

NEWS IN BRIEF

MADHYA PRADESH: TWO KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED AS TRUCK RAMS INTO CROWD IN INDORE

Diary Times Desk : At least two people lost their lives, while 15 others were injured after a truck lost control and rammed into a crowd in Madhya Pradesh's Indore on Monday. The incident happened at Ganpati Square, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Malharganj Police Station.

After colliding with the crowd, the truck caught fire, triggering panic among the people. The fire brigade arrived at the spot immediately for the rescue operation, said officials, adding that those who have been injured in the incident have been admitted to a local hospital. While the Madhya Pradesh Police is trying to identify the owner of the truck, its driver has been taken into custody and is being questioned by the officials. Meanwhile, senior police officials have also arrived at the spot.

PRIVATE ZOO RUN BY BILLIONAIRE AMBANI FAMILY CLEARED OF 'FOUL PLAY'



Diary Times Desk : A special investigation team appointed by India's top court has said the acquisition of animals at Vantara - a private zoo owned by the son of Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani - was compliant with all laws. The team of retired judges was set up last month to look into allegations that animals at Vantara were acquired unlawfully and mistreated. On Monday, it said it had found "no foul play" in the zoo's management. The Supreme Court had previously also said the allegations appeared unsupported, but had ordered an inquiry after allegations that authorities had failed to investigate the zoo properly.

Reliance Foundation, which runs Vantara, has not commented on the latest order.

Vantara is home to 2,000 species, including elephants, tigers and other animals.

"INSULT TO BIHARIS"

CONGRESS' ATTEMPT TO LINK BIHAR'S PEOPLE WITH 'BIDIS' INSULT TO BIHARIS: PM MODI



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday slammed the Congress for allegedly comparing the people of Bihar with 'bidis', terming it an "insult to Biharis", and said people of the state will give a befitting reply to the opposition INDIA bloc constituents in the upcoming assembly polls.

A now-deleted social media post by the Kerala unit of the Congress had triggered controversy, as its language linked "Bihar with bidis". The post was aimed at the central government's GST policy on tobacco products.

Addressing a public rally here, the PM claimed, "The Congress leaders say 'bidis' and Bihar start with B. This is a sheer insult to the state and its people. They will give a befitting reply to the Congress and its alliance partners in the coming days." Modi slammed the RJD and the Congress for alleged misgovernance during their rule in Bihar.

The prime minister accused the opposition of patronising infiltrators in the state, and said that the NDA government will drive them out.

"Bihar had suffered a lot due to misgovernance by the RJD and the Congress. They can't digest the state's development. Mothers and sisters will give the opposition a befitting reply in the polls," Modi said.

BMW DRIVER ARRESTED 24 HOURS AFTER DEATH OF FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CRASH

Diary Times Desk : Gaganpreet Kaur, whose BMW crashed into a bike in Delhi last afternoon and claimed the life of senior government officer Navjot Singh, was arrested from a hospital today in a case of culpable homicide, destruction of evidence, and rash driving. Visuals showed her being brought out of a hospital in GTB Nagar, where she was being treated for minor injuries, and helped into a police vehicle.

Gaganpreet is 38 years old and married to Parikshit Makkad, 40, who was with her in the car at the time of the crash near Delhi Cantonment metro station. The couple, it is learnt, live in Gurugram and run a business of luxury products. Parikshit, too, has been named in the FIR.

Navjot Singh, 52, was working as a deputy secretary in the Union Finance Ministry. He visited Bangla Sahib Gurdwara with his wife, Sandeep Kaur, yesterday. The two then had lunch at Karnataka Bhavan in RK Puram and were on their way home when the crash occurred. Sandeep has told police that the BMW was speeding and overturned after re-arranging their bike.

Navjot and Sandeep were taken to a hospital in a van, and Gagandeep accompanied them. Sandeep has told the police that she kept asking Gaganpreet to take them to the nearest hospital, but she asked the van driver -- a Good Samaritan named Gulfaam -- to drive to NuLife hospital in GTB Nagar, about 19 km from the accident site.

Police sources have now said that Gaganpreet's father co-owns the hospital and an investigation is on to find if there was an attempt to hush up the case.



'CAN SCRAP BIHAR POLL ROLL REVISION EVEN AFTER FINAL LIST IF...': SUPREME COURT



Diary Times Desk : Reiterating its stand on the controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, the Supreme Court said the entire process can be scrapped even after the final voter list is published if any illegality is found. While hearing a petition on Monday seeking a modification of its order in which it had directed the Election Commission of India to add Aadhaar to the list of identity proofs for inclusion in the voters' list, a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymlaya Bagchi said it believes that, being a constitutional body, the poll panel is following the law and mandatory rules in carrying out the SIR process. At the same time, it said it would intervene and the entire process could be set aside if any illegality was found. "What difference will the final publication of the list make to us if we are satisfied there is some illegality?" Justice Kant remarked.

The court had, on September 8, directed the Election Commission to accept Aadhaar as proof of identity and add it to the list of 11 other documents being used for the purpose. It had clarified, however, that Aadhaar could not be used to establish citizenship.

On Monday, the bench issued notice on the petition seeking modification of this order and fixed October 7 as the date for hearing final arguments on the validity of the SIR process.

Denying all the allegations, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar had asked Mr Gandhi to submit an affidavit stating that they are true, or apologise.

ENTIRE HIMALAYAN RANGE FACING ECOLOGICAL CRISIS: SUPREME COURT



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday said the issue concerning ecology and environmental conditions was not going to be limited to Himachal Pradesh only as the entire Himalayan range, which was "very violent" this time, was facing it.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said it would pass its order on September 23 in the suo motu matter concerning issues relating to ecology and environmental conditions prevailing in Himachal Pradesh.

"Ultimately, it is not going to be limited to Himachal only. It is the entire Himalayan range that is facing this. This time around, it has been very very violent," Justice Mehta observed.

During the hearing, Himachal Pradesh's advocate general and additional advocate general informed the bench about a report filed by the state in the matter.

"We will give you a brief order after summarising everything so that you can get specific instructions," the bench said.

Senior advocate K Parmeshwar, who is assisting the court as an amicus curiae in the matter, said the report filed by the state covered many aspects, including tree cover.

"The report covers a number of aspects. It might not be possible to deal with all the aspects at one go. They have covered from tree cover to mining aspect, glaciers etc.," he said.

He said the state had contended in the report that there were some concerns with glacier reduction and glacier movement but those specifics were not there.

WAQF AMENDMENT ACT

SC PUTS ON HOLD CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF WAQF AMENDMENT ACT, REFUSES TO STAY ENTIRE LAW



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court, on Monday, refused to stay the entire Waqf Amendment Act, 2025 amid ongoing petitions challenging the law. The court however stalled certain provisions of the Act, including the condition that a person should be a practitioner of Islam for at least five years for dedicating property to waqf. It also observed that while the SC is not issuing directions, it would be appropriate for the Centre to limit non-Muslim nominations to no more than three in the 11-member Central Waqf Council.

The bench directed that the Central Waqf Council should not have more than 4 non-Muslim members and not more than 3 in State Waqf Boards.

The court, while refusing to stay the amendment permitting the appointment of a non-Muslim as CEO, clarified that as far as possible, the Chief Executive Officer of the Waqf Board should be a Muslim.

The apex court, in its order, said that laws enacted by Parliament must be presumed valid and that a stay should be granted only in the rarest of rare cases. However, it added that the determination of waqf by user by a government official would be subject to the orders of jurisdictional High Courts. "We have considered the prima facie challenge to each of the sections. We have found that no case was made out to stay the entire provisions of the statute. However, some sections need some protection," said the top court in its order.

The bench of the apex court -- which had reserved the order on May 22 -- pronounced the decision on Monday. A batch of petitions challenging the Constitutional validity of the Act was filed before the apex court, contending that it was discriminatory towards the Muslim community and violates their fundamental rights.

9-HOUR TREK TO 36-MINUTE RIDE: ADANI ENTERPRISES GETS KEDARNATH ROPEWAY PROJECT CONTRACT



Diary Times Desk : Billionaire Gautam Adani-led group's flagship firm has won a contract to build a nearly 13-km-long ropeway project connecting Sonprayag with Kedarnath, the company said on Monday. Sonprayag is the final point accessible by road for pilgrims heading to the Kedarnath Temple. The Union cabinet had in March this year approved the ropeway project, expected to cost about Rs 4,081 crore, to provide pilgrims with a faster, more comfortable and environmentally friendly mode of travel.

Spanning a total distance of 12.9 kilometres, the ropeway will connect Sonprayag to Kedarnath, a journey traditionally completed via a strenuous 16-km uphill trek or by other means like ponies, palanquins and helicopters.

"Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), the flagship incubator of the Adani portfolio, has received a Letter of Award (LoA) from the National Highways Logistics Management Ltd (NHLML) for building the prestigious ropeway project connecting Sonprayag with Kedarnath," the company said in a statement.

The project will be executed by AEL's Roads, Metro, Rail, and Water (RMRW) division.

PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI EMPHASISES ON JOINTNESS, ATMANIRBHARTA AND INNOVATION FOR ENHANCED OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE ARMED FORCES DURING COMBINED COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE IN KOLKATA

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister inaugurated the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference in Kolkata today. Held once in two years, this conference is the apex-level brainstorming forum of the Armed Forces, that brings together the nation's top civilian and military leadership to exchange views and lay the groundwork for the future development of India's military preparedness. The theme of the Conference is 'Year of Reforms – Transformation for the Future', in line with the ongoing modernisation and transformation of the Armed Forces. Prime Minister complemented the Armed Forces for the success of Operation Sindoor as well as the integral role played by the Armed Forces in nation building, anti-piracy, safe return of Indian citizens from conflict zones as well as providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) assistance to friendly countries. In line with 2025 being the 'year of reforms' in defence, Prime Minister instructed the Ministry of Defence to swiftly implement concrete steps to achieve greater Jointness, Atmanirbharta and Innovation to meet future challenges and to prevail against any eventuality. Prime Minister was briefed on the operational readiness of the forces in the context of the new normal created by Operation Sindoor, future of warfare in the context of emerging technology and tactics. Prime Minister also reviewed the reforms implemented in the last two years, and the plan for the next two years.

"ROLE OF ENGINEERS EXTENDS BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION": NIIT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ON ENGINEER'S DAY



Diary Times Desk : NIIT University President On Engineer's Day: India marks Engineering Day on September 15 to honour the birth anniversary of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a legendary engineer known for his contributions such as Hyderabad's flood protection system and the construction of Krishna Raja Sagara Dam in Mysore. With rapid technological progress, engineering education too is evolving – from changes in curriculum to the inclusion of new-age courses.

TELANGANA HOSPITALS THREATEN TO STOP FREE HEALTH SCHEME OVER UNPAID DUES



Diary Times Desk : Telangana's private hospitals have threatened to suspend the free health scheme, Aarogyashri services, from Tuesday over unpaid dues of Rs 1,300 crore incurred by the state government. The Congress government, teetering at the brink of bankruptcy, has barely been able to avoid a total shutdown by the private colleges over unpaid fee reimbursement. The state government, led by A Revanth Reddy, has come under tremendous criticism from the BJP and the BRS. Criticising the successive governments under the BRS and Congress, BJP leader and Union minister of state for home affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, said, "Both BRS and Congress turned Aarogyasri into a joke as they failed to clear over Rs 1200 crore dues. Now, private hospitals are refusing to admit patients, stating that without Aarogyashri repayments, they can't treat patients. "On the other hand, government hospitals don't even have needles and medicines. For the poor, falling sick now means facing death." He slammed the chief minister, saying, "Congress government has thousands of crores for Musi beautification.

SC REFUSES TO EXAMINE PLEA OVER SEXUAL ASSAULT, CUSTODIAL TORTURE OF MINOR BOY BY GUJARAT POLICE; ASKS TO APPROACH HC



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday in its order refused to examine and pass any orders on a plea alleging sexual assault and custodial torture of a 17-year-old boy by Gujarat Police. The SC asked the petitioner to move to the High Court, noting that "we have all sympathies for you. We have all sympathies for you, but why did you not approach the HC?" the Bench of the apex court told the lawyer. The plea was filed by the petitioner, the sister of the victim. The top court's two-judge Bench, headed by Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta, asked the lawyer appearing for her to move to the Gujarat High Court for relief in the case. The Supreme Court on Friday, September 12, decided to hear on Monday the plea alleging sexual assault and custodial torture of the 17-year-old boy by Gujarat Police. Rohin Bhatt, lawyer for the sister of the victim, sought a direction from the top court to set up a court-monitored SIT (Special Investigation Team) or Central Bureau.

KARNATAKA HC DISMISSES PILS AGAINST INVITING BOOKER AWARDEE BANU MUSTAQ TO INAUGURATE DASARA

Diary Times Desk : The petitioners counsels contended that Banu Mustaq has no faith in a Hindu religion and she made anti-Hindu and Kannada deity Bhuvaneshwari. If she withdraws those remarks and apologise, we have no objections to inauguration of Dasara on September 22 by her, they argued. On the other hand, the state government defended its decision to invite Banu Mustaq, saying that she has clarified about her objectionable statements after she was invited. More over the decision was taken unanimously in the committee comprising representatives of all political parties. The government also submitted that the former MP Prathap Simha did not oppose the inauguration of Dasara by well known poet Nissar Ahmed in 2017. However, Simha's counsel argued that Ahmed did not made any remarks against Hindu religion and Kannada deity.

TELANGANA GOVT MOVES TO CLEAR RS 1,200 CR DUES AFTER COLLEGES CALL STRIKE



Diary Times Desk : Bowing down to pressure from the private professional and degree colleges, which called for indefinite closure of institutions from September 15, the Congress government has positively agreed to release the long-pending fee reimbursement dues. However, the colleges made it clear that no classes will be conducted in any of the colleges across the State on Monday. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, IT Minister D Sridhar Babu, Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao and Education department officials held a long meeting with Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Education.

WOMAN JUMPS TO DEATH
WITH MENTALLY-ILL SON,
LEAVES "SORRY" NOTE FOR
HUSBAND



Diary Times Desk : Upset over her son's prolonged mental illness, a 37-year-old woman jumped to death along with her 11-year-old son from their 13th-floor flat in Greater Noida yesterday.

Sakshi Chawla had been living with her husband, Darpan Chawla, and their son, Daksh, at Greater Noida's Ace City. Daksh, it is learnt, had been undergoing treatment for mental health issues for over a decade and Sakshi was stressed over his condition.

Darpan Chawla, a chartered accountant by profession, was at home when the tragic incident took place. He has told police that he was in another room and heard a scream. On reaching the balcony, he saw his wife and son on the ground. Police reached the spot, recovered the bodies and sent them for autopsy. They later recovered a note from the Chawlas' home. In the note addressed to her husband, Sakshi Chawla wrote, "We are leaving this world... Sorry. We do not want to trouble you anymore. Your life should not be ruined because of us. No one is responsible for our death."

SIGNIFY SHOWCASES
ULTRA-EFFICIENT LIGHTING
SOLUTIONS AT
IECGM2025INDIA,
INAUGURATED BY SHRI
PIYUSH GOYAL

Diary Times Desk : Signify displays its latest Ultraefficient LED range, NatureConnect, SootheSpace, and Connected Lighting Solutions Portfolio reflects company's commitment to energy conservation, sustainability, and human-centric innovation Signify (Euronext: LIGHT), the world leader in lighting, today showcased its latest portfolio of innovative and sustainable lighting solutions at the International Electrical and Consumer Goods Manufacturing (#IECGM2025India), organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

The event, inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, underscores India's commitment to aligning international standards with national requirements and advancing the country's sustainability goals.

1ST FREIGHT TRAIN WITH SUPPLIES FOR ARMY
REACHES KASHMIR, RETURNS WITH APPLES



Diary Times Desk : In a first, a freight train delivered winter supplies to the Indian Army in Kashmir's Anantnag even as the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway remained closed for nearly three weeks. On its return journey, the train transported apples from the Valley to Delhi amid farmer distress in Kashmir because of rotting apples in hundreds of stranded trucks along the blocked highway. The army said that the cargo train in Kashmir is part of its "capability development efforts to ensure operational preparedness in challenging Himalayan terrain". It said the freight train service for the transportation of apples also reflects its role beyond its core mission of defence to contribute to the socio-economic development of Kashmir. "By harnessing rail infrastructure for both military and civilian purposes, the Indian Army has taken a major stride in strengthening resilience, connectivity, and prosperity in the region," said the army.

SC RESERVES ORDER ON SUO MOTU PIL
OVER LACK OF FUNCTIONAL CCTVS IN
POLICE STATIONS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday reserved the order in a suo motu PIL in connection with the lack of functional CCTVs in police stations for September 26.

During the course of the hearing on Monday, the Bench of the apex court suggested and observed the need for a Control Room. It would ensure that there is no human intervention, highlighting that in case any camera goes off, it is immediately noted. "That is the only way the issue can be tackled. Initially, there has to be inspection of every police station, and we will think of involving a few IITs, to provide a solution so that every CCTV is monitored at a particular place and the 'monitoring' should not be by human, but all by AI," observed, a two-judge bench of the top court, headed by Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta.

The apex court had in 2018 ordered the installation of CCTVs (Closed Circuit Televisions) cameras in police stations to check human rights abuses.

IT NEEDED A CANADIAN FOR GBA TO
FIX BENGALURU'S CRUMBLING
FOOTPATHS



Diary Times Desk : A viral video posted by Canadian national Caleb Friesen has sparked not just swift action from civic authorities, but also a wave of citizen appeals urging him to highlight other neglected areas in the city.

On Thursday, Caleb recorded his 30 minute, 2.4-km walk from Majestic bus stand to a coffee shop, capturing the broken, and encroached footpaths along the route.

DEFENCE MINISTRY APPROVES NEW FRAMEWORK TO STREAMLINE
REVENUE PROCUREMENT

Diary Times Desk : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday approved the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025, which aims to streamline, simplify, and rationalise the revenue procurement process in the Ministry of Defence while addressing the evolving needs of the Armed Forces in modern warfare.

"The new manual aims to achieve self-reliance in fulfilling the needs of the Armed Forces under Revenue Head (Operations & Sustenance Segment). It will foster jointness among the three Services and help in maintaining the highest level of military preparedness through expeditious decision-making. It will ensure the timely availability of requisite resources to the Armed Forces and at an appropriate cost," the Ministry of Defence said in a statement. The DPM 2025 strengthens ease of doing business and seeks to boost Atma Nirbharta's involvement in defence manufacturing and technology. It aims to harness the domestic market's potential, expertise, and capability by encouraging the participation of private players, MSMEs, start-ups, and established Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs).



A TIKTOK DEAL HAS FINALLY BEEN REACHED WITH CHINA, THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION SAYS

Diary Times Desk : A deal has been reached between the Trump administration and China to keep TikTok operational in the United States, administration officials announced Monday, concluding a yearslong effort that began during President Donald Trump's first term.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said that a framework agreement has been reached, and Trump will speak with Chinese leader Xi Jinping Friday to finalize the deal.

"President Trump played a role in this, we had a call with him last night, we had specific guidance from him we shared it with our Chinese counterparts," Bessent said in Madrid on Monday. "Without his leadership and the leverage he provides, we would not have been able to include the deal today."

The Trump administration did not name the US-backed buyer, but the group is widely expected to be led by Oracle executive chairman Larry Ellison, who last week briefly became the world's richest person. Trump in January had said he would champion Ellison, a Trump supporter, buying the app's US assets.

Chinese and US diplomats have been meeting this week in Spain to discuss trade and other matters. Bessent, leading the latest round of trade talks with China on behalf of the United States, had said that TikTok was one of the subjects likely to be discussed.

"We were very focused on TikTok and making sure that it was a deal that is fair for the Chinese and completely respects US national security concerns, and that's the deal we reached," said US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer on Monday. "And of course, we want to ensure that the Chinese have a fair, invested environment in the United States, but always that US national security comes first."

TikTok and its parent company ByteDance did not immediately respond to CNN's request for comment about the status of a deal.

Trump multiple times has extended a self-imposed deadline to reach a deal with China to sell at least part of TikTok parent company ByteDance's US TikTok business to an American-backed owner. A bipartisan bill passed by Congress and signed by former President Joe Biden banned TikTok in the United States because of national security concerns.

CHARLIE KIRK SUSPECT LINKED TO CRIME SCENE BY DNA, SAYS FBI CHIEF

Diary Times Desk : DNA on a towel wrapped around the suspected gun used to kill Charlie Kirk has been matched to the suspect in custody, the director of the FBI said on Monday.

Tyler Robinson, 22, was arrested over the death of the right-wing influencer at an event at Utah Valley University on Wednesday. A bolt-action rifle was recovered near the shooting, and a screwdriver was found on the roof from where the fatal shot was fired.

"I can report today that the DNA hits from the towel that was wrapped around the firearm and the DNA on the screwdriver are positively processed for the suspect in custody," Kash Patel told Fox and Friends.

A formal charge is expected this week. A motive has yet to be determined.

The FBI director also referenced a note that was discovered at the suspect's home, which vowed "take out" Kirk.

It's "basically saying... 'I have the opportunity to take out Charlie Kirk', and I'm going to take it that note was written before the shooting," said Patel.

QATAR HOSTS ARAB-ISLAMIC EMERGENCY SUMMIT OVER ISRAELI STRIKE ON DOHA

Diary Times Desk : An emergency meeting of Arab and Islamic states is taking place in Qatar in response to Israel's air strike on Hamas leaders in Doha last week.

A draft resolution seen by the Reuters news agency condemns what it calls Israel's "hostile acts including genocide, ethnic cleansing, [and] starvation", which it says threatens "prospects of peace and coexistence". Israel has strongly denied such allegations.

It is not clear what practical decisions could be taken, as analysts say any kind of military response is out of the question.

Earlier, Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani urged the international community to stop applying "double standards" and to punish Israel.

On Sunday, US President Donald Trump said that "Qatar has been a very great ally. Israel and everybody else, we have to be careful. When we attack people we have to be careful."

Departing for Israel on Saturday, the US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, said Trump "didn't like the way [the Qatar attack] went down".

After holding talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem the next day, Rubio said Hamas "needs to cease to exist as an armed element that can threaten the peace and security" in the Middle East.

DONALD TRUMP AND KING CHARLES: HEADS OF STATE WITH OPPOSING PERSONALITIES

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump may adore Britain's royal family but the brash US leader could not be more different from King Charles III, a passionate environmentalist who is always strait-laced in public. The monarch is 76 years old, the president 79. They are both wealthy, previously divorced and love Scotland, where Trump's mother was born and Charles spends many holidays.

But there the similarities appear to end, making for strange bedfellows when the king hosts Trump in Britain this week for an unprecedented second state visit. Trump, a Republican, has described himself as "a big fan" of the politically neutral royal family, including Charles's son and heir to the throne Prince William, and his wife Catherine.

"I've got to know a lot of the family members. They are really great people," Trump said during a visit to his two golf resorts in Scotland in July.

'NO REGRETS': WOUNDED NEPALIS PROTESTERS PROUD AT CHANGE



Diary Times Desk : University student Aditya Rawal was outside Nepal's parliament with hundreds of other anti-corruption protesters when gunfire cracked and 14 people slumped down in front of him.

One was his university friend, and as he dashed forward to help -- with his hands up -- bullets smashed into him too.

"I heard somewhere that if you raise both hands, they will not shoot you," Rawal, a 22-year-old digital marketer, told AFP as he lay on a bed in the capital Kathmandu's Civil Service Hospital.

"But I was their target."

At least 72 people were killed during chaos beginning on September 8, as youth protests under a loose "Gen Z" label rallied against a government ban on social media.

CAN THE EU AND NATO IMPOSE TARIFFS ON INDIA AND CHINA, AS TRUMP WANTS?

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has called on NATO and EU member states to hit China and India with tariffs of up to 100 percent to force Russian President Vladimir Putin to end the war in Ukraine.

Trump, who previously pledged to end the conflict on "day one" of becoming president, made his demand during a meeting between United States and European Union officials last Tuesday.

The move is seen as a way to try to expedite a peace deal between Moscow and Kyiv.

Trump's request to Brussels, first reported by the Financial Times newspaper, follows remarks from US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, who said that Washington was preparing tighter economic restrictions on Russia but needed stronger European backing.

In a letter posted on his Truth Social account on September 13, Trump said he was "ready to do major sanctions on Russia" once NATO had "agreed ... to do the same thing". He also claimed that elevated tariffs on China would weaken Beijing's "control" over Russia.

Why is Trump making the request? China and India buy Russia's oil, which is helping to keep the Russian economy afloat.



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP ART WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR “VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM” TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 17



Diary Times Desk : An international friendship art workshop and seminar titled Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam will be organized from September 17 to 20, 2025, at Rampas School, Rapti Nagar near Shahpur Police Station in Gorakhpur. The event is being jointly hosted by Nyas Lalita, Gorakhpur—dedicated to folk, fine, and performing arts and culture—and the State Lalit Kala Academy, Uttar Pradesh. More than 50 artists from India and abroad, including both senior and emerging talents, are expected to participate in this prestigious event. The workshop will be inaugurated on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:00 PM at Rampas School, Rapti Nagar.

The information was shared on Monday during a press launch and conference by Dr. Bharat Bhushan, former Head of the Department of Music and Fine Arts, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, and Dr. Sudipta B. Bhushan, Principal of Arya Kanya Inter College and General Secretary of the organizing committee. Representatives from countries such as Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Saudi Arabia, along with artists from across India, will participate in the event. The inauguration ceremony will be graced by Prof. Poonam Tandon, Vice-Chancellor of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University; Ramesh Ji, Provincial Pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh; senior volunteer Jagdish Gupta; Dr. Manglesh Srivastava, Mayor of Gorakhpur; Dr. Sunil Kumar Vishwakarma, renowned painter and Chairman of the State Lalit Kala Academy, Uttar Pradesh; Mr. Girish Chandra Mishra, Vice-Chairman of the Academy; and celebrated Hindi literary figure Prof. Ramdev Shukla, among others. The workshop will focus on creating artworks around the theme of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—the idea of the world as one family—and will also include a seminar discussing how to foster a familial environment globally based on the Sanatan philosophy. Artists will express this theme through diverse art forms and creative expressions. Participants from Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Mauritius, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and the broader Purvanchal region are expected to join. A total of around 50 national and international artists will engage in this workshop. The closing ceremony of the event is scheduled for September 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

WHO IS HARJIT KAUR, 73-YEAR-OLD INDIAN GRANDMOTHER DETAINED “WITHOUT WARNING” IN US



Diary Times Desk : Amid US President Donald Trump’s crackdown on immigration, Harjit Kaur, a 73-year-old Indian origin grandmother, was detained by Immigration and Customs .

MAN ARRESTED OVER ‘RACIALLY MOTIVATED’ RAPE

Diary Times Desk : A man has been arrested on suspicion of rape by police investigating reports of a racially motivated attack on a woman in the West Midlands. The woman, in her 20s, reported being attacked by two men on Tuesday morning near Tame Road in Oldbury. West Midlands Police said a man in his 30s was detained on suspicion of rape on Sunday evening and was in custody.

The arrest came hours after members of the Sikh community gathered in protest over the incident. Ch Supt Kim Madill said the arrest was a “significant development in the investigation”.

CHARLIE KIRK ASSASSINATION SUSPECT TYLER ROBINSON LINKED TO ‘FURRY SUBCULTURE’: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW



Diary Times Desk : Tyler Robinson, who is accused of assassinating Charlie Kirk, is said to have a “furry fixation”, with the 22-year-old trade-school student from Utah being linked to a “furry” website, The New York Post reported, citing experts. The bullet casings found at the scene had cryptic messages like “Hey fascist! Catch!”, “Notices bulges OWO what’s this?” (linked to furry subculture and online trolling) and “Bella Ciao” (an Italian anti-fascist song). These words are connected to the furry subculture and are often used for online trolling. An account featured on the website FurAffinity.net, with a name matching accounts used by Robinson on his various gaming and online accounts, the Daily Mail reported. The furry account apparently had sexualised images of cartoon animal characters. Robinson’s digital footprint points to his ties to online subcultures. He might also have associations with the Groyper movement led by Nick Fuentes, known for its far-right and antisemitic views.

AFTER CHARLIE KIRK’S KILLING, CONSERVATIVE EVANGELICAL LEADERS HAIL HIM AS A MARTYR



Diary Times Desk : At Sunday morning church services around the country, conservative religious leaders found the same word to describe Charlie Kirk, the podcaster and political activist killed on Wednesday: martyr. “Today, we celebrate the life of Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old God-fearing Christian man, a husband, father of two, a patriot, a civil rights activist, and now a Christian martyr,” said Rob McCoy, the pastor emeritus of Godspeak Calvary Chapel in California. Kirk, a prominent ally of President Donald Trump who attracted an ardent conservative following and criticism for his anti-feminist, anti-immigration views, was fatally shot Wednesday at Utah Valley University. He was speaking to a crowd of thousands as part of “The American Comeback Tour,” which featured Kirk’s signature event: debating college students about culture war topics.

NEPAL GEN Z REVOLT: WHAT SHOULD INDIA DO?

Diary Times Desk : The recent political turmoil in Nepal, which saw the resignation of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and widespread protests led by the youth, may appear to be an internal affair. But for India, it’s a matter of critical strategic concern. The events are a blaring siren for New Delhi, a reminder of the fragility in our immediate neighbourhood. The protest movement, largely driven by Generation Z, wasn’t just about the government’s controversial social media ban, though it was portrayed as such. It was a culmination of deep-seated frustrations with corruption, nepotism, and chronic political instability. For decades, Nepal’s political landscape has been dominated by a handful of leaders who have “played musical chairs” with power, failing to address core issues like unemployment and economic inequality. In other words, the protests – while sparked by the ban on social media apps, and triggered by a hit-and-run incident when a Minister’s car ran over a 11-year-old schoolgirl, are rooted in weak political institutions, widespread misgovernance – and a profound sense of disillusionment among the youth.

RISING SEAS WILL THREATEN 1.5 MILLION AUSTRALIANS BY 2050 – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : One and a half million Australians living in coastal areas are at risk from rising sea levels by 2050, a landmark climate report has warned.

Australia's first National Climate Risk Assessment predicted more frequent and severe climate hazards like floods, cyclones, heatwaves, droughts and bushfires.

"Australians are already living with the consequences of climate change today," Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen said, "but it's clear every degree of warming we prevent now will help future generations avoid the worst impacts in years to come."

The report looked at three global warming scenarios – above 1.5C, above 2C and above 3C.

Australia – one of the world's biggest polluters per capita – has already reached warming of above 1.5C, the report said, noting that at 3C, heat-related deaths in Sydney may rise by more than 400% and almost triple in Melbourne.

The 72-page report – released days before the government announces its emissions reduction targets for 2035 – found that no Australian community will be immune from climate risks that will be "cascading, compounding and concurrent".



2 UTAH MEN ARRESTED FOR "THREAT OF TERRORISM" DAYS AFTER CHARLIE KIRK SHOOTING



Diary Times Desk : The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has detained two men after an explosive device was found under a news media vehicle in Utah's Salt Lake City. Adeb Nasir, 58, and Adil Justice Ahme Nasir, 31, allegedly planted a bomb underneath the news van, sparking a massive evacuation and federal probe. The incident came days after conservative political activist Charlie Kirk was fatally shot while at an event at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

The bomb squad reportedly responded to a suspicious device placed under the media vehicle parked next to an occupied building in Magna on Friday. They determined it to be a real explosive device, which was lit but "failed to function as designed," CBS reported, citing the arrest affidavit.

The type of device used and its location near a high footfall area prompted the FBI to take over the jurisdiction of the case, as it was considered a significant threat to public safety, according to a report by Fox 13.

In less than two days, federal authorities traced the threat back to the Nasirs, who were arrested at their home in Magna. They were charged with offences of manufacturing or possessing a weapon of mass destruction, threat of terrorism, attempted aggravated arson, and possessing or removing incendiary items and their parts.

THE BITTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES



Diary Times Desk : Israel's bombing of Qatar last week risks a new breach with Arab states who are meeting on Monday, opening another chapter in a fractious history since Israel's creation in 1948 marked by repeated wars and periods of frosty peace.

Here is how the relationships have played out for some major Arab countries, which have also had difficult ties with Palestinian leaders over the years, complicating efforts to stabilise the Middle East.

BULGARIA EXTINGUISHES 121 FIRES IN 24 HOURS, NO INJURIES REPORTED



Diary Times Desk : A total of 121 fires have been extinguished in Bulgaria over the past 24 hours, with no injuries reported, the General Directorate of Fire Safety and Population Protection announced. Firefighters responded to 157 reports of accidents as of 6:00 AM. Nineteen fires with direct material damage occurred, including eight in residential buildings, one in auxiliary.

ISRAELI AUTOINJECTOR DELIVERS LIFESAVING TREATMENT FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS IN UNDER FIVE MINUTES

Diary Times Desk : Israeli scientists on Sunday unveiled a new autoinjector that could drastically reduce deaths from severe bleeding by delivering lifesaving treatment in under five minutes -- transforming emergency care on battlefields, at roadside accidents, and in disaster zones.

In a study published in the peer-reviewed journal Injury, researchers led by Prof. Arik Eisenkraft and Prof. David Gertz of the Institute for Research in Military Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in collaboration with the Israel Defence Forces Medical Corps, demonstrated that the autoinjector delivers Tranexamic Acid (TXA) as effectively as traditional intravenous (IV) methods.

TXA is known to stabilise blood clots and reduce blood loss, significantly improving survival in trauma situations.

Severe bleeding remains the leading cause of preventable death in emergencies, yet standard IV administration can be slow and difficult in chaotic conditions. Studies show that for every 15-minute delay in TXA treatment, its effectiveness drops by 10 per cent.

In trials, TXA delivered via the autoinjector reached effective therapeutic levels in less than five minutes and maintained activity throughout the treatment window. Outcomes were comparable to IV delivery, including stable hemodynamic parameters and effective clot formation.



During a search of their residence, authorities uncovered several hoax weapons of mass destruction, illegal drugs and two firearms, which Nasirs weren't permitted to own as restricted persons with known narcotics use, according to arrest documents.

During questioning, the suspects asserted that the weapons found in their house were real, prompting a speedy evacuation of the neighbourhood, while law enforcement authorities on site worked to properly dispose of the devices. However, later, the items were determined to be fake.

According to the Salt Lake City Police Department, both men had protective orders that prohibit them from possessing firearms.

PAKISTAN REPORTS TWO NEW POLIO CASES

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan has reported two new polio cases in its northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, taking the total number of cases in the country this year to 26, the National Institute of Health (NIH) said on Monday.

According to a statement issued by the NIH, one of the cases was detected in North Waziristan's Mir Ali tehsil in a 19-month-old child, while the other case was confirmed in an 11-month-old in Lakki Marwat's Suleman Khel tehsil. The two new cases have taken the total number of cases in the province to 18, the highest from any province in the country. The nationwide tally now stands at 26, with six cases from Sindh, 18 from KP and one each from Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan, NIH said.

Sharing the results of August's environmental sewage samples regarding polio — collected from 87 districts across the country — the NIH said, "of the 126 environmental samples tested, 75 were found negative with no poliovirus detected, while 51 samples tested positive."



"INDIA IS COMING TO THE TABLE": WHITE HOUSE TRADE ADVISOR PETER NAVARRO

Diary Times Desk : US White House Trade Advisor Peter Navarro on Sunday (local time) claimed in an interview with CNBC that India was coming to the negotiating table.

"India is coming to the table. Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent out a very conciliatory, nice, constructive tweet, and President Trump responded to that. We'll see how this works," he said. Navarro said in the interview that the countries are still negotiating on the trade issue, and are working on 'trade barriers'. "But as a practical matter, we know that on the trade side, they have the highest tariffs of any major country. They have very high non-tariff barriers. We had to deal with that, like we're dealing with every other country that does that," he said. Navarro further highlighted the sudden issue the US has with India buying Russian oil after 2022, when the Russia-Ukraine war started on February 24, 2022.

IRAN TO PUSH RESOLUTION BANNING ATTACKS ON NUCLEAR SITES AT IAEA MEETING



Diary Times Desk : Iran is set to introduce a resolution at the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) General Conference in Vienna that would prohibit attacks on nuclear facilities, Al Jazeera reported. The move comes after US and Israeli strikes on Iran during a 12-day conflict in June. Eslami told Iranian state media that the conference was an opportunity to highlight concerns about IAEA conduct.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL ENDORSES ZOHRA MAMDANI FOR MAYOR AHEAD OF NOVEMBER ELECTION



Diary Times Desk : New York Governor Kathy Hochul has endorsed Democratic nominee Zohra Mamdani for mayor ahead of the November election, describing him as a leader committed to affordability and safety in the city, Al Jazeera reported.

In an opinion piece for The New York Times on Sunday, Hochul said her decision followed "frank conversations" with Mamdani, who won the Democratic primary in May. "In our conversations, I heard a leader who shares my commitment to a New York where children can grow up safe in their neighbourhoods and where opportunity is within reach for every family," she wrote. "I heard a leader who is focused on making New York City affordable -- a goal I enthusiastically support," Hochul added. According to Al Jazeera, Mamdani, a 33-year-old left-wing politician, secured 56.4 percent of votes in the Democratic primary, defeating former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Cuomo, who has positioned himself as a pro-Israel candidate and was part of a legal team defending Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has chosen to stay in the race despite his loss, highlighting divisions within the Democratic Party.

Recent polls suggest Mamdani holds a 22-point lead, though prominent Democrats such as Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, and Congressman Ritchie Torres have not yet endorsed him. Hochul had previously been more cautious but her support signals a significant shift. Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen criticised Democrats for their hesitation, saying in Iowa, "They need to get behind him, and get behind him now," accusing them of the "kind of spineless politics" that "people are sick of."

NATION OF 1.4 BN WON'T BUY US CORN: LUTNICK WARNS OF 'TOUGH TIME'

Diary Times Desk : US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has warned India of a "tough time" doing business with Washington if it fails to bring down tariffs, saying a country of 1.4 billion people does not import even "one bushel of US corn" but enjoys access to the American market. In a sharp critique during an interview, Lutnick accused India of "taking advantage" of the US by maintaining high tariffs on American goods while freely selling their own products to US consumers. "They sell to us and take advantage of us. They block us from their economy while we are wide open for them to come in... The President says fair and reciprocal trade — bring down your tariffs, treat us the way we treat you," Lutnick said. Hitting out at India for its "unfair trade practices", Lutnick said New Delhi's refusal to buy US farm products exemplified the imbalance. "India brags that they have 1.4 billion people. Why won't their 1.4 billion people buy one bushel of US corn? Doesn't that rub you the wrong way? They put tariffs on everything," he said. The remarks come against the backdrop of the ongoing trade tensions between Washington and its allies after the US imposed steep tariffs on countries it accuses of maintaining protectionist barriers. Lutnick defended the move, saying it was aimed at correcting "years of wrongs" and ensuring American exporters get a level playing field. "Now we've got to right years of wrong. So we want a tariff going the other way until we fix this. That's the President's model — and you either accept it or you're going to have a tough time doing business with the world's greatest consumer," the Commerce Secretary warned.



WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST SAYS SHE WAS FIRED OVER HER POSTS ABOUT CHARLIE KIRK AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Diary Times Desk :
Longtime Washington Post writer Karen Attiah says she has been fired from the publication's Opinions department for "speaking out against political violence, racial double standards, and America's apathy toward guns."
The Post, which has been overhauling the entire department, declined to comment on personnel matters. But Attiah's Post biography has been revised to say she "was" a columnist, indicating she is no longer employed.
Attiah posted a string of messages about political violence in the wake of Charlie Kirk's assassination last week. She criticized what she called "empty rhetoric" denouncing violence that hasn't been matched by actions.

WHY ARE STOCKS SETTING RECORDS WHEN THE ECONOMY FEELS DOWN IN THE DUMPS?

Diary Times Desk :
Hiring is at a standstill. Inflation is on the rise again. Consumer sentiment is slipping near historic lows. Americans are increasingly fed up with the economy.

Meanwhile, the S&P 500 has hit four record highs this month. The Dow closed above 46,000 for the first time in history on Thursday. So, if the economy stinks, why is the stock market so delighted?

In some ways, stocks are trading at record highs because of the bad juju in America's economy, not in spite of it.
A surprisingly weak job market has significantly boosted investors' expectations that the Federal Reserve will be forced to cut interest rates multiple times this year, according to CME FedWatch, a tool that assigns probabilities of Fed rate decisions to market machinations. The market is pricing in an 80% chance of a December rate cut, an 86% chance of an October cut and a 100% chance that the Fed cuts rates at the conclusion of its two-day meeting on Wednesday.

MARK ZUCKERBERG IS MAKING A MAJOR BET ON THE FUTURE. HE'S ABOUT TO SHARE IT



Diary Times Desk :
Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg made a bold claim on the social media giant's earnings call in July. People without smart glasses may one day be at a "significant cognitive disadvantage" compared to those who do use the tech, he told analysts.
That vision for the company's future could come into focus this week during the Meta Connect conference, where the tech giant outlines its next steps and announces new products. Reports suggest Meta will announce a new pair of AI-powered smart glasses to follow its relatively successful Ray-Ban spectacles, which can analyze a wearer's environment and answer questions about their surroundings.
But Meta's glasses appear to be catching on with consumers; Ray-Ban parent EssilorLuxottica **said in July** that revenue from its Meta glasses more than tripled year-over-year. And market research indicates Meta is the leading smart glasses brand by far.

ELON MUSK BUYS \$1 BILLION WORTH OF TESLA SHARES, A SIGN THAT HE'S STICKING AROUND



Diary Times Desk :
Elon Musk bought \$1 billion worth of Tesla shares on Friday, according to a regulatory filing he made early Monday.
The purchase represents a rare action – by Musk or any other CEO. Few business leaders use their own money to buy their company's stock without exercising of options, which allows them to purchase shares at a fraction of their market price.
Tesla investors viewed Musk's stock purchase as both a vote of confidence in the company and a further commitment by Musk to stay at Tesla. The news lifted shares of Tesla (TSLA) 7% at the market open Monday.

FOX NEWS' BRIAN KILMEADE SAYS COMMENT ABOUT KILLING MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PEOPLE AN 'EXTREMELY CALLOUS REMARK'



Diary Times Desk : After shocking many by saying mentally ill homeless people should be put to death, Fox News morning host Brian Kilmeade apologized on Sunday for what he called an "extremely callous remark."
Kilmeade's mea culpa came one day after his original comment – "just kill 'em" – went viral across multiple social media sites.
The "Fox & Friends" segment aired Wednesday morning, but it didn't seem to garner widespread attention until Saturday morning, when it was picked up by Fox News critics such as Aaron Rupar.
The clip, labeled "Brian Kilmeade endorses euthanizing homeless people," had garnered more than 20 million views on X by Sunday afternoon.

BEN & JERRY TO UNILEVER: THIS IS NOT THE BEN & JERRY'S THAT WE FOUNDED

Diary Times Desk :
Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, the cofounders of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, are fighting with the company's parents about the independence of the brand they created nearly 50 years ago.

The pair, which no longer controls the company they created, wrote an open letter Tuesday addressed to the Magnum Ice Cream Company board, which is being spun off from Unilever. The letter asked that Ben & Jerry's itself be spun off to operate independently, following several disputes over the years about its views on several issues, including criticism of President Donald Trump's policies and Israel's war in Gaza.

Cohen and Greenfield wrote that when they sold the ice cream brand to Unilever in 2000, Ben & Jerry's was given the freedom to pursue its social mission, but Unilever has eroded that freedom over the past two-and-a-half decades.

"For several years now the voice of Ben & Jerry's has been silenced by Unilever, particularly when the brand has tried to speak out about social justice and unjust wars," the pair wrote. "That is not the Ben & Jerry's that we founded, or the one that we envisioned when we agreed to join Unilever 25 years ago."

TARIFF-EXPOSED INDUSTRIES ARE LOSING JOBS

Diary Times Desk :
President Donald Trump has promised his high tariffs will inspire an American manufacturing renaissance.

Yet so far his controversial experiment has failed to inspire a jobs boom. Not only is hiring weak, but the industries most exposed to tariffs have been shedding workers – exactly the opposite of the intended outcome.

Job growth in tariff-impacted sectors including manufacturing, construction and transportation turned negative shortly after Trump started his trade war this spring, according to a new analysis by Apollo Global chief economist Torsten Slok.

GRAPHIC VIDEOS OF KIRK AND ZARUTSKA DEATHS REIGNITE DEBATE OVER SOCIAL MEDIA MODERATION



Diary Times Desk :
Within minutes of Charlie Kirk's horrific shooting on Wednesday in Utah, video capturing the moment a bullet hit his body was spreading rapidly online. Surveillance cameras were rolling when Iryna Zarutska was brutally stabbed on a train in North Carolina on August 22, and the gruesome full video was later released publicly. Whether users wanted to see them or not, videos of horrific moments have been flooding social media feeds over the past week. These videos have reignited calls for tech giants to exert more control over how content appears on their platforms as some companies have scaled back their moderation efforts.

POPE LEO CRITICIZES HUGE CEO SALARIES IN FIRST INTERVIEW AS CATHOLIC LEADER



Diary Times Desk :
Pope Leo XIV has criticized how the salaries of chief executives dwarf those of their employees, singling out Tesla's trillion-dollar compensation package for Elon Musk.

Leo, speaking during his first sit-down media interview, cited income inequality as one of the factors behind polarization in society.

"CEOs that 60 years ago might have been making four to six times more than what the workers are receiving ... it's (now) 600 times more than the average workers are receiving," the first American pope said.

CHINA SAYS NVIDIA VIOLATED ANTI-MONOPOLY LAWS, SIGNIFICANTLY ESCALATING TRADE TENSIONS WITH US

Diary Times Desk : China significantly escalated its trade standoff with the United States Monday, saying that tech giant Nvidia, the most valuable company on the US stock market and a key provider of artificial-intelligence chips, had violated anti-monopoly laws.

Chinese regulators' announcement of the results of their preliminary antitrust probe comes as US and Chinese diplomats hold their fourth round of trade talks in Madrid this week. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, leading the talks for the United States, said Sunday that discussions had been progressing well.

But the Trump administration had also upped the pressure leading into the talks. On Friday, the US Commerce Department placed two Chinese chipmakers on the so-called Entity List, barring GMC Semiconductor Technology Co. and Jicun Semiconductor Technology from purchasing US semiconductor technology.

Despite ongoing trade talks, China and the United States have engaged in tit-for-tat responses to one another's trade actions as they try to extract leverage out of a tense situation. The United States, for example, has largely banned exports of key equipment for AI technology to China, while China has slow-rolled promises to provide rare-earth minerals used in a wide variety of electronics and defense equipment.

PUNJAB FLOODS: RAHUL GANDHI INTERACTS WITH AFFECTED PEOPLE IN AMRITSAR



Diary Times Desk : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday visited the flood-hit areas of Amritsar and interacted with those affected by nature's fury.

He was accompanied by Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, leader of opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa, Amritsar MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla and other party leaders. After arriving in Amritsar, he headed to Ghonewal village in Amritsar's Ajnala and met the flood-hit people to enquire about the damage.

Ghonewal village was among several areas in Ajnala which was badly hit by floodwaters. Gandhi sat among some flood-affected people and interacted with them.

PUNJAB CM MANN DEMANDS REOPENING OF KARTARPUR CORRIDOR FOR SIKH PILGRIMS

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today demanded that the Kartarpur Sahib corridor be opened and Sikh jathas be allowed to pay obeisance at their most revered of shrines: Kartarpur Sahib and Nanakana Sahib. Mann said that he will also be writing to the Centre on this issue soon. "If you can allow a cricket match between India and Pakistan during the Asia Cup, why should Punjabis' devotion towards their shrines in Pakistan be ignored? Either you allow all kinds of alliances with Pakistan or you do not allow anything. You can't have cricket relations with Pakistan, because ICC is headed by "bade sahib ke ladle", but tell the Sikhs that they can't go to Pakistan because of deteriorating relations between the two countries in wake of Operation Sindoor," thundered Mann.

SC COLLEGIUM RECOMMENDS NAMES OF TWO ADVOCATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS JUDGES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HC

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court Collegium led by CJI BR Gavai on Monday approved the proposal for appointment of two advocates as judges of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

The two lawyers recommended for elevation to the Himachal Pradesh High Court are Jiya Lal Bhardwaj and Romesh Verma, a Collegium resolution said. The decision was taken in a meeting of the Collegium, which also included Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath.



AAP MLA DINESH CHADHA URGES PUNJAB TO IMPOSE RECIPROCAL ENTRY TAX ON HIMACHAL VEHICLES

Diary Times Desk : The AAP MLA from Ropar Assembly constituency, Dinesh Chadha, today demanded that the state government should impose reciprocal entry tax on vehicles registered in Himachal Pradesh entering Punjab. Chadha, along with residents of some villages located on the state border in Ropar district, reached the Himachal entry toll tax barrier near Ghanauli area. He protested against collection of entry tax from the residents of villages located along the borders of Himachal in Punjab. He also talked to the Himachal excise officials on call and questioned the imposition of tax on people residing in border areas. Later, while talking to The Tribune, the AAP MLA alleged that the Himachal government was the only state in the country which has imposed entry tax on vehicles registered in other states. Himachal was collecting about Rs 100 crore annually through the entry tax and 90 per cent of it was being paid by residents of Punjab. I have written to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to take up the issue with the Himachal CM. In case the Himachal government does not relent, Punjab should also impose reciprocal entry tax on vehicles registered in Himachal entering state territory, he said.

HIMACHAL HC DIRECTS CENTRE, STATE TO IDENTIFY FIRMS LIABLE UNDER CSR FOR DISASTER AID

Diary Times Desk : Taking cognizance of the devastation caused by unprecedented rainfall this year, the Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed the Union and state governments to submit a list of companies liable under corporate social responsibility (CSR) to determine their contribution towards disaster management.

The Bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma made it clear that the exercise was meant “to ascertain which of the companies has complied with social and statutory responsibility to contribute and whether the State has called upon them to do so or not, in view of the unprecedented rainfall in 2025 and the fallout of the same, which has led to the crippling of the infrastructure.”

The direction came as the high court directed its Registry to treat the matter as a separate public interest litigation before impleading as respondents the Union of India through the secretaries of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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.

40-DAY PAROLE OVER,
DERA HEAD GURMEET
RAM RAHIM RETURNS
TO ROHTAK JAIL

Diary Times Desk : Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda chief and rape-murder convict Gurmeet Ram Rahim, who was on a 40-day parole, returned to Sunaria jail in the district upon the completion of the parole period this evening.

The Dera head is undergoing 20-year imprisonment in connection with the rape of two of his disciples. He has also been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati. The Dera head had left the jail on the morning of August 5 and went to the Dera headquarters at Sirsa.

Ram Rahim reportedly took the parole this time to celebrate his 58th birthday, which fell on August 15. He was not allowed to hold any large gatherings at the Dera and was permitted to connect with followers virtually only.

It was for the 14th time that he was released from the jail on furlough/parole ever since he was awarded the jail term by a special CBI court in August, 2017. The Dera head was released on a one-day for the first time in October 2020, then on a 12-hour parole in May 2021, both times to visit his ailing mother.

ACCUSED FROM
HARYANA COMMITS
SUICIDE DURING POLICE
SIEGE IN DEHRADUN

Diary Times Desk : An accused wanted in cases of fraud and forgery in Haryana allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself during a police siege in Dehradun on Sunday. Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ajay Singh said that the incident took place when a joint team of police from Dehradun, Haridwar and Haryana's Jind district raided a house at Laxman Chowk here, where the accused, Sunil Kapoor (36), was reported to be hiding. The SSP said that Kapoor was hiding at his relative's house, and the police had asked him to surrender, but the accused allegedly shot himself with his licensed revolver.

HARYANA EMERGING AS 'DRUG CORRIDOR' FOR INTER-STATE TRAFFICKERS

Diary Times Desk : Haryana is receiving narcotics smuggled from neighbouring as well as far away states. From poppy fields of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Bihar to the charas (hashish) of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir; from ganja (marijuana) farms of Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh to pharmaceutical hubs of Himachal's Baddi, Uttarakhand, Delhi, and Punjab — drugs are flowing steadily into the state.

A data of the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) reveals Haryana is emerging as a consumption hub of drugs from several states.



HARYANA GIRLS PACK A PUNCH,
WIN 2 GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE

Diary Times Desk : Haryana girls have won laurels at the international boxing circuit, with two pugilists from the state winning gold medals for the country in their respective weight categories at the ongoing World Boxing Championships being held in Liverpool, UK. The first gold medal was bagged by Bhiwani girl Jaismine Lamboria in the 57 kg weight category by defeating Olympic medallist Julia Koulend. She has become the ninth world champion in her weight category from India. Another Haryana girl, Minakshi Hooda from Rurki village in Rohtak district, also won the gold in the 48 kg weight category to add the second gold to India's kitty.

Besides, Nupur Sheoran claimed the silver medal in the 80+ kg category, while Pooja Rani secured the bronze in the 80 kg category, taking the total medal haul to four, including two gold.



PM MODI ANNOUNCES RS 1,200
CRORE AID FOR DISASTER-HIT
AREAS OF UTTARAKHAND

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Thursday announced a financial assistance of Rs 1,200 crore for flood and rain-affected areas of Uttarakhand.

He also announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for those left injured in a series of natural calamities that hit various districts of the hill state this monsoon. He announced comprehensive support under the PM CARES for Children scheme to children orphaned due to the recent floods and landslides in the state.

The prime minister also met the affected families and offered his condolences. He interacted with NDRF, SDRF personnel and disaster volunteers who lent a helping hand at ground zero during the disasters and praised their efforts.

AAP FORMS LEGAL TEAM TO CHALLENGE PSA DETENTION OF DODA MLA MEHRAJ
MALIK

Diary Times Desk : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday announced a 10-member legal team comprising prominent Jammu and Kashmir advocates to challenge the detention of its J&K unit president and Doda MLA, Mehraj Malik, under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

Meanwhile, district authorities restored broadband internet services in Doda district as the situation started returning to normal after nearly one week. Also, restrictions under Section 163 of the BNSS were withdrawn from the entire Doda district today evening, except from Kahara and Chillil Pingal tehsils. Schools in the entire district, except Bhatyas zone, will open from Monday (September 15). Malik was detained on September 8 for allegedly disturbing public order in Doda district. His detention triggered violent protests, prompting authorities to impose prohibitory restrictions and suspend mobile internet and broadband services.

In a post on X, AAP Delhi MLA and J&K in-charge Imran Hussain reaffirmed the party's support for Malik. He said, "AAP stands strong with our MLA Mehraj Malik, arrested under PSA. A strong legal team led by Senior Advocate Nirmal K. Kotwal, along with Advocates Muzaffar Khan, Sheikh Shakeel Ahmad, and Appu Singh (Assisting Counsel), supported by Arvind Bhandral, Joginder Singh Thakur, Gaurav Sarangal, Sandeep Sharma, Asim Hashmi, and M Tariq Mughal will fight this case."



Rare ‘Tooth-In-Eye’ Surgery

When Brent Chapman was 13, he took ibuprofen during a Christmas basketball game. It was a drug he had taken before, but what happened next was anything but routine: He had a severe reaction that caused burns all over his body, including on the surface of his eyes. Chapman was in a coma for 27 days. He lost his left eye to an infection and lost most of his vision in the other. His body recovered, but his vision fully never returned.

“For the last 20 years, I’ve been having close to 50 surgeries trying to save this eye, most of them cornea transplants,” Chapman said of his right eye. “We would put a new cornea in. It would last sometimes just a few months or even up to years, but it would just kind of never heal.”

But Dr. Greg Moloney, clinical associate professor of corneal surgery at the University of British Columbia, was able to restore Chapman’s sight this year with a rare procedure that involved implanting Chapman’s own tooth into his eye.

“I’m very happy and am just taking in the world again, appreciating the little things. It’s been kind of surreal and kind of a euphoric feeling to it,” Chapman said.



Asuka Koda
The shaved tooth, with the lens in place, is implanted into the patient’s cheek or eyelid for several months, allowing soft tissue to grow around it.



The procedure, also known as tooth-in-eye or osteo-odonto-keratoprosthesis, involves removing a patient’s tooth, sewing a piece of it into the cheek and placing the structure into their eye. It’s considered a last resort.

“It’s a situation where a standard corneal transplant simply won’t work,” said Dr. Vicente Diaz, assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual science at the Yale School of Medicine. Diaz was not involved with Chapman’s case but treats people who have Stevens-Johnson syndrome, the rare and sometimes fatal drug reaction that caused Chapman’s blindness.

The condition causes severe inflammation of the skin and mucous membranes, including the eyes. In some cases, Diaz said, the immune system attacks and destroys the limbal stem cells that are essential for keeping the cornea clear. Without these cells, corneal tissue becomes scarred and keratinized, as if the cornea has skin growing over it, blocking light from reaching the retina.

Stevens-Johnson syndrome can be triggered by any medication or infection, although certain drugs such as seizure medications, gout medications and antibacterial sulfa drugs carry a higher risk. There are also certain genetic factors that could put someone at a higher risk of developing the disorder. Diaz noted that it can occur at any point in a person’s life, even after previous exposure to the same trigger without incident.

A tooth for an eye

In a healthy eye, the cornea acts like a windshield, allowing light to pass through to the lens and then to the retina, where it is converted into electrical signals sent to the brain. The cornea’s clarity depends on adequate lubrication and a steady renewal of cells by limbal stem cells. In conditions like Stevens-Johnson syndrome, those systems fail.

When the cornea is permanently opaque and the eye rejects a cornea transplant, surgeons sometimes turn to tooth-in-eye surgery.

77th Emmy Awards

See Who Won At The Emmy Awards

The 77th Emmy Awards were presented on Sunday and three shows dominated during television’s biggest night.

“Adolescence” won outstanding limited series, “The Pitt” won outstanding drama, while “The Studio” set a new record for total Emmy wins for a comedy series on one night with 13.



Outstanding supporting actress in a limited or anthology series or movie
Erin Doherty, “Adolescence” - WINNER

A list of nominees in major categories follows below, with the winners indicated in bold.



Sandra Gonzalez

Outstanding supporting actor in a limited or anthology series or movie

- **Javier Bardem, “Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story”**
- **Bill Camp, “Presumed Innocent”**
- **Owen Cooper, “Adolescence” -- WINNER**
- **Rob Delaney, “Dying For Sex”**
- **Peter Sarsgaard**

Britt Lower won outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her role in “Severance,” while Noah Wyle earned the lead actor trophy in the same category for his role in “The Pitt.”

In the comedy category, “The Studio” star Seth Rogen was awarded outstanding lead actor, and Jean Smart collected her seventh career Emmy, winning outstanding lead actress for her role in “Hacks” -- her fourth for that role.

For a limited or anthology series or movie, Stephen Graham won outstanding lead actor for “Adolescence,” and Cristin Milioti earned outstanding lead actress for “The Penguin.”

The ceremony, hosted by comedian Nate Bargatze, aired live on CBS and streamed on

Paramount+ from the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.

Outstanding drama series

- “Andor”
- “The Diplomat”
- “The Last of Us”
- “Paradise”
- **“The Pitt” -- WINNER**
- “Severance”
- “Slow Horses”
- “The White Lotus”

Lead actor in a drama series

- Sterling K. Brown, “Paradise”
- Gary Oldman, “Slow Horses”
- Pedro Pascal, “The Last of Us”
- Adam Scott, “Severance”
- **Noah Wyle, “The Pitt” -- WINNER**

Outstanding Comedy series

- “Abbott Elementary”
- “The Bear”
- “Hacks”
- “Nobody Wants This”
- “Only Murders in the Building”
- “Shrinking”
- “The Studio” -- **WINNER**
- “What We Do in the Shadows”

Limited or anthology series

- “Adolescence” -- **WINNER**
- “Black Mirror”
- “Dying for Sex”
- “The Penguin”
- “Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story”

Outstanding talk series

- “The Daily Show”
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”
- “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert” -- **WINNER**

Lead actor in a limited or anthology series or movie

- Colin Farrell, “The Penguin”
- Stephen Graham, “Adolescence” -- **WINNER**
- Jake Gyllenhaal, “Presumed Innocent”
- Brian Tyree Henry, “Dope Thief”
- Cooper Koch, “Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story”

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Swimming In Canal

TOURISTS FINED AND BANNED FROM VENICE

A couple from the United Kingdom had to cut their vacation in Venice short after being caught swimming in the Grand Canal.

The 35-year-old British man and his 25-year-old Romanian girlfriend were forced to return to their home in the UK on Thursday, the same day they arrived in the city, after gondoliers reported them to local police for taking a dip in the canal.

The pair were fined €450 (\$529) each and expelled from Venice for 48 hours, marking the 1,136th such sanction to be handed down to badly behaved tourists in the city so far this year, according to the Venice City Police.

The unnamed couple took the plunge near the Accademia bridge near St. Mark’s Square and gondoliers at the Rio San Vidal kiosk immediately called authorities, who removed them from the water.

“I thank the gondoliers for their cooperation and timely reporting,” said Venice Security Councillor Elisabetta Pesce in a statement published by city authorities on Friday.

“Venice must be defended from those who disrespect it: protecting the city means

ensuring decorum for residents and visitors who experience it with civility.”

Swimming in the Venice canals is prohibited for a variety of reasons, including the intense boat traffic and the cleanliness — or lack thereof — of the water, according to the city’s tourism ministry.

“Since the beginning of the year, we have issued a total of 1,136 orders of expulsion for incidents of degradation and uncivilized behavior,” Venice local police deputy commander Gianni Franzoi said in a statement shared with CNN.

Poor visitor behavior is one of the worst byproducts of overtourism, Franzoi said, and incidents are on the rise.

In July 2024, an Australian man was fined and expelled for diving off the Rialto Bridge after his friends posted about it on social media.

The year before, two French tourists were fined and expelled for skinny dipping in the canal under the moonlight. In August 2022, a German man was fined and expelled for surfing in the canal.

Day trippers now pay a €10 entrance fee on summer weekends and during busy periods throughout the year.



The city has also banned tour groups of more than 25 people, loudspeakers and megaphones, and even standing on narrow streets to listen to tour guides.

“It was necessary to establish a system of penalties that would effectively deter potential violations,” Pesce said when the ordinance was passed in February.

“Our goal remains to combat all forms of irregularities related to overtourism in the historic lagoon city center,” she added.

“The new rules for groups accompanied by guides encourage a more sustainable form of tourism, while also ensuring greater protection and safety in the city and better balancing the needs of Venice residents and visitors.”

“Since the beginning of the year, we have issued a total of 1,136 eviction orders for incidents of degradation and uncivilized behavior,” Venice local police deputy commander Gianni Franzoi told the local outlet. “About 10 of which were issued specifically for bathing.”

H2O HOUSE, CHAMBA – WHERE MODERN LIVING MEETS NATURE’S EMBRACE



Diary Times Desk : Nestled amidst the serene landscapes and rolling hills of Chamba, H2O House stands as a unique blend of contemporary architecture and eco-friendly living. Designed for those who seek tranquility without compromising on comfort, H2O House offers a retreat-like experience while staying connected to modern amenities.

A Sustainable Vision
H2O House is built with a focus on sustainability and harmony with the surrounding environment. Utilizing locally sourced materials, energy-efficient designs, and water conservation techniques, the property aims to reduce its carbon footprint while offering a comfortable lifestyle. Large windows bring in natural light and offer uninterrupted views of the mountains and forests, while solar panels ensure eco-friendly power solutions.

Architecture That Speaks
The design of H2O House is a fine example of modern minimalism paired with traditional aesthetics. Clean lines, wooden textures, and open spaces create an airy, calming atmosphere. Whether it's the cozy balconies overlooking lush valleys or the tastefully designed interiors, every corner of the house reflects thoughtfulness and elegance.

- Amenities and Experience**
- **Comfortable Living Spaces:** Spacious bedrooms, an open living area, and a fully equipped kitchen make it perfect for both short stays and long-term living.
 - **Outdoor Spaces:** A terrace lounge and garden area invite residents to relax, meditate, or simply enjoy the cool mountain breeze.
 - **Connectivity:** High-speed internet and other essential utilities ensure that modern conveniences are never far away.
 - **Adventure & Wellness:** With easy access to trekking routes, nature trails, and wellness activities, H2O House encourages both exploration and relaxation.

Why H2O House Stands Out
What sets H2O House apart is its balance – a retreat for nature lovers and professionals alike. It offers a place to unplug, recharge, and reconnect with oneself and the environment. Its sustainable approach appeals to eco-conscious individuals while its modern design satisfies the expectations of urban lifestyles.

A Destination for All
Whether you are a traveler seeking peace, a family looking for a weekend getaway, or someone considering a second home, H2O House in Chamba welcomes you with warmth and elegance. It's more than a property – it's a lifestyle choice rooted in simplicity, mindfulness, and beauty.

MAKKI DA HALWA: A CULINARY JOURNEY WITH CHEF REETIKA GILL

Diary Times Desk : A Legacy of Seasons in a Bowl
In our home, the arrival of the monsoon is always welcomed by the comforting ritual of Makki da Halwa. For generations – from my grandmother to my mother, and now to me – this dish has been prepared at least twice every season. It is never just about satisfying a sweet tooth; it is about keeping a tradition alive.
The sweetness of jaggery or khandsari, the nourishment of fresh corn, and the warmth of milk and ghee come together in a preparation that truly reflects the season – simple, golden, and wholesome. For my mother, it was important that her children and grandchildren grew up with these flavors, so that one day we too would carry this memory into our own kitchens. Each spoonful is more than food; it is love, care, and continuity passed down through generations. It reminds us that cooking doesn't have to be complicated – with just a few ingredients, one can create something delicious, nourishing, and timeless.
Children love it, elders cherish it, and it always leaves behind a deep sense of comfort and joy – a true taste of the season.

- Makki da Halwa**
Yield: ~325 g
- Ingredients**
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| 400 g | fresh dehusked corn (bhutta) – after grating ~120 g (¾ cup) |
| 40 g (¼ cup) | ghee |
| 1 ½ cups | full cream milk |
| 30 g (2 tbsp.) | jaggery / khandsari / bhura sugar |

- Method**
- 1.Heat ghee in a heavy-bottomed kadhai over medium flame.
 - 2.Add the grated corn and roast for 8–10 minutes, stirring continuously, until lightly golden and aromatic.
 - 3.Pour in the milk and cook for 8–10 minutes, stirring continuously, until the milk reduces and the mixture thickens to a porridge-like consistency.
 - 4.Lower the heat and add jaggery or khandsari. (Tip: dissolve it in 2–3 tbsp of warm milk or water before adding, to prevent crystallisation.)
 - 5.Stir well and continue cooking until the sweetener melts completely and the halwa turns glossy.
 - 6.Remove from heat, transfer to a serving bowl, and serve warm.

- Variations (Optional Enhancements)**
- Cardamom: Add a pinch of freshly ground cardamom while cooking for a delicate aroma.
 - Saffron: Soak a few saffron strands in warm milk and stir in at step 4 for colour and flavour.
 - Nuts: Garnish with slivers of almonds or cashews roasted in ghee.
 - Coconut: Add a spoonful of freshly grated coconut along with the milk for richness.



RUBEN AMORIM: MANCHESTER UNITED TO REMAIN PATIENT
WITH HEAD COACH DESPITE WORST START TO PREMIER LEAGUE
SEASON IN 33 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : The club has a long-term plan and while there is obvious and growing frustration with results, there will be no knee-jerk reaction or regular reassessment of the head coach's future after every defeat - however loud the noise grows from outside. Since Sir Alex Ferguson left 12 years ago, there have been two caretakers, and eight 'substantive' bosses. There is no desire to start afresh with a ninth. That said, Amorim desperately needs a performance and a more positive result against Chelsea this weekend, live on Sky Sports, otherwise the clamour for his sacking will only grow. With four points from their opening four games, United have endured their worst start to a Premier League season since 1992/93. They also went out of the Carabao Cup - one of only three competitions they had the chance to win in 2025-26 - against Grimsby Town of League Two. This, after last season which saw their lowest ever Premier League points tally (42), and their most Premier League defeats (15).



HANSI FLICK'S BIG DILEMMA AHEAD OF
BARCELONA'S FIRST CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
FIXTURE OF THE SEASON



Diary Times Desk : Barcelona's 6-0 win over Valencia was the team's most complete performance in a long time and could not have arrived at a better moment. The Catalans were imperious on the night and back to their free-flowing football, something they will have to replicate midweek if they are to win away from home against Newcastle United in the UEFA Champions League. Hansi Flick will have a lot of positives to take away from the league win, but one position where he will now be in a dilemma over is the centre-forward position, given that both Ferran Torres and Robert Lewandowski are making strong cases for themselves.

REAL MADRID'S APPEAL TO OVERTURN
DEFENDER'S SUSPENSION LIKELY TO FAIL -
REPORT



Diary Times Desk : Real Madrid have remained frustrated at referees from the get-go this season, and understandably so, given the number of decisions that have gone against them in recent weeks. The latest event that stirred the offices in the Spanish capital came during the team's clash against Real Sociedad at the weekend when Dean Huijsen was sent off for a foul that led to the hosts being denied an 'obvious goalscoring opportunity' according to the referee. As per Los Blancos, however, Huijsen was not the last man and Eder Militao was just metres away from him at that point in time, making a red card an exaggerated punishment.

'PHENOMENAL' GRAVENBERCH NOW 'IRREPLACEABLE' LIKE VAN DIJK

Diary Times Desk : Arne Slot transformed the supposedly attacking midfielder into a number six when he arrived at the club and Gravenberch was one of the big success stories of his debut season - winning the Premier League young player of the year award. But at the beginning of 2025-26, he has been even better than before. Against Burnley at Turf Moor, he completely ran the show. His ability to wriggle through a press in midfield is the best in the country. There is no midfielder with his technical ability in tight spaces. In one moment, Gravenberch scooped a ball over a Burnley player's head before recycling it to a teammate. It was utterly unnecessary and totally brilliant, demonstrating the sheer confidence he is feeling right now.

Manchester City have Rodri, Arsenal have Declan Rice and Chelsea have Moises Caicedo, but given Gravenberch is only 23, I would not swap him for any of them.

He also suits Slot's style perfectly, as Liverpool's defenders can pass to him with his back to goal and there is no worry about his ability to retain possession.



LA LIGA: CHAMPIONS
BARCELONA CRUSH VALENCIA
AT TRAINING GROUND
STADIUM



Diary Times Desk : Robert Lewandowski, Raphinha and Fermin Lopez struck twice each as Barcelona thumped Valencia 6-0 on Sunday in a La Liga match they were forced to play at their tiny training ground stadium because of delays in reopening the Spotify Camp Nou. The rampant Spanish champions moved second, two points behind leaders Real Madrid, who boast a 100 percent record after their win at Real Sociedad on Saturday. Hosting the game at the 6,000-capacity Johan Cruyff Stadium beside their training facilities west of the city, with the rebuilt Camp Nou not yet permitted to open, Barca's first home game of the season saw high-calibre football in a low-key setting.

MARC BERNAL ELATED AFTER
BARCELONA COMEBACK -
'SOMETHING I'LL ALWAYS
REMEMBER'



Diary Times Desk : Sunday night at Estadi Johan Cruyff was a special one for FC Barcelona midfield prodigy Marc Bernal as he made his comeback onto the field vs Valencia, 383 days after suffering an ACL injury against Rayo Vallecano. The 18-year-old midfield prodigy came on in the final ten minutes wearing the number 22 of the first team and was met with a thunderous ovation. The bench rose to its feet, the crowd at Estadi Johan Cruyff erupted - applauding Pedri at the same time - and Bernal smiled, fully aware that he was living a moment he had dreamed of countless times during a long and difficult year. Bernal overjoyed Bernal's return could not have been better: a perfect assist for Robert Lewandowski for the sixth goal, a pinpoint pass to his feet that the Pole finished with a lob. The goal required VAR confirmation before sparking wild celebrations in the stands. "It's a unique feeling, I'm very happy to be back.