

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**IMD FORECASTS  
HEAVY RAINFALL  
OVER EAST AND  
PENINSULAR INDIA  
FOR THE NEXT 4  
TO 5 DAYS**

**Diary Times Desk :** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast a heavy rainfall spell over East and Peninsular India during the next 4-5 days.

The IMD said that isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Assam and Meghalaya till the 16th of this month. Light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms at some places, with isolated heavy rainfall, is also likely over Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand till the 14th of this month.

Similar weather conditions are likely to prevail over Karnataka, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana, Kerala, and Mahe for the next five days. Strong surface winds are also very likely to prevail over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Rayalaseema during the same period.

**EU COULD ABSORB  
BULK OF INDIA'S  
US-BOUND  
EXPORTS IF TRADE  
DEAL COMES  
THROUGH**

**Diary Times Desk :** The European Union could shoulder much of India's US-bound exports if a trade deal is finalised quickly, a Moneycontrol analysis shows. In 2024, India exported \$79.4 billion worth of goods to the US, almost matching the \$77.5 billion shipped to the EU-27. Of this, nearly \$67.2 billion—about 85 percent—could find room in the European market, given the bloc's large and diversified import appetite.

While Europe offers India a large alternative market and a buffer against US tariff shocks, the gains would depend on the fine print of the trade pact. Without deep tariff cuts, mutual recognition of standards and flexible rules of origin, exporters risk facing higher costs and slower turnaround times, diluting the opportunity. Diamonds stand out as one of the biggest opportunities for India. While the US bought \$4.8 billion worth of Indian diamonds last year,

**U.S. PRESIDENT  
DONALD TRUMP****ITALY'S MELONI SPEAKS TO INDIA'S MODI, SKIRTS  
U.S. TARIFFS REQUEST**

**Diary Times Desk :** Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni hailed her country's "excellent" relationship with India in a phone call on Wednesday with her counterpart Narendra Modi, making no mention of U.S. requests for the EU to impose tariffs of up to 100% on Indian imports.

According to officials, U.S. President Donald Trump urged the European Union this week to hit China and India with new import duties as part of a strategy to put pressure on Russia, a key supplier of oil for the two nations.

In their call, Meloni and Modi welcomed "the excellent state of bilateral relations" and reaffirmed a shared commitment to deepen cooperation on trade, investment and connectivity, the Italian premier's office said in a statement.

The statement made no mention of Trump's demands. The two leaders also discussed Ukraine, saying they support "all international efforts to promote a ceasefire and a resumption of negotiations aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace", the statement added.

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**"LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEIGHBOURING NATIONS": TOP  
COURT'S NEPAL MENTION**

**Diary Times Desk :** Violent protests in Nepal this week (and in Bangladesh in July last year) found mention in the Supreme Court Wednesday afternoon during the hearing of a presidential reference on the court's April 12 order, which set deadlines on President Droupadi Murmu and Governors to clear states' bills.

Referring to the Indian Constitution - which defines the right of the President to seek the Supreme Court's advice, on any point of law that might constitute public importance, or affect the public in any manner - Chief Justice BR Gavai said, "We are proud of our Constitution."

"... see what is happening in our neighbouring states. Nepal, we saw," the Chief Justice said, referring to the anti-corruption agitation that began 48 hours ago, in which 21 people have been killed so far.

"Yes, Bangladesh also..." Justice Vikram Nath chipped in, raising memories of shocking violence in that country last year as a student-led protest seized control of and ransacked key government buildings, including the official residence of then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Over 100 people died in protests that forced her to resign and flee, with control of the country handed to a still-in-power 'interim' administration led by Nobel Prize winner Mohd Yunus.

**200 TELUGU PEOPLE STRANDED IN  
NEPAL, MINISTER NARA LOKESH  
MONITORING SITUATION**

**Diary Times Desk :** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said as many as 200 Telugu people are stranded in riot-hit Nepal, and that Minister Nara Lokesh has been entrusted with monitoring real-time developments.

Addressing the 'Super Six Super Hit' meeting here, Naidu said it is the state government's duty to respond when Telugu people are in difficult times.

"There are protests happening in Nepal, and around 200 Telugu people are stuck there; I have instructed the HRD Minister Nara Lokesh to monitor the situation in real-time governance. This is our duty to respond and stand with our people in these difficult times," Naidu said.

The AP government has set up an Emergency Cell at Andhra Bhavan in New Delhi to assist Telugu-speaking citizens stranded in Nepal, which is witnessing civil unrest. Andhra Pradesh Bhavan Commissioner Arja Srikanth said Chandrababu Naidu asked Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and officials of Andhra Bhavan to extend all possible support.

"In view of the ongoing unrest in Nepal, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has set up an Emergency Cell at AP Bhavan, New Delhi, to provide immediate support and ensure the safety of Telugu citizens currently stranded in Nepal," said Srikanth in a press release issued late on Tuesday.

**TELANGANA HC SCRAPS GROUP-1 RESULTS,  
ORDERS RE-EVALUATION**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a major blow to the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC), the high court on Tuesday cancelled the final marks list released on March 10 and the General Ranking List issued on March 30.

Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao directed the Commission to manually re-evaluate the answer scripts of the candidates using the moderation method laid down in the Sanjay Singh vs State of UP Public Service Commission case and declare revised results within eight weeks.

The court warned that if the TGPSC fails to comply, it would have no choice but to cancel the entire examination and order a re-test. The entire exercise must be completed within eight months, the judge added.

With this ruling, the high court disposed of all 12 petitions filed over alleged irregularities in the exam process. During the hearings, senior advocates G Vidya Sagar, KS Murthy and B Rachna, representing the petitioners, argued that the TGPSC had conducted the competitive exam in a "haphazard and unfair manner".

They said the Commission, despite being a constitutional body, failed to notify key procedures like multiple rounds of evaluation, moderation, and re-evaluation, which should have been made public through a gazette notification.

## INDIA-US TENSIONS

**PM MODI'S "NATURAL  
PARTNERS" REPLY TO  
TRUMP'S POST ON INDIA-US  
TRADE TALKS**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a significant step toward easing India-US tensions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said teams from New Delhi and Washington were working to conclude their trade negotiation at the earliest, potentially easing America's tariff onslaught. Replying to Donald Trump's post on trade talks on X, the Prime Minister said he was looking forward to speaking with the US President.

"India and the US are close friends and natural partners. I am confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the India-US partnership. Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest," PM Modi said in a post on X.

"I am also looking forward to speaking with President Trump. We will work together to secure a brighter, more prosperous future for both our people."

PM Modi's remarks came weeks after reports claimed that PM Modi had, at least four times, avoided President Trump's calls amid New Delhi's increasing frustration over Trump's "unjustified" punitive tariffs, including targeting India's Russian oil trade.

Trump On Trade Talks

Earlier on Tuesday, Trump announced that his administration had resumed trade negotiations with India. "I am pleased to announce that India and the United States of America are continuing negotiations to address the Trade Barriers between our two Nations," he posted on Truth Social.

He also described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "very good friend" and said he looks forward to speaking with him "in the upcoming weeks."

"I feel certain that there will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion for both of our great countries," he added.

Trump's latest statement follows a recent softening of rhetoric from the US side. Earlier on Friday, during a White House press conference, Trump said, "I'll always be friends with Prime Minister Modi" and called him a "great Prime Minister."

**'CAN'T DANCE WITH TEARS  
IN EYES': KUKI-ZO GROUPS  
OPPOSE GRAND WELCOME  
CEREMONY FOR PM MODI  
IN MANIPUR**

**Diary Times Desk :** Several organisations representing the Kuki-Zo community in Manipur on Wednesday slammed a dance programme planned as part of the welcome ceremony for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is likely to visit the ethnic violence-hit state on September 13, for the first time since the conflict broke out in May 2023.

The Imphal Hmar Displaced Committee stated that the PM should interact with those affected in the ethnic violence instead of participating in the welcome ceremony.

Gangte Students Organisation in Churachandpur district said it would welcome the PM's likely visit, but "we can't dance with tears in our eyes!" "Our mourning is not yet over, our tears are not yet dried, our wounds are not yet healed, we cannot dance with joy," the Imphal Hmar Displaced Committee said in a statement.

Instead of taking part in a grand welcome ceremony, the PM should interact with the displaced people who are lodged at relief camps, it said.

## 'THOSE WHO INVESTIGATE MUST ALSO BE PROBED': TOP COURT ON CASE AGAINST EX-TOP COP

**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court on Wednesday said those who investigate must also be probed as it ordered an FIR against former Delhi Police commissioner Neeraj Kumar in a two-decade old case, involving allegations of fabrication of documents and criminal intimidation.

The case relates to an incident in 2001 when Kumar was posted as a joint director in the CBI and alleges fabrication of documents in a case.

The Delhi High Court on March 13, 2019 dismissed the appeals against a 2006 order of its single-judge bench directing FIR against Kumar and then CBI officer Vinod Kumar Pandey.

"It is high time that sometimes those who investigate must also be investigated to keep alive the faith of the public at large in the system," a bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and P B Varale said.

Upholding an order of the Delhi High court, the top court directed the matter to be investigated by the Delhi Police Special Cell and by an officer not below the ACP rank.

"The offence is alleged to have been committed in the year 2000 and till date the matter had not been allowed to be investigated. It would be dichotomy of justice if such an offence is allowed to go uninvestigated particularly when there is involvement of the officers on deputation to CBI," the bench said.

It came on record that two different individuals Sheesh Ram Saini and Vijay Kumar Aggarwal filed separate complaints before the police on July 5, 2001 and February 23, 2004, respectively, seeking investigation but no action was taken.

## "INDIA'S KEYBOARD MINIONS": TRUMP AIDE AFTER TARIFF CLAIM FACT-CHECKED ON X

**Diary Times Desk :** Even as India and the United States decided to resume their trade talk, President Donald Trump's trade adviser, Peter Navarro, continued his rant over New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil. The US official also blasted the Indians for fact-checking his viewpoint on tariffs, claiming India's "keyboard minions" were using "Community Notes" on X to "bury the facts."

"India's keyboard minions are hijacking X's Community Notes to bury the facts. They're furious about losing unfettered access to US markets—even as India, the Maharaja of Tariffs, keeps some of the world's highest trade barriers," he wrote on X.

He doubled down on his earlier claim that India's steep tariffs on US imports were costing American jobs. He also claimed that New Delhi's purchase of discounted Russian oil was "purely" profit-driven, and revenues from it are funding Russian President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine.

## RAHUL GANDHI'S FIRST REACTION ON 'VOTE CHORI' CLAIMS IN VICE PRESIDENTIAL POLLS



**Diary Times Desk :** Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, in a fiery exchange, reignited the political storm, accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of widespread "vote chori" and declaring, "Vote chor, gaddi chhod." While he sidestepped questions on the escalating Nepal crisis, his sharp remarks triggered a war of words on the ground -- BJP workers staged protests against his convoy in Raebareli, while Congress supporters countered with slogans targeting the ruling party. On being asked about allegations of vote chori in Vice Presidential Polls, Rahul Gandhi said, "Vote Chor Gaddi chodh. This is happening all over the country and in Uttar Pradesh, it's going all over the country."

Responding to Gandhi scion's remarks, BJP's national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "Don't know about vote chori, but Rahul ji should tell, has the brain of Congress leaders been stolen? Now, Rahul ji is saying a vote of conscience in the V-P election is also a vote chori. Where will your propaganda stop?"

## "NOT TRUMP OR TARIFFS...": PIYUSH GOYAL TELLS WHO GIVES HIM 'SLEEPLESS NIGHTS'

**Diary Times Desk :** The United States' 50 per cent tariff on imported Indian goods has no link to the rationalisation and overhaul of the Goods and Services Tax framework and, crucially, does not represent a loss for the country, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said Tuesday at the NDTV Profit GST Conclave.

Mr Goyal also told NDTV Profit that Donald Trump's unpredictability. Othe past weeks and months, as the two countries grapple with tariffs and a stuttering trade deal, Trump has mocked India's "dead" economy while also calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi his "very good friend".

Asked, in a light-hearted moment, if Trump's frequent U-turns were causing him to lose sleep, Mr Goyal chuckled and said Mr Modi's directive – that members of the federal government spend every moment serving the people of India – gave him far more sleepless nights.

### YOUR HOROSCOPE

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**Aries**

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.

**Taurus**

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.

**Gemini**

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.

**Cancer**

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.

**Leo**

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.

**Virgo**

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.

**Libra**

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.

**Scorpio**

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.

**Sagittarius**

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.

**Capricorn**

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.

**Aquarius**

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.

**Pisces**

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.



"NOT SPARING TOURISTS":  
INDIAN WOMAN'S CALL FOR  
HELP FROM VIOLENCE-HIT  
NEPAL



**Diary Times Desk :** An Indian woman has issued an urgent appeal for help and rescue amid violent Gen-Z protests that have claimed at least 21 lives. Upasana Gill, who had travelled to Nepal for a volleyball tournament, said her hotel was set ablaze by a mob, forcing her to flee without her belongings. Describing her horrifying experience, Ms Gill said she barely managed to escape the mob that chased her carrying large sticks.

The anti-graft protests in Nepal have killed at least 19 civilians and three security personnel this week as an angry mob vandalised government buildings and chased politicians on the streets. The demonstrations were organised by the group "Gen Z Nepal" and drew support from more than half the Himalayan nation's 30 million people who are younger than 30, but often led by prime ministers twice their age. Started as Ms Gill said a large group of protestors attacked the hotel where she was staying and burned the place down. She said the mob did not even spare tourists and chased them on the streets with sticks in hand.

"My name is Upasana Gill, and I am sending this video to Praful Garg. I request the Indian embassy to please help us. All those who can help us, please help. I am stranded here in Pokhara, Nepal," the Indian woman said.

PM MODI MEETS FAMILY'S  
LONE CLOUDBURST  
SURVIVOR IN HIMACHAL  
PRADESH

**Diary Times Desk :** A sombre mood pervaded the room where Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held 11-month-old Neetika, who lost her parents to a cloudburst in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh.

A photograph of the prime minister holding the infant in Kangra made rounds on social media. PM Modi touched the cheeks of the child and offered her toffees.

On June 30, after a cloudburst in Talwara village of Parwara panchayat, 31-year-old Ramesh Kumar, Neetika's father, went out to stop water from entering his house and went missing. He was later found buried under debris.

AUTHORITIES IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS IN J&K'S  
DODA TO PREVENT FRESH PROTESTS OVER AAP  
MLA'S ARREST; INTERNET SUSPENDED

**Diary Times Desk :** The authorities on Wednesday imposed restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir's mountainous Doda district after protests broke out against the detention and booking of AAP MLA from Doda, Mehraj Malik, under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). Mobile internet and broadband services in the district have also been suspended. The administration has invoked Section 163 of the BNSS in Doda district to restrict public movement without prior permission. According to an order issued by Additional District Magistrate Doda, Anil Kumar Thakur, the assembly of four or more persons has been prohibited. No individual will be allowed to resort to provocative speeches, slogans, or gestures that may disrupt peace and communal harmony. The administration has also banned the carrying of lathis or sharp-edged weapons in public. Officials warned that any violation of the prohibitory order will invite punitive action under relevant provisions of law. After invoking Section 163 BNSS, policemen made announcements about the imposition of restrictions from vehicles fitted with public address systems.

"The DC Doda appeals to all residents of Doda through this announcement that Section 163 BNSS (earlier Section 144) has been imposed in the district. People have been appealed to keep their shops and business establishments closed and stay in their homes and don't move on roads and in streets. Whosoever is found moving on the road or in streets, strict legal action will be taken against him," read the police announcement.

JAMMU-SRINAGAR HIGHWAY  
REOPENS AFTER NINE DAYS, TRAFFIC  
RESTORED FOLLOWING MASSIVE  
LANDSLIDES

**Diary Times Desk :** The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was reopened for vehicular traffic on Wednesday after being shut for nine consecutive days. The 270-kilometre highway, the only all-weather link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country had remained blocked since August 26 due to flash floods, heavy rains and multiple landslides. Although it reopened briefly on August 30, it was closed again which had left the road blocked for a total of 14 days. Diversion built to clear traffic

An official from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) said, "Heavy intermittent rains affected works. From September 7, work resumed on a war footing and a 300-metre diversion road was built, which allowed us to restore traffic today." Vehicle movement is now taking place smoothly, the official confirmed.

IMD ISSUES YELLOW ALERT  
FOR HEAVY RAINFALL IN  
PARTS OF TELANGANA

**Diary Times Desk :** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for heavy rainfall on Wednesday in Adilabad, Nirmal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, and Mahabubabad districts.

According to IMD officials, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph are likely at isolated places in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, Nirmal, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Khammam, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts. Strong surface winds are also expected to prevail in other parts of the state. Neredigonda in Adilabad recorded the highest rainfall at 88.7 mm, while the state average stood at 3 mm against a normal of 3.3 mm. Hyderabad, however, remained dry, with no rainfall recorded within GHMC limits. The city's average stood at 0.0 mm against a normal of 5.3 mm, with the highest temperature of 36°C reported at Champapet (Rangareddy).

GOVT SET ON PUNISHING UMAR  
KHALID, COURTS HAVE HELPED IT BY  
DRAGGING CASE ENDLESSLY: KAPIL  
SIBAL

**Diary Times Desk :** In an interview to discuss the six attempts made by Umar Khalid to secure bail which have proven unsuccessful on each occasion, resulting in his spending five years in jail – and he continues to be there – former law minister Kapil Sibal, in answer to the question 'what keeps going wrong in Khalid's case?' said:

Sibal said that, second, the courts have dragged the matter on and on. He cited several examples of Khalid's appeals for bail that have been subjected to multiple hearings stretching often over periods longer than 250 days.

Speaking about the recent denial of bail by the Delhi high court on September 2, Sibal called it "the grossest form of error and injustice". He said: "I don't know what the [Delhi] high court was blinded by."

SHE WANTED TO CRUSH LEMON WITH THAR, SUV FLEW OUT OF  
SHOWROOM'S 1ST FLOOR

**Diary Times Desk :** The joy of buying a brand-new Mahindra Thar was inexplicable for 29-year-old Maani Pawar. Before taking it out on the road, she decided to perform a customary ritual inside the showroom. The ritual involved squeezing a lemon under the car's tyre. But Ms Pawar accidentally pressed the accelerator, sending the vehicle flying out of the showroom's first floor. The incident, reported from Delhi, took place on Monday evening.

**What Happened**

On Monday evening, Maani Pawar visited the Mahindra showroom in Delhi's Nirman Vihar to take delivery of her brand-new Thar, worth Rs 27 lakh. Ms Pawar decided to perform a pooja and a ritual before driving the car out of the showroom. A lemon was placed in front of the wheel of Thar, stationed on the first floor of the showroom. Ms Pawar had to drive slowly, pushing the car lightly, only to squeeze the lemon under the car's tyre. But she mistakenly pressed the accelerator.

The car, with Ms Pawar and a showroom employee identified as Vikas seated inside, broke the glass, flew out of the store and plunged onto the pavement.

A video of the crash's aftermath shows the upturned car on the road below the showroom. The airbags opened immediately, and the victims were rushed to the nearby Malik Hospital. The two were discharged after first aid. "On Monday at about 6.08 pm, the medico-legal case (MLC) of Maani Pawar, resident of Indrapuram in Ghaziabad, was received from Malik Hospital in Nirman Vihar.

"WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?" CHILLING SAGA OF NEPAL PRINCE MURDERING ROYAL FAMILY



**Diary Times Desk :** Amid a political crisis in Nepal after the Gen-Z protests unseated the incumbent KP Sharma Oli government, pro-monarchy voices are reiterating their demand for a return to monarchy, which was officially abolished in the Himalayan country in 2008. Any conversation on Nepal's monarchy brings to mind bloody memories of a chilling royal massacre that rocked the country in 2001. And this regicide, many say, had a Gwalior angle. In 2001, Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev was the king of Nepal. The Harvard University alumnus, who incidentally studied at a school in West Bengal's Darjeeling, was loved by the Nepalese people for his development initiatives and social reforms. King Birendra married Queen Aishwarya Rajya Lakshmi Devi Shah in a lavish ceremony in 1970. The royal couple had three children -- Crown Prince Dipendra, Princess Shruti, and Prince Nirajan. On June 1, 2001, the royal family had gathered in Kathmandu's Narayanhiti Palace, now a museum. According to a Time report quoting royals present at the gathering, Dipendra (29) was seen when the party began and offered to pour drinks. He then left the party, only to return later. This time, he was dressed in commando fatigues and carried two assault rifles. "Dipendra just looked at his father, said nothing, and squeezed the trigger once," Ravi Shumshere Rana, the Crown Prince's uncle, told Time. "The King stood there for a few seconds after the firing, and then slowly he sat down on the ground. It was about this time that the King finally spoke. Kay gardeko? (What have you done?)." A government inquiry implicated Dipendra in the royal massacre. A widely accepted theory about his motive points to a relationship with Devyani Rana, the daughter of Nepalese politician Pashupati Shamsher Jang Bahadur Rana and Usha Raje Scindia.

MAPS: ISRAEL HAS ATTACKED SIX COUNTRIES IN THE PAST 72 HOURS

**Diary Times Desk :** On Tuesday, Israel launched a targeted air strike on a Hamas leadership compound in Qatar's capital, Doha, during a meeting to discuss a US-proposed ceasefire for Gaza. The strike killed six people, including the son of senior Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya, the director of al-Hayya's office, three bodyguards and a Qatari security officer. However, its top leaders are reported to have survived the attack. The attack was part of a wider wave of Israeli strikes extending beyond its immediate borders, and marked the sixth country attacked in just 72 hours and the seventh since the start of this year. Israeli attacks across Gaza have killed at least 150 people and injured more than 540 others since Monday. On Monday, 67 people were killed and hospitals received 320 wounded, including 14 people killed while seeking aid, while six people -- among them two children -- died from famine-related causes. On Tuesday, another 83 people were killed and 223 were injured.



"KEEP THEM ON": TRUMP ASKS EU TO SLAP TARIFFS OF UP TO 100% ON INDIA, CHINA



**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump has reportedly asked the European Union (EU) to join the United States in slapping tariffs up to 100 per cent on India and China-- two of the biggest Russian crude importers-- as part of their so-called collective effort to increase pressure on Moscow to end its war in Ukraine. Trump made the extraordinary demand by dialling into a Tuesday meeting between senior US and EU officials gathered in Washington to discuss ways to hit at the revenue Moscow needs for the war in Ukraine, according to a report by The Financial Times. "We're ready to go, ready to go right now, but we're only going to do this if our European partners step up with us," the report quoted one US official as saying. Another official said Washington was ready to "mirror" any tariffs slapped on Beijing and New Delhi by the EU, potentially leading to an exponential rise in US levies on imports from both countries. Trump has already raised levies to 50 per cent on Indian goods, while duties on Chinese exports stand at 30 per cent. **NEPAL'S FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE PICKED BY GEN Z TO LEAD TALKS WITH ARMY**

**Diary Times Desk :** The former Chief Justice of Nepal, Sushila Karki, would be the representative of the Gen Z protesters for negotiations with the Army on government formation. The protesters had arrived at the decision after a marathon 6-hour meeting this evening. The demands of the Gen Z protesters included immediate arrest and action against the then Prime Minister, Home Minister, and all involved in ordering mass killings, drawing up a new constitution which would have provision preventing anyone from becoming Prime Minister for more than two terms, immediate cancellation of politically influenced appointments in constitutional bodies like CIAA and judiciary and merit-based appointments.

WHY FRANCE IS PROTESTING AND WHAT THE "BLOCK EVERYTHING" MOVEMENT MEANS

**Diary Times Desk :** French President Emmanuel Macron has appointed Sebastian Lecornu as the country's fifth prime minister in less than two years, following the resignation of Francois Bayrou. Lecornu is set to take office on Wednesday just as France saw widespread protests led by a left-wing grassroots movement known as "Block Everything" (Bloquons tout). Analysts say Lecornu faces a baptism of fire, faced with a twin challenge - managing a politically fractured parliament and a highly mobilised public against the government's spending cuts and austerity measures. In Rennes, demonstrators set a bus on fire and caused damage to a power line in the southwest. Around 200 arrests have taken place so far, authorities said. What Is The "Block Everything" Movement? The "Block Everything" collective is a citizen-led movement calling for boycott, civil disobedience, and solidarity in response to government policies. Unlike traditional strikes led by unions or political parties, the movement is independent, organised primarily through social media platforms such as X, TikTok, Telegram, and Facebook.

HARRIS CALLS BIDEN'S RE-ELECTION BID RECKLESS IN NEW MEMOIR

**Diary Times Desk :** Former US Vice-President Kamala Harris has delivered her sharpest criticism yet of her former boss, calling Joe Biden's decision to seek a second term "recklessness" in an excerpt from her forthcoming memoir. "It's Joe and Jill's decision." We all said that, like a mantra, as if we'd all been hypnotized," Harris writes in her book. "Was it grace, or was it recklessness? In retrospect, I think it was recklessness." In an extract for her book 107 Days, published by The Atlantic on Wednesday, Harris also describes moments where she felt sidelined or denied credit for her work by Biden's team. The BBC has contacted Biden's office for comment. Harris wrote that as vice-president she was in the "worst position" to tell Biden not to run for president again. "I knew it would come off to him as incredibly self-serving if I advised him not to run," she wrote. "He would see it as naked ambition, perhaps as poisonous disloyalty, even if my only message was: Don't let the other guy win."



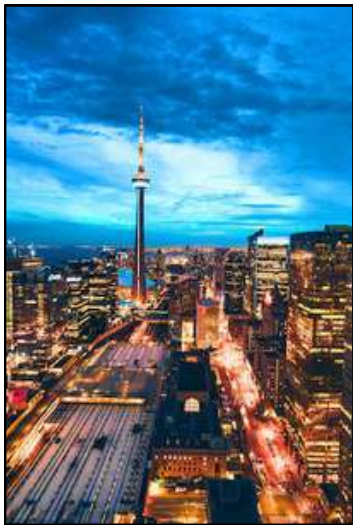
CANADA HAS REJECTED 80% OF INDIAN STUDENT VISAS IN 2025 SO FAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Canada, long considered a preferred hub for international education, especially among Indians, has imposed its most restrictive visa regime in a decade. This has altered global student mobility. According to data from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), nearly 80% of Indian student visa applications were rejected in 2025.

Indian students comprise around 40% of Canada's international students. Four out of five Indian applicants received refusals in the second quarter of 2025, education outlet The PIE News reported, citing figures from BorderPass.

As per data from the Canadian government, 1.88 lakh Indian students were admitted in 2024. This number was more than double two years ago.

While Ottawa hasn't shared a country-wise breakdown, The PIE News reported that the high rejection rate is affecting students across Asia, Africa and beyond, showing how Canada is changing its approach to international education.



LECORNU IS FRANCE'S NEW PRIME MINISTER, TAKES OFFICE AMID ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTS

**Diary Times Desk :** France's new Prime Minister, Sebastien Lecornu, pledged to find creative ways to work with rivals to pass a debt-slimming budget while also promising new policy directions, after taking office on a day of sprawling anti-government protests on Wednesday.

President Emmanuel Macron picked Lecornu to be his fifth Prime Minister in two years on Tuesday, naming a loyalist who is unlikely to rip up his pro-business economic agenda.

Lecornu replaced Francois Bayrou, who was ousted in a parliamentary vote on Monday over his plans to trim the country's outsized budget deficit, the biggest in the euro zone.

Lecornu, most recently defence minister, said in a brief speech after a handover ceremony that the government would need "to be more creative, sometimes more technical, more serious," in how it works with the opposition. But he also said "ruptures will be necessary".

His immediate challenge will be how to steer a streamlined 2026 budget through parliament, which is split into three distinct ideological blocs. Parties broadly agree on the need to slash France's deficit, which reached 5.8% of GDP in 2024, but not on how to do it.

NEPOKIDS: THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR, HASHTAG THAT DESTROYED NEPAL

**Diary Times Desk :** What began as a social media hashtag has ignited a powerful youth movement in Nepal.

The term #NepoKids started trending as young Nepalis voiced frustration over the growing divide between the political elite and the average citizen.

The hashtag calls out the privileged lifestyles of politicians' children, from designer brands and foreign degrees to private jets, in stark contrast to the struggles faced by ordinary youth dealing with unemployment, inequality, and mass migration in search of better opportunities.

The discontent soon spilled from digital platforms onto the streets.

Frustrated and tired of being ignored, Gen Z protesters mobilised not just against the social media ban, but to demand systemic change, calling for an end to corruption, nepotism, and entrenched elite privilege.

Social media is flooded with posts on how the youth is struggling amid rising joblessness and is increasingly drawn into divisive religious and political narratives, while the children of the elite, the "Nepokids", continue to climb the ladder of success, often without merit.

The contrast is sparking public anger and a wave of youth-led protests, demanding accountability, transparency, and equal opportunities for all, not just for those born into privilege.

INDIA EXPLORES RARE-EARTH DEAL WITH MYANMAR REBELS AFTER CHINESE CURBS

**Diary Times Desk :** India is working to obtain rare-earth samples from Myanmar with the assistance of a powerful rebel group, according to four people familiar with the matter, as it seeks alternative supplies of a strategic resource tightly controlled by China.

India's Ministry of Mines asked state-owned and private firms to explore collecting and transporting samples from mines in northeastern Myanmar that are under the control of the Kachin Independence Army, three of the people said.

State-owned miner IREL and private firm Midwest Advanced Materials - which received government funding last year for the commercial manufacturing of rare-earth magnets - were among those involved in the discussions, the sources said.

New Delhi hopes to test the samples in domestic labs to ensure they contain sufficient levels of heavy rare earths that can be processed into magnets used in electronic vehicles and other advanced equipment, according to the people.



NORMALCY GRADUALLY RETURNS TO NEPAL AS ARMY TAKES CONTROL OF SECURITY

**Diary Times Desk :** Army troops fanned out across Kathmandu and other cities from early Wednesday morning, enforcing restrictive orders and restoring calm, a day after violent anti-government protests swept across Nepal, triggering the resignation of K P Sharma Oli as Prime Minister.

The Nepali Army, which assumed command of nationwide security operations at 10 pm on Tuesday, imposed restrictions in several areas across the country, including Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Bhaktapur cities, to contain the unrest that continued even hours after Oli stepped down.

In a statement, the army expressed concern over the actions of certain groups, which are "taking undue advantage of the difficult situation" and causing "severe damage to ordinary citizens and public property." "We have deployed our troops to prevent any untoward incidents, including looting and vandalism," said an officer from the Nepal Army headquarters.

Authorities have also issued orders for residents to remain indoors unless "absolutely necessary", in a bid to prevent further unrest, he said.

NEPAL UNREST: 5 JUVENILES DIE IN PRISON CLASHES, OVER 7,000 PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM VARIOUS JAILS

**Diary Times Desk :** At least five juvenile inmates died during a clash with security personnel at a jail in western Nepal, while more than 7,000 prisoners escaped from different jails across the country during the violent anti-government protests, according to media reports.

The massive anti-government demonstrations across Nepal that forced Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to resign on Tuesday led to a serious law and order situation across districts, prompting the Nepal Army on Wednesday to impose nationwide restrictive orders followed by a curfew.

Inmates took advantage of the protests and tried to escape from jails, resulting in clashes across several prison facilities since Tuesday.

Five juvenile inmates died in a clash with security personnel at the Naubasta Correctional Home in Naubasta Regional Jail located in Baijnath Rural Municipality-3 of Banke on Tuesday night," The Rising Nepal newspaper said.

POLAND CLOSES AIRPORTS FOLLOWING RUSSIAN STRIKES ON WESTERN UKRAINE

**Diary Times Desk :** Poland closed four airports including its main Chopin Airport in Warsaw on Wednesday, according to the US Federal Aviation Administration, after Russia launched drone strikes near the border in neighbouring Ukraine.

Poland's armed forces said in a post on X that military aircraft had been activated to ensure airspace safety, although there was no official confirmation from the command that any airports had been closed. "Polish and allied aircraft are operating in our airspace, while ground-based air defence and radar reconnaissance systems have been brought to the highest state of readiness," the military's operational command said in a post on X.

The US Federal Aviation Administration said the Rzeszow-Jasionka Airport in Poland's southeast, a hub for passenger and arms transfers to Ukraine, was among the airports that had been temporarily closed.



CHINA'S 2025 MILITARY PARADE:  
PROJECTION OF POWER, PERCEPTIONS,  
AND IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA

**Diary Times Desk :** China's largest-ever military parade on September 3, 2025, was less a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and more a calculated performance of military modernity. Tiananmen Square became both stage and message: the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is not only upgrading its arsenal but also reimagining the image of Chinese power in global politics, taking place right after the conclusion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) leadership summit in Tianjin. With Xi Jinping flanked by Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong-un, the optics were deliberately designed to present an axis of defiance — famously termed axis of 'autocracies' in Western media — against the US-led order, while also signalling to immediate neighbours like India that Beijing's military ambitions are accelerating. Nearly 26 world leaders, many from Central Asia and Southeast Asia, attended the parade.

"SURPRISING, SHALLOW, ILL-  
INFORMED": INDIA SLAMS  
SWITZERLAND'S REMARKS ON  
MINORITIES AT UNHRC

**Diary Times Desk :** India on Wednesday slammed Switzerland's remarks on minorities at the 5th Meeting of the 60th Session of the Human Rights Council, urging them to focus on their own issues like racism, systematic discrimination, and xenophobia instead of lecturing India. Indian diplomat Kshitij Tyagi criticised Switzerland's comments as "surprising, shallow and ill-informed," highlighting India as the "world's largest, most diverse and vibrant democracy" with a strong tradition of pluralism, offering assistance to Switzerland on these matters. "We would also like to respond to the surprising, shallow and ill-informed remarks made by Switzerland, a close friend and partner. As it holds the UNHRC presidency, it is all the more important for Switzerland to avoid wasting the council's time with narratives that are blatantly false.

DEATH TOLL RISES TO 30 IN NEPAL'S GEN-Z PROTESTS

**Diary Times Desk :** The death toll in the September 8 protest led by Gen-Z in Nepal has risen to 30, the Ministry of Health and Population announced on Wednesday evening.

Issuing a release, the Health Ministry stated that 1,033 injuries have been recorded nationwide, out of which 713 injured individuals have already been discharged, while 55 were referred to other facilities for further treatment. Another 253 patients remain newly admitted. The Civil Service Hospital in Kathmandu is currently handling the largest caseload, treating 436 people. The National Trauma Centre is caring for 161 patients, and Everest Hospital is treating 109. In all, 28 hospitals across the country are providing care to those affected, the ministry added.

The Health Ministry said emergency services have been mobilised to cope with the surge in patients and instructed hospitals to remain on high alert. Thousands of Nepali youths took to the streets of Kathmandu on September 8, demanding transparency and the lifting of the social media ban. The KP Sharma Oli-led government at the time defended the ban as a means to curb the spread of fake news. However, the move was criticised by rights groups, who said it was a tool for censorship.



JUDGE BLOCKS TRUMP FROM  
REMOVING FEDERAL  
GOVERNOR LISA COOK, FOR  
NOW

**Diary Times Desk :** A federal judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked President Donald Trump from removing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook, an early setback for the White House in an unprecedented legal battle that could upend the central bank's long-held independence. The preliminary ruling by US District Judge Jia Cobb in Washington, DC, does not settle the key issue of whether the Trump administration's claims that Cook committed mortgage fraud before taking office are sufficient cause for her removal. Cook denies any wrongdoing.

Trump moved to fire Cook in late August, but the Fed has said she remains in her position. The case, which will likely end up before the US Supreme Court, has ramifications for the Fed's ability to set interest rates without regard to politicians' wishes, widely seen as critical to any central bank's ability to keep inflation under control. Trump has demanded that the US central bank cut rates immediately and aggressively, berating Fed Chair Jerome Powell for his stewardship over monetary policy. The central bank is expected to deliver a rate cut at its September 16-17 policy meeting.

'WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
STRIKE,' SAYS NETANYAHU  
AFTER ISRAEL POUNDS  
HOUTHI TARGETS

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed on Wednesday evening that Israel would continue striking its enemies after the Air Force carried out a long-range attack against Houthi targets in Yemen. A few days ago, we eliminated most of the members of the Houthis' terror government. In response, the Houthis fired on Ramon Airport two days ago. That did not relax our hands. We prepared for them from the air again today, at their terror facilities, at terror bases with a great many terrorists, and also at other facilities," Netanyahu said. "We will continue and strike. Anyone who hits us, anyone who attacks us--we will reach him." The Israel Defence Forces confirmed that fighter jets struck multiple sites in the capital Sana'a and in Al Jawf province in northern Yemen. The IDF said its targets included military camps used to plan and execute operations against Israel, a fuel depot serving Houthi forces, and the headquarters of the group's public relations department.



PUBLIC TRANSIT IN AMERICA IS SO UNDERFUNDED IT’S RELYING ON SPORTS GAMBLING COMPANIES

**Diary Times Desk :**  
Funding for public train and bus services is so dire that one of the largest cities in America must rely on a sports gambling company to help.

FanDuel, a sports betting app, subsidized train service to and from the NFL’s Philadelphia Eagles home opener last week. The line had been cut amid a funding crunch for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), the fifth largest transit agency in the United States.

FanDuel paid \$80,000 to restore SEPTA’s sports express train service to help shuttle thousands of people to the Eagles’ game. The company said it was “proud to collaborate with SEPTA” to provide fans with reliable transportation.

The roughly 700,000 commuters in and around Philadelphia who ride SEPTA each day have endured longer wait times, more crowded rail and bus lines, and other difficulties for weeks. Last month, state lawmakers failed to reach an agreement to cover the agency’s \$213 million budget deficit. Agencies in Chicago, San Francisco and other cities — as well as states including Rhode Island — also face fiscal cliffs that threaten service cuts, fare hikes and layoffs.

CRACKER BARREL SUSPENDS RESTAURANT RENOVATIONS FOLLOWING LOGO FLOP

**Diary Times Desk :**  
Cracker Barrel announced that it’s suspending the renovations of its restaurants following a disastrous logo rollout that sent shares lower.

“You’ve shared your voices in recent weeks not just on our logo, but also on our restaurants,” the chain said on X. “If your restaurant hasn’t been remodeled, you don’t need to worry, it won’t be.”

Cracker Barrel said that its minimalist and lighter design, which removed its dark woods and many of the trademark tchotchkes that lined the walls, was tested at only four out of 660 restaurants.

DEPT. OF LABOR LAUNCHES INVESTIGATION INTO DATA COLLECTION PROCESS AT BLS



**Diary Times Desk :**  
The Department of Labor is initiating an investigation into how the Bureau of Labor Statistics collects and reports “closely watched economic data,” according to a letter the department’s Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Laura Nicolosi, sent to Acting BLS Commissioner William Wiatrowski on Wednesday.

This comes one day after the BLS said there were nearly 1 million fewer people employed for the year ended in March than previously reported as part of the agency’s annual revisions.

Nicolosi, who was appointed shortly before President Donald Trump took office this year, didn’t mention the revisions in her letter but cited concerns stemming from a recent “large downward revision” of new jobs added, as reported in monthly employment reports.

Last month, Trump fired Erika McEntarfer from her position as BLS commissioner after the agency reported a combined 258,000 downward revision to May and June hiring numbers. Trump accused McEntarfer, without evidence, of manipulating the monthly jobs reports for “political purposes.”

HYUNDAI RAID SHOWS TRUMP’S POLICIES ARE GETTING IN THE WAY OF HIS ECONOMIC AMBITIONS

**Diary Times Desk :**  
The Hyundai battery plant in Georgia that saw 475 workers arrested in immigration raid last week is just the latest example of President Donald Trump’s policies clashing with his goals for the world’s largest economy.

The Trump administration’s immigration enforcement efforts have had widespread impacts on the construction industry, according to a recent survey from the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), a trade group of contractors involved in most types of building projects.

The survey of 874 members found that 5% reported a visit from immigration agents, and 10% said that workers either walked off the job or failed to show up to work because of actual or rumored immigration actions. A further 20% said they were indirectly impacted because their subcontractors lost workers. But the immigration worries — with threats of arrest, detention, and deportation for workers — are just one way Trump’s policies are holding back construction. Tariffs are raising the cost of raw materials such as steel, aluminum and copper. And the on-again, off-again nature of Trump’s tariffs make basic planning difficult, if not impossible, for long-term projects like building a factory. Even as Trump heralds a manufacturing renaissance amid massive foreign investments, many businesses are putting their own construction plans on hold. The AGC survey was conducted between July 8 and August 15, said Ken Simonson, the group’s chief economist — just as funding for immigration enforcement was starting to increase, he said.

WHY APPLE IS SIDESTEPPING SILICON VALLEY’S AI BLOODSPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** As expected, Apple rolled out a bunch of gadget upgrades during its closely watched marketing event on Tuesday. But perhaps the most notable thing about its crisply edited, hour-and-ten-minute propaganda reel was this: Apple went really quiet when it came to artificial intelligence.

The theme of the day was Apple’s bread and butter: hardware. It’s got new AirPods that can translate bilingual conversations in real time, a watch that can monitor your blood pressure and, of course, a skinny phone. There was plenty of hype, to be sure — CEO Tim Cook’s opening monologue heralded the iPhone 17 as “the biggest leap ever for iPhone.” But not once did an Apple executive grandstand about how their artificial intelligence models would upend the global economy. Heck, they barely talked about AI upending their own products. The words “Apple Intelligence,” the company’s proprietary AI, rarely came up. (I counted four passing references to it in the entire video.)

Also telling: No one talked about Siri, the voice assistant feature that has become a vector of Apple’s AI ambitions. Not even once.

Long story short, Apple overhauled Siri to incorporate Apple Intelligence last year, and it was a disaster. Apple had to claw back key features, including its (very funny but very inaccurate) text message and news app summaries.

BSF WESTERN  
COMMAND CHIEF  
ENSURES SECURITY,  
RELIEF EFFORTS IN  
FLOOD-AFFECTED  
BORDER AREAS

**Diary Times Desk :** Satish S Khandare, Additional Director General heading the Border Security Force's Western Command, conducted an extensive aerial reconnaissance of the flood-affected border districts of Gurdaspur, Amritsar, and Ferozepur, assessing the security situation. The mission focused on evaluating the flood situation along the Punjab border and determining the extent of damage to border infrastructure. Khandare was accompanied by Dr Atul Fulzele, Inspector General of the Punjab Frontier. During his visit, the ADG met with BSF officers in Gurdaspur and Ferozepur to discuss security measures being undertaken to safeguard the waterlogged border amidst challenging circumstances. Alongside relief efforts, BSF continued to maintain vigilance along the International Border (IB), thwarting several cross-border smuggling attempts, seizing narcotics and weapons, and arresting suspects.

RAIN TO CONTINUE IN  
HP; YELLOW WEATHER  
WARNING ISSUED FOR 4  
DISTRICTS



**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal will continue to witness rain today as the state's Meteorological Department has issued a yellow weather warning for Kangra, Mandi, Hamirpur and Bilaspur districts. This means light rainfall is likely in isolated areas of these districts for the next few hours.

As a result, visibility conditions in these districts are also likely to decrease. The weather will remain dry in most places of the state for the rest of the day. Meanwhile, light rain continued in isolated places of the state during the past 24 hours. The department has also issued a yellow weather warning for the state from September 12 to 14.

PUNJAB AAP MLA LALPURA, 10 OTHERS CONVICTED IN 2013  
MOLESTATION CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** A court in Punjab's Tarn Taran district on Wednesday convicted AAP MLA from Khadoor Sahib, Manjinder Singh Lalpura, and 10 others in connection with the molestation and assault of a woman in 2013. The court of additional sessions judge Prem Kumar will pronounce the quantum of sentence on September 12. Following the conviction, the MLA and other accused were taken into custody and sent to sub-jail, Patti.

The complainant woman, who belongs to the Scheduled Caste (SC) community, was allegedly assaulted by the accused including Lalpura and some cops from the Tarn Taran police on March 3, 2013. The incident took place when the complainant along with her family members came to a marriage venue for a wedding function.



PUNJAB GOVERNOR SURVEYS  
FLOOD-RAVAGED AREAS, SAYS  
MORE AID COMING

**Diary Times Desk :** Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on Wednesday assured that the Central Government would leave no stone unturned to work in tandem with the state government to mitigate the plight of flood-affected people. His statement is significant in light of the growing dejection among farmers, their unions, and all political parties (barring the BJP) in Punjab after the announcement of a Rs 1,600 crore grant by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the flood-ravaged state yesterday. The grant was considered meager compared to the massive devastation in Punjab caused by the floods. The state's Aam Aadmi Party government has estimated its losses at Rs 13,800 crore and demanded a relief package of Rs 20,000 crore from the Centre. Governor Kataria, who was flying back to Chandigarh from Pathankot this morning, said, "I conducted an aerial survey of the flood situation. Though the water level has started receding, the extent of damage to houses and crops is enormous." "More aid will be coming 100 percent in the coming days," he assured.

HIMACHAL PRADESH BRACES FOR  
HEAVY RAINFALL FROM SEPT 12-  
14: OVER 500 ROADS BLOCKED

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy rainfall is expected to continue across Himachal Pradesh, as the state's meteorological department has issued a yellow weather warning for the state from September 12 to 14. According to the department, a yellow weather warning has been issued for Una, Bilaspur, and Kangra districts for September 12, predicting thunderstorms and lightning in isolated areas. A yellow weather warning has also been issued for Shimla, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur, Kangra, Una, Bilaspur, and Hamirpur districts for September 13, forecasting heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning in isolated places. Similarly, a yellow warning has been issued for Kangra, Mandi, Una, Hamirpur, and Bilaspur districts for September 14. At least 586 roads, including four national highways (NHs), remain blocked in Himachal Pradesh, while around 571 transformers are still disrupted due to damage caused by heavy rainfall during the monsoon season. According to State Emergency Operation Centre, out of the total 586 blocked roads, 216 roads.

100% RESTORATION OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN FLOOD-HIT AREAS:  
HARJOT SINGH BAINS

**Diary Times Desk :** Punjab's Minister for Education and Information and Public Relations, Harjot Singh Bains, claimed in a press release that road connectivity, power supply, and water supply have been fully restored in all flood-affected villages in his constituency, Anandpur Sahib. The villagers of Singhpur-Plasi have started returning to their homes from relief shelters following the receding of floodwaters, he said. Bains stated that he has been personally working on the ground in flood-affected areas for several days. Villages such as Harsa Bela, Patti Dulchi, and Bela Shiv Singh, which were cut off due to floodwaters, are being reconnected. While 90 per cent of the work was completed yesterday, some mechanical issues caused a delay late at night. The work is expected to be fully completed today, he added. He further stated that extensive fogging and disinfectant spraying have been carried out in Singhpur-Plasi homes, and 100 per cent power supply has been restored with electric poles, wires, and transformers repaired and made functional.





## Defense Minister Sébastien Lecornu As Prime Minister

Beleaguered President Emmanuel Macron has appointed outgoing defense minister Sébastien Lecornu as prime minister, handing him the daunting task of trying to find consensus in a divided parliament and pass the 2026 budget.

Earlier on Monday, outgoing Prime Minister François Bayrou submitted his resignation, which Macron accepted. He was forced out after just nine months in office, undone by his failure to deliver a central promise: pushing through an unpopular plan to tame France's ballooning deficit.

Before the confidence vote, Bayrou warned lawmakers that ousting him would not resolve the country's problems. "You have the power to bring down the government, but you do not have the power to erase reality," he said. "Reality will remain relentless: expenses will continue to rise, and the burden of debt, already unbearable, will grow heavier and more costly."

Lecornu now faces the dual challenge of steering France out of its financial morass while leading a government braced for mass protests.

Nationwide demonstrations and highway blockades are set for Wednesday, followed by a broader union led strike on September 18.

The French presidency said Macron has tasked Lecornu "with consulting the political forces represented in Parliament with a view to adopting a budget for the nation and building the agreements essential to the decisions that will be taken in the coming months."

**Why do French governments keep collapsing?**

The chaos can be traced back to Macron's dramatic decision to call a snap poll last year. Piqued by the remarkable successes of the far-right party, the National Rally (RN), in the European elections in June 2024, the president rolled the dice on a parliamentary vote. The gamble backfired and his centrist bloc lost seats to the far right and far left, leaving France with a divided National Assembly and effectively ungovernable.

But it didn't have to be this way. France's Fifth Republic, founded by President Charles de Gaulle in 1958, was designed to end the chronic instability that had plagued the Third and Fourth Republics earlier in the 20th century. The new constitution gave broad powers to the executive and set up a majority system to avoid short-lived governments. As a result, for decades, two mainstream political parties on the left and right alternated in power.

Macron blew up that order in 2017, by becoming the first president elected without the backing of either of the main established parties. Re-elected in 2022, he soon lost his parliamentary majority as voters flocked to the extremes. Two years of fragile rule followed, with Macron repeatedly forced to invoke Article 49.3 of the constitution – pushing legislation through without a vote, to the increasing displeasure of opposition lawmakers and much of the French public.

In the 2024 snap election, the left won the most seats in the second round of voting but still fell short of a majority after the far right dominated the first. But the left's hopes of forming a minority government collapsed when Macron refused to accept their choice of prime minister. Unlike Germany or Italy, France has no tradition of coalition building, instead its politics have been shaped for more than 60 years by a presidency-dominated system.



Saksya Vandoorne  
One potential saving grace is that neither the left nor the right wants the snap election that far-right figurehead Marine Le Pen is pushing for.



## World First

### Koalas To Be Vaccinated Against Deadly Chlamydia

A vaccine used to treat chlamydia in Australia's koala population has been approved for rollout, in a world-first project.

Researchers from the University of the Sunshine Coast spent more than 10 years developing a single-dose vaccine to protect the famed Australian marsupial from the effects of chlamydia, which include urinary tract infections, infertility, blindness and death, the university said in a statement Wednesday.

Chlamydia is responsible for half of koala deaths in the country's wild populations, which are predominantly found in the eucalyptus forests along Australia's eastern coast.

"Some individual colonies are edging closer to local extinction every day, particularly in South East Queensland and New South Wales, where infection rates within populations are often around 50 percent and in some cases can reach as high as 70 percent," Peter Timms, professor of microbiology at UniSC's Centre for Bioinnovation, said in a statement.

Often used as an emblem of Australian culture, the fluffy gray marsupials can only be found in Australia, and are considered



Amy Woodyatt

"It's based on Chlamydia pecorum's major outer membrane protein (MOMP), and offers three levels of protection — reducing infection, preventing progression to clinical disease and, in some cases, reversing existing symptoms," he added.



Antibiotics were previously used to treat chlamydia in koalas, but the drugs often interfere with their ability to digest their staple diet of eucalyptus leaves, causing them to starve to death.

endangered in Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Aside from disease, the creatures are vulnerable to habitat loss, animal attacks and being hit by cars, and were named critically endangered in 2022, according to Australia's World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

They are also often victims of the deadly bushfires that have ravaged Australia in its summer months in recent years. This year, some 860 koalas in Budj Bim National Park were shot from the air to "reduce suffering" after a bushfire, CNN affiliate 9News reported.

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Now approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority for production and widespread use, in a what researchers describe as a "world first," the chlamydia vaccine has already been trialed on hundreds of wild and captive koalas, according to UniSC, which noted it had already been tested across multiple generations of the animal in a study published last year.

"This study found that the vaccine reduced the likelihood of koalas developing symptoms of chlamydia during breeding age and decreased mortality from the disease in wild populations by at least 65 percent," said researcher Sam Phillips, who led the study, which was the largest and longest study of wild koalas.

"It's based on Chlamydia pecorum's major outer membrane protein (MOMP), and offers three levels of protection — reducing infection, preventing progression to clinical disease and, in some cases, reversing existing symptoms," he added. In humans, chlamydia is a bacterial sexually transmitted infection that can cause infertility if left untreated. The disease spreads in koala populations through reproduction and social behavior connected to mating. In addition, baby koalas — known as joeys — can catch the disease from their mothers.

## World's Richest

### ELON MUSK JUST LOST HIS TITLE

Elon Musk has lost his title of "world's richest person" title to Oracle cofounder Larry Ellison.

Ellison's wealth jumped by \$101 billion to \$393 billion after Oracle's stunningly strong earnings report Tuesday evening, surpassing Musk's net worth of \$385 billion, according to Bloomberg.

Oracle (ORCL) reported surging demand for its data center capacity from AI customers, launching the stock into the stratosphere. Shares are 41% higher Wednesday, on pace for the stock's biggest single-day gain since 1992.

CEO Safra Catz announced Tuesday after the stock market closed that Oracle signed four multibillion-dollar contracts with customers during the quarter, and she expects to sign several more in the coming months.

That electric forecast was powered by Oracle's emergence as a key provider of infrastructure that powers AI companies' enormous demands for computing power — Oracle's bread and butter as a cloud services and database software provider. In July, Oracle announced a deal to provide ChatGPT's parent company OpenAI with 4.5 gigawatts of



Jordan Valinsky

Ellison has close ties with President Donald Trump, often appearing with him at the White House for various technology events and rewarding Oracle contracts. He's also seen as a possible suitor for TikTok, although those plans have not come to fruition.

electricity to power its AI software.

"We'll be talking about this one for a long time," said Ben Reitzes, analyst at Melius Research, about Oracle's earnings report in a note to investors Wednesday. Reitzes called Oracle's \$455 billion backlog in demand for its AI services "staggering."

Ellison is Oracle's largest individual shareholder and could capture the title of world's richest person if the stock extends its extraordinary gains when the markets open Wednesday. The stock's jump is exceedingly rare for a company that has a massive market value of just under \$700 billion — the 13th most-valuable stock on the market at Tuesday's close. Oracle is now on the cusp of surpassing \$1 trillion in market value.

Bloomberg notes Ellison's leap in wealth is the "biggest one-day increase ever recorded" by the index. The Bloomberg Billionaires Index will update following the market close on Wednesday.

As Oracle has become a powerhouse in AI technology, it has ridden the recent tech boom that has propelled Nvidia to become the world's most valuable company, with a valuation north of \$4 trillion. Microsoft briefly joined Nvidia



above the \$4 trillion mark. The eight most-valuable stocks in the S&P 500 are all tech stocks with some stake in building the AI-powered future.

"Microsoft and Oracle really aren't software companies anymore - they are AI cloud infrastructure stocks that happen to sell software too," said Reitzes.

As the AI boom accelerates, Oracle's stock has risen 103% this year.

Musk first captured the title in 2021 and has largely held on to it for the past few years thanks in part to his various investments in Tesla and SpaceX. Over the years, Musk has briefly lost it twice, first in 2021 to LVMH CEO Bernard Arnault and in 2024 to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

Nevertheless, Musk has prevailed despite his various trials and tribulations. He was even give a new pay package that could be worth close to \$1 trillion once Tesla hits certain milestones.

RAMPANT INDIA KICKSTART TITLE DEFENCE WITH THUMPING WIN

**Diary Times Desk :** India kickstarted their Asia Cup title defence in emphatic fashion by hammering UAE in Dubai on Wednesday (September 10). In a game that didn't even last 20 overs in total, India picked up a 9-wicket win after their bowlers set it up by dismantling UAE for just 57.

With India opting for only Jasprit Bumrah as their lone frontline pacer, Hardik Pandya opened the bowling and conceded a couple of boundaries to Alishan Sharafu. The opener looked in pretty good touch as he also found another boundary off Bumrah before taking on Axar Patel over cover for a six. But Bumrah eventually had the last laugh as he delivered a pin-point yorker to breach Sharafu's defence. Muhammad Zohaib then had a wild slog at Varun Chakaravathy and mistimed it to get caught, which put UAE in further trouble. Their talisman Muhammad Waseem though gave them hope after finding the boundary thrice off a Bumrah over to round off the powerplay.

A score of 41/2 with their best batter still at the crease didn't look that bad for UAE given they started this contest as the underdogs.



BOLIVIA UPSET BRAZIL TO CLINCH FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 PLAYOFF SPOT

**Diary Times Desk :** Bolivia shocked Brazil 1-0 to secure a spot in the intercontinental playoffs for next year's World Cup, while Argentina suffered a 1-0 defeat by Ecuador in the final round of South America's 2026 qualifiers on Tuesday night.

Bolivia's Miguel Terceros converted a penalty in first-half stoppage time to secure the home win over five-time World Cup winners Brazil in La Paz, a result which saw Carlo Ancelotti's side drop to fifth in the standings.

Bolivia will be joined in the playoffs by two teams from CONCACAF as well as one each from the African, Asian and Oceania confederations, in the hunt for two places at the World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

The playoffs will take place in Monterrey and Guadalajara in March.



KIM WOOJIN'S DREAMS OF A HOME WIN ENDED BY D'ALMEIDA IN GWANGJU

**Diary Times Desk :** We're not even halfway through the recurve men individual competition at Gwangju 2025 but the most memorable match of the World Championships occurred earlier today.

Marcus D'Almeida met reigning Olympic Games champion Kim Woojin in the third round and took out the all time great 6-4 at the Gwangju International Archery Centre in a compelling contest.

Not only was it a meeting between the world number two and the world number three - which saw four out of the five ends tied - but unwavering adaptability by Brazil's D'Almeida.

"I knew it was going to be a hard one," said the 27 year old who lost to Woojin in the Antalya 2024 World Cup gold medal match. "He's very much the greatest of all time for the sport and I knew how difficult it was going to be."

"I needed a 30 to tie and win the match, and I did that. In the middle of the first match, I started with the yellow bow and lost two points so I changed it." "My sight was corrected [on the second bow], and I started becoming better. I don't care about the mistake; I care about how I can do better."



HONG KONG OPEN: 'ALL CREDIT TO KODAI'

**Diary Times Desk :** Viktor Axelsen's long-awaited comeback didn't unfold as hoped but the Danish star showed true sportsmanship in defeat, praising opponent Kodai Naraoka after exiting LI-NING Hong Kong Open 2025 in the first round.

Playing his first competitive match in six months following back surgery, Axelsen could not be his usual self on court and fell 21-15 21-7 in 37 minutes. The 31-year-old's lead-up to the tournament had already been hampered by fever the previous week.

"It was nice to get out there again but I wish I enjoyed it more," said a visibly emotional Axelsen post-match. "There's been a lot of unfortunate events - getting sick last week, not being able to practice and still trying to push through."

"I set very high standards for myself so performing at what I'd consider a relatively low level is hard to accept. It is what it is - this is part of an athlete's journey."

Despite the disappointment, Axelsen displayed the humility of a great champion, acknowledging Naraoka's superior performance. It marked his first loss to the Japanese shuttler in seven encounters.

RONALDO SCORES AS PORTUGAL DEFEAT HUNGARY IN UEFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

**Diary Times Desk :** Portugal earned a 3-2 victory at Hungary in their UEFA World Cup qualifier on Tuesday, with Joao Cancelo scoring a late winner, two minutes after the hosts had equalised, to put them in control at the top of Group F with two away wins from two.

The visitors came from behind to lead thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's penalty, but almost let the three points slip when conceding late on before Cancelo's goal rescued the win to add to their 5-0 success in Armenia on Saturday.

Hungary took the lead in the 21st minute when Barnabas Varga met Zsolt Nagy's inch-perfect cross into the box with a header which went in off the upright, before Portugal drew level 15 minutes later through Bernardo Silva's close-range effort.

Portugal went in front after Varga handballed a Ronaldo flick-on in the area, and the 40-year-old buried his spot kick into the bottom corner.

The goal took Ronaldo level with Guatemala's Carlos Ruiz as the joint-top scorer in World Cup qualifiers on 39. He also extended his international record to 141 in 223 games.

Hungary, who drew 2-2 away to Ireland on Saturday, looked to have done the same in Budapest when Varga headed his second of the night six minutes from time, but the hosts were unable to hold on.

**US STOPS 7-GAME WINLESS STREAK AGAINST TOP 25 TEAMS, BEATS JAPAN 2-0 ON GOALS BY ZENDEJAS, BALOGUN**

**Diary Times Desk :** Alejandro Zendejas scored in the 30th minute, Folarin Balogun added a goal in the 64th and the United States stopped a seven-game winless streak against top 25 opponents by beating a Japan team of mostly second-string players 2-0 in a friendly on Tuesday night.

The 15th-ranked U.S. was coming off a 2-0 loss to South Korea on Saturday in the first of eight friendlies before coach Mauricio Pochettino calls in players for training ahead of the World Cup.

No. 17 Japan used essentially a B team, changing all 11 starters from Saturday's 0-0 draw against Mexico and starting eight players who entered with 10 or fewer international appearances. There were no starters from the group that began the March match against Bahrain when Samurai Blue clinched their eighth straight World Cup berth, though some regulars entered in the 62nd minute.