

NEWS IN BRIEF

**“LIKE KINGS
PRAYED BEFORE
GOING TO WAR...”:
VIJAY’S ALL-OUT
ATTACK ON DMK,
BJP**

Diary Times Desk :
Tamilaga Vettri
Kazhagam (TVK) chief
Vijay on Saturday
launched his most
scathing attack yet,
accusing both the BJP
at the Centre and the
DMK in Tamil Nadu of
“cheating the people
in different ways” and
failing to deliver on
their promises.
Beginning his maiden
statewide tour from
Tiruchirappalli, the
actor-politician said
just as kings once
prayed at temples
before going to war,
he had come to meet
the people before
preparing for the
“democratic battle of
2026”. He reminded
supporters that he
had promised to visit
them and declared
that his was not just a
single voice but “the
voice of all Tamils”.
Vijay said neither the
BJP nor the DMK
would be spared: “We
will not spare the BJP
that torments people,
nor the DMK that
cheats them.”
The actor-politician
rejected the BJP’s
promise for One Nation,
One Election, calling it
a scheme for
“electoral
manipulation.”

**‘BHUPEN
HAZARIKA’S
SONGS UNITE
INDIA’: PM IN
GUWAHATI**



Diary Times Desk :
Prime Minister
Narendra Modi on
Saturday asserted
that Bharat Ratna
awardee Bhupen
HazariKa's songs
continue to unite
India and give energy
to its people.
Addressing the
musical doyen's birth
centenary
celebrations in
Guwahati, PM Modi
said his creations
encompass the
concept of ‘Ek Bharat
Shrestha Bharat’.
“Bhupen da may not
be present physically,
but his voice gives
energy to people. His
songs unite India. His
music encompasses
the concept of ‘Ek
Bharat Shrestha
Bharat’. He was
rooted in the cultural
traditions of India,”
the PM said.

**PM Modi asserted
that HazariKa gave
voice to “a united
Northeast during the
height of violence in
the region”.
The prime minister
said the Bharat Ratna
award to Bhupen
HazariKa was an
honour for the entire
Northeast.**

MANIPUR
STATEINDIA’S MODI VISITS MANIPUR STATE TWO YEARS
AFTER ETHNIC CLASHES

Diary Times Desk : Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made his first visit to the troubled Manipur state where at least 260 people have been killed in ethnic clashes in two years.

Manipur in the northeast has been bitterly divided since May 2023, when violence broke out between the mainly Hindu Meitei majority and the largely Christian Kuki community.

The violence has also displaced tens of thousands of people who are still living in makeshift camps set up by the government.

“In order to bring life back on track in Manipur, the government of India is making all possible efforts,” Modi told a gathering of thousands in Churachandpur, a Kuki-dominated town, on Saturday.

“I promise you today that I’m with you. The government of India is with the people of Manipur,” Modi said, while also appealing “to all groups to take the path of peace for realising their dreams.”

Speaking in the Meitei-majority city of Imphal, also Manipur’s capital, Modi also announced that the government was supporting the construction of 7,000 new homes for the families displaced by the conflict.

He urged both the communities to engage in dialogue. “We should strengthen the bridge of brotherhood between the hills and the valley,” he said.

SUPREME COURT TO PRONOUNCE ORDER ON PLEAS TO STAY
WAQF AMENDMENT ACT 2025 ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court will pronounce its interim order on pleas to stay the provisions of the Waqf Amendment Act 2025 on Monday (September 15). A bench of Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih had reserved the order on May 22 after hearing the parties over three days. The petitions are filed challenging the constitutionality of the sweeping changes made to the Waqf law by the amendments passed by the Parliament in 2025.

In April, after a bench led by former CJI Sanjiv Khanna expressed some prima facie reservations about some of the provisions, the Union undertook that non-Muslims would not be appointed to the State Waqf Boards and the Central Waqf Councils during the pendency of the matter. The Centre also agreed that no Waqf, including a Waqf by user, whether declared by way of notification or by way of registration, shall be de-notified, nor will their character or status be changed.

AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Delhi AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan, Association for Protection of Civil Rights, Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind President Arshad Madani, Samastha Kerala Jamiatul Ulema, Anjum Kadari, Taiyyab Khan Salmani, Mohammad Shafi, TMC MP Mahua Moitra, Indian Union Muslim League, All India Muslim Personal Law Board, RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha, SP MP Zia ur Rehman, Communist Party of India, DMK etc., are some of the petitioners.

‘HISTORIC DAY FOR MIZORAM AS
STATE ENTERS COUNTRY’S RAILWAY
MAP’: CHIEF MINISTER LALDUHOMA

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Saturday said it was a historic day as the state entered the country’s railway map, which will have a far-reaching impact as it bridges the dreams and reality between the state and Bharat. He was addressing a gathering as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Mizoram’s first railway line and flagged off the state’s maiden Rajdhani Express, connecting Aizawl with Delhi.

“Today is a historic day for our state. It marks a new chapter in our journey towards progress...The railway projects are not just infrastructure; they are investments in our children’s future, in the dignity of our citizens and in the economic resilience of our state. The impact of these projects will be far-reaching, bridging dreams and reality between Mizoram and Bharat,” Mr Lalduhoma said.

The chief minister said the 51.38 km-long railway line was a technical marvel and stood as a testament to engineering excellence. “This railway line is more than a feat of engineering, it is a symbol of inclusion, national integration and of the shared aspirations of our people. It brings Mizoram closure to the rest of India and India closure to the heart of Mizoram. The 51.38 km stretch includes some of the most difficult terrains in the country,” Mr Lalduhoma asserted.

He said the Prime Minister’s presence in the state is a powerful symbol of his unwavering commitment to the development of the North East and inclusive, connected India.

‘NONE OF THEIR OWN WERE LOST’: PAHALGAM
VICTIM WIDOW, SHIV SENA (UBT), AAP SLAM
BCCI, MODI GOVT OVER INDIA-PAK MATCH

Diary Times Desk : A day before the high-profile India-Pakistan Asia Cup clash in Dubai, Opposition parties lashed out at the Prime Minister Modi-led NDA government at the Centre, calling the cricket match a betrayal of the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack and the soldiers martyred at the borders. Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray went a step further, announcing ‘Sindoor’ protests across Maharashtra.

Addressing reporters in Mumbai, Thackeray said that India should boycott the contest. “Till the time terror does not stop, we shouldn’t maintain any relations with Pakistan,” he said, adding that the game was “an insult to national sentiments.”

“This cricket match is an insult to national sentiments. Should we be playing cricket with Pakistan while our soldiers sacrifice their lives on the borders?” he asked.

His son Aaditya Thackeray tore into the BCCI, questioning its independence from the government. “Is the BCCI so strong that it can defy PM and defence minister? Does the @BCCI not have any shame? Any feelings for those who were killed in that massacre? Or for our Armed Forces?” he posted on X. At a separate event, AAP’s Saurabh Bharadwaj and party workers burnt an effigy symbolising Pakistani players. “This is a gross humiliation of our women who lost their husbands in the Pahalgam attack, but still our central leadership is going ahead with the India-Pakistan cricket match,” he said. Later in a post, he wrote: “Pakistan’s cricket players mock our widows in such a dirty, disgusting way, and we will play cricket with them. Shame on the BJP government.”

CONGRESS IN KERALA

AS PRIYANKA GANDHI VISITS
WAYANAD, 2 SUICIDES PUT
CONGRESS ON DEFENSIVE

Diary Times Desk : The alleged suicides of two party workers -one last year and another a day ago-in this hill district have put the opposition Congress in Kerala on the back foot. This is particularly damaging at a time when its MP, Priyanka Gandhi, is present in her constituency. A day after a local party worker died allegedly by suicide in Mullankolly in Wayanad, the daughter-in-law of a former District Congress Committee (DCC) treasurer, NM Vijayan, allegedly attempted to take her own life by injuring her wrist. Padmaja was admitted to the hospital, and her condition is now stable, police said.

She made the attempt hours after telling the media that financial assistance promised by the party following Vijayan’s death last year- a tragedy which also claimed the life of his son, Jijesh -had still not been delivered.

Vijayan, 78, and his son, 38, allegedly consumed poison after injuring into debt. The family claimed he had borrowed heavily for party activities and ended his life when he failed to repay.

Following the incident, Congress had assured to take responsibility for the liabilities.

However, Padmaja told reporters on Saturday that the family still has debts of over Rs two crore, of which less than Rs 20 lakh has been settled.

“My father-in-law took loans for party needs, not for personal purposes. The party promised to clear all liabilities, but has gone back on its word. My husband is in the hospital due to the stress. I can’t hold on for long,” she said, adding that the family plans to stage a protest before the DCC office and petition the Chief Minister.

“VICE-CHANCELLOR
ACCUSED OF SEXUAL
HARASSMENT MAY BE
FORGIVEN BUT...”:
TOP COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a sexual harassment case against West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences Vice-Chancellor (V-C) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti but directed that the judgment, which carries details of his alleged misconduct, be recorded in his resume.

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and Prasanna B Varal dismissed a petition filed by a faculty member against Mr Chakrabarti but said such actions “may be forgiven but allowed to haunt the wrongdoer forever.”

“In this view of the matter, we direct that the incidents of alleged sexual harassment on part of respondent no.1 may be forgiven but allowed to haunt the wrongdoer forever. Thus, it is directed that this judgment shall be made part of the resume of respondent no.1, compliance of which shall be strictly ensured by him personally,” the bench said. The court junked the petition after noting that the survivor had lodged a formal complaint on December 26, 2023, months after the purported sexual harassment last took place in April that year. The survivor registered a complaint with the Local Complaint Committee (LCC).

"GYAN BHARATAM" WILL REVIVE INDIA'S MANUSCRIPT
HERITAGE AS A LIVING LEGACY AND USHER IN A CULTURAL
RENAISSANCE : SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SEKHAWAT

Diary Times Desk : The Ministry of Culture had launched the 'Gyan Bharatam', a landmark national initiative dedicated to preserving, digitising, and disseminating India's manuscript heritage. To mark this occasion, the Ministry had organised the first-ever 'Gyan Bharatam' International Conference on 'Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage' from 11th-13th September 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference brought together over 1,100 participants, including scholars, experts, institutions, and cultural practitioners from India and abroad, creating a collaborative platform for discussion, deliberation, and charting the way forward in preserving, digitising, and sharing India's manuscript wealth with the world.

The deliberations concluded on 13th September with the valedictory session chaired by the Culture Minister of India. Over the three days, the conference witnessed the participation of the Prime Minister on 12th September, when he attended the presentations of the working groups and addressed the gathering.

The valedictory session was graced by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister for Culture, as the Chief Guest. The occasion was further marked by the presence of eminent dignitaries including Shri Vivek Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Convenor of the Conference and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Shri Samar Nanda, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Shri Inderjeet Singh, Director, Ministry of Culture; Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Co-Convenor of the Gyan Bharatam Conference and Member Secretary, IGNCA; Prof. Manjul Bhargava, Fields Medal awardee and Professor at Princeton University; Yaduvir Singh Rawat, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India.

ABHIJEETH BHATTACHARJEE, ACE SOCIAL WORKER PAID A
GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF
INDIA, SHRI C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN.

Diary Times Desk : Abhijeeth Bhattacharjee extends his warmest congratulations to Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan on his election as the Vice President of India. Bhattacharjee acknowledges Radhakrishnan's distinguished tenure as Governor of Telangana, where their paths crossed, and appreciates his remarkable leadership and dedication to public service. His tenure as Governor of Telangana, which began in March 2024, showcased his administrative acumen and commitment to the region's progress. His experience as a politician, parliamentarian, and governor has earned him respect across party lines. C.P. Radhakrishnan, a veteran BJP leader, has been elected as the 15th Vice President of India, defeating Opposition nominee by securing 452 votes against 300. Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him and rightfully remarked that he will be an outstanding VP, who will strengthen our Constitutional values and enhance Parliamentary discourse. C.P. Radhakrishnan is a veteran Indian politician with a distinguished career spanning over four decades. Overall, Radhakrishnan's personality reflects a mix of simplicity, dedication, and strong values, which have contributed to his success and respect in the political arena, says Abhijeeth Bhattacharjee, Ace Social Worker and Chairman, Sangitanjali Foundation.

'COMPENSATION DOESN'T EQUATE VALUE OF LIVES LOST':
SIDDARAMAIAH ON HASSAN ACCIDENT



Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the government gives a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the family of each person who died in the Hassan accident to express condolence, not in a bid to equate the value of human life with the compensation. "The government giving compensation to the families of the dead does not mean it is equal to the value of life. The compensation is given to express condolence to the bereaved families," Mr Siddaramaiah told reporters at Mysuru airport.

Responding to a petition filed in court seeking to prevent a person from inaugurating the Dasara festivities, Mr Siddaramaiah said, "Let the matter be settled in court. Dasara is not a festival belonging to a single religion."

AMID SEAT-SHARING TROUBLES IN
BIHAR, TEJASHWI YADAV'S 'ALL-243'
APPEAL

Diary Times Desk : Amid a push from Mahagathbandhan allies for a larger share of seats for the Bihar Assembly elections, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav has made an appeal to the people of the state and said they should vote in all 243 constituencies in his name. Addressing a rally in Muzaffarpur on Saturday, Mr Yadav said, "This time, Tejashwi will contest all 243 seats. Whether it is Bochahan or Muzaffarpur, Tejashwi will fight. My appeal to all of you is to vote in my name. Tejaswhi will work towards taking Bihar forward... All of us should work together and unseat this government."

The former deputy chief minister, who was part of the Voter Adhikar Yatra led by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, also said attempts were being made by the BJP to snatch people's right to vote. Mr Yadav's appeal came at a time when the already complicated seat-sharing talks within the Mahagathbandhan have been made even trickier by the inclusion of the Hemant Soren-led Jharkhand Mukti Morcha.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BACKSTORY: NINE YEARS OF TAKING AIM AT UMAR KHALID, MEDIA STYLE



Diary Times Desk : In a recent deposition before a trial court in Delhi over charges made out against him of a “criminal conspiracy” under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Umar Khalid made a searing comment: “There is a target on somebody’s back. How to reach the target is the point of the chargesheet. You first decide who to catch and then reverse engineering takes place... a whole case is fabricated against them.”

Today, it is the Special Cell of the Delhi Police that is tasked to keep that target in their sights. He is their prize catch, symbolising the State’s adamant resolve to keep a brilliant young Muslim with a gift for charismatic oratory, behind the bars of Tihar jail indefinitely. They have created an impossible situation for him. As Khalid told the court recently, “The deaths of 50 people during the riots are being investigated by 751 different FIRs.”

The chargesheet confronting him and his cellmates accused of similar crimes is never-ending, stuffed with manufactured evidence and an incredibly long list of tutored witnesses.

‘THEY DON’T CONSIDER COW AS...’: PM MODI’S WITTY TAKE ON ANIMAL LOVERS

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a playful swipe at animal lovers amid the ongoing debate over the relocation of stray dogs in the national capital.

While addressing a gathering in Delhi’s Vigyan Bhawan on Friday, PM Modi took a swipe at the hypocrisy of animal lovers, saying that many animal lovers in the country do not consider the cow to be an animal.

While sharing the incident of meeting a group of animal lovers, he said, “Recently, I met some animal lovers.” It prompted chuckles from the audience. PM Modi asked the crowd, “Why are you laughing? Our country has many animal lovers, and most of them do not consider the cow as an animal.”

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who was also present at the event, was seen chuckling at the remarks, as the audience broke into applause. The video has gone viral on social media.

BOMB THREATS AT TAJ PALACE, MAX HOSPITAL DECLARED HOAX



Diary Times Desk : Bomb threats received through e-mail on Saturday sent Taj Palace and Max Hospital staffers into tizzy which were later declared “hoax” following extensive searches by Delhi Police, an official said.

According to a senior police officer, the Taj Palace hotel in Shalimar Bagh received a bomb threat via e-mail on Saturday morning, while Max Hospital in Dwarka was sent a similar threat in the afternoon.

Both threats were declared hoaxes after extensive searches in the premises, he said. “After a through security check authorities have declared the threat a hoax. The safety and security of our guests and employees is of paramount importance to us and we continue to remain vigilant,” a Taj Palace spokesperson said. The mail mentioned that there were improvised explosive devices (IEDs) on each floor of the hotel.

“IF ACHARYA JI MADE A REMARK...” DISHA PATANI’S FATHER OPENS UP ON FIRING

Diary Times Desk : Actor Disha Patani’s father has defended her elder daughter, Khusboo, an army veteran, over remarks that had led to a controversy a month ago, while commenting on the recent firing at their house in Uttar Pradesh’s Bareilly. Jagdish Patani cited her daughter’s “freedom of speech” after a gangster warned the family against insulting Hindu deities.

“I don’t think anyone has made any indecent remark. If Acharya ji made a statement on women, then my daughter also made one. Everyone has freedom of speech. But I don’t think anyone would make such a big fuss over it,” said Jagdish Patani.

The controversy involving Khusboo Patani emerged late July after she accused popular katha vachak Aniruddh Acharya of making a “misogynist” remark in an Instagram story.

CLOUDBURST IN HIMACHAL’S BILASPUR; SEVERAL VEHICLES BURIED IN DEBRIS, FARMS DAMAGED

Diary Times Desk : Several vehicles were buried under debris and agricultural lands were damaged after a cloudburst struck Himachal Pradesh’s Bilaspur district in the early hours of Saturday. Fortunately, no casualties have been reported, officials confirmed.

The cloudburst occurred in Gutrahan village in the Namhol area of the Naina Devi assembly constituency.

“Gushing waters along with debris swept away agricultural lands,” said Kashmir Singh, a local villager.

Several vehicles were buried under the debris following the incident.

Meanwhile, dense fog engulfed the state capital, Shimla, on Saturday morning, reducing visibility to just a few metres. Commuters, especially during school hours, faced considerable inconvenience

The local Meteorological Department has issued a yellow warning for heavy rainfall in isolated parts of the state on Saturday and Sunday.

BREAKTHROUGH IN MURDER CASE IN WHICH THIEVES TOOK SHOWER BEFORE FLEEING

Diary Times Desk : In a big breakthrough, Hyderabad police have arrested the two men suspected of killing a 50-year-old woman at her Cyberabad home and looting gold worth lakhs. They were traced to Jharkhand. A special team has taken them into custody and is bringing them back for further investigation, said officials.

The chilling murder occurred three days ago, in which the victim was first hit with a pressure cooker and her throat slit with a knife and scissors. The suspects then looted from her home and bathed in her washroom before fleeing.

The Murder

Renu Agarwal, 50, was found dead by her husband at their 13th-floor flat in a gated apartment in the IT hub Cyberabad. Mr Agarwal and their son were at work when the crime occurred. They returned home early after their calls to her went unanswered in the evening.

STAR HEALTH BECOMES 4TH INSURER TO FACE HOSPITAL PUSHBACK OVER CASHLESS SERVICES

Diary Times Desk : Star Health and Allied Insurance may soon face suspension of its cashless service arrangements after the Association of Healthcare Providers, India (AHPi) accused the insurer of engaging in unfair practices.

AHPi, which represents more than 15,000 hospitals, has given the insurer until 22 September to address the grievances, failing which hospitals could stop offering cashless facilities to Star Health policyholders.

Hospitals under the ambit of AHPi now allege that Star Health has continued to enforce outdated tariff rates despite rising costs and, in some cases, has pressured providers to accept even lower rates.

Other complaints include arbitrary denials of cashless approvals, unjustified deductions, rejection of claims even after approvals, and anti-competitive collective bargaining tactics that limit fair negotiations on tariffs.

Star Health responded to the allegations, and said, “It is unfortunate that AHPi has chosen to issue threats of suspending cashless services in a manner that is arbitrary, lacking clarity or actionable details. AHPi’s abrupt press statement has only prejudiced the interests of policyholders across the country and created unnecessary confusion. We want to reassure our customers that their access to healthcare through Star Health will not be impacted. Tariff negotiations and billing practices are a regular activity between insurers and hospitals. However, AHPi’s approach of targeting individual insurers disrupts patient care instead of enabling constructive solutions.”

**TRUMP THREATENS 50-100%
TARIFFS ON CHINA, DEMANDS NATO
STOP BUYING RUSSIA OIL**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Saturday said that the Russia-Ukraine war would end if NATO countries stopped buying Russian oil. He also threatened to impose 50-100 per cent tariffs on China for its purchase of petroleum from Russia.

Taking to Truth Social, Trump wrote that the purchase of Russian oil by members of NATO is "shocking". Addressing NATO, he said, "It greatly weakens your negotiating position, and bargaining power, over Russia". He also accused NATO and said that their commitment to win the war "has been far less than 100%".

China is the largest buyer of Russian energy, followed by India. In the third place stands Turkey who is a NATO member. Hungary and Slovakia are other members of the 32-state alliance that also purchase oil from Russia.

This comes amid the backdrop of an escalation as drones entered NATO ally Poland's airspace after being launched from Russia. Poland shot down the drones. The Congress has also been pushing Trump for a bill to strengthen sanctions. Trump said that a NATO ban on Russian oil plus tariffs on China would "also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR."

He noted that China has "strong control, and even grip, over Russia" and said that the tariffs he is imposing "will break that grip".

Blaming the onus of the war on Former US President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, he said, "This is not TRUMP'S WAR (it would never have started if I was President!), it is Biden's and Zelenskyy's WAR." He did not name Russian President Vladimir Putin in the list.

Urging NATO to do "as I say", he wrote, "the WAR will end quickly, and all of those lives will be saved! If not, you are just wasting my time, and the time, energy, and money of the United States."

**PAKISTANI RAIDS NEAR AFGHAN BORDER KILL AT LEAST 19 SOLDIERS, 35
FIGHTERS**

Diary Times Desk : Pakistani security forces have raided three hideouts of the Pakistan Taliban armed group near the Afghan border in recent days, triggering fierce clashes that killed at least 19 soldiers and 45 fighters, says the military.

The military on Saturday said 22 fighters were killed in Bajaur, a district in northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Thirteen more were killed in a separate operation in South Waziristan district, it added.

The statement said 12 soldiers, "having fought gallantly, paid the ultimate sacrifice and embraced martyrdom" in South Waziristan, their deaths underscoring the struggles Pakistan faces as it tries to rein in resurgent armed groups.

In another clash in the Lower Dir area, seven soldiers and 10 rebel fighters were killed in a shootout after troops discovered a militant hideout, the army said in a separate statement.

**CHARLIE KIRK WIFE'S DEVASTATING
FINAL MOMENTS WITH HER HUSBAND'S
BODY**

Diary Times Desk : A wife weeping with head bent over husband's open casket - the soul-wrenching picture was shared by Charlie Kirk's wife, Erika, on social media on Friday. In an obituary for her husband, Erika shared a series of pictures and videos from the final goodbye, in which she can be seen crying and rubbing, kissing and holding Charlie's hand for the one last time.

Charlie Kirk, a right-wing activist and US President Donald Trump aide, was assassinated during an event at Utah Valley University on Wednesday. Tyler Robinson, 22, has been arrested as a suspect in the murder of Mr Kirk.

Calling the world "evil", Erika showed trust in god and wrote, "The world is evil. But our Savior. Our Lord. Our God. He...He is so good. I will never have the words. Ever."

**NEPAL'S MAJOR PARTIES SAY
DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT MUST BE
REINSTATED**

Diary Times Desk : Nepal's major political parties have demanded the country's president reinstates the parliament he dissolved following deadly anti-corruption protests. In a statement, eight parties - including the Nepali Congress, CPN-UML and Maoist Centre - said President Ram Chandra Poudel acted unconstitutionally. Poudel dissolved the House of Representatives on Friday upon the recommendation of newly appointed interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki - it was also a key demand from the protest movement.

More than 50 people were killed in clashes with riot police during this week's mass protests sparked by a ban on social media platforms. Karki was appointed after a deal was reached with protest leaders. Saturday's statement demanding the reinstatement of the parliament was signed by the chief whips of the eight political parties.

**NEW NATO MISSION TO
BOLSTER EASTERN FLANK
AFTER RUSSIA DRONE
INCURSION**

Diary Times Desk : More Nato countries will move troops and fighter jets eastwards after more than a dozen drones entered Polish airspace on Wednesday.

Denmark, France and Germany have joined a new mission to bolster the military alliance's eastern flank. Other Nato allies are expected to take part later.

Tensions have been high across Europe since Poland accused Russia of an unprecedented incursion. Some of the 19 drones that entered Polish territory were shot down, while others crashed into fields and even a house in eastern Poland.

Warsaw said the incursion was deliberate, but Moscow downplayed the incident, saying it had "no plans to target" facilities in Poland.

Drones and missiles have occasionally veered into countries bordering Ukraine, including Poland, during Russia's full-scale invasion - but this was the most serious incident of its kind since the war began in February 2022.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said it was "the closest we have been to open conflict since World War Two".

Denmark will contribute two F-16 fighter jets to support Poland's air defence, as well as a warship, its defence ministry said.

**EXPLOSION AT MADRID CAFE
INJURES 21, THREE SERIOUSLY**

Diary Times Desk : An explosion at a cafe in Madrid's Vallecas district on Saturday injured 21 people, with three sustaining serious injuries, according to Spanish emergency services. The blast, which occurred around 3 p.m. local time, has prompted a large-scale emergency response and an ongoing investigation.

The powerful explosion ripped through the cafe, located in the south-central district of the Spanish capital, causing significant damage to the establishment and surrounding buildings. Police and fire services quickly cordoned off the area to secure the site and attend to the injured.

While the exact cause of the blast remains unknown, a police source cited in some local reports has indicated that a gas leak is being considered as a possible cause. However, a formal determination has not yet been made.



CHARLIE KIRK’S SUSPECTED KILLER BROUGHT INTO CUSTODY AFTER
CONFESSING TO FATHER

Diary Times Desk : A 22-year-old from Utah has been arrested over the killing of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk, who was shot dead while on stage at a university event earlier this week. Tyler Robinson was taken into custody late on Thursday, after a 33-hour manhunt that ended after his father helped persuade him to surrender to police. His arrest was first announced by US President Donald Trump, who called for the suspect to face the death penalty. The killing of Kirk, who was shot while debating with students on Wednesday, has shocked Americans and laid bare the country's sharp partisan divisions. Investigators said at a news conference on Friday that the suspect had confessed to his father and said he would rather take his own life than surrender. The father then called a youth pastor who is a family friend. Both men tried to calm the suspect down, police said. The pastor, who also serves as a court security officer, later called the US Marshals, who detained the suspect at around 22:00 local time on Thursday.



WHO IS TYLER ROBINSON,
ALLEGED KILLER OF CHARLIE KIRK?

Diary Times Desk : How did Tyler Robinson -- a straight-A student raised Mormon by Republican parents -- become the alleged assassin of right-wing mega-influencer Charlie Kirk? It's a question that has gripped Washington, the small town in Utah where the suspect grew up. The 22-year-old arrested late Thursday after a 33-hour manhunt reportedly confessed to killing Kirk, whose popularity among young conservatives helped Donald Trump win the presidential election last November. Robinson grew up the eldest of three boys in a mid-sized house on a winding street with manicured lawns, in a neighborhood that backs up to a church. He was "quiet, respectful, kind of stayed to himself. But he was really, really smart," 66-year-old Kris Schwiermann, the retired head custodian at the local primary school, told AFP. Jaida Funk, a 22-year-old who attended elementary and middle school with Robinson, gave a similar assessment.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO
BACK TWO-STATE SOLUTION FOR
ISRAEL AND PALESTINE



Diary Times Desk : The United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly backed a nonbinding solution on Friday supporting a two-state solution for Israel and Palestine, hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the idea of a Palestinian state. Out of the 193-member world body, 142 countries voted in favour on the New York Declaration, 10 against and 12 abstained. The resolution, presented by France and Saudi Arabia, envisions the Palestinian Authority (PA) governing and in control of all Palestinian territory, with a transitional administrative committee immediately established after a ceasefire in Gaza. "Hamas must end its rule in Gaza and hand over its weapons to the Palestinian Authority," the declaration says, adding that it must also free all hostages.

AUTHORITIES ASKED FOR HELP IN THE
MANHUNT FOR CHARLIE KIRK’S KILLER.
A FATHER’S INTUITION LED TO AN
ARREST

Diary Times Desk : Like thousands of Americans captivated by the manhunt for the shooter who killed conservative political activist Charlie Kirk, a Utah father had seen the photos and video footage of the suspect released by authorities.

The man in the images, dressed in a black T-shirt plastered with an eagle and American flag, could be seen jumping off the roof of a Utah university building after the shooting and running into a wooded area. His face was partially concealed by a dark pair of sunglasses and a baseball cap. But the father recognized the man. "Tyler, is this you? This looks like you," he asked his son, according to a law enforcement official briefed on the investigation. His son, 22-year-old Tyler Robinson, confessed to his father that he had shot Kirk, the official told CNN. "I would rather kill myself than turn myself in," Robinson responded when his father urged him to turn himself in to authorities, the source said. The father persuaded Robinson to confide in a youth pastor who works with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the US Marshal's Service, the law enforcement source said.

GULF STATES UNITE TO
RESPOND TO ISRAEL'S
ATTACK ON QATAR, BUT
FIND FEW OPTIONS

Diary Times Desk : For decades, wealthy Gulf Arab states cast themselves as oases of stability in a region mired in conflict, building gleaming capitals with fast-growing economies powered by by millions of foreign workers drawn to economic opportunity and a tax-free lifestyle.

But this year, their sense of safety was shattered when two regional powers conducted a direct strike on a Gulf country for the first time. First, Iran targeted an American airbase in Qatar in June after the US struck its nuclear facilities. Then came Israel's attack this week, targeting Hamas' political leadership in Doha.

Gulf Arab states are rattled as a Gaza war that began thousands of miles from their borders nearly two years ago inches closer to home.

With few viable military options to retaliate, Qatar has vowed a "collective" regional response to Israel's strikes. That response is currently "under consultation and discussion" with other partners, Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani told CNN's Becky Anderson on Wednesday. A decision is expected at an Arab and Islamic summit in Doha this weekend.

MAGNITUDE 7.4 EARTHQUAKE STRIKES RUSSIA'S KAMCHATKA, TSUNAMI
WARNING LIFTED

Diary Times Desk : A 7.4-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Kamchatka in Russia's Far East on Saturday, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said. There was no risk that the quake had triggered a tsunami, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC). The USGS said the quake hit 111 kilometres (69 miles) east of the Russian city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, the administrative centre of the Kamchatka region, at a depth of 39.5 kilometres. The survey earlier gave a magnitude of 7.5 before downgrading it. The PTWC initially warned that "hazardous" waves of up to one metre (3.3 feet) were possible along some nearby Russian coasts.

The centre later said "the tsunami threat... has now passed". In July, one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded struck off the Kamchatka peninsula, triggering tsunamis up to four metres high across the Pacific and sparking evacuations from Hawaii to Japan.



"GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY": SIKH WOMAN RAPED, FACED RACIST ABUSE IN UK

Diary Times Desk : A Sikh woman in her twenties was raped by two men and was subjected to racist remarks in the UK's Oldbury town. The attackers further told the woman to "go back to your own country", in a racial attack mirroring a similar incident on Indian-origin expatriates.

The incident occurred near Tame Road in Oldbury around 8:30 am last Tuesday.

The police are treating it as a 'racially aggravated' attack and have urged for help to trace the attackers.

The woman has informed them that the attackers made racist comments, the police said, adding that CCTV and forensic inquiries are underway.

Birminghamlive identified the suspects as "white men", one with a shaven head and wearing a dark-coloured sweatshirt, while the other suspect was reportedly wearing a grey top.



'SILENCING ARTISTES DOESN'T PROMOTE PEACE': PARAMOUNT SLAMS PLEDGE BY ENTERTAINERS TO BOYCOTT ISRAELI FILM INSTITUTIONS

Diary Times Desk : Paramount said on Friday it condemned a pledge signed earlier this week by more than 4,000 actors, entertainers, and producers, including some Hollywood stars, to not work with Israeli film institutions that they see as being complicit in the abuse of Palestinians by Israel.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

Paramount became the first major studio to respond to the pledge released on Monday.

Some organisations have faced calls for boycotts and protests over ties with the Israeli government as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza from Israel's military assault grows, and images of starving Palestinians, including children, spark global outrage.

CREATORS HQ, YOUTUBE COLLABORATE TO LAUNCH FIRST YOUTUBE ACADEMY IN MENA

Diary Times Desk : Creators HQ, the first content creator hub in the UAE and the Middle East and part of Visioneers, announced its collaboration with YouTube to launch the first YouTube Academy in the Middle East & North Africa.

The ground-breaking initiative aims to empower creative content creators in the region, in line with the UAE's vision to drive the content economy while fostering partnerships with major platforms and global tech companies.

The collaboration, which is part of YouTube's ongoing efforts to offer the best products and programmes for content creators, seeks to strengthen the UAE's global position in the creator economy by creating an innovative ecosystem that supports content creators, enhances their skills in data analysis and content production, while enabling them to build sustainable careers on YouTube.

TURKISH INSULTS AND THREATS AGAINST ISRAELI MINISTER MIRI REGEV

Diary Times Desk : Hundreds of hate messages and threats were sent to Israeli Transport Minister Miri Regev from Turkish phone numbers after Turkish hackers leaked her (personal) mobile phone number, as well as those of other government ministers.

Among the messages received by the Israeli minister were: "Hitler was right. He should have killed you all," "We will bury you and your country," "I am Turkish. I will send you to hell," and others. Defence Minister Israel Katz also confirmed the receipt of such messages yesterday, writing in response in his account on X: "Let them continue to call and threaten, and I will continue to order the extermination of their members, the leaders of terrorism." (ANI/TPS)

Katz addressed the cyberattack on X, writing: "Organized Islamist-jihadist gangs from various countries are calling my unclassified civilian phone with insults and threats. Let them keep calling and threatening—I will continue to order the elimination of their terrorist leaders."

Israeli security officials have acknowledged a drastic escalation in attempted cyberattacks following Israel's large-scale attack on Iran in June, i24 reported, caveating that "no attempts have been successful and no information has been leaked." Despite such assurances, the incident provoked a firestorm of backlash on Israeli social media, with many users questioning the adherence to security protocol of Katz in responding to the call and more pertinently the leaking of ministers' private contact details.



'SHOCK, CONFUSION, AND PARALYSIS REIGNED': ZARDARI AIDE RECALLS FALLOUT OF OSAMA KILLING IN NEW BOOK



Diary Times Desk : As a team of US Navy Seals dropped down on Osama bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan's Abbottabad in the early hours of May 2, 2011, killing the terrorist after a decade-long pursuit, the leaders of the nation engaged in a meeting to reach a power-sharing consensus between the two coalition parties, unaware of the events that would put it in the "most embarrassing position" hours later. "The Zardari Presidency: Now It Must Be Told", a new book by Farhatullah Babar, a close aide and spokesperson of then-Pakistan president Asif Ali Zardari, has revealed the aftermath of the secret US operation that eliminated Laden while Pakistan was left confused, humiliated, and caught in its inability to fix responsibility for the cataclysmic event.

"The defence forces and intelligence agencies were unaware of what was unfolding in the cantonment in Abbottabad. Meanwhile, in Islamabad, the two coalition partners, PPP and PML-Q, were engrossed in wrangling over a power-sharing formula, just as US Navy Seals were eliminating Osama bin Laden," Babar writes in a chapter titled "Zardari and the Osama bin Laden Fiasco". It appeared "most extraordinary" to Babar when next morning at 6.30 am he was summoned by Zardari's Aide-de-Camp to the President's House along with Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar and Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir.

A few hours later, at 9 am Pakistan time, then-US president Barack Obama announced to the world that the most-wanted terrorist had been taken out in Pakistan — this thought, when juxtaposed with the previous night's "wrangling over power-sharing", was "unsettling" to Babar. "I also couldn't help thinking that no one in the nuclear-armed country boasting of the world's top intelligence network had the faintest idea — literally no one — not the President, Prime Minister, Army Chief, or the ISI. These thoughts were unsettling. A sense of guilt and shame was overpowering," the book reads.

COULD AI NURSING
ROBOTS HELP HEALTH
CARE STAFFING
SHORTAGES?

Diary Times Desk :
Around the world, health care workers are in short supply, with a shortage of 4.5 million nurses expected by 2030, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Nurses are already feeling the pressure: around one-third of nurses globally are experiencing burnout symptoms, like emotional exhaustion, and the profession has a high turnover rate.

That's where Nurabot comes in. The autonomous, AI-powered nursing robot is designed to help nurses with repetitive or physically demanding tasks, such as delivering medication or guiding patients around the ward.

MICROSOFT AND
OPENAI REACH NON-
BINDING DEAL TO
ALLOW OPENAI TO
RESTRUCTURE

Diary Times Desk :
Microsoft and OpenAI said on Thursday they have signed a non-binding deal for new relationship terms that would allow OpenAI to proceed to restructure itself into a for-profit company, marking a new phase of the most high-profile partnerships to fund the ChatGPT frenzy. Details on the new commercial arrangements were not disclosed, but the companies said they were working to finalize terms of a definitive agreement. This marks a step forward in OpenAI's prolonged talks with Microsoft as the former seeks to raise capital under a more common governance structure and eventually go public to fund artificial intelligence development. Microsoft invested \$1 billion in OpenAI in 2019 and another \$10 billion at the beginning of 2023. Under their previous agreement, Microsoft had exclusive rights to sell OpenAI's software tools through its Azure cloud computing platform and had preferred access to the startup's technology. As OpenAI's revenue grows into the billions, it is seeking a more conventional corporate structure and partnerships with additional cloud providers to expand sales.

SWATCH TROLLS TRUMP'S 39% TARIFFS, SELLING A WATCH THAT
FLIPS THE PLACEMENT OF 3 AND 9



Diary Times Desk :
Swatch, the Swiss watchmaker, is trolling the 39% tariffs that the United States placed on its home country by selling a watch that flips the location of the 3 and 9 numerals.

The tongue-in-cheek new watch — dubbed “WHAT IF ... TARIFFS?” — is inspired by the “current events unfolding in today’s world,” according to the description on its website. Swatch jokes that the new watch is “hopefully just a limited edition.”

“The inversion of Arabic numerals 3 and 9 on the dial subtly references the number 39,” the page says. “Paired with the percentage symbol found on the battery cover, this inversion hints at the US tariffs imposed on Switzerland and the deeper narrative woven into the watch’s design.” The watch is available only in Switzerland and therefore won’t be subject to the 39% tariffs — among the highest imposed on a European country by President Donald Trump.

CHARLIE KIRK'S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS HAVE GAINED MILLIONS
OF FOLLOWERS SINCE HIS MURDER



Diary Times Desk :
Charlie Kirk's widow and many of his fans have predicted that Wednesday's assassination will make his voice even more powerful posthumously. Social media statistics indicate that they're right. Kirk's accounts across the internet have gained millions of followers in the three days since his death, according to data compiled by CNN. Videos of Kirk's political arguments, promoting President Trump and conservative priorities, have also seen a surge in viewership, with many clips being traded back and forth by fans. As Kirk's widow Erika said Friday evening, “My husband's voice will remain, and it will ring out louder and more clearly than ever, and his wisdom will endure.” So will his organization Turning Point USA's overall digital presence, as the uptick in follower interest signals. Kirk's main Instagram account has added 3.5 million followers since the assassination; his podcast's TikTok account has gained more than 1.5 million followers; and his main Facebook page has added more than 2.3 million followers.

CRACKER BARREL ISN'T DOOMED JUST YET

Diary Times Desk : It's been a nightmare few weeks for Cracker Barrel, taking a drubbing from random social media accounts all the way up to the White House over a fairly typical logo rebrand. But despite the fallout, the old-timey chain still has a chance to make a comeback.

Cracker Barrel was in the early stages of a major turnaround plan before its new logo and restaurant remodels ran into a right-wing revolt. The changes were bashed on social media, including by President Donald Trump. The company stopped the updates in their tracks, reverting to its “Old Timer” logo and canceling plans to remodel restaurants with simpler layouts and less cluttered antiques, ornaments and knickknacks. It said it had only completed four remodels out of its 660 total locations. “Your old country store is here to stay,” Cracker Barrel said Monday after announcing the remodel suspension. “We hope that today's step reinforces that we hear you.”

The logo and remodel plan were two parts of a much bigger overhaul that includes menu changes, improvements to technology and basic restaurant upkeep. Cracker Barrel was looking to draw new customers, especially younger ones, after years of sagging sales. The chain was trying to avoid tumbling into bankruptcy like Red Lobster, Hooters, TGI Fridays or other family dining chains. Cracker Barrel should make changes that strike a middle ground between appearing stale to younger customers and unrecognizable to their parents or grandparents who've eaten at the chain for decades, said Chekitan Dev, a professor of hospitality management at Cornell University.

CLEAN PUNJAB POST
FLOODS MISSION: RS 100
CRORE FOR 2,300
VILLAGES; RS 1 LAKH
INITIAL AID

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday announced a Rs 100 crore cleanliness drive across 2,300 villages affected by recent floods in the state. Speaking to the media, Mann said that each village would initially receive Rs 1 lakh as a token amount, with additional funds to be provided based on requirements. The government would also supply essential equipment, including a JCB (earth-moving machine), a tractor-trolley, and labour to help remove debris such as sand and fallen trees. The cleanliness operation is scheduled to be completed by September 25. To address health concerns in the flood-affected areas, medical camps will be established, and 550 ambulances will be deployed. Medical staff will be stationed at panchayat bhawans, dharamshalas, anganwadi centres, and schools to ensure access to healthcare services.

IMPACT ON HEALTH
FLOODS & AFTERMATH

Diary Times Desk : The devastation caused by the recent floods in North India has resulted in loss of human and animal lives, property and destruction of crops. Many people, evacuated from their homes, are staying in camps and temporary shelters. The impact of these floods, especially on human health, would be felt for some time. As a result, flood-related injuries and illnesses may continue to present themselves over a long period. After floodwaters recede, besides the destruction and damage, we should be prepared for the possibility of many diseases in its aftermath. Floodwater is a mixture of water with sewage, waste, chemicals, and can contain harmful microorganisms. In addition, there is also lack of access to clean water, food, shelter and healthcare, leaving the affected population vulnerable to various infections.

There are several health effects related to floods —some of them can develop immediately, and others over long term. Immediate risks include drowning, hypothermia, electrocution.

HIMACHAL ROADS HEAVILY DAMAGED BUT STILL 1.57 CR APPLE BOXES SOLD

Diary Times Desk : Over 1.57 crore apple boxes have been marketed within and outside the state until now. The number of marketed boxes would have been higher if excessive rain had not blocked or washed away link roads in various parts of the apple belt. Though roads are blocked, around 45 lakh more apple boxes have been marketed compared to the corresponding period last year. Until September 11 last year, 1.13 crore boxes had reached the market.

The significant difference in the marketed box in comparison to last year could be attributed to high production in the lower apple belts of the state. Until August 20 this year, over 88 lakh boxes had been marketed. In the corresponding period last year, only around 32.6 lakh boxes had been marketed. It shows the production in the lower belts had been nearly three times this year as compared to last year. Harvesting in the lower belts normally comes to an end by August 15.



FLOODS RAVAGE 725 HECTARES OF
CROPS IN UNA, FARMERS SUFFER RS
2.44-CR LOSS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rains and floods during the current monsoon season have wreaked havoc on agriculture in Una district, destroying standing crops on 725 hectares and causing an estimated loss of Rs 2.44 crore to farmers. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kulbhushan Dhiman, said maize — sown across 30,850 hectares this year — suffered the heaviest damage. Nearly 668 hectares were washed away, resulting in losses of Rs 1.88 crore. Vast fields of rotten maize now stand as evidence of the prolonged two-month spell of rain and waterlogging that gripped the district. Paddy and vegetables were also badly affected. Of the 200 hectares under paddy cultivation, 68 hectares were damaged, leading to a loss of Rs 19 lakh. Meanwhile, vegetable growers reported losses of Rs 33 lakh, with 38 hectares of crops washed away out of 411 hectares under cultivation. The continued downpour has also disrupted the sowing season for potatoes, delaying it by at least 10 days. Dhiman explained that the potato crop — grown for two months before the Diwali harvest — earns good returns for Una farmers.

DISASTER FUND: JAKHAR MAKES
CAG REPORT PUBLIC, SEEKS
APOLOGY FROM PUNJAB CM

MANN FOR 'MISLEADING' PEOPLE
Diary Times Desk : Bharatiya Janata Party's state president Sunil Jakhar has once again targeted Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann over the issue of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), while making a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) public. Notably, the Chief Minister had earlier claimed that he had no knowledge about the ₹12,000-crore SDRF lying with Punjab. In this regard, Jakhar, in one of his social media messages addressing Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, wrote: "This is the CAG report, which clearly states that as of March 31, 2023, Punjab had ₹9,041.74 crore of SDRF funds, and according to the report, in violation of central government rules, the state government did not even make proper investments of this amount." In his tweet, he further wrote: "Even after that, funds for the years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 have been released, which together make a total of ₹12,000 crore. Chief Minister Sahib, even your Chief Secretary, in your presence during a press conference, reluctantly admitted this."

UK PUNJABI DIASPORA RALLIES BEHIND FLOOD-HIT PUNJAB WITH
GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES

Diary Times Desk : Britain's Punjabi community is launching a new wave of grassroots initiatives to support flood-hit Punjab, with campaigns ranging from online fundraising to symbolic acts of solidarity.

UNITED SIKHS (UK) confirmed that their JustGiving campaign for "Punjab Flood Relief 2025" has now raised more than GBP 32,000 (Rs 30.4 lakh). In a note posted on their fundraising page, the charity said it is "considering adopting a village for ongoing support that will be required for the months ahead". Another initiative has emerged from the north of England. The Manchester Punjabi Society has launched a GoFundMe drive under the banner "Global Sikhs – Support Flood Relief in Punjab", pledging to channel donations through Global Sikhs. Although the amount collected so far is modest, organisers say it reflects a growing groundswell of support from students and young professionals who want to play their part.



How To Avoid Seeing Disturbing Content

When graphic videos go viral, like the recent fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk, it can feel impossible to protect yourself from seeing things you did not consent to see. But there are steps you can take.

Social media platforms are designed to maximize engagement, not protect your peace of mind. The major platforms have also reduced their content moderation efforts over the past year or so. That means upsetting content can reach you even when you never chose to watch it.

You do not have to watch every piece of content that crosses your screen, however. Protecting your own mental state is not avoidance or denial. As a researcher who studies ways to counteract the negative effects of social media on mental health and well-being, I believe it's a way of safeguarding the bandwidth you need to stay engaged, compassionate and effective.

Research shows that repeated exposure to violent or disturbing media can increase stress, heighten anxiety and contribute to feelings of helplessness. These effects are not just short-term. Over time, they erode the emotional resources you rely on to care for yourself and others.

Protecting your attention is a form of care. Liberating your attention from harmful content is not withdrawal. It is reclaiming your most powerful creative force: your consciousness.

Just as with food, not everything on the table is meant to be eaten. You wouldn't eat something spoiled or toxic simply because it was served to you. In the same way, not every piece of media laid out in your feed deserves your attention. Choosing what to consume is a matter of health. And while you can choose what you keep in your own kitchen cabinets, you often have less control over what shows up in your feeds. That is why it helps to take intentional steps to filter, block and set boundaries.

Practical steps you can take

Fortunately, there are straightforward ways to reduce your chances of being confronted with violent or disturbing videos. Here are four that I recommend:

Turn off autoplay or limit sensitive content. Note that these settings can vary depending on device, operating system and app version, and can change.

Use keyword filters. Most platforms allow you to mute or block specific words, phrases or hashtags. This reduces the chance that graphic or violent content slips into your feed.

Curate your feed. Unfollow accounts that regularly share disturbing images. Follow accounts that bring you knowledge, connection or joy instead.

Set boundaries. Reserve phone-free time during meals or before bed. Research shows that intentional breaks reduce stress and improve well-being.

Social media is not neutral. Its algorithms are engineered to hold your attention, even when that means amplifying harmful or sensational material. Watching passively only serves the interests of the social media companies. Choosing to protect your attention is a way to reclaim your agency.



Annie Margaret

You are not powerless. Every boundary you set - whether it is turning off autoplay, filtering content or curating your feed - is a way of taking control.

Premier League Manchester United Will Return

Former Manchester United and Portugal winger Luis Nani has an encouraging message of hope for the Red Devils' beleaguered fans: Things are about to get a whole lot better.

United recently endured its worst ever finish to a Premier League season and already in this campaign, Ruben Amorim's men have suffered a humiliating League Cup defeat to fourth-division Grimsby Town despite the acquisition of expensive new forwards Matheus Cunha, Bryan Mbeumo and Benjamin Šeško.



Patrick Snell

"And I give some examples of my life because I can see a lot of kids, the mentality side is not so strong because they don't have the same difficulties we had in the past. So, I try to create different difficulties for them. And then I use the same examples I had in the past and I motivate them."

And now since that loss, young Belgian goalkeeper Senne Lammens has been added to the squad.

"Everyone is expecting the new players to shine, so the stress doesn't help," Nani, a four-time Premier League winner with United, told CNN Sports ahead of this weekend's Manchester derby.

"I believe, in a few games more, everything will settle, and we'll get the normal winning our games, really compete and be one of the best teams in the Premier League. We know we are one of the best clubs in the world, and we want to be there but what I can tell you for the moment, the expectation is so high," he added.



"I always tell them to trust in themselves and never give up. Try always to do your best in anything you're doing," said Nani.

The club's current plight is a far cry from the Alex Ferguson glory days when United won a record 13 Premier League titles and was a two-time Champions League winner.

A key member of that all-conquering history was flying winger Nani - a generational talent who was part of the Red Devils team that won the Champions League in 2008, and was inducted into Liga Portugal's Hall of Fame earlier this week.

A former international teammate of Amorim, Nani - who scored over 40 goals during his time in the Premier League - is well qualified to assess his compatriot's impact on United so far.

"He's a great person, great coach. He's young and obviously needs to experience much more in the Premier League. The Premier League is not easy for any coach. But we know the passion from the fans and the time is making his life even worse, giving him so much stress, so much pressure to deliver it," Nani said.

"But I'm really confident in him. The results will come out and Man United will be a team who will be at the top of the table fighting for the usual title."

2011 was a year to remember for Nani, especially when it came to scoring against rival Manchester City - netting twice against the Citizens in a Community Shield victory. Then in a later Premier League match, after scoring the opening goal of the game, he produced the cross for Wayne Rooney to score one of the most famous and iconic goals in the competition's history: an astonishing overhead bicycle kick that settled the derby 2-1 in United's favor.

The two teams face each other again at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

"Playing in the derby is the most beautiful experience you can have in the Premier League, and especially when it's United against City. It's really nice, the team who wins the game, the next day, they can walk free in the city. And then the colors of the team will be out, and the others will sit at home. They will not come out," Nani reflected.

"I think Man United have a big opportunity to perform well, win the game."

INFA

Life Underground THE ABANDONED NAZI UNDERGROUND CITY

At first glance, there's nothing unusual about the countryside around the small Polish village of Pniewo. The landscape is typical of the Lubusz Voivodeship region: vast fields of yellow crops beneath big skies, broken only by the occasional patch of forest. It looks serene, but hidden below is a darker story - a Nazi underground city.

Festungsfront Oder-Warthe-Bogen, or the Ostwall, is a fortified subterranean complex built before World War II as Adolf Hitler sought to secure Germany's eastern frontier from Poland and the Soviet Union.

Between the Oder and Warta rivers, which today form part of the German-Polish border, the facility remains largely intact: a sprawling maze of tunnels, underground railway stations, combat facilities and massive shafts covering about 20 miles in length.

Today, visitors can descend into this largely forgotten feat of military engineering. The soldiers who once occupied the bunkers are long gone, as are partygoers in the 1980s and '90s who left graffitied reminders of their revelry. But the complex has new residents.

After the Nazis abandoned the site in 1945, bats discovered the tunnels, finding them ideal for hibernation. As many as 40,000 arrive annually from across



Pavlo Fedykovych

For something constructed nearly a century ago, it's an impressive feat of engineering. The descending staircase is built with the chillingly smooth precision for which many Nazi megastructures are renowned. It leads down to a wide central tunnel lined with railway tracks and pipes.

Central Europe each fall, making it one of Europe's largest bat colonies.

The Ostwall's story began in the 1930s, when Hitler, firmly in power, launched a sweeping militarization campaign in defiance of the treaties that ended World War I.

He looked to the Lubusz Gate, the territory between the Oder and Warta rivers, then still part of Germany, as the place to fortify. Protecting this corridor, his strategists believed, was key to safeguarding Berlin.

By 1935, plans for the "Fortified Arc" were complete, and Hitler himself traveled to nearby Wysoka to anoint the project. Construction began the following year.

Ambitious hardly describes it. Engineers envisioned a defensive line stretching nearly 50 miles, with work scheduled through 1951. Though never completed, the project already ranked among the most advanced fortifications in the world. The central section alone used more than two million cubic feet of concrete and could house tens of thousands of soldiers.

But priorities shifted. By 1938, Germany's attention turned westward, toward France, and construction stopped. The next year, after the invasion of Poland, which triggered World War II, the



Ostwall's strategic purpose evaporated.

The Ostwall complex remained part of the Nazi war machine as war raged across Europe. In January 1945, as the Red Army swept through, Soviet forces captured the line in just three days. The underground city was abandoned. The 21st century has given the Ostwall a second life. With European Union support and local enthusiasm, the complex has been transformed into a dark tourism destination. In 2011, the Międzyrzecz Fortified Region Museum opened, incorporating 19 miles of tunnels in the central section. From the outside, the entrance bunker looks almost cartoonish, topped with green, mushroom-shaped cupolas. Inside, the air is cold and damp but surprisingly hospitable. "The Nazis planned this complex for long-term stay for soldiers, so everything is constructed to make it more habitable," says Mikołaj Wiktorowski, a guide at the museum and a local history enthusiast. The most striking moment comes at the main shaft, a yawning chasm that drops deep into the earth.

ARSENAL SPOIL ANGE POSTECOGU RETURN, NICK WOLTEMADE
EARNS NEWCASTLE UNITED WIN



Diary Times Desk : A Martin Zubimendi double took Arsenal top of the Premier League as Ange Postecoglou's first game in charge of Nottingham Forest ended in a 3-0 defeat, while Nick Woltemade's debut goal earned Newcastle's first win of the season against Wolves on Saturday. Postecoglou made a swift return to north London after being sacked by Tottenham in June but did not enjoy a dream debut in the Forest dugout against a ruthless Arsenal. Mikel Arteta's men had two weeks over the international break to mull over losing 1-0 to title rivals Liverpool due to Dominik Szoboszlai's stunning free-kick. But the Gunners made it three wins from four games thanks to an unlikely goalscoring hero. Zubimendi scored just 10 times in 236 games for Real Sociedad and commanded a £60 million (\$81 million) fee in the transfer window.

GOALKEEPERS THE FOCUS AS MAN
UNITED, MAN CITY CLASH IN DERBY

Diary Times Desk : It's evidence of how quickly things can change that at different points this summer, Ruben Amorim and Pep Guardiola, the managers of Manchester United and Manchester City, insisted they were happy with their goalkeepers.

Fast forward to the first Manchester derby of the season, which takes place Sunday, and Guardiola is weighing whether Gianluigi Donnarumma will make his debut at the Etihad Stadium. Amorim has opted for his No. 2 from last season, Altay Bayindir, to play ahead of deadline-day signing Senne Lammens from Antwerp. Bayindir is preferred, according to Amorim, because he has more experience.

Donnarumma, if selected, is unlikely to face a more pressure-packed moment in his City career than making his first Premier League appearance against United. His resume is not in doubt after a decade at the highest level with AC Milan and Paris Saint-Germain. There is a debate about whether the Italian is good enough with the ball at his feet to fit into Guardiola's system. One way or another, the goalkeepers at both ends of the pitch Sunday will be one of the talking points of the afternoon.

'EMERY'S SHOT-SHY VILLA A SHADOW OF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CHALLENGERS'

Diary Times Desk : Unai Emery threw his arms out in disgust and turned in fury to his backroom team as the credits rolled on another no-show from Aston Villa as an attacking force. It was a day Villa wrote a new page in their history books - an entry of the unwanted kind - as this is the first time they have failed to score in the opening four league games of any season. And, as the old saying goes, they were lucky to get nil from a scrappy goalless draw at Everton in which they were strictly second best. David Moyes' team made all the running at this magnificent Hill Dickinson Stadium, leaving Emery grateful not just for the excellence of his returning, rehabilitated goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, but also that Beto was the blunt instrument at the point of Everton's attack. The striker miskicked haplessly in front of an open goal when played in by Iliman Ndiaye in the opening minutes, then failed to make proper contact with another inviting cross at point-blank range in the second half. It meant Villa escaped with a point, Martinez saving superbly from Michael Keane's second-half header, but very little else in this display would have pleased Emery, despite his positive post-match messaging.

BARCELONA BOSS FLICK SLAMS SPAIN'S
HANDLING OF YAMAL INJURY

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona head coach Hansi Flick accused Spain of "not taking care" of Lamine Yamal during the international break after the forward was ruled out of Sunday's LaLiga match against Valencia.

Yamal, 18, featured in Spain's World Cup qualifying wins against Bulgaria and Turkey last week despite managing pain in the groin area.

As a result, he will miss this weekend's visit from Valencia and is also a doubt for Thursday's opening game in the Champions League away at Premier League side Newcastle United.

"Lamine goes to the national team with pain, didn't train, had painkillers to play, they were three goals ahead in every match, and he played 79 and 73 minutes," Flick said in a news conference Saturday.



ALVAREZ, CRAWFORD WEIGH-
IN AT 167.5LBS BEFORE SUPER
MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT

Diary Times Desk : Undisputed super middleweight world champion Saul "Canelo" Alvarez and American challenger Terence Crawford faced-off for one last time before their blockbuster bout at a raucous ceremonial weigh-in on Friday. Both were 167.5 pounds (75.9kg), half a pound under the super middleweight limit, at the closed-door official weigh-in on Friday morning.

They then both tipped the scales at the same weight before about 10,000 fans at T-Mobile Arena hours later. It was a career-high weight for Crawford, a four-division champion who is jumping up from super welterweight in the hope of becoming the first man to win undisputed titles in three weight classes.

Mexico's Alvarez, 35, and Crawford, 37, squared off for a staredown of several seconds before they were separated by Dana White, the mastermind of UFC, who has teamed up with Saudi Arabia's Riyadh Season to promote the fight that will be streamed globally by Netflix. The event capped months of intense promotion for the fight by both boxers and White, a personal friend of United States President Donald Trump, who aims to hold a mixed martial arts event at the White House in 2026.

"I've prepared for everything," Alvarez assured the partisan crowd, there to back him on the weekend before Mexican Independence Day. Alvarez is the only fighter to hold all four major belts in the super middleweight division. He has fought at 168 or above for almost seven years and has won six fights in a row since stepping up to light heavyweight in May 2022, losing a unanimous decision to Russian Dmitry Bivol.

BRONCO TEST WILL HELP
EVALUATE OUR ATHLETES
ACCURATELY: FORMER INDIA
PHYSIO JOHN GLOSTER

Diary Times Desk : John Gloster, the former physio of the Indian cricket team, has lauded the move to introduce the high-intensity Bronco Test for assessing players in the men's side, adding that it will help in accurately evaluating athletes. Recently, the BCCI had posted a video on their social media accounts, where current S&C coach Adrian le Roux explained how it would benefit players in the current set-up.

While highlighting that cricket can benefit from taking learnings from other sports, Gloster, the current head physio of Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the IPL.