

NEWS IN BRIEF

**MULTI-STATE
ENFORCEMENT
DIRECTORATE
RAIDS IN ANDHRA
PRADESH LIQUOR
CASE**



Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today conducted a series of searches across multiple states, including Telangana, Delhi-NCR, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, as part of a money-laundering investigation into the alleged Andhra Pradesh liquor scam. The raids come based on reports from a Special Investigation Team (SIT) that has flagged an alleged massive diversion of funds in the liquor policy implemented by the YSRCP government. Officials confirmed that the searches targeted intermediaries suspected of having routed an estimated Rs 3,500 crore through a complex network of benami firms, shell entities, and hawala channels.

**"CAN'T BE ON
WHIMS": COURT
TO CENTRE ON
PROCEDURE TO
ALLOT BUNGALOW
TO KEJRIWAL**

Diary Times Desk : Allotment of residential accommodation cannot be based purely on whims of the authorities, the Delhi High Court on Thursday said in a plea filed by Aam Aadmi Party seeking a bungalow for its national convener and former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in the capital. Justice Sachin Datta directed the joint secretary of Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the director of Directorate of Estates to be present before it virtually in the matter on September 25. "Is there a procedure in place? I want to see how this procedure has been applied in the past... How priority is taken into account, sequence of allotment?... Assuming there is a limited number of bungalows, how do you decide?" it asked. The court went on, "There has to be a transparent mechanism and it cannot be purely on your whims. As long as there is a clear discernible policy... I want to know the manner of assessing priority."

FLOODWATERS
IN HYDERABAD

Afzalsagar nala in Mallepally. In a separate incident, a man fell into a nala in Musheerabad and also went missing. Despite intensified search operations by the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), the missing persons remain untraced. Hyderabad witnessed one of its heaviest spells of rainfall on Wednesday evening, which continued late into the night and through the early hours of Thursday. According to data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs), several areas recorded extremely heavy rainfall. Musheerabad area reported a staggering 184.3 mm, while Bholakpur, Chilkalguda, Secunderabad, and Mettuguda all received over 140 mm of rain. The sheer volume of the downpour overwhelmed the city's drainage systems, turning streets into fast-flowing rivers. The intense rain left a trail of chaos across the city. Many low-lying areas were submerged, with rainwater entering homes and forcing residents to evacuate. Underpasses, including the one at the Bible House, were severely inundated, forcing the authorities to divert traffic, causing massive gridlocks that stretched well past midnight. Commuters reported ordeals of being stuck in traffic for hours, with some vehicles breaking down after attempting to drive through deep water. The disruption has also hit businesses, with many forced to close early due to the floodwaters.

MAN GETS SWEEPED AWAY IN HYDERABAD
FLOODWATERS, 4TH DEATH THIS WEEK

Diary Times Desk : A 27-year-old man was swept away by floodwaters in Hyderabad on Wednesday night while returning home from work. Mohammed Sharfuddin was on his 2-wheeler when the tragic incident happened near New Balkampet Bridge. Locals who pulled him out found him wearing his helmet, raincoat, all prepared for the downpour. "Sharfuddin would take the same route back home every day. There was a function at home, so he was in a hurry to get home and tried to pass the flooded underpass area. Unfortunately, he didn't reach home," SR Nagar Inspector Srinath Reddy told NDTV. The death of Sharfuddin comes as search and rescue operations are still underway for three people who went missing in separate incidents during the heavy rains on Sunday. Two men, identified as Arjun and Ramu, were swept away by the overflowing

LALIT MODI'S BROTHER ARRESTED IN RAPE CASE, LAWYER
TERMS ALLEGATIONS "FALSE"

Diary Times Desk : Businessman Samir Modi was arrested at the airport on Thursday following a Look-Out Circular (LOC) issued by the Delhi Police. Samir Modi was returning to India after a business trip to Europe when he was taken into custody. Samir Modi, brother of Lalit Modi, was presented before a Delhi court, which remanded him to one day of police custody. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered last week at the New Friends Colony Police Station, following a complaint by a woman who alleged she had been in a long-term relationship with Modi since 2019.

In a press statement, Modi's lawyer described the allegations as "false and concocted" and claimed they were motivated by attempts to extort money from him. "Significantly, on August 8 and August 13, 2025, Samir Modi had filed complaints before various police officers for extortion and blackmail by the same lady, supported by WhatsApp chats in which she demanded an amount of 50 crores," the statement said. It further criticized the police action as hasty, stating: "This is a clear case of abuse of the provisions of law and also hasty acts of the police in making an arrest without verifying the facts. Samir Modi had met with the investigating officer on this old case before his visit abroad, and he was arrested on his return to India arbitrarily." Modi, who is involved in several business-related litigations, is described in the statement as "a respectable businessman (who)... has full faith in the judiciary of our country and agencies who will not only investigate but immediately bring closure to this matter."

MANUAL SCAVENGING SPOTTED
OUTSIDE SUPREME COURT, DELHI
GOVERNMENT GETS STEEP FINE

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi Public Works Department has been fined Rs 5 lakh by the Supreme Court after its labourers were found cleaning sewers outside the court building manually -- a process that is banned in view of the risks it poses to workers. The court said the PWD not only employed workers without safety gear but also employed a minor for the work.

The Bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice NV Anjaria also warned that if the violations are repeated, a police case will be filed against the officials concerned. The fine must be deposited with the National Safai Karamchari Commission within four weeks.

The cleaning outside the Gate F of the Supreme Court came to its notice in August after senior advocate K Parameshwara submitted an application. Submitting a video showing the manual sewer cleaning, he told the court that certain responsibilities needed to be fixed, as the court's 2023 directives had been clearly violated. That the labourers were working without safety equipment became clear from the photographs attached. "We are compelled to state that the photographs shown to us show that manual scavenging and hazardous cleaning work is also being carried out at Gate F of this Court," said the judges. On August 6, the court made the East Delhi Municipal Corporation party to the proceedings and issued a notice. The civic body's Chief Executive Officer was directed to file an affidavit explaining why manual scavenging and hazardous cleaning work is still being carried out by laborers.

AIR INDIA EXPRESS FLIGHT, BOUND FOR
HYDERABAD, MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING IN
VISAKHAPATNAM

Diary Times Desk : An Air India Express flight made an emergency landing at the Visakhapatnam Airport on Thursday following a suspected bird hit incident. The flight was bound for Hyderabad but cut short its journey after the incident. Visakhapatnam Airport director N Purushottam said the pilot of Air India Express flight IX 2658 requested an emergency landing and returned to the port city after abandoning the journey to Hyderabad.

"After departing Vizag, the pilot reported some problem in the engine. So, he asked for an emergency landing and returned to Vizag. The flight landed safely and passengers were deboarded," Purushottam told PTI, adding that the airline is making alternative arrangements. According to him, the aircraft took off from Vizag at 2:38 pm and returned by 3 pm, covering only about 10 nautical miles. The suspected bird hit is believed to have occurred during ascent. In a statement, Air India said, "One of our aircraft suffered a bird strike at Visakhapatnam and returned to the airport after take-off. The flight had to be cancelled pending certification of the aircraft's feasibility to return to service. We regret the inconvenience and have offered multiple options to impacted guests, including complimentary rescheduling to our next flight on the same day, or a full refund if they elect to cancel."

AI Express flight suffers engine snag Earlier this month, a Delhi-Indore Air India Express flight with 161 passengers on board experienced an engine fault mid-air on September 5, prompting the pilot to issue a 'PAN-PAN' call indicating a non-life-threatening emergency.

AMIT SHAH

**'BIHAR WILL BE TEEMING
WITH INFILTRATORS IF
OPPOSITION ALLIANCE COMES
TO POWER', WARNS AMIT
SHAH**



Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday expressed confidence that the national democratic alliance (NDA) would return to power with a full majority in the upcoming assembly elections in Bihar due in October-November this year. Addressing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers' conclave in Bihar's Begusarai, Shah said that the NDA would win the election in such a big way that Opposition leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav would not dare to contest elections next time.

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar, Shah said that the Yatra mainly aimed at shielding Bangladeshi infiltrators. "Voter Adhikar Yatra nahi wo ghuspathiye bachao yatra thi (The yatra was not for saving voters' rights, but to shield infiltrators)," he asserted.

He cautioned the people against Opposition alliance's poll strategy. "If they (Opposition parties) come to power even by fluke, every district in Bihar will be teeming with infiltrators," he said, urging party workers to make people aware of the impending danger during the election campaign.

"You must fan out across the state, visit every house and tell the people that if they come to power, even by fluke, every district of Bihar will be teeming with infiltrators," the former BJP national president asserted. He said that the names of infiltrators had been deleted by the Election Commission during special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

"The Opposition tried to set a (wrong) narrative by raising SIR issue but the names of bona fide voters had not been deleted," he claimed.

'CLOSE TO INDIA...
SANCTIONED THEM': AMID
BONHOMIE, TRUMP'S MIXED
MESSAGING

Diary Times Desk : Attempting to burnish his credentials as a solver of conflicts, US President Donald Trump said he had imposed "sanctions" on India to help end the war between Russia and Ukraine while simultaneously stating he is very close to New Delhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Answering a question, during a press conference with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Thursday, on countries purchasing Russian oil and whether it was time to "squeeze" Vladimir Putin by imposing sanctions, Mr Trump said the Russian president would drop out of the war if the price of oil comes down.

The US President also brought up his birthday wish for Prime Minister Modi and said the PM had issued a "beautiful statement" in response.

In his usual rambling way, Mr Trump said, "When I found out that the European Nations were buying oil from Russia... And, as you know, I am very close to India, I am very close to the Prime Minister of India. I spoke to him the other day, I wished him a happy birthday. We have a very good relationship. He put out a beautiful statement, too... But I sanctioned them."

The mixed messaging comes amid a perceived uptick in ties between India and the US after tensions over the 50% tariffs.

NO VISAS FOR INDIAN BUSINESSPERSONS, FAMILY WITH
DRUG TRAFFICKING LINKS: US



Diary Times Desk : The United States has revoked the visas of Indian businesspersons and their family members, and denied subsequent re-applications, based on their involvement in trafficking 'precursors' of fentanyl, the synthetic opiod behind a drugs crisis in that country, the American embassy in Delhi said Thursday.

The statement did not name anyone but said the

decision to deny visas would make them and close family members 'ineligible for travel to the United States'. It also said the embassy will flag the executive leadership of companies known to have trafficked fentanyl precursors when they apply for visas.

"The US Delhi remains steadfast in its commitment to combating drug trafficking. Individuals and organisations involved in the illegal production and trafficking of drugs to the United States will, with their families, face consequences that may include being denied access to the US," the embassy said.

The embassy also said it is 'grateful to our counterparts in the Government of India for their close cooperation in combating this shared challenge'. "Only by working together will our two governments address this transnational threat, and keep both our peoples safe from illicit drugs."

"I RESPECT ALL RELIGIONS": CHIEF JUSTICE BR GAVAI AFTER
DEITY REMARK ROW

Diary Times Desk : Chief Justice of India BR Gavai on Thursday said that his remarks in the matter concerning the restoration of a Lord Vishnu Idol in Khajuraho are being misportrayed on social media. "Someone told me the other day that the comments I made have been portrayed in social media in a certain manner...I respect all religions," the Chief Justice of India said.

The remarks in question were made on Tuesday, while dismissing a plea seeking directions to reconstruct and reinstall a seven-foot idol of Lord Vishnu at the Javari Temple, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Khajuraho temple complex in Madhya Pradesh.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Gavai had refused to entertain the plea filed by a person named Rakesh Dalal, who sought the replacement and consecration of the damaged idol at the Javari Temple in Chhatarpur district.



BRITISH MP BOB BLACKMAN HOSTS PM MODI'S BIRTHDAY
AT HOUSE OF COMMONS



Diary Times Desk : British MP Bob Blackman on Wednesday brought together community leaders, spiritual figures and parliamentarians at the UK House of Commons to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday on Wednesday. "I was pleased to host the celebration of PM Narendra Modi on his 75th Birthday in the Houses of Parliament," he wrote on X, posting pictures from the event. The Conservative Party leader hosted the event in collaboration with the International Siddhashram Shakti Centre UK (a Hindu spiritual organisation), Garavi Gujarati (Gujarati-English weekly), and Eastern Eye (a British-Asian newspaper). The event featured cultural performances by Siddhashram's troupe, with attendees seen wearing masks printed with PM Modi's face. Organisers described it as a symbolic "Modi on every seat" display inside the UK Parliament.

14 FEARED DEAD AS LANDSLIDES,
FLOODING HIT UTTARAKHAND'S
CHAMOLI VILLAGES



Diary Times Desk : Uttarakhand continues to reel under a relentless onslaught of cloudbursts and torrential rains, with the death toll climbing to a staggering 36 in the last 24 hours.

The latest tragedy struck Chamoli district's Nandnagar block on Thursday, where a ferocious cloudburst is feared to have buried 14 people under a deluge of debris.

Rescue teams have so far recovered one body. The escalating crisis follows Wednesday's extreme weather events, which claimed 22 lives.

NO BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA CASES IN
KARNATAKA YET, SAY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Diary Times Desk : The Karnataka Health Department has said that no cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis have been reported in the state so far, even as Kerala has recorded more than 17 deaths. Health experts have warned that while the disease is rare, it is highly fatal, underscoring the need for awareness and prevention. Dr Arjun Srivatsa, Director and Head of the Institute of Neurosciences at Sakra World Hospital, said amoebic encephalitis, caused by the Naegleria fowleri amoeba, typically develops one to nine days after exposure to contaminated water. "The infection enters through the nasal cavity and advances rapidly, potentially becoming fatal within days," he said.

Common symptoms include severe headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, seizures, hallucinations, sensitivity to light and, in severe cases, coma.

Dr Srivatsa advised people to avoid swimming in contaminated lakes. "If swimming is unavoidable, using nasal clips can help prevent the amoeba from entering through the nasal passages.

WIFE PRESSURING HUSBAND TO CUT
FAMILY TIES AMOUNTS TO CRUELTY: HIGH
COURT



Diary Times Desk : A wife pressuring her husband to sever ties with his family members amounts to cruelty, the Delhi High Court has said and upheld an order dissolving an estranged couple's marriage. The high court further noted the repeated public humiliation and verbal abuse of a partner was mental cruelty. "While the mere desire to live separately is not cruelty, persistent and pressuring conduct to sever the respondent's (husband) bonds with his family certainly is. The Supreme Court held that a wife's persistent effort to alienate a husband from his parents.

KERALA HIGH COURT
ORDERS PROBE INTO
'MISSING' GOLD FROM
IDOLS AT SABARIMALA

Diary Times Desk : The Kerala High Court has ordered a vigilance probe into the alleged "missing" gold from the idols of the 'Dwarapalaka' at the Sabarimala Ayyappan Temple. The court, acting on its own motion (suo motu), has expressed grave concern over a discrepancy of approximately 4.54 kg of gold, which was unaccounted for after the idols were sent for re-plating in 2019.

A bench of Justices Raja Vijayaraghavan V and KV Jayakumar noted that when the copper plates, which are clad in gold and adorn the Dwarapalaka idols, were removed for fresh gold-plating in 2019, they weighed 42.8 kg. However, when they were produced before a Chennai-based firm for the work, their weight had inexplicably dropped to 38.258 kg.

This glaring shortfall of 4.54 kg has been termed an "alarming discrepancy" by the court, demanding a detailed and comprehensive investigation.

The court also questioned why the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB), which administers the temple, failed to report this significant weight loss at the time. The case involves the statues of 'Dwarapalas', which are a common feature in Hindu temple architecture. The term "Dwarapala" is Sanskrit for "door guard".

These are often imposing sculptures of warriors or divine beings placed on either side of the entrance to a temple's sanctum sanctorum or other sacred spaces. Their primary role is to serve as gatekeepers, protecting the sacred space from negative influences and ensuring the sanctity of the deity within.

In the context of the Sabarimala temple, the gold-clad Dwarapala idols are a crucial part of the shrine's heritage and architectural tradition. The High Court's scrutiny began after it took up a plea regarding the abrupt and unauthorised removal of the gold-plated panels from the Dwarapala idols for repair. The court had previously directed the TDB to bring the panels back from Chennai.

In its latest order, the court highlighted not just the missing gold but also a series of administrative lapses, including the casual manner in which these valuable articles were handed over to a private sponsor without proper protocol.

The court has directed the Chief Vigilance and Security Officer of the TDB, who is of the rank of a Superintendent of Police, to conduct a thorough investigation, examine all relevant records, and submit a detailed report within three weeks. The TDB has been instructed to cooperate fully with the vigilance probe.

CM YOGI ADITYANATH LAUNCHES OVER 20,000
HEALTH CAMPS ON PM MODI'S BIRTHDAY IN
UTTAR PRADESH



Diary Times Desk : On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated a historic state-level health campaign at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Centre, KGMU. This initiative is part of the nationwide "Swastha Nari, Sashakt Parivar" (Healthy Woman, Empowered Family) program, which aims to make women's health a mass movement by organizing over 20,000 health camps across the state.

"Health camps will not just provide check-ups but also free treatment. Medical experts have been made available at community health centres, Aarogya Mandirs, and medical colleges to ensure proper diagnosis and care," CM Yogi said. The health drive is being conducted by the health department from September 17 to October 2.

US REVOKES CHABAHAH PORT
WAIVER, SANCTIONS APPLY FROM
SEPT 29

Diary Times Desk : The United States has ended the special sanctions waiver for Iran's Chabahar Port, which may place India's flagship connectivity project under unprecedented strain. From September 29, 2025, anyone involved in operating, financing or servicing the port will face the same Treasury restrictions as other Iranian entities, according to a press note by the US Department of State. "The United States remains committed to disrupting illicit funding streams financing Iran's malign activities. As long as Iran devotes its illicit revenues to funding attacks on the United States and our allies, supporting terrorism around the world, and pursuing other destabilizing actions, we will continue to use all the tools at our disposal to hold the regime accountable," the statement from the US State Department stated. The order is part of US President Donald Trump's February 2025 National Security Presidential Memorandum on "maximum economic pressure" against Tehran.

MODI GOVERNMENT HONOURED 1994 CEASEFIRE PACT: YASIN
MALIK TELLS DELHI HC

Diary Times Desk : Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik has told the Delhi High Court that every Union government — from PV Narasimha Rao to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first term — honoured a ceasefire understanding with him after he gave up arms in 1994.

In an affidavit, Malik said: "I was provided bail in all the 32 pending militancy related TADA cases as part for a single bail order. None of these cases against me were perused, thereafter, in terms of understanding under the ceasefire agreement, during the dispensations of PV Narsimha Rao. The promise was kept by every single dispensation of the Indian government, including PM Narendra Modi in his first phase till 2019. All these dispensations kept on engaging with me."

The affidavit, running through his decades-long political journey, recounts how Malik transitioned from being the "commander-in-chief" of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) to publicly declaring a unilateral ceasefire in 1994, a move he admitted was "one of the most unpopular stances in Kashmir."

Malik said he was first arrested in August 1990 and lodged in Tihar Jail before being shifted to a guest house in Mehrauli. There, he claimed, BSF chief Ashok Patel, IB Special Director Dr Mathur, and J&K DGP JN Saxena met him almost daily in an attempt to draw him into dialogue. He refused repeated overtures to meet then Prime Minister Chandrashekar and was later moved to Agra Central Jail, where efforts to persuade him continued. Malik said successive governments honoured the understanding by not pursuing pending TADA cases and by continuing engagement with him till 2019.

'MUST LOOK TRADE DEALS
WITH INDIA TO REDUCE US
DEPENDENCY': EU CHIEF



Diary Times Desk : The European Union must look to trade deals with countries like India to reduce dependencies, with higher US import tariffs pushing the bloc to diversify its ties, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Thursday.

"We want to make a deal with India this year," von der Leyen said at a conference with German business leaders, adding that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had assured her of his commitment to this goal in a phone call on Wednesday.

"We are in talks with South Africa, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and others," she added.

DHARMASTHALA CASE: HUMAN
REMAINS FOUND AT BANGLEGUDDE
APPEAR RECENT, MOST LIKELY OF
MALES, SAY SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : Sources in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Dharmasthala mass burial case revealed that the skulls found during the search inside the Banglegudde reserve forest area are most likely of males and relatively recent. An officer associated with the SIT told TNE that forensic doctors have opined that the five skulls and other human skeletal remains recovered at Banglegudde appear to be recent and could belong to males. "Prima facie, it seems they might have ended their lives. However, we are not certain that these are suicide cases," the officer said. "Out of the over 10 acres inside Banglegudde, our teams managed to cover almost 5 acres. Separate teams were deployed for the search and seizure of remains. Skulls, jaws, and bones were all found scattered in the area. We have placed evidence markers around the locations where remains were discovered," the officer added.

TRUMP ADMIN HAS BEEN QUIETLY PUSHING TO RETAKE AFGHAN BASE FROM THE TALIBAN FOR MONTHS, SOURCES SAY

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has been quietly pushing his national security officials for months to find a way to get Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan back from the Taliban, three people familiar with the matter told CNN. Trump hinted at those discussions publicly for the first time on Thursday, telling reporters that his administration is working to regain control of the base, which lies an hour north of Kabul. The Taliban took it over following the collapse of the Afghan government and the US military withdrawal in 2021.

"We gave it to (the Taliban) for nothing," Trump said during a joint press conference with UK Prime Minister Kier Starmer on Thursday. "We're trying to get it back, by the way." The sources told CNN that the conversations about returning the base to US control date back at least to March. Trump and his senior national security officials believe the base is needed for several reasons, including to surveil China, whose border is under 500 miles away; gain access to rare earth elements and mining in Afghanistan; establish a counterterrorism node to target ISIS; and possibly reopen a diplomatic facility, the sources said.

But all of those objectives would require a US military presence, one of the sources said. And a deal that Trump struck with the Taliban in 2020, during his first term, mandated a full withdrawal of US troops from the country.

It's not clear whether or how the Taliban has been engaging with the US on relinquishing control of the key airfield. But Trump suggested on Thursday that the US has leverage over the group.

"We're trying to get it back because (the Taliban) need things from us," Trump told reporters in Buckinghamshire. "We want that base back." Trump has previously indicated that if the US withdrawal in 2021 had happened under his administration, he'd have kept control of Bagram, citing its strategic importance near the border between Afghanistan and China. Earlier this month he said that the Biden administration was "so stupid" for withdrawing US troops from the base in 2021.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM TRUMP-STARMER MEETING IN UK

Diary Times Desk : Wrapping up a three-day trip to the United Kingdom, United States President Donald Trump projected a united front with Prime Minister Keir Starmer on a variety of issues and emphasised the alliance between the two countries despite recent tensions. Trump spoke to reporters alongside Starmer on Thursday, lauding the hospitality he received in Britain.

For his part, Starmer declared the US and the UK "first partners" in trade, defence and technology.

In recent months, some European countries have been irked by Trump's trade policies and his shaky commitment to Ukraine in its war with Russia.

But the warm welcome Trump received in the UK and his joint remarks with Starmer on Thursday reflected rock-solid ties between Washington and London, which officially left the European Union in 2020.

TRUMP AND STARMER SEAL LANDMARK UK-US TECH PARTNERSHIP WORTH OVER \$200 BILLION

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump hailed America's "unbreakable bond" with Britain Thursday as he and Prime Minister Keir Starmer signed a huge tech deal on the second day of the US president's pomp-filled state visit.

A day after King Charles III treated Trump to a day of royal pageantry at Windsor Castle, Trump flew to Starmer's Chequers country residence for talks on thorny issues including the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

But Britain's work in wooing the unpredictable Trump on his second state visit seemed to have paid off as he and Starmer signed the partnership boosting ties in artificial intelligence, quantum computing and nuclear energy.

At the signing ceremony attended by a host of US tech CEOs, Labour leader Starmer said he and Republican Trump were "leaders who genuinely like each other."

FIRST MIGRANT DEPORTED TO FRANCE UNDER 'ONE IN ONE OUT' DEAL

Diary Times Desk : The first flight carrying a cross-channel small boat migrant has landed in Paris, under the UK-France agreement.

The man, an Indian national, was removed from the UK on Thursday morning on an Air France plane.

The government is launching an appeal against a High Court decision to temporarily block the deportation of an Eritrean man on modern slavery grounds.

The arrival in France, confirmed by the Home Office, comes a little over a month since the countries agreed a year-long pilot "one in one out" scheme of exchanges of migrants in the hope it will help to deter small boat crossings.

"This is an important first step to securing our borders," Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said.

COLOMBIA HALTS US ARMS PURCHASES AS ROW OVER DRUG FIGHT DELISTING ESCALATES

Diary Times Desk : Colombia has halted arms purchases from the United States, its biggest military partner, over Washington's claim that the South American country is failing to halt cocaine trafficking.

Colombian Interior Minister Armando Benedetti announced the move on Tuesday, as President Gustavo Petro accused the US of seeking to "participate" in the country's domestic politics and looking for a "puppet president" ahead of elections next year.

"From this moment on ... weapons will not be purchased from the United States," Benedetti told Blu Radio in an interview on Tuesday.

US President Donald Trump on Monday decertified Colombia as an ally in the fight against drugs, accusing the country of allowing cocaine production to surge to "all-time records".

SPEED, PRECISION, LOW COST: ISRAEL TO SOON DEPLOY "GAME-CHANGER" IRON BEAM

Diary Times Desk : Israel's ground-based high-power laser defence system Iron Beam will be deployed by the end this year, reports claimed at a time the country's war with Hamas shows no signs of abatement.

The Iron Beam 450, co-developed by Elbit Systems and Rafael Advance Defense Systems, has proven effective during trials in intercepting rockets, mortars, aircraft and drones with "unmatched speed and precision". Once deployed, the system will cost exponentially less than Israel's existing missile defenses. It will also deliver an extended range, and will significantly ramp up scalability across land, sea and air.

The Iron Beam 450 will complement Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow anti-missile systems, which have been used to intercept thousands of rockets fired towards Israel by Hamas, Lebanon's Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthis.

Defense Minister Israel Katz saying the Iron Beam "places the State of Israel at the forefront of global military technology and makes the State of Israel the first country to possess this capability". "This is not only a moment of national pride, but a historic milestone for our defense envelope."



'CATACLYSMIC' SITUATION IN GAZA CITY, UN OFFICIAL SAYS, AS ISRAELI TANKS ADVANCE



Diary Times Desk : The situation in Gaza City is "nothing short of cataclysmic", a UN official has told the BBC, as Israeli tanks and troops continue to advance on the third day of a ground offensive. Olga Cherevko, a spokeswoman for the UN's humanitarian office, said she had seen a constant stream of Palestinians heading south during a recent visit to the city, but that hundreds of thousands remained. The World Health Organization (WHO) warned that overwhelmed hospitals were on the brink of collapse because it was being prevented from

delivering lifesaving supplies. The Israeli military said its forces were "dismantling terror infrastructure and eliminating terrorists" in Gaza City. It has said its objectives are to free the hostages still held by Hamas and defeat up to 3,000 fighters in what it has described as the group's "main stronghold". However, the offensive on Gaza's biggest urban area, where one million people were living and a famine was confirmed last month, has drawn widespread international condemnation. The UN and its humanitarian partners have recorded at least 200,000 people crossing from northern to southern Gaza since mid-August, when Israel announced its intention to conquer Gaza City. Around 55,000 have made the journey since Sunday. Cherevko, who works for the UN humanitarian office in the central city of Deir al-Balah, told the BBC she travelled to Gaza City two days ago - a 29km (18 mile) round-trip that took 14 hours. "The things there, and the scenes on the way to Gaza City, are nothing short of cataclysmic," she recalled. "A constant stream of people [are] crossing from the north to the south, many on foot. Inside Gaza City, it's very crowded still because there are hundreds of thousands of civilians still remaining there." She said she also witnessed multiple Israeli strikes "very close" to the UN convoy while in Gaza City, adding: "It was really just a constant hit after hit while we were there." On Thursday morning, witnesses told Reuters news agency they had seen Israeli tanks in the northern Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood and the southern neighbourhood of Tal al-Hawa, which have come under heavy bombardment in recent days.

UK WILL RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE THIS WEEKEND: REPORT



Diary Times Desk : Britain will formally recognise a Palestinian state this weekend, after U.S. President Donald Trump, who opposes the decision, has left the country at the end of his state visit, the Times newspaper reported. Prime Minister Keir Starmer warned in July that it would take the action unless Israel took steps to relieve suffering in Gaza.

'KIDS GETTING RAPED, YOU SERVING ISRAEL': KASH PATEL BOOED OVER EPSTEIN FILES

Diary Times Desk : FBI Director Kash Patel defended the Trump administration's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein files on Wednesday as he faced questioning by Democrats over the case. In a video that is now going viral, Patel can be seen heckled by activists over the Epstein case and Israel. "You don't care about kids getting raped", an activist aggressively confronts Patel. The FBI director can be seen avoiding questions and remaining silent. The video shows the confrontation happening at the US Capitol building in Washington. At the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Patel was grilled over an ongoing purge of FBI ranks of agents seen as disloyal to US President Donald Trump.

'WE DID MORE GOOD FOR HUMANITY THAN OTHERS': DONALD TRUMP AT UK STATE DINNER



Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump was greeted with royal pomp on Wednesday as his second UK state visit began. King Charles III hosted Trump at Windsor Castle. During an elaborate state dinner, Trump offered a toast thanking England and said the UK and US had done more good for humanity than any other countries in history. "Together we've done more good for humanity than any two countries in all of history", Trump said. He also added that both countries should "continue to stand for the values and the people of the English-speaking world." Trump is the only US President and world leader who has had the honour of a second UK state visit. "This was the second state visit, and that's the first, and maybe that's going to be the last time, I hope it is actually," Trump joked during the evening banquet. The US President was treated to a pageant that included the largest guard of honour in living memory - with 120 horses and 1,300 troops - to carriage rides, an air show and a Windsor Castle state dinner.

INDIA AT RUSSIA-BELARUS WAR GAMES: WHAT IT MEANS AND WHY NATO, US ARE UNEASY

Diary Times Desk : India's decision to send 65 soldiers to Zapad 2025 - Russian-Belarusian military exercises that included simulations for the launch of nuclear weapons - came as the West, specifically the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, is on edge over war games on its doorstep. Military analysts cited in international media believe these games were designed to intimidate the rest of Europe, starting with Poland. In Delhi, participation in the Zapad games was seen as deepening long-standing ties with Russia. It also reinforces operational collaboration between the two militaries, which is critical since a bulk of India's armed forces still operates Russian-origin hardware. The government's 'aatmanirbhar Bharat', or 'self-reliant India', push in the defence sector is a plan to reduce that reliance but not in the short-term.

This, though, is also at a time when ties with the United States and the European Union go through turbulence - with spats over buying Russian oil and the trade tariff / deal stand-off with the US.

LEADING HAMAS OFFICIAL MAKES FIRST COMMENTS SINCE ISRAELI ATTACK IN QATAR

Diary Times Desk : A senior Hamas official has spoken for the first time since last week's Israeli attack on the group's leadership in the Qatari capital Doha, describing the moment of the attack and how the officials managed to barely escape. "We were in a meeting, the negotiating delegation and some advisers. Less than an hour after we began reviewing the American proposal that we received from the Qatari mediators, we heard loud explosions," Ghazi Hamad told Al Jazeera Arabic on Wednesday. "We immediately left the scene, because we knew from the start that the explosions were Israeli shelling. We've lived in Gaza and experienced Israeli shelling before," Hamad added.

Israel killed five Hamas members and a Qatari security official while trying to assassinate senior Hamas leaders. Those targeted were involved in negotiating a ceasefire and captives proposal put forward by United States President Donald Trump. "The shelling was so intense, the situation was terrifying, and the rockets continued unabated. There were about 12 rockets in less than a minute, but by God's decree ... we survived this aggression." Hamas said its senior leaders survived the bombardment, which Trump said he was "very unhappy" about.

WHAT IS ANTIFA AND WHY IS PRESIDENT TRUMP TARGETING IT?

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has said he will designate Antifa as a "major terrorist organisation" as part of his efforts to target the "radical left", following the killing of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

In a post to his Truth Social platform, Trump called the group a "sick, dangerous, radical left disaster" and pledged that the group would be "thoroughly investigated".

Antifa – a decentralised, leftist movement that opposes far-right, racist and fascist groups – has long attracted Trump's ire.

But experts have been quick to question how the president will actually target the group, which lacks a distinct leader, membership list or structure. In 2020, then-FBI Director Christopher Wray told Congress that Antifa was better defined as an ideology than as a formal organisation.

Antifa has remained a popular touchstone for some right-wing influencers and politicians who argue that it is a key component of a left-wing network they claim is seeking to undermine the US, free speech and gun rights.

While Antifa's existence in the US dates back decades, it rose to prominence following Trump's first election victory in 2016 and the far-right rally in Charlottesville in 2017, where various anti-fascist groups started to come together.

**INDIAN-ORIGIN MAN IN US DETAINED FOR NEARLY A MONTH OVER OLD CASE: REPORT**

Diary Times Desk : An Indian-origin man, who has lived in the US for more than 30 years, has been kept in detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for almost a month over a "very old case", according to media reports.

Paramjit Singh, a businessman from Fort Wayne, was arrested at Chicago O'Hare Airport on July 30 upon arrival from India due to an old case, 21 Alive news portal reported.

Singh has earned permanent resident status and is the father of US-born children, the report added.

ICE pointed out that according to the Department of Homeland Security, the reason for detention was a very old case against him, Singh's attorney Luis Angeles was quoted as saying in the report.

Singh, suffering from a brain tumour, was kept at the airport for five days and then was moved to the ER after his condition deteriorated, the report said.

His family was not notified of the ER visit until they received a bill for his medical stay, the Newsweek quoted Angeles as saying.

ISRAELI MINISTER TOUTS GAZA 'REAL ESTATE BONANZA', DEFYING INTERNATIONAL BACKLASH

Diary Times Desk : Israel's far-right finance minister Bezalel Smotrich has said the Gaza Strip could be a "real estate bonanza" and that he is in talks with the US about dividing up the territory after the war – an idea previously condemned internationally.

Speaking at an event in Tel Aviv, he said "a business plan is on President Trump's table".

"We've done the demolition phase... Now we need to build," he said.

In February, Donald Trump floated plans for the US to take "a long-term ownership position" over Gaza, saying it could be the "Riviera of the Middle East". The idea would involve the forced displacement of Palestinians in the territory and be in violation of international law.

UN SANCTIONS ON IRAN TO BE REIMPOSED, FRANCE'S MACRON SAYS

Diary Times Desk : French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that the reimposition of United Nations sanctions on Iran would happen by the end of September because Tehran had not been serious in its talks with European powers to avert them.

When asked in an interview on Israel's Channel 12 whether the so-called snapback mechanism would take place he said:

"Yes. I think so because the latest news from the Iranians is not serious," Macron said.

OVER 5,00,000 PROTEST IN FRANCE AGAINST MACRON'S AUSTERITY POLICIES

Diary Times Desk : Hundreds of thousands protested across France on Thursday in a show of anger over President Emmanuel Macron's austerity policies, disrupting much of the country's public life.

Heeding a call from trade unions, protesters staged a day of nationwide actions, with public transport stalled, schools closed, and people taking to the streets for demonstrations marked by sporadic clashes with the police.

One trade union, the leftist CGT, said that more than a million people across the country had taken part in the demonstrations. French authorities, whose count is usually substantially lower than that of unions, said more than 500,000 people had demonstrated in the country, including 55,000 in Paris.

Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu, Macron's seventh head of government since 2017, vowed a break from the past in a bid to defuse a deepening political crisis after taking office last week.

But the appointment of the 39-year-old former defence minister and close Macron ally has failed to calm the anger of unions and many French people.

Many protesters took direct aim at Macron, who has just 18 months left in power and is enduring his worst-ever popularity levels.

Some placards urged him to resign, and demonstrators in the southern city of Nice threw an effigy of Macron into the air.

Herve Renard, a 57-year-old union activist, referring to France's former emperor, said: "Macron-Napoleon is listening to no one."

Many complained about a growing gap between ordinary people and elites, saying a series of austerity measures proposed by the government would hit the poorest hardest.

"Every day the richest get richer and the poor get poorer," Bruno Cavalier, 64, said in Lyon, France's third-largest city. He carried a placard reading "Smile, you are being taxed."

Protesters remain incensed about the draft budget of Lecornu's predecessor Francois Bayrou, who had proposed a series of measures he said would save 44 billion euros (\$52 billion).

Lecornu has tried to calm anger by promising to abolish life-long privileges for former prime ministers and halt a widely detested plan to scrap two public holidays. More than 80,000 police officers have been deployed, backed by drones, armoured vehicles and water cannon.

More than 180 people have been detained.

JUDGE BLOCKS TRUMP ADMIN FROM IMMEDIATELY DEPORTING GUATEMALAN
MIGRANT CHILDREN

Diary Times Desk : A federal judge on Thursday blocked President Donald Trump's administration from immediately deporting Guatemalan migrant children who came to the US alone back to their home country, the latest step in a court struggle over one of the most sensitive issues in Trump's hard-line immigration agenda.

The decision by US District Judge Timothy J Kelly comes after the Republican administration's Labour Day weekend attempt to remove Guatemalan migrant children who were living in government shelters and foster care. There was already a temporary order in place preventing the removal of Guatemalan children. But that was set to expire Tuesday. Kelly, who was appointed by Trump, granted a preliminary injunction extends that temporary protection indefinitely, although the government can appeal.

There are also temporary restraining orders in separate cases in Arizona and Illinois, but those cases are much more narrow in the scope of children they cover.



STEEL WITHOUT TRUST: XI JINPING'S PLA
PURGES AMIDST SPECTACLE OF MILITARY
POWER

Diary Times Desk : Xi Jinping's anti-corruption campaign against the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is entering its most dramatic phase yet. In September, Beijing expelled four generals from the National People's Congress. Among them were Wang Chunning, the commander of the People's Armed Police, and senior figures from the Rocket Force and logistics departments. This purge follows the earlier ouster of Admiral Miao Hua, a member of the Central Military Commission (CMC) — and once considered a close Xi ally — as well as General He Weidong, who was serving as the Vice-Chairman of the CMC. Together, these moves represent the most sweeping dismantling of senior military leadership since the Mao era, exposing the contradiction at the core of Xi's bid to build a "world-class military" by mid-century. The purge machinery has been justified under the banner of anti-corruption.

'HE WAS FIRED FOR LACK OF TALENT':
TRUMP ON KIMMEL



Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Thursday praised ABC's decision to pull "Jimmy Kimmel Live" off the air, saying the late-night television host had said "a horrible thing" about assassinated political activist Charlie Kirk and also had bad ratings.

"Jimmy Kimmel is not a talented person. He had very bad ratings, and they should have fired him a long time ago. So, you know, you can call that free speech or not. He was fired for lack of talent," Trump said during a news conference with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in England.

CHINA QUESTIONED BY UN EXPERTS OVER ENFORCED DETENTION
OF TIBETAN ACTIVIST

Diary Times Desk : A group of United Nations human rights experts has expressed crucial concern over the enforced detention and reported torture of Tibetan activist Namkyi, urging China to explain her treatment and uphold international human rights standards, as reported by the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). According to CTA, a joint communication dated July 16, 2025, six UN Special Rapporteurs and Working Groups questioned China over Namkyi's case, noting that her ordeal reflects serious breaches of international protections against torture, enforced disappearance, and unfair trials. The communication followed months of growing attention to Tibetan political prisoners and Beijing's clampdown on freedom of expression. Namkyi was only 15 when she was arrested in Ngaba (Aba) Prefecture in October 2015 after participating in a peaceful march with her cousin, while carrying portraits of the Dalai Lama and Kirti Rinpoche. Within minutes, Chinese security forces detained the teenagers without a warrant. During custody, Namkyi was allegedly beaten, denied sleep, and exposed to extreme heat during interrogations. Her family did not know her whereabouts for more than a year, amounting to enforced disappearance. In November 2016, she was sentenced to three years in prison on charges of "separatist activities" after a trial that UN experts said fell short of international fair trial standards. While serving her term at Sichuan Province Women's Prison, she was forced into hard labour.



MAMDANI'S STAND ON
GENOCIDE IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN DYNAMICS
OF ARRESTING NETANYAHU

Diary Times Desk : No leader responsible for mass atrocities enjoys greater impunity on the international stage than Benjamin Netanyahu. This is due to the strange stranglehold of the pro-Israel lobby on the two major political parties in the United States. Unsurprisingly, the assertion by New York City mayoral candidate and frontrunner Zohran Mamdani on September 13 that he would order the arrest of Netanyahu if he ever came there, has attracted blowback from within the mainstream political establishments of both the Democratic and Republican parties, as well from extremist right-wing circles. Legal experts have gone into a tizzy whether a future mayor of New York can arrest the leader of a foreign government.

The unjustified blowback apparently in support of Israel's televised genocide of the Palestinian people flies in the face of facts, basic principles of humanity and the shifting sands of public opinion in the United States. A high-powered UN Commission of Inquiry led by a judge who investigated the Rwandan genocide of 1994 has recently concluded that Israel has committed genocide — the worst crime under international law — in Gaza.

RSKS INDIA LAUNCHES "THE
SOUL OF BHARAT" AT UNITED
NATIONS, GENEVA

Diary Times Desk : Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan (RSKS India) proudly launched the book "The Soul of Bharat" at the United Nations in Geneva, marking a historic moment in sharing India's vision of peace, resilience, and harmony with the world.

Authored by SN Sharma, CEO of RSKS India, the book highlights India's secular and constitutional foundations, weaving together inspiring stories of communal harmony and the enduring strength of the social fabric that unites diverse communities, according to RSKS India.

It also addresses pressing global concerns such as cross-border terrorism, including references to the tragic 2025 Pahalgam attack, while underscoring the spirit of resilience and collective determination to uphold peace.

MARK ZUCKERBERG UNVEILS META'S NEWEST AI-POWERED SMART GLASSES

Diary Times Desk : Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg took the stage on Wednesday to unveil the company's next-generation artificial intelligence-powered wearable device: a pair of smart glasses with a tiny display inside the lens. The Meta Ray-Bans Display glasses represent the company's next step toward a future where we all spend less time looking down at a phone screen. Rather, we could interact with Meta's AI technology — as well as our messages, photos and the rest of our online lives — via glasses not totally unlike regular prescription lenses or sunglasses. The Displays and other new wearables are part of the company's bid to make its AI technology a bigger part of users' everyday lives as it competes with other big industry players to create the most advanced and widely used models.

THE FTC IS SUING LIVE NATION AND TICKETMASTER OVER 'ILLEGAL TICKET RESALE' PRACTICES

Diary Times Desk : The United States federal government and seven states are suing Ticketmaster and its parent company, Live Nation Entertainment, for failing to crack down on ticket resellers, which is forcing customers to "pay substantially more than face value" for popular concerts and events.

The Federal Trade Commission leveled a litany of accusations against Live Nation in its press release Thursday, including "bait-and-switch pricing," where consumers often pay more than advertised, and said claims that the company imposes "strict limits" on ticket purchases are false since "ticket brokers routinely and substantially exceeded those limits."

Shares of Live Nation (LYV) dropped more than 2% in midday trading. The company didn't immediately respond to CNN's request for comment. "American live entertainment is the best in the world and should be accessible to all of us," said FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson in a release.

ABC YANKS JIMMY KIMMEL'S SHOW 'INDEFINITELY' AFTER THREAT FROM TRUMP'S FCC CHAIR

Diary Times Desk : Disney's ABC is taking Jimmy Kimmel's late night talk show off the air indefinitely amid a controversy over his comments about Charlie Kirk's suspected killer. "Jimmy Kimmel Live will be pre-empted indefinitely," an ABC spokesperson said, declining to share any further details. A representative for Kimmel did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The stunning decision came just a few hours after the Trump administration official responsible for licensing ABC stations publicly pressured the company to punish Kimmel. At least two major owners of ABC-affiliated stations subsequently said they would preempt Kimmel's show, speculating that the owners were trying to curry favor with the administration. The local media conglomerates each seeking mergers that would require administration approval.

As Kimmel prepared to tape Wednesday night's episode in Hollywood, ABC decided to pull the plug, much to the astonishment of the entertainment industry.

Free speech and free expression groups immediately condemned ABC, calling the suspension cowardly. President Trump, who frequently sparred with Kimmel, celebrated all the way from the UK, where he is on a state visit.

"Congratulations to ABC for finally having the courage to do what had to be done," Trump wrote in a post on his Social platform. "That leaves Jimmy (Fallon) and Seth, two total losers, on Fake News NBC. Their ratings are horrible. Do it NBC!!!" The indefinite hiatus underscores how politicized opinions and comments around the murder of conservative pundit Charlie Kirk have become, with high-profile campaigns urging employers to fire people who make comments perceived as unflattering about Kirk.

And the president has also gone after media companies, specifically, when they displease him, as with a \$1 billion defamation lawsuit he filed against the New York Times this week and lawsuits against other outlets.

HOW BRENDAN CARR, THE ATTACK-DOG FCC CHAIR, HELPED TAKE DOWN JIMMY KIMMEL WITH WORDS, NOT ACTIONS



Diary Times Desk : When Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr suggested Jimmy Kimmel should be suspended and said, "We can do this the easy way or the hard way," ABC and its local affiliates were listening. Within a matter of hours, ABC suspended Kimmel's show "indefinitely," a stunning move that has raised serious First Amendment concerns. "Trump officials are repeatedly abusing their power to stop ideas they don't like, deciding who can speak, write, and even joke," the ACLU said in a statement. "The Trump administration's actions, paired with ABC's capitulation, represent a grave threat to our First Amendment freedoms."

SAMSUNG'S BIGGEST NEW PHONE IN YEARS MAY LAUNCH IN THE US THIS YEAR



Diary Times Desk : Samsung is considering releasing its upcoming "tri-fold" smartphone in the United States, a first for US smartphones and Samsung as it seeks to recharge the market for what was once a cutting-edge product but is now a staple of everyday life. Samsung is still weighing which markets to launch the device in when it arrives later this year, but a United States release is part of those discussions, a person familiar with the company's plans told CNN. That's crucial because Samsung has previously restricted new product lines to certain markets such as South Korea or China, like the Galaxy Z Fold 6 SE, which it released in those countries last year. Chinese tech giant Huawei already offers a tri-folding phone, but the company doesn't sell its products in the United States.

MORTGAGE RATES
HAVEN'T BEEN THIS
LOW IN NEARLY A YEAR.
THANK THE FED — BUT
NOT ENTIRELY

Diary Times Desk :
The Federal Reserve's rate cut this week is rippling through the housing market, sending mortgage rates lower and spurring a jump in refinancing.

The 30-year fixed mortgage rate averaged 6.26% for the week ending September 18, down from 6.35% last week, according to data released Thursday by Freddie Mac.

This is the fourth-straight week of declines as mortgage rates fell in anticipation of the Fed's quarter-point rate cut on Wednesday.

A growing number of homeowners who locked in mortgages at higher rates over the past few years are jumping in to take advantage of savings.

TESLA IS LOOKING TO
REDESIGN ITS DOOR
HANDLES FOLLOWING
TRAPPED-PASSENGER
REPORTS

Diary Times Desk :
Tesla is looking into redesigning the way to open its car doors in an emergency following several accidents where passengers were reportedly trapped in burning vehicles because rescuers could not open them.

Even without an accident, other Tesla owners have reported having to break their own car windows after buckling their children in and then being unable to get in the car again, according to an investigation launched by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, citing owner complaints. An investigation by Bloomberg found 140 incidents of people being trapped in their Teslas due to problems with the door handles, including several that resulted in horrific injuries.

Tesla design chief Franz von Holzhausen said in a podcast Wednesday that the company is looking to combine the manual and electronic release mechanisms in the doors, which are now separate, in order to make escaping the car easier and quicker in a "panic situation." "The idea of combining the electronic one and the manual one together.

AMERICANS ARE FEELING A LOT WORSE ABOUT THE STATE OF THE
ECONOMY



Diary Times Desk :
American consumers are downbeat about the economy, according to preliminary results of a monthly survey conducted by the University of Michigan. The index measuring consumer sentiment fell unexpectedly this month to 55.4 from 58.2 in August as inflation is on the rise and job prospects are worsening. September's reading also represents a 21% decline compared to a year ago, well before President Donald Trump took office and raised tariffs on practically everything the country imports. In addition to inflation and the labor market, tariffs also remain a concern for consumers, Joanne Hsu, the survey's director, noted. "Trade policy remains highly salient to consumers, with about 60% of consumers providing unprompted comments about tariffs during interviews," Hsu, said in a statement, noting that the same thing happened in the previous month.

FED GOVERNOR COOK DECLARED HER ATLANTA PROPERTY AS
'VACATION HOME,' DOCUMENTS SHOW



Diary Times Desk :
A loan estimate for an Atlanta home purchased by Lisa Cook, the Federal Reserve governor accused of mortgage fraud by the Trump administration, shows that Cook had declared the property as a "vacation home," according to a document reviewed by Reuters. The document, dated May 28, 2021, was issued to Cook by her credit union in the weeks before she completed the purchase and shows that she had told the lender that the Atlanta property wouldn't be her primary residence. The document appears to counter other documentation that Cook's critics have cited in support of their claims that she committed mortgage fraud by reporting two different homes as her primary residence, two independent real-estate experts said.

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 Zarutskya 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. Each platform has its own content rules, especially around particularly violent content. Most allow some violent content but place restrictions on especially gory and bloody videos and restrict such content from younger users. By default, social media sites like X, TikTok and Facebook autoplay videos as users scroll, a tactic to immediately grab their attention, unless the platform has designated them as restricted. YouTube also autoplays non-restricted content when users hover over the video while scrolling. But that can result in users being exposed to very sensitive and sometimes graphic content. Even on Thursday morning, videos of Kirk's shooting were still being pushed to users' feeds. Graphic videos of the moment Kirk was shot were some of the top results when CNN searched for "Charlie Kirk" on Instagram. On TikTok's search page, with no prompting, the app suggested the search terms "raw video footage" and "actual incident footage," which immediately linked to graphic videos.

FENCING STAR FROM PANGI VALLEY TO REPRESENT INDIA AT ASIA CUP

Diary Times Desk : In a proud moment for Himachal Pradesh and the remote Pangti valley, 14-year-old fencing prodigy Jiya Sharma is all set to represent India in the Asia Cup starting on Thursday in Haldwani.

Her selection comes on the back of a stellar performance at the Cadet (Under-17) National Fencing Championship held also in Haldwani from September 8 to 13 where she secured two medals, one silver and a bronze.

Jiya secured a bronze medal in the individual category and played a crucial role in winning a silver medal in the team event. Her stellar performance has now earned her the honour of representing India at the upcoming Asia Cup.

**SMUGGLERS USE
SWOLLEN RIVERS TO
PUSH DRUGS, ARMS
INTO PUNJAB**

Diary Times Desk : Four drug overdose deaths have occurred in Tarn Taran this month as Pakistani smugglers exploit the swollen Ravi and Sutlej to push narcotics into India using boats and tyre tubes. Despite flooding in both Pakistan and Punjab here, smuggling continues.

Security agencies have intercepted several consignments, including weapons sent by boat through the Sutej in Fazilka. The Border Security Force (BSF) intercepted men arriving by boat in what officials described as the first reported instance of such a method for delivering weapons. The BSF and the Punjab Police seized 27 pistols and 470 cartridges from Mohar Jamsher village, followed by another seizure of 16 pistols and nearly 1,850 cartridges. According to investigations, smugglers received Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000 per pistol, with delivery details shared after payment.

Flooding caused the river span in Fazilka to widen several kilometres, prompting increased use of boats. Similar smuggling tactics were seen during floods in 2003 and 2023, including the use of tyre tubes and plastic bottles to float narcotics and weapons across the border.

MAN BOOKED FOR POSTING DEFAMATORY CONTENT AGAINST CONGRESS MLA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Diary Times Desk : The Shimla police have registered a case of defamation and forgery against a person for allegedly misleading the public and causing humiliation to a sitting Congress MLA through his post on social media, police said on Thursday.

The case was registered on Wednesday following a complaint by sitting Congress MLA Sanjay Awasthi from Solan's Arki Assembly seat.

In his complaint, Awasthi alleged that the person named Ranbir deliberately misled the public and caused humiliation by posting false content on social media, the police said.



AFTER DEVASTATING FLOODS, PUNJAB PLANS TO CHANNELISE SWAN RIVER

Diary Times Desk : After devastating floods in Punjab this year, the Punjab Government has started making a detailed project report (DPR) for taming the Swan river in Ropar district. Sources here said that the drainage department was planning a project for the channelisation of the river stretch in Ropar district and was looking into a possibility of creating a dam on the river.

The Swan, which was once called the river of sorrow for Una district of Himachal, has now turned into a bane for Ropar district of Punjab. The Himachal Government has channelised the entire stretch of the river in its territory to prevent floods. However, the entire flood water of the river which once spread in various wetlands in Una district now spreads in Ropar district of Punjab. It also impacts areas lying around the Sutlej river in Ropar, Nawanshahr and Ludhiana districts as the Swan river flood water enters the Sutlej river in Ropar district. This year, during peak monsoons, the Swan added 90,000 cusecs of water into the Sutlej which was much more than the releases from Bhakra Dam.

PUNJAB FLOODS: AAP GOVT TO CONVENE SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION FROM SEPT 26-29

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Government will convene a special session of the state Assembly from September 26 to 29, which will focus on introducing “people-oriented” amendments to rules related to damage caused by the recent floods, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said on Thursday.

In a statement here, Mann said new laws concerning compensation for flood victims will also be introduced and approved during the session.

Highlighting the scale of destruction, Mann said the floods have submerged over 2,300 villages, affected more than 2 million people, and destroyed crops across five lakh acres of land.

A total of 57 lives have been lost, and around seven lakh people have been rendered homeless, he said.

He noted that 3,200 government schools, 19 colleges, 1,400 clinics and hospitals, and 8,500 km of roads were destroyed, while 2,500 bridges collapsed.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
19-09-2025

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.

LIFE-SAVING
TREATMENT IN NON-
EMPANELLED HOSPITAL
MUST BE REIMBURSED:
HC

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that medical reimbursement claims cannot be rejected merely because treatment is taken in a non-empanelled hospital, if the circumstances reveal an emergency. The high court also propounded the “test of essentiality and emergency” after holding that life-saving treatment, if undergone in compelling circumstances on medical advice, must be reimbursed even if taken in a non-empanelled hospital. Stressing that the preservation of human life formed a part of Article 21 of the Constitution and was required to be accorded the highest priority, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar also made it clear that the State was obliged to ensure timely medical care and could not expect citizens to defer life-saving procedures only because the chosen hospital was not on its approved list. “The test of essentiality and emergency comes into play, which dictates that if the medical procedure was undergone by the petitioner in an emergency, on the advice of a doctor based on medical record, the reimbursement for the same must be made,” Justice Brar asserted.

DGCA CLEARS
HELICOPTER SERVICES
FOR CHARDHAM YATRA
WITH ENHANCED
SAFETY NORMS

Diary Times Desk : Aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has cleared the resumption of helicopter services for the Chardham Yatra 2025 from this month, after the mandatory monsoon break, with a renewed focus on passenger safety and strict operational protocols. The clearance comes after multiple rounds of review and inspections directed by Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu, who has set a “zero tolerance” mandate for safety lapses. Naidu, along with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, held coordination meetings in Dehradun and Delhi with officials of the DGCA.

‘I DON’T NEED A TAG ANYMORE’: ANIL VIJ REMOVES ‘MINISTER’ FROM HIS X BIO

Diary Times Desk : Haryana minister Anil Vij edited his bio on his social media handle ‘X’ and removed the word ‘minister’ from his name, on Wednesday night. The Haryana minister has changed his bio from ‘Anil Vij Minister Haryana, India’ to ‘Anil Vij Ambala Cantt Haryana, India’. The outspoken BJP leader has been marking his resentment openly on the social media platforms; however, he avoids making any comment about his unhappiness with the party leadership in Haryana. “I don’t want to grow my viewership and followers as a minister. My followers on X were growing way faster when I did not have the minister tag. Vij itself is a tag now. I don’t need a tag anymore,” he said.

Vij had dropped the minister tag from his Facebook account nearly a year back.



HC DISMISSES BJP MLA DEVENDER
ATTRI’S PLEA AGAINST AMENDED
ELECTION PETITION

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court today dismissed an application filed by returned candidate Devender Attri—a BJP MLA from Uchana. He was seeking dismissal of amended election petition filed against him by Bijendra Singh, a congress candidate. Holding that the matter disclosed a cause of action, Justice Anoop Chitkara ruled: “The election petition discloses proper cause of action, and as such, this Court cannot dismiss the same under Order 7 Rule 11 CPC without putting it on trial.” Justice Chitkara made it clear that the objections raised were untenable, as the amendment did not expand the scope of the petition but only confined it. “The submission that the copy of the amended election petition provided to him is not attested as a true copy, is not signed by the petitioner, and is not verified properly, is to be analysed by keeping in view the primary distinction in the present matter that by amendment, the prayers were reduced and confined to a limited prayer of improper rejection of 215 postal votes, in terms of the prayer clause, which was already there in the unamended petition, and not even a single prayer was increased,” the Bench asserted.

15 PASSENGERS INJURED AS BUS
CRASHES INTO DIVIDER ON
PANIPAT-ROHTAK HIGHWAY

Diary Times Desk : Fifteen people sustained injuries in an accident near the Dahar Toll Plaza on the Panipat-Rohtak highway. A Haryana Roadways bus rammed into an iron pole at the toll plaza and came to a stop on the divider. Several people, including toll plaza employees, helped the injured passengers and rushed them to a private medical college in Israna for treatment. According to available information, the bus was on its way to Rohtak from Chandigarh on Thursday. As the bus neared the Dahar Toll Plaza, the driver lost control. The bus rammed into an iron pole on the plaza’s divider and then came to a stop. Due to the high speed, several passengers aboard sustained injuries.

As per the reports, the injured have been identified as Nayara (2) of Jind, Rajwanti (65) of Panipat, Anu (25) and her two children Vanshika and Shaurya of Rohtak, Mahesh of Jhajjar, Poonam of Bhiwani, Annu of Rohtak, Sushil Kumar of Jhajjar, and Krishan Kumar of Karnal and others.

2 KILLED, 5 RESCUED, 6 FEARED TRAPPED AFTER LANDSLIDES, FLOODING HIT
CHAMOLI VILLAGES IN UTTARAKHAND

Diary Times Desk : Two people were killed, five rescued alive and six feared trapped under debris as landslides and flooding triggered by heavy rain flattened more than 40 houses in four villages of Uttarakhand’s Chamoli district on Thursday.

Four people were rescued alive in Kuntari Lagaphali and one in Dhurma village, the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) in Dehradun said.

Twelve people were injured, including the ones rescued alive, of whom those with serious injuries were airlifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rishikesh, officials said.

Two bodies, one each from Kuntari Lagaphali and Kuntari Lagasarpani villages were found, while the search for six people continued through the mounds of debris lying in the rain-ravaged villages in the Nandanagar area, the SEOC said. The bodies were identified as those of Narendra Singh (38) and Jagdamba Prasad (70), it added.



Machu Picchu is at risk of losing its ‘credibility’ as one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. What’s happening?

It was in 2007 when Peru’s Machu Picchu Inca sanctuary was designated one of the New 7 Wonders of the World after receiving more than 100 million votes in a global competition.

Now, the New7Wonders project, which organized the vote, warns that Machu Picchu is at risk of losing its “credibility” as one of the wonders due to overtourism, limited conservation policies and social conflicts, among other issues.

In a statement over the weekend, the organization said that everything depends on the country’s “key decision-makers,” who it says have received proposals to implement a strategic transformation plan for the site.

“The designation implies a shared commitment to the conservation and responsible management of the site, as well as the implementation of international preservation and management standards,” the statement said. Asked if Machu Picchu could lose its spot on the list and whether a different site could take its place, New7Wonders told CNN that it was too soon to discuss what the process would be, how it would work or if it would happen.

“This is premature, especially as we believe all stakeholders can and should consider this a wake-up call to get the house of Machu Picchu in order. We already have an official representative adviser in Peru itself, who is ready to support the process toward both short term and more importantly long-term solutions,” Director Jean-Paul de la Fuente said.

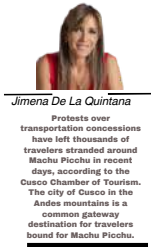
Machu Picchu was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1983. That designation is not at risk as it is not associated with the New7Wonders campaign.

Peru’s Ministry of Culture has not directly commented on the New7Wonders statement. However, hours later it said on X that UNESCO, the UN’s culture agency, was “the only competent body to promote the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage.”

The ministry said the “preservation and protection” of Machu Picchu “is not being violated” and that it is not included on UNESCO’s List of World Heritage in Danger. It added that during the 47th meeting of the World Heritage Committee held in July in Paris, UNESCO “valued the improvements in visitor management and the implementation of monitoring and conservation tools for the historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu.”

CNN has requested additional comment from the ministry.

Meanwhile, Peru’s Ministry of Commerce and Tourism said it was scheduled to meet with the country’s tourism associations this Tuesday to seek a consensual solution to the “complex situation” at Machu Picchu.



Jimena De La Quintana
Protests over transportation concessions have left thousands of travelers stranded around Machu Picchu in recent days, according to the Guusco Chamber of Tourism. The city of Guusco is a common gateway destination for travelers bound for Machu Picchu.



America’s ‘Scourged Back’



Oscar Holland

Depicting a crisscross of welts and scars streaked across the body of a formerly enslaved Louisiana man, “Scourged Back” is one of the 19th century’s defining photographs. The image was so widely circulated in America during the Civil War that it reshaped the abolitionist cause by laying bare the abominable cruelty of slavery to a largely oblivious northern public.



To David Silkenat, a historian at Scotland’s University of Edinburgh, this assiduous approach suggests that whoever took the photo understood how impactful it could be.

More than 160 years later, the influence of this visceral portrait — whose subject may have been called Peter or Gordon — continues to be felt. Museums, libraries and universities across the US display historic prints of the image, which is often used to educate audiences in a country still reckoning with its past.

But amid growing political debate over how history is presented in America’s museums, the 1863 photo has become a flashpoint in the controversy surrounding the Trump administration’s efforts to eradicate what it calls “corrosive ideology” from federally owned sites.

On Tuesday, the Washington Post reported that officials at an unidentified national park had ordered that the photo be taken down, along with other signs and exhibits related to slavery. Citing

unnamed sources, the newspaper described the move as being in line with an executive order Trump issued in March directing the US Interior Department to do away with content that disparages “Americans past or living.” The department, which oversees the National Park Service, has since denied the report. Spokesperson Elizabeth Peace told CNN via email that sites were not asked to remove the photo. She added: “If any interpretive materials are found to have been removed or altered prematurely or in error, the Department will review the circumstances and take corrective action as appropriate.”

By then, however, the story had already sparked concern among artists, activists and curators. The National Parks Conservation Association was among those voicing disapproval, with senior director of cultural resources Alan Spears saying that removing the photo would be “as shameful as it is wrong.”

The dust-up comes as Trump escalates attacks on museums, going so far as to slam the Smithsonian Institution for being overly concerned with “how bad Slavery was.” In turn, the furor around “Scourged Back” has also generated renewed interest in the story behind the photo and what it means today.

“I find it all very strange,” movie producer and The Black List founder, Franklin Leonard, told CNN’s Abby Phillip in response to the Washington Post report. “What more great American story is there than the survival and triumph over enslavement, Jim Crow and (its) repercussions?” While there is limited historical consensus on Peter’s escape — or even his name — the pictured man is thought to have fled a Louisiana cotton plantation in early 1863. Traveling on foot to Baton Rouge, his clothes torn and muddy, he eventually reached Union lines, which under President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation was enough to be considered permanently free and eligible to join the US army’s “Colored Troops.” According to one written record of his testimony, the man said he was severely whipped by his former owner’s.

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Canadian Travelers

SOME AMERICAN TRAVELERS ARE ‘FLAG JACKING’ AND CANADIANS ARE LIVID



Vivian Song

Trump’s on-again, off-again tariff war, threats to annex Canada and make it a 51st state, and his obsessive belittling of former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, have hardened Canadians against their neighbor and rekindled a form of Canadian nationalism that hasn’t been seen in decades.

Chelsea Metzger didn’t set out to pretend she was Canadian. It was only after a heated confrontation with Canadians and a surprising exchange with a local taxi driver during her vacation in the Dominican Republic earlier this year that the American tourist from upstate New York resorted to lying about her nationality for the first time. Metzger, 33, and her fiancé were at a French-Canadian bar in El Pueblito in February, which was showing the final of the 4 Nations Face-Off hockey tournament between Canada and the US. When the American team scored a goal, Metzger’s lone, “Woo, USA,” did not go down well. “A Canadian couple screamed at me, saying that America is selfish, and ruining everything for Canada and the world,” Metzger told CNN. “The girl started crying, and said, ‘I don’t think Americans realize that what’s going on is really affecting us here.’” Metzger tried to defend herself, explaining that she didn’t vote for Trump. But tempers flared under the influence of alcohol. Eventually, the situation de-escalated and the couple returned to apologize with a flight of shots. “I told her I get it. As somebody who didn’t vote for this, it’s affecting everyone. We’re all feeling the effects of it and unfortunately, the only thing we

can do right now is ride it out together.” While trying to flag down a taxi during the same trip, a local driver mistook them for Canadians until she corrected him. Instead of picking them up, he offered a curt, “OK, have a good day,” and drove off. So for a few weeks, Metzger introduced herself as Canadian. It’s like the early 2000s all over again. The maple leaf has long been a powerful diplomatic accessory for Canadian travelers who have been known to sew the Canadian flag on their bags to distinguish themselves from Americans. But over the last few months, some US tourists have revived a decades-old practice of masquerading as Canadians in order to avoid anti-American sentiment abroad under the Trump administration. They’re hiding behind the maple leaf, falsely identifying themselves as Canadians and displaying the Canadian flag on their bags in a phenomenon known as flag jacking. “For some reason, Americans think that we are their backup passport. The world’s first dual-action moral absolver. Just apply gently and watch the shame disappear,” says Tod Maffin, a Canadian cultural commentator who eviscerates flag-jacking



Americans in a short video rant that has had more than 100,000 views across his social media platforms since being uploaded less than three months ago. Maffin’s barbed message spares no one — not even the liberal, progressive Americans who protest that they didn’t vote for Trump and are simply trying to pass themselves off as Canadian because they feel ashamed or unsafe. “And look, we get you. A lot of you have been out in the streets, fighting for something better. Some of you are just trying to travel without getting yelled at at customs. We get it,” Maffin says. But the Canadian flag is not a shield or an invisibility cloak, he continues. “Calling yourself Canadian is not a safety move. It’s performance art.” The days of Canadians offering a sympathetic shoulder as an “emotional support Canadian” to their non-MAGA neighbors — an online trend that emerged following Trump’s election in 2024 — appear to be over.

BEST ART EXHIBITIONS IN LATE 2025: EUROPE



Diary Times Desk : ‘A woman dressed in red always looks amazing,’ the fashion designer Valentino Garavani has said, and if there is one thing Valentino is a master at, it’s making women look fabulous. He seems to understand more than anyone how much the colour red enhances a woman’s attractiveness, and to that end he created his own signature blend – a seductive mix of magenta, yellow and black.

So there is good reason for the inaugural show at the Fondazione Valentino Garavani and Giancarlo Giammetti to be devoted to this most vivacious of colours. The exhibition features many of Valentino’s legendary creations, from his celebrated Fiesta dress of 1959 to the fantasy ballgown he crafted for the model Natalia Vodianova in 2011. Displayed alongside these iconic pieces are works of art by modern and contemporary artists such as Mark Rothko, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Clyfford Still and Jean-Michel Basquiat. The foundation’s new cultural space opened its doors in May and is situated in Rome’s gleaming Piazza Mignanelli, in a former Vatican school – which seems entirely fitting, cardinal-red being the most Catholic of colours. Named PM23 after its illustrious address, it is set to become the holy grail of the most fashion-forward.

In 1874, a precocious 18-year-old art student named John Singer Sargent arrived in Paris. Within a decade, he had enrolled at the city’s Ecole des Beaux-Arts, exhibited at the Salon and risen to become a celebrated portraitist known for his dazzling technical abilities – before it all came crashing down when he unveiled his Portrait of Madame X. The scandalous depiction of the socialite Virginie Gautreau, with her snow-white skin and plunging neckline, was met with such hostility that a bruised Sargent left for London and even contemplated abandoning painting altogether.

The work now resides in New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, where it’s considered the gallery’s equivalent of the Mona Lisa. It was the linchpin of the Met’s recent exhibition Sargent and Paris, which now travels to France, where, surprisingly, the artist has been largely forgotten. It will be the first time that Portrait of Madame X has been on view in Paris since its 1884 debut.

IN THE FRAME: OLIVER SIM

What are you working on currently?
Oliver Sim: ‘I’m in between working on my solo project and The XX. I feel like both projects require different sides of me so it’s been fun to do them in tandem.’

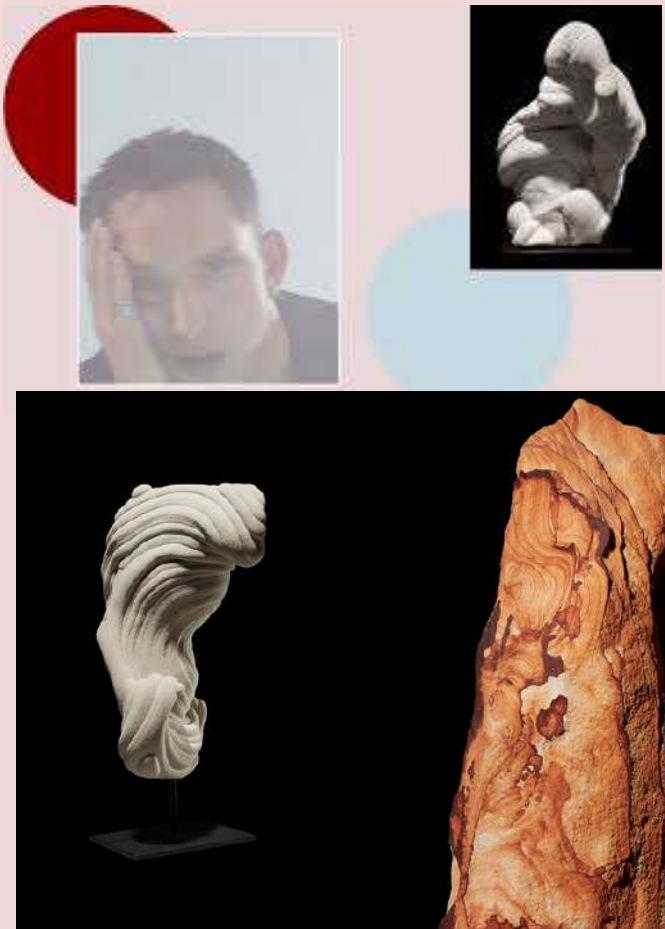
What ritual or routine keeps you going?
OS: ‘Any opportunity to cosplay as a ‘9-to-5-er’ does me good. I don’t think my job necessarily suits my personality type; I find it hard to be creative without some form of orderliness. So, going to the gym every weekday morning, as small as it is, makes me understand where I am and what I’m doing.’

What work of art made you see things differently?
OS: ‘Philip Lorca DiCorcia’s Hustlers series consistently comes up when brainstorming imagery. It’s so cinematic, each photo tells a story.’

Which artist or designer from history do you wish you knew more about?
OS: ‘I became a real fan of George Michael’s after his passing so I’m still playing catch up. Every new bit of music or interview I discover I fall more in love with him. I wish I knew so much more, he’s fascinating.’

What artists or designers are you excited about right now?
OS: ‘Jonathan Anderson’s first show at Dior felt like witnessing some special happening. I feel like new and exciting things are happening there.’

Your favorite view, anywhere in the world?
OS: ‘Seeing Battersea Power Station on a horizon makes me feel comforted. It’s something I grew up with. I live on the other side of the river now, so I usually just see it when visiting my dad in south London.’
Most memorable art or design show you’ve seen in the past year?
OS: ‘The Peter Hujar exhibition at Ravens Row. I loved seeing his relationship with New York of that time, the people in it and his love of animals. It’s my favourite thing I’ve seen this year by far, I went four times.’
What are your top picks from Christie’s right now?
OS: ‘George Rouy is an exciting name coming out of London. And this ancient gogotte mineral formation looks almost futuristic, it’s as fascinating as it is weird.’



BARCELONA IDENTIFY 29-YEAR-OLD BUNDESLIGA STRIKER AS POTENTIAL ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI REPLACEMENT – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona continue to produce exciting talents one after the other in their fabled La Masia youth academy.

From the golden generation of Lionel Messi, Andres Iniesta, Xavi Hernandez, and Sergio Busquets, to the new era of Lamine Yamal, Gavi, Pau Cubarsi, and Alejandro Balde, La Masia always provides.

And given the crop of young talents now shining in the youth teams, across all age groups, the future is only bright.

Destiny Kosiso the next big thing?

One such name in the Barcelona ranks who is already making waves at the tender age of 11 years is Destiny Kosiso.

Indeed, as reported by MARCA, the La Masia forward, born in 2014, is already drawing comparisons to Lionel Messi and Lamine Yamal thanks to his exploits at the youth level.

After all, the 11-year-old forward has taken Barcelona's academy by storm with a staggering scoring record.



SLOT GETS LATE BIRTHDAY GIFT AS ISAK SAMPLES POWER OF ANFIELD

Diary Times Desk : Arne Slot has no hair left to lose but the man celebrating his 47th birthday might have been left feeling a few years older as his Liverpool team put him through the wringer again.

In the end, however, Liverpool were able to make it many happy returns for their head coach – but not before another dose of late drama that has characterised their winning start to this season.

The old cliché that 2-0 is the most dangerous lead in football is being given new meaning by Liverpool, who have lost this advantage twice in the Premier League this season – to Bournemouth and Newcastle United – and did so again against Atletico Madrid in the Champions League.

On each occasion, however, Liverpool have pulled back from the brink to win.

Such is the sheer force of will in Slot's side, as well as the power of Anfield on Champions League nights, that there was almost an inevitability about Virgil van Dijk's towering header deep into stoppage time that enabled Liverpool to open their Champions League with victory.

BAYERN MUNICH 3-1 CHELSEA: JAMIE CARRAGHER LABELS HARRY KANE AS 'ONE OF THE GREATEST' GOAL SCORERS EVER AFTER CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DOUBLE

Diary Times Desk : Jamie Carragher has classed Harry Kane as one of the greatest goalscorers in football history following his double in Bayern Munich's 3-1 Champions League win over Chelsea. Kane tucked his first effort of the evening into the bottom corner from the penalty spot, before then capitalising on Malo Gusto's error just after the hour mark to claim his second at the Allianz Arena. The 32-year-old striker has now scored 10 goals in just six appearances for Bayern so far this season, taking his tally to 95 goals in 102 appearances for the German side since joining in the summer of 2023.

Kane has scored 391 goals in 602 senior appearances across his time at Bayern, Tottenham, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Norwich City and Leicester City.

"He is one of the greatest goal scorers the game has ever seen," Carragher said on CBS Sports.

"I think he is England's greatest ever goal scorer.

"He's done it in the Premier League with a team that aren't one of the top teams. He's gone abroad now with Bayern Munich. All eyes are on him and there's huge pressure.

MOURINHO APPOINTED BENFICA MANAGER

Diary Times Desk : Benfica have appointed Jose Mourinho as their manager on a deal until the summer of 2027.

Mourinho, 62, succeeds Bruno Lage, who was sacked after the shock Champions League defeat against Qarabag on Tuesday.

The former Chelsea boss returns to management less than a month after being dismissed by Fenerbahce following a Champions League play-offs defeat by his new club Benfica.

Mourinho began his managerial career with Benfica in 2000 but took charge of only 10 games and left following a dispute with the club president.

"The promise is very clear – I will live for Benfica, for my mission," said Mourinho.

"I'm not the important thing – Benfica is important."

His new deal at Benfica includes an option for the club and Mourinho to decide not to continue for another season up to 10 days after the end of the 2025-26 campaign.



PSG: NUNO MENDES PLEASANT ON THE NEW HABIT OF LUIS ENRIQUE



Diary Times Desk : As Sunday against RC Lens, Luis Enrique chose to follow the first half since the stands during the match against Atalanta. An initiative that surprises, but that according to Nuno Mendes is more of a tactical approach than a lack of involvement.

"It's a rugby thing (laughing, editor's note). He tries to be there at the top, to see the space where we must be. For us, it doesn't change anything. But I think he has an idea and that he will continue "explained the Portuguese side in the mixed zone, confirming that the Spanish coach still keeps an eye on the game, even from the heights of the Parc des Princes.

ATLETICO AND UEFA TO REVIEW 'SPIT' FOOTAGE DURING LIVERPOOL MATCH

Diary Times Desk : Atletico Madrid will launch an investigation into the mass confrontation that marred their 3-2 Champions League loss at Anfield, with a member of their backroom team appearing to spit into the crowd.

Atletico head coach Diego Simeone was shown a red card following a heated altercation with a supporter at Anfield that resulted in a melee close to the away bench.

Subsequent video footage appears to show a member of Simeone's team spitting into the crowd during the incident, which took place after Virgil van Dijk's late winner.

European football's governing body Uefa could also take disciplinary action once it has examined all relevant official reports.

Atletico have told BBC Sport they will also conduct an investigation into the incident but will not comment publicly.

Liverpool will provide any relevant CCTV footage and other information to support a potential Uefa probe.

Simeone had to be physically restrained from confronting a fan who was shouting at him.

After the game, the Argentine coach said: "It's never very good when we react as managers, is it? But if there are comments against racism or insults, we can get angry and fight back as well, managers.