPTED, 38 TRAINS
CANCELLED

Diary Times Desk : Rail traffic between Kathua in Jammu & Kashmir and Madhopur in Punjab has been suspended due to heavy rainfall and flooding, causing widespread disruption in train services across northern India. The northern railway on Thursday announced the cancellation of 38 trains, along with 10 short terminations and four short originations, severely affecting passenger travel, especially on routes connecting to Jammu and Katra. Among the major long-distance trains cancelled for Friday include the New Delhi-Jammu Tawi Rajdhani Express, Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Jammu Durgam Express, Howrah-Jammu Express, Pune-Jammu Express, Kolkata-Jammu Express and Nanded-Jammu Tawi Express. Several trains serving pilgrims to Vaishno Devi, including the Pooja Express, Swaraj Express, and Kanyakumari-Katra Express, have also been cancelled, according to an official spokesperson. In addition, services such as the Jammu-Guwahati, Jhelum Express, Jammu-Varanasi and Jammu-Tirupati will now operate from short-originating stations such as Ambala, Roorkee, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi Safdarjung and Amritsar. Trains like the Sabarmati-Jammu Express and Varanasi-Jammu Express will be short-terminated at Pathankot and Ambala, respectively. Chief public relations officer, northern railway, Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay said: "Passengers are requested to check real-time updates through the Rail Madad helpline 139 or the NTES mobile app before commencing their journey," he said.

'WILL YOU LET YOUR VOTES BE STOLEN?'
BIHAR HAS ANSWERED LOUDLY', SAYS
RAHUL GANDHI IN SIWAN

Diary Times Desk : Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday declared that the people of Bihar have made it clear they will not tolerate any attempt to steal their votes. Addressing a large crowd on the 19th day of the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Siwan, Gandhi posed a direct question to the gathering, "Will you let your votes be stolen?" The audience responded unanimously with a resounding "No". Taking a sharp dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rahul said, "Once people of the country realise the truth behind how he wins elections, they will start telling him their own Mann Ki Baat," in a pointed reference to Modi's monthly radio address. Rahul expressed deep gratitude to the people of Bihar for their overwhelming support for the Voter Adhikar Yatra, describing it as a people's movement against "election theft". "People of Bihar have awakened every Indian to this issue," he remarked.

380 TOURISTS EVACUATED FROM SISSU, MANIMAHESH YATRIS
STRANDED IN CHAMBA AS HIMACHAL REELS UNDER HEAVY RAINS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall has triggered fresh landslides and flash floods across five districts of Himachal Pradesh, Chamba, Kullu, Lahaul Spiti, Kangra, and Mandi, leaving the situation grim. Around 380 tourists stranded in Sissu, Lahaul and Spiti, have been safely evacuated. Meanwhile, pilgrims of the Manimahesh Yatra, which was suspended on Monday due to heavy rains, remain stranded in Chamba town owing to massive landslides. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presided over a disaster review meeting covering the five affected districts through video conference from New Delhi today. He discussed the current situation at length with the Divisional Commissioner, Kangra, stationed at Chamba, as well as with the Deputy Commissioner of Chamba and the Superintendent of Police, both stationed at Bharmour.

PROVIDE THE SOP FOLLOWED
TO DEPORT ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS: SUPREME
COURT TO CENTRE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court today expressed concern over the double whammy faced by authorities when it comes to deporting illegal immigrants. Justice Joymala Bagchi said that the court is faced with two very sensitive issues - on one hand, there is a genuine concern of national security but at the same time India has inherited legacy of common culture and language with neighbours - where Pakistan has Punjabi-speaking citizens and Bangladesh has Bengali-speaking citizens. Making this observation while hearing the plea alleging mass deportation of Bengali-speaking Muslims to Bangladesh, the Supreme Court has asked Centre and 10 states to clarify the procedure it is following for deporting illegal immigrants. The bench comprising Justices Surya Kant, Joymala Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi issued notice and sought a reply from the government within one week.

"NO NEED TO SEARCH FOR TEMPLE OR
SHIVLING EVERYWHERE": RSS CHIEF
MOHAN BHAGWAT

Diary Times Desk : Projecting a benign and modern image of RSS, its chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday said Islam will always have a place in India as he dismissed speculation about a rift with the BJP while asserting that Akhand Bharat is an immutable reality.

In a question-answer session lasting two-and-a-half hours, Mr Bhagwat responded to questions ranging from Manusmriti to Artificial Intelligence(AI), tariffs to caste, education, patriotism, national language, partition, illegal immigration, attacks on Muslims, and most importantly, age of retirement for politicians.

"I never said that I or someone else should retire at 75," Mr Bhagwat said here, putting at rest speculation that he had suggested that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and he himself should retire when they turn 75 this September.



IRAN-BACKED HOUTHI PM KILLED IN ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES ON YEMEN, DEFENCE MINISTER FEARED DEAD

Diary Times Desk : Iran-backed Houthi Prime Minister Ahmed al-Rahawi was killed in Israeli airstrikes on the Yemeni capital of Sanaa, Euronews reported, citing Yemeni and Israeli reports. The strikes also targeted top military officials, including the Houthi Defence Minister. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said it attacked the Houthi-controlled capital of Yemen on Thursday, four days after a deadly round of bombings against the Iran-backed group, which had repeatedly launched missiles and drones to express support for the Palestinians.

The Israeli military said after those strikes that it had targeted what it said were Huthi military sites, including the presidential palace, in response to attacks against Israel. Authorities in Sanaa said at least 10 people were killed and 90 were injured.

Al-Rahawi died in his Sanaa apartment during the Israeli strikes, according to the Yemeni Al-Jumhuriya outlet. Several of his associates were also reportedly killed in the same strike.

CHINA WELCOMES MODI AS TRUMP'S TRADE WAR DRAWS RIVALS INTO DÉTENTE

Diary Times Desk : Chinese leader Xi Jinping this weekend will welcome Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the country for the first time in seven years, marking a notable improvement in the neighbors' tense relationship — and one spurred on in no small part by President Donald Trump's global trade war.

Modi is one of the world leaders who will attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit starting Sunday. More than 20 heads of state, including Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Masoud Pezeshkian of Iran, will also attend the regional forum. But Modi's decision to attend, in particular, as the leader of the world's largest democracy and one that until recently had a warm diplomatic and trade relationship with the United States, underscores the way Trump's approach has alienated some friends as well as united foes. Xi, who has cast himself as a reliable global leader in a multipolar world order, is set to take advantage during the summit of concerns about Trump's unpredictability and irascibility.

MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL ATTACKER 'OBSESSED WITH IDEA OF KILLING CHILDREN', OFFICIALS SAY

Diary Times Desk : Investigators say that the attacker who opened fire on pupils as they were praying at a church in Minneapolis was "obsessed with the idea of killing children".

Robin Westman, who killed two children and injured 18 others, did not seem to have any specific motive, according to Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara.

The attacker "appeared to hate all of us", the chief said on Thursday, adding: "More than anything, the shooter wanted to kill children".

The murdered children have been identified by family as Fletcher Merkel, eight, and Harper Moyski, 10.

"Yesterday, a coward decided to take our eight-year-old son Fletcher away from us," his father, Jesse Merkel, told reporters.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT FOR THAILAND AFTER PM SACKED?



Diary Times Desk : Thailand lost another prime minister to a court ruling on Friday, as Paetongtarn Shinawatra was thrown out of office over her handling of a border row with Cambodia.

The decision puts Thailand in political turmoil, with only an acting prime minister and no standout candidate to take over.

Here's what to know about the kingdom's crisis, and what might come next.

What just happened?

The Constitutional Court ruled by six votes to three that Paetongtarn had failed to uphold the ethical standards required of a prime minister, sacking her and dissolving her cabinet.

RUSSIA, CHINA SLAM EUROPEAN NATIONS OVER IRAN 'SNAPBACK' SANCTIONS MOVE

Diary Times Desk : Russia and China have condemned a decision by Britain, Germany and France to launch a process that could reimpose United Nations sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme.

The three European countries, known as the E3, launched the so-called "snapback mechanism" on Thursday over accusations that Iran has violated a 2015 deal that aimed to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapons capability in return for the lifting of international sanctions.

The move opens a 30-day window during which a new UN resolution to continue sanctions relief must be adopted to prevent penalties from being reimposed.

"We strongly condemn these actions by European countries and call on the international community to reject them," the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Friday in a statement that blamed the United States and the Europeans for the collapse of the 2015 nuclear deal.

"The Iranian nuclear issue is at a critical juncture. Launching the Security Council's snapback mechanism of sanctions is not constructive and will undermine the process of a political and diplomatic settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a regular media briefing on Friday.

TURKIYE CLOSES AIRSPACE TO ISRAEL, BANS ISRAELI SHIPS FROM TURKISH PORTS

Diary Times Desk : Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said his country has completely severed economic and trade ties with Israel and has closed its airspace to its aircraft, in protest over the war in Gaza.

Speaking at an extraordinary session of the Turkish parliament on Gaza on Friday, Fidan said Israel has been "committing genocide in Gaza for the past two years, ignoring basic humanitarian values right before the world's eyes".

Turkiye cut off direct trade ties with Israel in May last year, demanding a permanent ceasefire and the immediate entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza. In 2023, the two countries carried out \$7bn in trade.

Ankara has not minced its words about Israel's war on Gaza, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan calling it a genocide — like many other world leaders and leading human rights organisations — and likening Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the leader of Nazi Germany, Adolf Hitler.

"We have completely cut off our trade with Israel. We do not allow Turkish ships to go to Israeli ports. We do not allow their planes to enter our airspace," Fidan said.

The Turkish foreign minister's condemnation comes amid years of increasingly tense relations between the two countries, said Al Jazeera's Resul Serdar.

ISRAELI MILITARY SAYS IT HAS BEGUN 'INITIAL STAGES' OF ATTACK ON GAZA CITY

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli military says it has begun the "initial stages" of its offensive on Gaza City, as it declared the largest urban centre in the besieged territory a "combat zone" and announced the suspension of daily pauses in fighting there that allowed the entry of humanitarian aid to the famine-hit city.

"We are not waiting. We have begun preliminary operations and the initial stages of the attack on Gaza City," Israeli military spokesman Avichay Adraee wrote in a post on X on Friday.

"We are currently operating with great force on the outskirts of the city," he said.

Israel also announced that it had recovered the body of Ilan Weiss, an Israeli killed during the October 7, 2023 attack on southern Israel, whose body had been taken to Gaza.



TRUMP ENDS SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR HARRIS

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has cancelled Secret Service protection for Kamala Harris, which had been extended by Joe Biden before he left office, according to one of her advisers.

As a former vice-president, Ms Harris was entitled under law to receive six months of security after leaving office in January, which was due to expire in July.

Her protection had been quietly extended for another year by a directive signed by her former boss but was revoked by Trump in a memo dated on Thursday, according to the memo seen by the BBC.

The move comes just before Harris embarks on a national book tour to promote "107 Days" - a memoir of her short-lived and ultimately unsuccessful 2024 presidential campaign.

A copy of a letter seen by the BBC, dated 28 August, directs the Secret Service to "discontinue any security-related procedures previously authorised by Executive Memorandum, beyond those required by law" for Harris from 1 September.

A senior White House official confirmed the move.



UKRAINE'S "LARGEST" NAVAL SHIP SUNK IN RUSSIA'S FIRST SEA DRONE ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Ukrainian Navy's reconnaissance ship Simferopol, which was reportedly the largest ship commissioned by the country in over a decade, has been hit and sunk in a naval drone strike, the Russian Defence Ministry announced on Thursday.

The Laguna-class, medium-sized ship, designed for radio, electronic, radar, and optical reconnaissance, was struck in the delta of the River Danube, part of which is located in Ukraine's Odessa Region, a Defence Ministry statement said, RT reported. This was the first successful use of a sea drone to take out a Ukrainian Navy vessel, as per a TASS report citing a UAV expert, the RT added. Ukrainian authorities confirmed that the vessel has been hit. The attack killed one crew member and injured multiple others, the Kiev Independent wrote on Thursday, citing a Ukrainian Navy spokesperson.

"Efforts to address the aftermath of the attack are ongoing. The majority of the crew are safe, and the search for several missing sailors continues," it cited the spokesperson as saying.

The Simferopol was launched in 2019 and joined the Ukrainian Navy two years later. According to the WarGonzo Telegram channel, the vessel was the largest ship that Kiev has managed to launch since 2014.

SIKH MAN PERFORMING 'GATKA' ON ROAD IN LOS ANGELES SHOT DEAD BY POLICE

Diary Times Desk : A 36-year-old Sikh man, identified as Gurpreet Singh, was shot by the Los Angeles police in the middle of the road. According to the footage released by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Singh was performing Gatka, a form of traditional Sikh martial arts.

The police said that he was wielding a machete near Crypto.com Arena in downtown Los Angeles. He was shot dead after he refused to comply and even tried to attack the police. The machete was later identified as a "khanda" - a double-edged sword used in Indian martial arts.

The incident took place on July 13, after the LAPD received multiple 911 calls about a man swinging a large blade at passersby at the busy intersection of Figueroa Street and Olympic Boulevard.

The police also stated that Singh abandoned his vehicle in the middle of the road, and even tried to slice his tongue at one point. "Officers gave multiple commands for Singh to drop the weapon," police said. When the police went near him, he threw a bottle at them before trying to flee the scene. He drove erratically while the officers pursued him and finally collided with another police vehicle after which he came to a stop near Figueroa and 12th Streets. He then charged at them with the blade. He was then shot.

F-16 PILOT KILLED AFTER FIGHTER JET CRASHES IN POLAND DURING AIRSHOW REHEARSAL

Diary Times Desk : A Polish Air Force F-16 fighter jet crashed Thursday during a rehearsal for an airshow in Radom, central Poland, killing a Polish Army pilot. Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz, Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, confirmed the news and expressed grief over a "great loss for the Air Force."

In a viral video of the crash, the jet is seen performing a barrel-roll aerobatic manoeuvre before dropping to the ground, where it exploded and turned into a fireball. The jet, engulfed in fire, skidded on the runway for a few meters.

The incident reportedly occurred around 1730 GMT that is 11 pm IST. The accident involved an aircraft from the 31st Tactical Air Base near Poznan, said the General Command of the Armed Forces. No bystander suffered any injury, they added.

The AirSHOW Radom 2025, which was due to take place this weekend, has been cancelled.



HOW US SHOPPERS WILL BE HIT AS TARIFF EXEMPTION ENDS

Diary Times Desk : The US has pulled the plug on a long-running global tariff exemption that has been widely used by buyers of low-cost goods.

From Friday, imports valued at \$800 (£592) or less will no longer be duty-free and will face tighter customs checks, in a move set to affect millions of shipments a day.

Last year, almost 1.4 billion packages - worth a total of more than \$64bn - entered America without being charged duties under a rule called the de minimis exemption, according to US Customs.

Experts say US President Donald Trump's policy change will hit small businesses hardest and shoppers should brace for higher prices and fewer options - at least until the dust settles.

"I've reached the point of acceptance, but when I first heard the news about two and half, three weeks ago, I felt like it might be the end for my business," said Katherine Theobalds, founder and creative director of Buenos Aires-based shoe brand Zou Xou. "It still might - that remains to be seen."

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT JIM O'NEILL, NEW ACTING CDC DIRECTOR

Diary Times Desk : Silicon Valley investor and entrepreneur Jim O'Neill, who has also advocated for unproven COVID treatments, will lead the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Why it matters: O'Neill, who is not a physician, is an ally of Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and could help him enact the Make America Health Again agenda.

O'Neill, who will be overseeing vaccine recommendations, publicly criticized the CDC during the COVID pandemic and has pushed treatments that are not supported by scientific research, like ivermectin.

"We will rebuild this institution into what it was always meant to be: a guardian of America's health and security," an HHS spokesperson said in a statement. "Jim O'Neill is focused on achieving this mission and restoring trust in our public health agencies."

The White House and CDC didn't immediately respond to Axios' request for comment.

Catch up quick: O'Neill most recently served as the deputy secretary of the Health and Human Services Department.

- The White House ousted CDC director Susan Monarez, who disputed HHS' unilateral ability to fire her. Other top officials quit in protest. **State of play:** O'Neill is a biotech investor focused on longevity and anti-aging initiatives. He previously served at HHS from 2002 to 2008.

TRUMP CASTS A LONG SHADOW OVER CHINA'S GATHERING OF GLOBAL LEADERS

Diary Times Desk : The leaders of three of the world's largest countries will be gathering for a Eurasian summit in China this weekend.

But when Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Chinese leader Xi Jinping join other heads of state in Tianjin for the 25th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), absent will be American sparring partner President Donald Trump.

"For this particular summit, the US may not be at the table, but the US is always present," said Yun Sun, director of the China Program at the Washington-based Stimson Center.

Trump will nonetheless be the talk of Tianjin.

"The one thing that they're going to talk about is the United States, its policies, its tariffs," predicted Sushant Singh, lecturer in South Asian Studies at Yale University.

**KIM JONG-UN LIKELY TO USE BULLETPROOF SPECIAL TRAIN FOR UPCOMING CHINA TRIP**

Diary Times Desk : North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is likely to use his personal bulletproof special train when he travels to Beijing to attend China's large-scale military parade next week, sources said Friday. Kim is scheduled to attend a high-profile military parade at Tiananmen Square in Beijing on Wednesday to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945, which it observes as its victory day over Japan.

No information has been made available so far about when and how Kim will depart Pyongyang for Beijing. But attention has been drawn to what mode of transport and route the highly security-conscious leader will take.

Kim is more likely to use his customized special train than "Chammae-1," the private plane Kim reportedly used for long-distance domestic trips in his early years in office. For his four previous visits to China between 2018-2019, Kim traveled twice by the train and twice by the aircraft. Trips by train lasted four days, while those by air lasted two days.

TRUMP HAS MISCALCULATED THAT INDIA IS A SOFTER TARGET THAN CHINA

Diary Times Desk : The Trump tariff of 50% on Indian goods, which officially went into effect on August 27, has cast a long shadow over one of the most important bilateral relationships in the world. Yet, even before its implementation, the mood in New Delhi toward Washington had already begun to sour.

America's decision to impose punitive duties unveiled dramatically on 'Liberation Day' was followed by an additional 25% secondary tariff, bringing the total burden on Indian exports to among the highest in the world.

In India, these measures are widely perceived as being deliberately punitive rather than rational economic policy. Washington's justification, that the move was tied to India's continued purchase of Russian oil, has failed to convince policymakers or the public. Many in India point to China as a glaring contradiction.

TRUMP MOVES TO BLOCK \$5 BILLION IN FOREIGN AID

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has moved to block \$5 billion of congressionally-approved foreign aid, the White House said Friday -- raising the likelihood of a federal shutdown as Democrats oppose the policy.

The cuts "affect programs of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development," Trump wrote in a letter to the House of Representatives.

The Trump administration has effectively dismantled USAID, the chief US foreign aid agency, since taking office.

Founded in 1961 as John F. Kennedy sought to leverage aid to win over the developing world in the Cold War, USAID has been incorporated into the State Department after Secretary of State Marco Rubio slashed 85 percent of its programming.

SEXIST ITALIAN IMAGE-SHARING WEBSITE FORCED TO SHUT AFTER POLITICAL OUTCRY

Diary Times Desk : An Italian website that posted doctored images of well-known women, including Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, with obscene commentary, has announced its closure after a backlash from other female politicians.

The explicit site called Phica, a play on the Italian slang for vagina, now displays a message saying it has shut down "with great regret" due to the "toxic behaviour" of some users. Meloni herself has said she is "disgusted" by the site and called for those responsible to be punished "with the utmost firmness".

The removal of Phica comes days after celebrity figures led a wave of public anger against an Italian Facebook group called Mia Moglie (My Wife), where thousands of men had been swapping intimate images of their partners apparently without their knowledge.

Those pictures were posted with explicit or even violent comments, with users said to include former politicians, businessmen and police officers.

'I AM IN NO RUSH': BRAZIL'S LULA WEIGHS COUNTERMEASURES TO TRUMP'S TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk : Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has indicated that his government will not immediately impose retaliatory tariffs on the United States.

Instead, on Friday, he repeated his call for his US counterpart, Donald Trump, to join him in trade negotiations.

Since August 1, Brazil has faced the steep US tariffs, as part of Trump's pressure campaign to end a trial against his fellow far-right leader, Jair Bolsonaro.

Bolsonaro, who led Brazil as president from 2019 to 2023, has faced multiple legal inquiries since leaving office, including for allegedly falsifying his COVID-19 vaccine records and using government resources to undermine confidence in the election system.

But his greatest legal hurdle is his current trial for allegedly scheming to overturn the results of the 2022 election, which he narrowly lost to Lula.

A verdict is expected in the case in early September. Bolsonaro, meanwhile, has denied wrongdoing and called the proceedings political persecution.

SHIMLA LEADS THE WAY
IN RABIES CONTROL
WITH HANDS-ON
TRAINING FOR
VETERINARY OFFICERS

Diary Times Desk : A practical training programme on brain sample collection for rabies diagnosis in animals was organised at the State Veterinary Hospital, Shimla. The session was inaugurated by Dr Sanjeev Dhiman, Director of Animal Husbandry, who graced the event as the chief guest.

Over 10 veterinary officers from different districts of Himachal Pradesh participated in the training. The programme was coordinated by Dr Anil Kumar Sharma, District Nodal Officer (Rabies Surveillance), Shimla, with Dr Anuj Bali serving as the resource person for the technical sessions. The Deputy Director (Animal Health/Breeding) was also present and praised the initiative, noting that “Shimla is setting an example for the state and the nation through such pioneering steps.” In his address, Dr Dhiman underscored the importance of holding such hands-on trainings regularly at State Training Centres and Laboratories to strengthen field-level capacity building. He also commended the ongoing ‘Rabies Mukh Shimla’ mass dog vaccination campaign being jointly carried out by Humane People NGO (Rampur), Mission Rabies India, the Shimla Municipal Corporation and other NGOs.

HIMACHAL’S KULLU-
MANALI, LAHAUL-SPITI
CUT OFF FOR 4TH DAY
AMID INCLEMENT
WEATHER

Diary Times Desk : The districts of Mandi, Kullu, and Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal Pradesh are cut off from the rest of the state for the 4th consecutive day as relentless rainfall and extreme weather conditions continue to hamper restoration efforts on major highways.

The crucial Kiratpur-Manali highway, which serves as a lifeline for tourists and locals alike, has suffered extensive damage due to multiple landslides and flash floods triggered by heavy rains. Restoration teams are working .

DALAI LAMA TO RETURN TO MCLEODGANJ ON SEPTEMBER 1 AFTER
48-DAY STAY IN LADAKH

Diary Times Desk : Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama will return to his residence, Chunglakhang Monastery, in McLeodganj on September 1 after spending nearly one-and-a-half month in Leh-Ladakh. A senior official in the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) confirmed that the Dalai Lama reached Delhi from Leh on Thursday and will stay there for a couple of days before travelling to Dharamsala. After celebrating his birthday in Dharamsala on July 6, the Dalai Lama left for Leh on July 12 aboard an Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft. During his stay in Ladakh, he travelled to Zaskar, inaugurated the KarGön Mega Summer Symposium, laid the foundation stone of the Zaskar Mönlam Chörten, and gave teachings to more than 21,000 devotees.



OPPOSITION CONDEMNS CM
SUKHU’S ABSENCE, DEMANDS
DEFERMENT OF SESSION

Diary Times Desk : Accusing the government of being non-serious on the issue of relief and restoration in the wake of havoc wreaked by rains, opposition BJP today demanded deferment of the Assembly session.

Opposition legislators from Chamba, Hans Raj, Janak Raj and DS Thakur, expressed concern over the absence of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu from the state at a time when large-scale damage had been caused to both private and public property. “When the situation in the state is so critical in view of the rain damages, the CM should have been here rather than attending political function in Bihar,” said Leader of Opposition (LoP) Jai Ram Thakur. Responding to the concerns of the opposition, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said opposition is trying to create an impression that the government is not doing anything. “Like you all, we too are equally concerned about the situation but do not try to give it a political tinge. The LoP is trying to give the issue a political colour though the entire government is working overtime to ensure that relief and restoration work is in full swing,” he said.

MANDI-KULLU PARCHED:
RAINFALL KNOCKS OUT 152
WATER SCHEMES

Diary Times Desk : With Himachal Pradesh facing a series of devastating floods, landslides, and widespread damage to infrastructure, the state government has officially enforced the Disaster Management Act, 2005. This decision gives the administration wider authority to act swiftly in the interest of public safety, relief, and rehabilitation. The Disaster Management Act was passed by the Parliament of India in December 2005 in response to frequent natural and man-made disasters, including the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. It provides a comprehensive legal framework for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery at the national, state, and district levels. The Act defines a disaster as any catastrophe, mishap, calamity, or grave occurrence arising from natural or man-made causes that results in substantial loss of life or property and demands special intervention by the state. Himachal Pradesh has seen record-breaking rainfall, multiple cloudbursts, and landslides in recent days, causing massive loss of life, damage to homes, and collapse of critical infrastructure.

WOMAN DEAD, ANOTHER MISSING AFTER HOUSES COLLAPSE IN KULLU
LANDSLIDE

Diary Times Desk : A woman was killed and another is feared missing after a devastating landslide buried two residential houses in the remote village of Patarna in Karad Panchayat under the Ani subdivision of Kullu district, early Friday morning.

The landslide, triggered by heavy rainfall, engulfed the houses in a massive heap of debris and triggered a frantic rescue operation. According to initial reports, two women were feared trapped or swept away by the landslide. One body has been recovered from the spot, while a search is underway to trace another victim.

Upon receiving the information, teams from the Ani Police Station and the Fire Department rushed to the spot. Locals have also joined the rescue efforts, digging through the debris in a race against time. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Ani Laxman Kanet confirmed the incident and reported that search operations are underway to locate the second woman.



Princess Diana Unearthed

A time capsule sealed by Princess Diana in 1991 has been dug out of a children's hospital in London to enable the construction of a new cancer center.

Workers who were either born in 1991 or already working at the hospital that year helped remove the capsule which revealed items including a pocket size television, Kylie Minogue CD, and some tree seeds, according to a press release Wednesday from the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH).

Janet Holmes, Senior Health Play Specialist, who was working at GOSH in 1991, said her favorite item was the pocket TV.

"It brought back so many memories seeing the pocket TV in there – I had bought one for my husband back in the day, for when he had a break whilst driving his coach around the country. They were very expensive then!" Holmes said, according to GOSH.

The late Diana, Princess of Wales, was president of GOSH in 1989 and was known for regularly visiting children at the hospital in the heart of London. She was part of the time capsule ceremony in March 1991



Jennifer Hauser
In 1972, Princess Alexandra, then the Princess of Wales, laid the foundation stone for the old hospital location.

when GOSH was laying the foundation for its Variety Club Building.

Two young people who won a national competition provided the items for the capsule. They had been asked to suggest memorabilia that represented life in the 1990s. There was also a solar-powered calculator, a collection of British coins, a snowflake hologram, a sheet of recycled paper and a European passport.

Rochana Redkar, Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Haematology Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, was excited to see the unearthing.

"It was so lovely to be part of this event. I had just joined GOSH six months before and I was so excited to be involved in the removal of the time capsule, which was buried the year I was born!" Redkar said, according to the press release.



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According to Jason Dawson, GOSH's executive director of Space and Place, who oversaw the capsule's opening and removal, it was "quite emotional... almost like connecting with memories of things that have been planted by a generation passed by."

Princess Diana served the hospital as its president from 1989 until she died in 1997. She made several visits, occasionally accompanied by her sons, Prince William and Prince Harry.

Trump Administration Guatemalan Children

The Trump administration is moving to repatriate hundreds of Guatemalan children in government custody who arrived in the United States alone, according to multiple sources familiar with the planning who described the scope of the effort as unprecedented.



Priscilla Alvarez

The policy changes stem in part from the belief among senior Trump officials that the vetting procedures that have been in place for years aren't sufficient.

It's the latest in a series of moves since President Donald Trump returned to office focused on unaccompanied migrant children in the United States — in this case, plucking kids out of government custody, where they're waiting to be released to a relative or guardian in the US who can care for them while they make their case for protection, and sending them to Guatemala, where they're expected to be reunited with family.

The administration has identified more than 600 children from Guatemala in the custody of the Health and Human Services Department, which is charged with their care until they can be released, to potentially deport as a part of a pilot program in coordination with the Guatemalan government, according to two sources.

The children, ranging in age, are believed to not have a parent in the US, though they may have a



Trump and his aides have fixated on migrant children released in the United States, arguing that they are in harm's way and unaccounted for, as well as critiquing the Biden administration's handling of those children.

relative, one of the sources said. It's unclear what immigration process the administration plans to use to remove the children, though discussions have included voluntary departure. Internally, officials have called the removals repatriations and not deportations, sources told CNN, implying the children impacted are not being involuntarily removed. Advocates and former officials, however, expressed skepticism about children's understanding of their removal, particularly because many don't have attorneys.

Generally, for example, kids in custody are not affirmatively offered the option to leave voluntarily, and those who request it must have it approved by an immigration judge.

"Having children's cases in immigration court when they're choosing voluntary departure is a protective mechanism," said Shaina Aber, executive director of the Acacia Center for Justice, adding that an immigration judge is there to ensure the child knows what it means, are making the choice of their own free will,

and aren't being put in harm's way.

There are just under 2,000 children in HHS custody, according to federal data. The majority of the unaccompanied migrant children who arrive to the US southern border are from Guatemala, Honduras or El Salvador.

CNN reached out to HHS and the Department of Homeland Security for comment. The Guatemalan embassy declined to comment.

On Friday, Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden sent a letter to the Trump administration requesting additional information about upcoming plans to repatriate Guatemalan children and demanding their "immediate termination," citing whistleblower accounts, according to the letter shared with CNN.

"This would constitute the latest escalation in the Trump administration's push to disappear the vulnerable unaccompanied children entrusted to (the Office of Refugee Resettlement's) care, violating ORR's child welfare mandate and this country's long-established obligation to these children," the letter states.

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CHINESE WOMEN EXPLOITED IN TELEGRAM

The message from an anonymous stranger was how Ms. D, a woman in her 20s, learned her ex-boyfriend had leaked her private photos and intimate videos in a private chat on a Chinese language Telegram channel with more than 100,000 subscribers.

Countless Chinese women, including minors and relatives of the perpetrators, have had their photos and videos posted on the channel. Many have been insulted in the chat, often in explicit ways, according to screenshots provided by Ms. D, who CNN has agreed not to identify for privacy reasons.

The channel – called "Mask Park Treehole Forum" – is only the latest of its kind unearthed over the past decade in East Asia and the world. Many similar, smaller Chinese-language channels are still proliferating on Telegram, a platform which can only be accessed in China through virtual private networks (VPNs).

"I can't believe how disgusting all this is. It's like they're verbally raping (women)... And they're even fantasizing about their family members," said Ms. D, who exposed the exploitative channel speaking out on social media late last month, sparking a public outcry over women's safety both online and offline.

Since then, Chinese women have been working together online to investigate the channel – which has since been disbanded – and share tips on how to report its contents to authorities. Demanding action, some have used slogans like "no investigation, no kids" – a threat to forgo having children as the government struggles to arrest a plummeting birth rate. Women interviewed by CNN reported being shocked, angry and panicked by the revelations.

But weeks of high-profile online campaigns have had limited impact. China's censorship apparatus appears to have kicked in, taking down Ms. D's exposés and posts from other campaigners – some are temporarily muted, as screengrabs show – and redirecting searches for "Mask Park" away from the sex exploitation scandal.

Some online investigators say they have received anonymous threats of doxing and retribution if they continue digging into the Mask Park case, with one such email reviewed by CNN.

While some online users cautiously suggested organizing protests, pointing to similar demonstrations in South Korea last year against deepfake porn, it's a risky move in China, where coordinated actions.



Nimi Princewill

So far, Chinese authorities have remained silent on the Mask Park outcry, despite coverage by state-owned news outlets. CNN has reached out to China's Cyberspace Administration and the Ministry of Public Security, for comment, as well as the All-China Women's Federation, a state-sponsored organization representing women's interests.



Others have drawn comparisons to a separate South Korean case involving a Telegram channel known as the "Nth Room," an online sexual blackmail ring that targeted dozens of minors and young women. The perpetrators were eventually jailed and South Korea passed legal reforms strengthening punishments for sex crimes.

But some campaigners say they are pessimistic that the same will happen in China, pointing to the profound societal and political differences between the two countries. China's stability-obsessed ruling Communist Party views independent activism as a threat and has cracked down hard on campaigns advocating for women's rights.

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LIONEL MESSI'S RETIREMENT NEARS AS HE ANNOUNCES LAST HOME WORLD CUP QUALIFIER MATCH; ARGENTINA PLAN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL

Diary Times Desk : Lionel Messi has not yet announced when he plans to retire, but he knows that next week's match against Venezuela could be his last one playing at home in a World Cup qualifier with Argentina's national team.

"It's going to be a very, very special match for me because it's the last qualifying match," the 38-year-old Messi said Wednesday night after Inter Miami progressed to the Leagues Cup final by beating Orlando City.

Argentina, with a spot already secured in next year's World Cup, will host Venezuela next Thursday at the Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires for the penultimate round of South American qualifiers. Its last match will be at Ecuador on Sept. 9.

Messi has hinted that he will retire from the national team after next year's World Cup, where Argentina is going to defend the title they won in Qatar 2022.



ICC, GOOGLE ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO ELEVATE WOMEN'S CRICKET

Diary Times Desk : ICC announced a landmark women's-only global partnership with Google on Friday.

The collaboration will lead to the world cricket governing body leveraging Google's advanced technology and commitment to supporting women's sports, enhancing fan engagement and increasing accessibility.

The groundbreaking partnership comes at an exciting juncture in the women's game, with two major global events scheduled in the next 10 months - the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 in India and Sri Lanka and the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 in England and Wales.

The alliance paves way for fueling further growth and visibility of women's cricket following the announcement of Unilever as the ICC's first global women's partner earlier this year.

Enhancing the fan experience in women's cricket and making it more dynamic, accessible and meaningful will be Google products, including Android, Google Gemini, Google Pay, and Google Pixel. This integrated ecosystem has been designed to bring fans closer to the game's key moments, players, and stories, expanding on every stage of the fan journey from discovering match highlights to celebrating wins.

'SOMETIMES I HATE MY PLAYERS, SOMETIMES I WANT TO QUIT' - AMORIM

Diary Times Desk : In the immediate aftermath of the EFL Cup defeat by the League Two side on Wednesday, the Portuguese said his team "were completely lost" and that "something has to change".

He opted not to clarify his comments, which even inside Old Trafford have been interpreted by some as the 40-year-old considering his future.

But speaking on Friday, he said: "To be really honest, every time that we have a defeat like that in the future I'm going to be like that. I'm going to say sometimes I hate my players and sometimes I love my players."

"Sometimes I want to quit, sometimes I want to be here for 20 years."

"I need to improve on that, it's going to be hard but now I'm focused on the next game."

In the aftermath of the penalty shootout defeat at Blundell Park, the first time United had ever lost a competitive game to a fourth-tier club, Amorim spoke to numerous media outlets.

To them all, he said 'the team and the players spoke really loudly today' without clarifying what he meant.

He also said he needed to talk to the club's hierarchy next week and 'think about things'.

Amorim accepts such pointed statements are bound to invite debate about his future .

TRENT ALEXANDER-ARNOLD DROPPED BY ENGLAND FOR FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Diary Times Desk : Trent Alexander-Arnold was left out by England for its upcoming World Cup qualifiers in the national team's first squad announcement since the right back left Liverpool to join Real Madrid.

Reece James, Tino Livramento and Djed Spence have been preferred as right-back options in coach Thomas Tuchel's 24-man group for matches against Andorra and Serbia that was announced on Friday.

Alexander-Arnold played for Madrid at the Club World Cup in the United States over the summer. For the team's opening two games in the Spanish league, he started the first and was benched for the second to accommodate fit-again Dani Carvajal.

Tuchel has handed a first senior call-up to Spence, a versatile Tottenham fullback, and Nottingham Forest midfielder Elliot Anderson, who impressed playing for the England Under-21s in that age group's European Championship this summer.



JANNIK SINNER ROMPS INTO US OPEN THIRD ROUND

Diary Times Desk : Jannik Sinner kept his bid to win back-to-back US Open titles firmly on track with an emphatic second round demolition of Australia's Alexei Popyrin on Thursday. The Italian world number one needed just two hours and one minute to dispatch Popyrin 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Sinner -- who only dropped four games in his first round win over Vit Kopriwa on Tuesday -- was similarly brisk against Popyrin. The 24-year-old broke Sinner five times as he moved through the gears against his opponent, ranked 36th in the world. Sinner faces Canadian 27th seed Denis Shapovalov in the third round on Saturday.

Sinner has reached the final of all three Grand Slams this season, winning the Australian Open and Wimbledon either side of a defeat to Carlos Alcaraz at the French Open.

He is bidding to become the first man to successfully defend the US Open since Roger Federer won the last of five consecutive titles in 2008.

BARCELONA PRESIDENT HAS HIS WISH FULFILLED AFTER UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona's Champions League journey for the 2025/26 season has been handed a dream storyline, as Joan Laporta's wish of facing Paris Saint-Germain has come true.

The draw has placed the Blaugrana in a group stage that promises drama, excitement, and heavyweight clashes.

Hansi Flick's men, who reached the semi-finals last season, were seeded in Pot 1 alongside some of Europe's biggest names.

From this bracket, Barça have drawn reigning champions PSG, who they will face at home, and Chelsea, the Conference League winners, who await them in London.

A look at the opponents
The rest of the draw adds plenty of balance and intrigue. From Pot 2, Barcelona will go up against Eintracht Frankfurt at home and make the trip to Belgium to face Club Brugge.

Pot 3 pairs them with Olympiacos in Spain and Slavia Praha away. Lastly, Pot 4 brings a home fixture against Copenhagen and an away showdown with Newcastle United. This sets the stage for one of the most anticipated fixtures of the group phase, with Barça hosting PSG in a clash that will be followed around the world.