

NEWS IN BRIEF

**PRIME MINISTER
SHRI NARENDRA
MODI ADDRESSES
THE NATION**

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation via video conferencing today. Extending heartfelt greetings to all citizens on the commencement of Navratri, the festival of worshipping Shakti, he remarked that from the very first day of Navratri, the nation is taking a significant step forward in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign. Beginning at sunrise on 22nd September, the country will implement Next Generation GST reforms. The Prime Minister highlighted that this marks the beginning of a GST Bachat Utsav (Savings Festival) across India. He emphasized that this festival will enhance savings and make it easier for people to purchase their preferred items. Shri Modi noted that the benefits of this savings festival will reach the poor, middle class, neo middle class, youth, farmers, women, shopkeepers, traders, and entrepreneurs alike.

**AUTHORITIES
CLEAR
ENCROACHMENTS
ON 300 ACRES
GOVT LAND IN
TELANGANA**

Diary Times Desk : The multi-disciplinary state agency—the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Sunday carried out a demolition drive removing encroachments and reclaiming over 300 acres of government land in Gajularamam in Medchal-Malkajgiri District. HYDRAA, in a post on 'X', said it took up an operation and over 300 acres of land was freed from encroachments and it has started the process of fencing the protected land worth Rs 15,000 crore. After verifying that the land was encroached on, HYDRAA said it started the drive, clearing the encroachment without touching the residential houses.

**GOODS AND
SERVICES TAX
(GST) REFORMS****“PRIORITISE MANUFACTURING, ATMOSPHERE FOR
INVESTMENT”: PM MODI’S MESSAGE FOR STATES**

It had four tax slabs, of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. An additional levy was imposed above the tax of 28% on some items, such as cigarettes, luxury cars and high-end motorcycles. But it was criticised for being too complex. Earlier this month, the GST Council simplified the structure to two tiers, 5% and 18%, from four, with some exceptions for luxury and "sin" goods.

During his speech, PM Modi underlined that the reforms symbolise the cooperative spirit between the Centre and the states.

PM Modi stressed all states will be equal stakeholders in the development race and urged them to give pace to manufacturing with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and swadeshi campaigns in mind.

"I urge all state governments to actively support the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and the Swadeshi programme by accelerating manufacturing activities within their respective states. Focus on creating an environment that is conducive to attracting investments. Together, when the states and the central government work in unison, the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat will be realised," said PM Modi.

Diary Times Desk : The Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, which kick in tomorrow, are a "double bonanza" for the poor, neo-middle class and the middle class, underlined Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an address to the nation on Sunday. These reforms, which have been hailed as the next gen reforms, said the Prime Minister will accelerate Bharat's growth story, enhance ease of doing business, attract greater investment, and ensure that every state becomes an equal partner in the nation's development.

"Next gen GST reforms being implemented from tomorrow, it is like 'GST saving festival'...From tomorrow, you will be able to buy your favourite items with ease. This is like a GST saving festival for every Indian," said PM Modi.

India adopted the GST in 2017, pooling in more than a dozen domestic state taxes in a bid to unify the economy on the principle of "one nation, one tax, one market". It was hailed as the biggest tax reform since independence.

**PM MODI TO VISIT ARUNACHAL, TRIPURA TOMORROW,
LAUNCH PROJECTS WORTH OVER RS 5,100 CRORE**

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura on Monday and lay foundation stones of multiple development projects worth over Rs 5,100 crore in Itanagar as well as inaugurate the development work of Mata Tripura Sundari Temple Complex. Harnessing the vast hydroelectric potential of Arunachal Pradesh, Prime Minister Modi will lay the foundation stone of two major hydropower projects worth over Rs 3,700 crore in Itanagar, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

Prime Minister Modi will visit Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura on September 22. He will lay foundation stones of multiple development projects worth over Rs 5,100 crore at Itanagar and also address a public function, the statement said. Thereafter, he will visit Tripura and perform a puja and 'darshan', and inaugurate the development work of 'Mata Tripura Sundari Temple Complex' at Matabari, it said.

In Arunachal Pradesh, the PM will lay foundation stones of two major hydropower projects worth over Rs 3,700 crore in Itanagar -- the Heo Hydro Electric Project (240 MW) and Tato-I Hydro Electric Project (186 MW).

The two projects will be developed in the Siyom sub-basin of Arunachal Pradesh, the statement said.

PM Modi will also lay the foundation stone of a state-of-the-art Convention Centre at Tawang. Located at over 9,820 feet in the frontier district of Tawang, the centre will serve as a landmark facility to host national and international conferences, cultural festivals, and exhibitions, according to the statement.

**BOY, 4, BLUDGEONED WITH STONE BY
TEEN NEIGHBOUR IN DELHI: COPS**

Diary Times Desk : A four-year-old boy was allegedly kidnapped and bludgeoned with a stone by a teenage neighbour out of revenge in central Delhi's Anand Parbat area, police said.

The boy had gone missing on Friday, when after returning home from tuition, he went out to play in the Baljeet Nagar area near his house, police said.

A missing person case was filed at the Anand Parbat Police Station at the boy's mother's complaint.

"During the investigation, CCTV footage from the locality was analysed, and the boy was seen with a neighbour, later identified as a 15-year-old school dropout. He was apprehended from his residence," an officer said.

Upon interrogation, the teenager disclosed that both families lived in the same premises on rent and there had been quarrels between them, police said.

On Friday afternoon, he had taken his landlord's motorcycle and abandoned it in another locality. When the victim's mother informed the landlord, his father scolded and beat him. He decided to kill the younger boy to avenge the beating, the officer said.

Around 6.30 pm, the juvenile lured the child to a secluded space in Ramjas Park, where he pushed him from a cliff, about 30 feet high. He then struck the child on the head with a stone.

The boy did not die and was found in critical condition. He was rushed to Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital and later shifted to Kalawati Saran Hospital, where he remained in the ICU for two days and then died, the officer said.

**PUBLIC AND POLICE PUT TO HARDSHIP DUE
TO 'LAST-MINUTE' CHANGE TO VIJAY'S
CAMPAIGN IN NAGAPATTINAM**

Diary Times Desk : TVK's statewide campaign for the 2026 Assembly election carried out in Nagapattinam district on Saturday lasted all of 20 minutes but "last-minute" changes to party president Vijay's schedule meant confusion and chaos for the 15,000-odd gathering, the cadre and the police alike. In Nagapattinam, where Vijay addressed the public for about 20 minutes, a large crowd gathered at Vanjur to welcome him only to be told that the reception point was shifted to Kilvelur.

Those waiting in Vanjur were accordingly instructed to move near Anna Salai Bus Stand. The sudden change meant a shortfall in arrangements at Kilvelur. It did not stop there as the police, who had arranged for security along the bypass, expecting Vijay to travel that way from Kilvelur, said that they were informed that his convoy would pass through Sikkal and Poravachery instead. The security detail was then diverted to the area minutes before his arrival.

As a result, government and private buses heading to Nagapattinam, Velankanni and Vedaranyam from Kilvelur through Sikkal were rerouted before and during the campaign. They were allowed to resume journey in their usual route only after an hour. Further, when Vijay's campaign vehicle arrived on a narrow road, the crowd swelled, leading to congestion.

In the rush, many people lost their footwear, and after the event, hundreds of shoes and slippers were found scattered on the road.

US FOR TRADE TALKS**PIYUSH GOYAL TO VISIT US
TOMORROW FOR TRADE
TALKS AMID TARIFF TENSION**

Diary Times Desk : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead an official delegation to the US for trade talks on September 22, an official statement said on Saturday.

The delegation plans to hold talks with US team to take forward discussions with a view to achieve early conclusion of a mutually beneficial trade agreement, it said.

The minister will visit New York and will be accompanied by special secretary in the ministry Rajesh Agrawal and other officials.

During the last visit of the team of officials from the office of United States Trade Representative to India on September 16, positive discussions were held on various aspects of the trade deal, and it was decided to intensify efforts in this regard.

"In continuation of these discussions, a delegation led by Commerce and Industries Minister is visiting the United States for meetings with the US side on 22nd September 2025," it said.

The visit assumes additional significance amid the US administration's sudden decision to hike the application fee for H-1B visas to USD 1,00,000. Industry body Nasscom on Saturday said the US' move will impact India's technology services companies as business continuity will be disrupted for onshore projects that may require "adjustments".

Further, the visit comes in the backdrop of recently concluded daylong discussions here between US Chief Negotiator Brendan Lynch and his Indian counterpart Rajesh Agrawal on the proposed bilateral trade agreement.

On September 16, the commerce ministry stated that daylong discussions with the visiting US team on a bilateral trade deal were positive, and both sides agreed to push for an early and mutually beneficial conclusion of the agreement.

**“DON'T TAKE RISK“:
SHASHI THAROOR AS
BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA
CASES RISE IN KERALA**

Diary Times Desk : Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Sunday expressed deep concern over rising cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis that have emerged in Kerala, requesting the public not to swim in freshwater. Kerala has reported around 69 cases of primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) since the beginning of this year, including 19 deaths, following contact with Naegleria fowleri, commonly known as the "brain-eating" amoeba. As of September 12, the state had reported 52 cases.

Speaking to ANI about the alarming cases, the Congress MP said, "It is a very sad story. A lot of people have caught this fatal virus by swimming in the freshwater. It seems very dangerous. Some doctors are advising people not to swim in fresh water until some other solution can be found. I can just endorse that request to everybody. Don't take risk, don't go in freshwater."

He further emphasised that while certain water sources were safe, the threat remained in "untreated natural water" bodies. "I think there is some amoeba there. I think seawater, soft water is fine. Your water at home is fine, and chlorinated swimming pool water is fine, but unfortunately, not swimming in freshwater," Mr Tharoor said.

SHUBHO MAHALAYA 2025: DATE, SIGNIFICANCE AND WISHES TO SHARE ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION



Diary Times Desk : Shubho Mahalaya, an auspicious occasion in the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of Devi Paksha, a period dedicated to worshipping Goddess Durga. Falling on September 21 this year, Mahalaya also signifies the end of Pitru Paksha, 16 days of paying homage to ancestors. This day holds immense importance in Bengali culture, as it heralds the countdown to Durga Puja, one of the most revered festivals in Hinduism. The Amavasya Tithi begins at 12:16 AM on September 21 and ends at 01:23 AM on September 22, 2025. Devotees wake up early to perform rituals, offer prayers, and listen to sacred chants like "Mahishasura Mardini" and "Chandipath." Shubho Mahalaya is a time for spiritual reflection, honouring ancestors, and welcoming Goddess Durga's divine energy, setting the stage for the grand festivities of Durga Puja. Though artisans and devotees start preparing for the symbolic arrival of the goddess at least a month before the Durga Puja, Mahalaya is the day when the eyes of her idols are painted. Shubho Mahalaya marks the beginning of Devi Paksha, a sacred period dedicated to Goddess Durga, and signifies the end of Pitru Paksha, 16 days of paying homage to ancestors. On Mahalaya, a crucial tradition in Eastern India involves performing Tarpan rituals, typically in the Ganges River. Tarpan is an offering of water, sesame seeds, rice, flowers and prayers to honour dead ancestors, seeking their peace and blessings. By doing so, Hindus believe they're helping their ancestors transition smoothly to the afterlife.

PM'S MOTHER ABUSED AT TEJASHWI YADAV RALLY? BJP SHARES VIDEO, RJD TRASHES IT

Diary Times Desk : Gaali politics is back in focus in Bihar. Weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the RJD-Congress alliance of insulting his mother, late Heeraben Modi, the BJP has made a fresh charge that slogans abusing the Prime Minister's mother were raised at RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's rally. RJD, the main opposition in Bihar, has trashed this charge, saying that the BJP was using a doctored video to defame the RJD ahead of the high-voltage Assembly polls. Last night, the Bihar unit of the BJP shared a video on X that showed Tejashwi Yadav speaking from an RJD stage. Mr Yadav, the Leader of



the Opposition, is on a 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra' to bolster support ahead of the state polls. In the video the BJP shared, a man can be heard abusing the Prime Minister and his mother as Mr Yadav addresses the crowd. NDTV cannot verify the authenticity of the video."Tejashwi again facilitated the verbal abuse of Modi ji's mother at his rally.

PIYUSH GOYAL CALLS AGRICULTURE THE "SOUL OF INDIAN CIVILIZATION" AHEAD OF BIRC 2025 IN DELHI



Diary Times Desk : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday described agriculture as the "soul of Indian civilization" as he announced that New Delhi will host the Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC 2025) at Bharat Mandapam on October 30 and 31. In a video message, Goyal said the event would be the world's largest rice industry gathering, bringing together farmers, exporters, global buyers, policymakers and other stakeholders. "Agriculture has always been the soul of our civilisation, with rice as the pride of our farmers. The BIRC 2025, Bharat International Rice Conference, the world's largest rice event with farmers, global buyers and stakeholders brought together under one roof, is being held at the Bharat Mandapam on October 30th and 31st, this year.

PREPARE FOR VOTER ROLL REVISION BY SEPTEMBER 30: POLL BODY TO STATE OFFICERS



Diary Times Desk : The Election Commission has asked its state election officers to be ready for the SIR by September 30, in an indication that the poll authority could launch the voter list cleanup exercise as early as October-November. According to officials, at a conference of state chief electoral officers (CEOs) here earlier this month, the EC top brass asked them to be ready for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) rollout in the next 10 to 15 days. But for the sake of greater clarity, the deadline of September 30 was set. The CEOs have been told to keep voter lists of their states, published after the last SIR, ready.

ED TRACES UNDISCLOSED FOREIGN ASSETS WORTH RS 80 CRORE TO DELHI-BASED IMPERIAL GROUP

Diary Times Desk : The Directorate of Enforcement's (ED) Shimla office has unearthed a web of undisclosed foreign assets and financial interests worth over Rs 80 crore belonging to Delhi-based businessman Manavinder Singh, his wife Sagri Singh, and their Imperial Group of companies following raids in Himachal Pradesh and Delhi, the agency said on Sunday.

Searches were carried out on September 19 and 20 at six premises, including the Auramah Valley luxury residential project in Himachal Pradesh, owned by Singh. The operations were conducted under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, after intelligence inputs pointed to undisclosed assets and offshore holdings of the group. These include Aerostar Venture Pte Ltd in Singapore and United Aerospace DWC LLC in Dubai, where both Manavinder Singh and Sagri Singh are beneficial owners. The Dubai-based company was allegedly used to advance unsecured loans worth crores of rupees to Manavinder Singh and related Indian entities.

CHENNAI TO UNVEIL 'ONE CITY, ONE TICKET' TRANSPORT APP ON MONDAY



Diary Times Desk : Chennai is set to make history by becoming the first city in the country to integrate all modes of public transport under a single digital platform.

On Monday, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will launch the much-awaited 'Chennai One' app, developed by the Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA), at the authority's second governing board meeting.

SLAIN TELANGANA MAN
HAD QUARRELLED WITH
ROOMMATE OVER

EVICITION NOTICE: US COPS

Diary Times Desk : The police in Santa Clara city in the US said that Mahbubnagar native Nizamuddin Mohammed, who was killed by police 15 days ago, had a quarrel with his roommate over an eviction notice from the landlord. In an update on the incident on Saturday, they said that a police team had entered the room and shot Nizamuddin while he was engaged in a fight with his roommate.

The police said that their investigation at this point has determined that the relationship between the suspect (Nizamuddin Mohammed) and victim had deteriorated in recent months. Disagreements escalated over household matters, including thermostat use, and tensions increased after an incident in July when the suspect damaged property after an argument with the victim.

Following that incident, the landlord evidently initiated eviction proceedings against Nizamuddin. On August 29, the victim testified in support of the eviction. Preliminary information indicates this testimony was a significant factor leading up to the attack.

‘WORKED WITH 7 PMS FOR
PEACE, BRANDED A
TERRORIST BY BJP FOR ITS
AGENDA’: JKLF CHIEF YASIN
MALIK TO DELHI HC

Diary Times Desk : Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chairman Yasin Malik has told the Delhi high court that he was instructed to meet Lashkar-e-Tayyaba founder Hafiz Saeed in 2006 by a senior Intelligence Bureau (IB) official.

In an affidavit, Malik told the court that his meeting with Saeed was part of a broader effort to get leaders of militant outfits on board for the peace process on Kashmir initiated by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the early 2000s and continued by his successor Manmohan Singh.

The affidavit has alleged that special director of IB V.K. Joshi met Malik in Delhi ahead of his visit to Pakistan. Malik was planning to rally support for relief efforts in the aftermath of the devastating 2005 earthquake that killed at least 73,000 people in Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir and J&K.

“I was specifically requested for this meeting with Hafiz Saeed and other militant leaders of Pakistan on the pretext that militancy and peace dialogues cannot go in tandem, given the [2006] bomb blast.

LADKI BAHIN YOJANA E-KYC: CHECK KEY
DOCUMENTS, STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE, AND MORE



Diary Times Desk : The “Mukhyamantri – Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana” is a scheme launched by the Women and Child Development Department of the Maharashtra government.

The scheme is aimed at empowering women, aged 21 to 65 years, by providing them with financial assistance of Rs 1,500/- through direct benefit transfer (DBT).

The scheme was launched on 28 June 2024 for those women whose annual family income does not exceed Rs 2.5 lakh. The state government has made it necessary to complete the e-KYC (Know Your Customer) within two months to continue receiving benefits under the scheme, a government resolution issued on Thursday confirmed.

MEANT TO TACKLE PIRATED DVDS,
‘ASHOK KUMAR ORDERS’ ARE NOW
POTENT WEAPON IN DEFAMATION
CASES

Diary Times Desk : When a Delhi trial court handed Adani Enterprises a sweeping John Doe gag order this September, it was the latest in a growing series of injunctions that have morphed from piracy shields into powerful censorship tools. These orders were designed for cases where the wrongdoers were unknown. Today, they are being used to silence reporting on companies, block thousands of links, and keep inconvenient reports out of public view.

A John Doe order is a court injunction that applies not just to named defendants but also to unknown parties who might later be found committing the alleged violation. In India, these injunctions are also known as ‘Ashok Kumar’ orders, after a common Hindi film actor used by courts as a stand-in for anonymous wrongdoers.

Originally crafted to tackle copyright piracy, where film producers could not identify.

OP SINDOOR POST DELETION, BEING
‘BRIGHT STUDENT’ NOT GROUNDS TO
JUNK CASE: COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Bombay High Court has orally remarked that the case against a 19-year-old student for her social media post against Operation Sindoor cannot be quashed only the ground that she has deleted the post and apologised for it.

A bench of Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Gautam Ankhad said just because the accused is a “bright student” and has passed her exams with “flying colours” does not mean the FIR lodged against her can be quashed.

The court was hearing a petition filed by the Pune collegian seeking to quash the FIR lodged against her in May for her social media post on Indo-Pak hostilities amid Operation Sindoor.

She was arrested but was later released after securing bail from the High Court.

On Friday, the court was informed by the student’s advocate that, after securing bail, the girl had appeared for her examinations and had secured good marks.

SETBACK FOR FOLK SINGER NEHA RATHORE AS HC REFUSES TO
QUASH FIR OVER REMARKS AGAINST PM



Diary Times Desk : The Allahabad High Court has refused to quash an FIR against folk singer Neha Singh Rathore for allegedly making derogatory statements on social media against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the BJP, observing that the freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by the Constitution is subject to reasonable restrictions.

The case is linked to her posts following the barbaric April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

“After perusing the allegations of the FIR and the relevant portion of the case diary, we are convinced that the allegations in the FIR and other material, prima facie, disclose a cognisable offence, justifying an investigation by the police officers,” a Lucknow bench comprising Justices Rajesh Singh Chauhan and Syed Qamar Hasan Rizvi said.

"NOT AN INCH": TALIBAN REJECTS TRUMP'S DEMAND FOR RETURN OF BAGRAM AIR BASE

Diary Times Desk : An Afghan government defence official said Sunday that a deal over Bagram air base was "not possible," after US President Donald Trump said he wanted the former US base back.

Bagram, the largest air base in Afghanistan located north of the capital Kabul, was the centre of US operations in their 20 year-war against the Taliban.

Trump threatened unspecified punishment against Afghanistan if it was not returned -- four years after it was abandoned by US troops.

"If Afghanistan doesn't give Bagram Airbase back to those that built it, the United States of America, BAD THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN!!!" the 79-year-old leader wrote on his Truth Social platform.

On Sunday, Fasihuddin Fitrat, chief of staff of Afghanistan's ministry of defence, said "some people" want to take back the base through a "political deal".

"Recently, some people have said that they have entered negotiations with Afghanistan for taking back Bagram air base," he said in comments broadcast by local media.

"A deal over even an inch of Afghanistan's soil is not possible. We don't need it."

Later in an official statement, the Afghan government warned that "Afghanistan's independence and territorial integrity are of the utmost importance".

Trump has repeatedly criticised the loss of the base, noting its proximity to China.

But Thursday while on a state visit to Britain was the first time he publicly raised the idea of the United States retaking control of it.

"REWARDING TERROR WITH ENORMOUS PRIZE": NETANYAHU TO UK, CANADA ON PALESTINE

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday issued a warning to Britain, Canada, and Australia after the three countries recognised Palestinian state and accused them of "rewarding terror" in the wake of the October 7 Hamas attack.

He also said that there would be no Palestinian state "to the west of the Jordan River."

In a statement, PM Netanyahu said, "There will be no Palestinian state. The response to the latest attempt to force upon us a terror state in the heart of our land will be given after my return from the United States"

"I have a clear message to those leaders who are recognising a Palestinian state after the horrendous October 7 massacre: You are rewarding terror with an enormous prize. And I have another message for you: It's not going to happen. There will be no Palestinian state to the west of the Jordan River," he added.

"SHOULD GET NOBEL PRIZE": TRUMP CLAIMS HE STOPPED INDIA-PAK WAR WITH TRADE

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump repeated the claim that he solved the India-Pakistan conflict earlier this year with trade and asserted that he should get the Nobel Peace Prize for "ending seven wars".

"On the world stage, we are once again doing things that we are just respected at a level that we have never been respected before.

"We are forging peace agreements, and we are stopping wars. So we stopped wars between India and Pakistan, Thailand and Cambodia," Trump said on Saturday at the American Cornerstone Institute Founder's Dinner.

He went on to say, "Think of India and Pakistan. Think of that. And you know how I stopped that -- with trade. They want to trade. And I have great respect for both leaders. But when you take a look at all of these wars that we've stopped." "Just look at that.

NETANYAHU CONFIRMS PROGRESS IN SYRIA TALKS, BUT SAYS SECURITY DEAL STILL FAR OFF

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday there has been progress on a security deal with Syria but an agreement was not imminent. Speaking at the outset of a cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said victory against Hezbollah in Lebanon had opened up the possibility of peace with Israel's northern neighbours.

"We are holding talks with the Syrians, there is some progress, but there was still a ways to go," he said. "In any case these discussions, as well as the contacts with Lebanon, would not have been possible without our decisive victories on the northern front and others."

Syria's President Ahmed al-Sharaa said on Wednesday that ongoing negotiations with Israel to reach a security pact could lead to results "in the coming days."

He said a security pact was a "necessity" and that it would need to respect Syria's airspace and territorial unity and be monitored by the United Nations.

TRUMP WARNS OF 'INCALCULABLE PRICE' IF VENEZUELA WON'T ACCEPT 'PRISONERS'

Diary Times Desk : United States President Donald Trump has threatened Venezuela with "incalculable" consequences if the country does not "immediately" take back immigrants he described as "prisoners" and "people from mental institutions".

"GET THEM THE HELL OUT OF OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT NOW, OR THE PRICE YOU PAY WILL BE INCALCULABLE!" he said on his Truth Social platform on Saturday. He insisted that Venezuela had "forced" such people into the US and claimed without evidence that "thousands of people have been badly hurt, and even killed, by these 'Monsters.'"

Trump's latest outburst came amid soaring tensions, one day after he announced another strike against alleged drug vessels from Venezuela in the Caribbean that killed three men he described as "male narcoterrorists".

Venezuela, for its part, has accused the US of waging an "undeclared war" in the Caribbean and called for a United Nations investigation into at least three strikes on boats that have killed a total of 17 people since the beginning of September.

Washington has deployed seven warships, a nuclear-powered submarine and F-35 stealth fighters to international waters off Venezuela's coast, backed by F-35 fighters sent to Puerto Rico, in the biggest US naval deployment in the Caribbean.

CHINA LAUNCHES ITS OWN H-1B-STYLE K VISA TO ATTRACT STEM TALENT FROM SOUTH ASIA

Diary Times Desk : China's State Council announced a big change to its immigration rules by launching the new K visa, which will be effective from October 1. This visa is designed to bring in young foreign talent in science, technology and other STEM fields. While the United States is making it harder and far more expensive for foreign workers with President Donald Trump's proposal of a \$100,000 yearly fee for H-1B visas, China is taking the opposite approach by making entry easier for skilled youth.

For years, the H-1B visa has been the main way for highly skilled workers, especially in technology and research, to work in the US, but with Trump's steep fee plan, many professionals from countries like India and China may find America less appealing.



ARRESTS AS TENS OF THOUSANDS PROTEST CORRUPTION IN PHILIPPINES

IRAN SAYS IT WILL SUSPEND COOPERATION WITH UN'S NUCLEAR WATCHDOG



Diary Times Desk : Police and protesters have engaged in scattered clashes as tens of thousands of people demonstrated in the Philippine capital, Manila, angered over a corruption scandal involving flood control projects that are believed to have cost billions of dollars.

With organisers hoping to draw one of the largest turnouts at anticorruption protests, police and soldiers were put on alert on Sunday to prevent possible outbreaks of violence.



Diary Times Desk : Iran's top security body has warned that action by France, Germany and the United Kingdom to reimpose international sanctions will "effectively suspend" its cooperation with the United Nations nuclear watchdog.

The warning from the Supreme National Security Council came on Saturday, a day after the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) failed to adopt a resolution to permanently lift sanctions against Iran.

That vote was called after the three European nations launched a 30-day process on August 28 to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran, claiming that Tehran has violated a deal it signed in 2015 to curb its nuclear programme.

Russia and China, which are also signatories to the deal, have both rejected the bid to trigger the "snapback" sanctions.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council, which is chaired by President Masoud Pezeshkian, called the action taken by the three European nations, who are known as the E3, "ill-considered".

It said the move undermined months of engagement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) aimed at resuming monitoring and ensuring compliance with international rules.

"Despite the cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the [IAEA] and the proposals presented to resolve the [nuclear] issue, the actions of European countries will effectively suspend the path of cooperation with the Agency," the council said.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 31 PERSONS IN GAZA CITY; TANKS CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

Diary Times Desk : Israeli forces blew up more residential buildings in Gaza City on Sunday, killing at least 31 Palestinians and prompting many others to flee, Gazan health authorities said, as Israel's tanks pushed further into the densely populated city.

Nearly two years into the war, Israel describes Gaza City as the last bastion of Hamas and the military has been demolishing housing blocks it says were being used by the militant group since launching its ground assault in the city this month.

At least 17 people who threw rocks at riot police and set fire to the tyres of a barricade were arrested, local authorities reported.

Less than an hour later, police used a water cannon on another group of masked protesters.

According to the AFP news agency, some police picked up rocks and threw them back at demonstrators.

Manila Mayor Francisco Isko Moreno Domagoso said police officers were wounded in clashes with protesters and were receiving medical treatment.

"Manila CDRMO [City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office] and Manila Health Department gave first aid to our policemen deployed in Mendiola today," he wrote on Facebook. "They were rushed to the nearest district hospital, the Sampaloc Hospital so that they can be treated by our doctors. Let's maintain order and peace in our city. Let's all be careful."

There has been violence recently at protests in another Southeast Asian nation, Indonesia, where demonstrators, infuriated by police violence, parliamentarians' wages and soaring inflation, have been staging nationwide rallies.

Protesters in Manila earlier waved Philippine flags and held a banner that read, "No more, too much, jail them," as they marched, demanding the prosecution of all those involved in corruption.

"I feel bad that we wallow in poverty and we lose our homes, our lives and our future while they rake in a big fortune from our taxes that pay for their luxury cars, foreign trips and bigger corporate transactions," student activist Althea Trinidad told The Associated Press news agency.

THE PROBLEM WITH BERNIE SANDERS'S 'IT IS GENOCIDE' ADMISSION

Diary Times Desk : After almost two years of horrendous atrocities in Gaza, Senator Bernie Sanders finally recognised the genocide as a genocide. In an op-ed posted on his United States Senate website, he wrote: "The intent is clear. The conclusion is inescapable: Israel is committing genocide in Gaza." Like with other recent declarations – from the United Nations and the International Association of Genocide Scholars – this one came too late. But worse than that, it came in a highly problematic framework. Sanders chose to start his op-ed by essentially suggesting that "Hamas started it". This not only amounts to victim-blaming but also erases eight decades.

'TRYING TO PUT TOOTHPASTE BACK IN TUBE': EX-DIPLOMAT ON H-1B VISA FEE HIKE CLARIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : Former senior diplomat Mahesh Sachdev criticised the US administration's sudden decision to raise the H-1B visa sponsorship fee to USD 100,000, saying the move was rushed and continues to hamper the free flow of Indian professionals despite partial modifications.

"After having suddenly escalated this issue, giving less than 24 hours practically speaking, over the weekend notice for stakeholders affected by this drastic move, they are trying to put toothpaste back in the tube," Mr Sachdev said.

He added that American employers of H-1B personnel likely pushed back against the initial order, forcing the administration to limit its scope.

TRUMP SAYS HE IS SPEAKING WITH TALIBAN TO REGAIN CONTROL OF BAGRAM AIRFIELD



Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has called on the country's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Pam Bondi, to more aggressively investigate his political adversaries.

In a social media post addressed directly to Bondi, he said: "We can't delay any longer, it's killing our reputation and credibility."

Trump expressed frustration that "nothing is being done", before calling on Bondi to investigate former FBI director James Comey, New York Attorney General Letitia James and Democratic Senator Adam Schiff, who oversaw his first impeachment trial. Shortly after, he posted again to praise Bondi who he said was "doing a great job".

"I have reviewed over 30 statements and posts saying that, essentially, "same old story as last time, all talk, no action. Nothing is being done. What about Comey, Adam "Shifty" Schiff, Leticia??? They're all guilty as hell, but nothing is going to be done," Trump said on Saturday.

NEPAL'S PRESIDENT PAUDEL APPOINTS FIVE NEW MINISTERS, OATH ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : Nepal Prime Minister Sushila Karki on Sunday extended her cabinet strength to nine by inducting five new ministers in the interim government. Following Karki's recommendation, President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Anil Kumar Sinha, Mahavir Pun, Sangita Kaushal Mishra, Jagadish Kharel and Madan Pariyar as the new ministers, according to sources at the President's Office.

The swearing-in ceremony of these ministers will be held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on Monday.

Sinha will be given the portfolio of Industry and Commerce; Pun will be given Education, Science and Technology; Mishra will be getting Health & Population; Kharel will be the minister for Information and Communication, while Pariyar the minister for Agriculture, sources said.

With this, the cabinet now has nine ministers, including the Prime Minister who has kept several important portfolios with her.



5 FOREIGN NATIONALS, WHO ESCAPED IN NEPAL JAILBREAK, ARRESTED IN BIHAR

Diary Times Desk : Five foreign nationals, who allegedly escaped from jail in Nepal during the recent protests in the neighbouring country, have been caught in Bihar's Motihari, an official said on Sunday.

The foreigners, four of them residents of Sudan and one hailing from Bolivia, were "apprehended on September 20 following a tip-off from the Sashastra Seema Bal", East Champaran SP Swarn Prabhat said.

"A raid was conducted at the bus terminus in Ghorasahan and the five foreign nationals, all in their 30s, were caught," Prabhat said.

"During interrogation, two of them confessed to have escaped from the Nepal Central Jail," the SP said.

More than 15,000 inmates, lodged in different jails across Nepal, had reportedly fled earlier this month when the Himalayan nation was in the throes of mass protests.

INDIA, OMAN TO SIGN TRADE PACT VERY SOON: OMAN'S AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

Diary Times Desk : India and Oman are set to sign the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) "very soon" with both nations eyeing diversification of their trade basket to include more commodities and exchange of services, the country's Ambassador to India Issa Saleh Abdullah Saleh Alshibani said. In an interview to PTI, Oman's Ambassador to India said negotiations have concluded and currently the legislative and administrative processes are in motion. "Hopefully... we will reach a stage of signature very soon," he said in response to a question related to the expected timeline for signing of the agreement. Talks for the agreement, officially termed as CEPA, formally began in November 2023. In such agreements, two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on a maximum number of goods traded between them.

MOHAMMED BIN RASHID LAUNCHES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN 'THE EMIRATES: THE STARTUP CAPITAL OF THE WORLD'

Diary Times Desk : Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai, has launched "The Emirates: The Startup Capital of the World" campaign, a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening the UAE's position as a leading global hub for entrepreneurship and innovation.

The campaign seeks to provide comprehensive support to Emirati youth, enabling them to benefit from the UAE's unique economic environment through an integrated ecosystem of initiatives, platforms, and specialised programmes designed to foster innovation, accelerate growth, and diversify the national economy. Supervised by the Ministry of Economy and Tourism, in collaboration with the UAE Government Media Office and the UAE Entrepreneurship Council, the campaign brings together over 50 incubators and accelerators alongside a wide network of strategic partners from the public and private sectors, as well as leading national institutions and academic entities, to create an inclusive environment that nurtures entrepreneurial talent and unlocks economic potential.

Mohammed bin Rashid said, "Today, the Cabinet launched the new national campaign "The Emirates: The Startup Capital of the World." The campaign brings together more than 50 entities from both the public and private sectors, with the aim of training and nurturing 10,000 Emirati entrepreneurs, creating thousands of economic opportunities, and raising community awareness on the importance of leveraging the economic momentum the country is witnessing. A series of initiatives will be introduced, with a call for all institutions to actively participate in this campaign and support its objectives.



ANCIENT PHARAOH'S 3,000-YEAR-OLD BRACELET STOLEN FROM CAIRO MUSEUM, MELTED DOWN

Diary Times Desk : Egyptians reacted with outrage this week after officials said that a 3,000-year-old bracelet that had belonged to an ancient pharaoh was stolen from Cairo's famed Egyptian Museum and then melted down for gold.

Tourism and Antiquities Minister Sherif Fathy said that the bracelet was stolen on September 9 while officials at the museum were preparing artefacts for an exhibit in Italy.

He blamed "laxity" in implementing procedures at the facility and said that prosecutors were still investigating.

The bracelet, containing a lapis lazuli bead, belonged to Pharaoh Amenemope, who reigned about 3,000 years ago. Authorities said it was taken from a restoration lab at the museum and then funnelled through a chain of dealers before being melted down. The minister said the lab didn't have security cameras.

Four suspects have been arrested and questioned, including a restoration specialist at the museum, the Interior Ministry said.

DEADLINE 12:01 AM: WHEN TECH FIRMS' "RUSH TO US" ORDER SET OFF 'COVID-LIKE' EMERGENCY, DEPLANING DRAMA

Diary Times Desk : Panic, confusion, and anger reigned as workers on H-1B visas from India and China were forced to abandon travel plans and rush back to the US after President Donald Trump imposed new visa fees, in line with his wide-ranging immigration crackdown. Tech companies and banks sent urgent memos to employees, advising them to return before a deadline of 12:01 am US Eastern Time Sunday (4:01 am GMT), and telling them not to leave the country.

A White House official on Saturday clarified that the order applied only to new applicants and not holders of existing visas or those seeking renewals, addressing some of the confusion over who would be affected by the order. But Trump's proclamation a day before had already set off alarm bells in Silicon Valley.

Fearing they would not be allowed back once the new rule took effect, several Indian nationals at San Francisco airport said they cut short vacations. "It is a situation where we had to choose between family and staying here," said an engineer at a large tech company whose wife had been on an Emirates flight from San Francisco to Dubai.

MORE THAN 550,000 LEAVE GAZA WHILE ISRAEL INTENSIFIES MILITARY OPERATION

Diary Times Desk : The IDF reported that so far, more than 550,000 civilians have left Gaza City and moved south. At the same time, forces from the IDF's 162nd, 98th and 36th divisions completed their entry into Gaza City and began operations in Hamas terror strongholds there.

As part of the Hamas terrorist organisation's modus operandi, the IDF identified attempts to prevent the movement of civilians southward in violation of international law, while cruelly using the civilian population as human shields. In recent weeks, the IDF, led by the Southern Command, has begun a broad operation to warn the Gaza population in order to protect them from the fighting zones using a variety of operational tools, including distributing voice messages, dropping leaflets, sending text messages, and making phone calls. The IDF also informed Gazans of the humanitarian zone in Khan Yunis and said it is "leading a broad effort to adapt the humanitarian infrastructure in the southern Gaza Strip, including expanding field hospitals, repairing and connecting water lines and desalination plants, along with continuing the ongoing supply of food, tents, medicine and medical equipment to the zone."



ISRAEL, TAJIKISTAN SIGN TOURISM COOPERATION DEAL

Diary Times Desk : During a working visit to Tajikistan, Tourism Minister Haim Katz signed the first Memorandum of Understanding with his counterpart, Jomkhonzoda Jamshad Jurhon, a move that will contribute to strengthening the bilateral relationship between the countries and expanding cooperation in the field of tourism.

The Tourism Ministry called this a "significant milestone in relations between Israel and Tajikistan, a Muslim country in Central Asia." Since 2013, the two countries have been holding regular policy consultations in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between them and are cooperating in the fields of agriculture, rural development, and more. However, this is the first time that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed in the economic and tourism fields.

ISRAEL "REJECTS" DECLARATION BY UK, CANADA, AUSTRALIA ON RECOGNISING PALESTINIAN STATE

Diary Times Desk : After the UK, Canada, and Australia declared the recognition of a Palestinian state, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Sunday condemned the same.

Israel said that the statement jeopardised the security in the region and is contrary to what it sought to achieve. "Israel categorically rejects the one-sided declaration of the recognition of a Palestinian state made by the United Kingdom and some other countries. This declaration does not promote peace, but on the contrary - further destabilizes the region and undermines the chances of achieving a peaceful solution in the future. Called by Hamas leaders "the fruits of the October 7 massacre", the declaration not only rewards the biggest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust by a terror organization that is calling and acting for the annihilation of Israel, but also solidifies the support Hamas enjoys," the statement read.



ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE MILLIONS WORTH OF COCAINE THROUGH HAIFA PORT THWARTED



Diary Times Desk : Police at the port of Haifa thwarted an attempt to smuggle 15 kg of cocaine into Israel.

The drugs were found in a double-walled shipping container that came from South America and had an estimated value of six million Shekels (USD 1.8 million).

INDIAN NAVY'S INS SATPURA ARRIVES IN COLOMBO

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate, INS Satpura, arrived in Colombo on Sunday to a warm reception from personnel of the Sri Lanka Navy. In a post on X, SpokespersonNavy wrote, "#IndianNavy's indigenous stealth frigate #INSSatpura, arrived at Colombo to a heartening welcome by the personnel of @srilanka_navy showcasing both nations' enduring friendship & joint commitment to regional peace and prosperity."The ship will engage in professional interactions, rescue and force protection drills, yoga and sports fixtures with the Sri Lankan Navy. "Commanding Officer called on RAdm SJ Kumara, Commander Western Naval Area. Discussions held on enhancing bilateral naval cooperation & joint activities to boost operational synergy - furthering partnership under Govt of India's #NeighbourhoodFirst & #MAHASAGAR initiative," the post added.

NEPAL FORMS HIGH-LEVEL JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE VIOLENCE, DESTRUCTION DURING GEN-Z MOVEMENT

Diary Times Desk : A meeting of the Council of Ministers on Sunday has formed a three-member high-level judicial inquiry commission to investigate violence and destruction during the Gen-Z movement.

According to Home Minister Om Prakash Aryal, former Special Court Chair and retired High Court judge Gauri Bahadur Kaki will lead the commission, which will have two additional members. "A principled agreement to establish the inquiry body had already been made in last week's Cabinet session. Final endorsement about the formation of the commission and the members was made today," Aryal confirmed.

As per the minister, the commission also includes former Additional Inspector General (AIG) of Nepal Police Bigyan Raj Sharma and advocate Bishweshwor Prasad Bhandari as members. Formed under the Commission of Inquiry Act.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROPOSES FRESH ROUND OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA

Diary Times Desk :

The European Commission has proposed a 19th package of sanctions against Russia to member states, according to its president Ursula von der Leyen Friday, as she said Europe is increasing its pressure on Moscow in light of its displays of "contempt for diplomacy and international law" over the past month.

Von der Leyen cited recent large-scale drone and missile attacks against Ukraine, as well as the violation of EU airspace with Russian drones in Poland and Romania, as reasons for the new sanctions package.

"Again and again, President Putin has escalated. And in response, Europe is increasing its pressure," she said, according to an EU Commission press release. As part of the measures, Von der Leyen said the Commission will ban imports of Russian Liquefied Natural Gas.

MORE BAD NEWS FOR AMERICANS BATTLING HIGHER PRICES: WINTER HEATING BILLS ARE ABOUT TO RISE

Diary Times Desk : This year's winter heating bills may send a shiver down many Americans' spine.

The cost of staying warm at home is expected to jump an average of 7.6%, to \$976 this season, according to a new estimate from the National Energy Assistance Directors Association. The spike stems from increases in electricity and natural gas prices, as well as a forecast for a somewhat colder winter.

The projection comes as many consumers are still feeling the squeeze from pricier summer electric bills, as well as continued higher costs for groceries, health insurance and other essentials. At the same time, the amount of federal assistance available to help people cover their utility bills is expected to remain flat.

Just how much more Americans will have to pay this winter depends greatly on how they heat their home and where they live, according to the association.

THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE HAS A NEW CHALLENGE: TRUMP'S \$100K FEE ON H-1B VISAS

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump's latest effort to overhaul America's legal immigration system — raising the annual fee on H-1B visa applicants from \$215 to \$100,000 — could deal a major blow to some US industries that rely on skilled foreign workers.

During a signing at the Oval Office Friday, Trump argued that America needs "great workers" and that the newly imposed fee "pretty much ensures that that's what's going to happen." Administration officials also claimed the hefty fee would incentivize companies to hire American workers.

"The company needs to decide ... is the person valuable enough to have a \$100,000-a-year payment to the government, or they should head home and go hire an American?" Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said at the signing. "That's the point of immigration: Hire Americans and make sure the people coming in are the top, top people."

Of the 85,000 H-1B visas granted annually, another 20,000 are reserved for people with advanced degrees from American higher education institutions.

JUDGE REJECTS TRUMP'S NEW YORK TIMES LAWSUIT FOR BEING 'DECIDEDLY IMPROPER AND IMPERMISSIBLE'

Diary Times Desk : In a ruling dripping with derision, a federal judge has rejected President Trump's defamation lawsuit against The New York Times, asserting that the rambling 85-page suit did not follow federal rules for filing civil complaints.

The president's team has been given a month to refile, and a Trump spokesperson indicated that they will do so.

Judge Steven D. Merryday of the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida said Friday that the suit "stands unmistakably and inexcusably athwart the requirements of Rule 8" of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A complaint must be a "short, plain, direct statement of allegations of fact," he wrote, and Trump's broadside against The Times was "decidedly improper and impermissible."

THERE'S NO 'MATERIAL INFLATION FROM TARIFFS,' SAYS NEW CENTRAL BANKER STEPHEN MIRAN

Diary Times Desk :

President Donald Trump's widespread tariffs aren't boosting inflation, so interest rates should be lowered quickly to prevent America's labor market from deteriorating, Federal Reserve Governor Stephen Miran said Friday in his first public comments as a monetary policymaker.

The Fed on Wednesday announced a quarter-point rate cut, the first reduction in nine months, in an attempt to prevent unemployment from surging. Fed Chair Jerome Powell in a news conference described it as a "risk management cut," suggesting the Fed isn't behind the curve.

Miran, however, disagrees. He was the lone dissenter on the Fed's latest decision, favoring a large, half-point cut instead. His appointment has brought a new voice to the Fed — one with unconventional views on the economy — in support of aggressive rate cuts in the months ahead.



ANALYSIS: CAUGHT
BETWEEN KIMMEL AND
TRUMP, BOB IGER FACES
A NO-WIN SITUATION

Diary Times Desk :
At ABC's annual presentation for advertisers last year, Jimmy Kimmel looked over to his boss, Disney CEO Bob Iger, and made light of Iger's return to the company after stepping down from the CEO post in 2020.

"Bob Iger, this guy, he should be retired by now," Kimmel joked. "You should be off on a yacht somewhere!"

Seriously, though, that yacht probably sounds pretty good to Iger right now. Remaining in retirement wasn't really an option for the restless Iger. But some fellow execs are wryly wondering if he regrets being back on top right now.

Iger, 74, who once wanted to run for president against Trump, is in a no-win situation with Kimmel on one side, Trump on the other, and Disney's reputation at stake. Three full days have now passed without a publicly announced resolution.

Walt Disney's original vision was all-American, right down to the flags along Main Street USA, and the company now exports Americana all around the world. But you know what else is all-American? The First Amendment. And Kimmel's suspension amid government pressure has turned Disney into a movie-ready villain in the eyes of many consumers.

Disney so cherishes its squeaky-clean brand that it doesn't even let trash linger on the ground at Disneyland. But now there are free speech protesters picketing outside the theme park. One sign at last night's rally in Anaheim called it "the happiest place on Earth — as long as you comply."

**US WILL COMPLETE
TIKTOK DEAL 'IN
COMING DAYS' AND
CONTROL ITS
ALGORITHM, WHITE
HOUSE SAYS**

Diary Times Desk : The United States will have control over TikTok's algorithm in the acquisition of the social media platform's US operations, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Saturday. "We are 100% confident that a deal is done. Now that deal just needs to be signed, and the president's team is working with their Chinese counterparts to do just that," Leavitt said on Fox.

TRUMP SAYS LARRY ELLISON, MICHAEL DELL AND MURDOCHS WILL
BE INVOLVED IN TIKTOK DEAL



Diary Times Desk :
President Donald Trump on Sunday said tech and media giants Larry Ellison, Michael Dell, and Lachlan and Rupert Murdoch will be a part of the group to take over TikTok's algorithm in the acquisition of the social media platform's US operations.

"You know, they're very well-known people. And Larry Ellison is one of them. He's involved. He's a great guy. Michael Dell is involved. I hate to tell you this, but a man named Lachlan is involved," Trump said on Fox News' "Sunday Briefing," referring to Lachlan Murdoch — the CEO of Fox Corp., which is the parent company of Fox News — and the son of Fox Corp. founder Rupert Murdoch.

Trump added that Rupert Murdoch "is probably going to be in the group." The TikTok talks involving the Murdochs could result in Fox Corp. becoming part of the consortium, according to a person familiar with the matter. Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch would not be investing as individuals.

CAR PRICES ARE IN CHECK. BUT GET READY FOR STICKER SHOCK ON
REPAIR BILLS



Diary Times Desk :
Despite billions in tariff costs for imported autos and parts, new car prices have stayed relatively flat. But the news isn't as good for car owners taking their vehicles to the repair shop.

The price of car repairs jumped 5% just from July to August, according to the latest Consumer Price Index, the government's key inflation measure. That's the largest one-month increase on record, and the cost of repairs is now up 15% compared to a year ago.

But despite what you might think, it's not just tariffs driving up the price of repairs. That's even though tariffs, which are a US tax on imports, took effect on all imported parts in May.

"There's quite a few factors," said Skyler Chadwick, director of product consulting, Cox Automotive. The growing age of vehicles on the road, a technician shortage lifting wages in the sector, and more complex vehicles are also to blame, Chadwick said.

Why your car has imported parts
Tariffs are definitely part of the reason Americans are paying more at the shop — auto parts, especially after-market parts used in repairs, are primarily imported and therefore subject to tariffs of 25%.

"Do I believe tariffs have been an impact on this? You betcha," Chadwick said. He points out that there's no US-made car with 100% American parts. So even if your American-made car needs maintenance or repairs, there's a good chance the part is going to be coming from Mexico or somewhere else overseas. "The cost of parts has gone through the roof because we have to pull those parts in from other parts of the world," Chadwick said. "You could be a lucky customer who draws that lottery ticket and needs an American part. Otherwise, your part is subject to a 25% increase."

NO SHELTER FOR POCSO
OFFENDERS, CONSENT
OF MINOR IMMATERIAL:
HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that granting protection to “wrongdoers” in POCSO cases amid a rising tide of such crimes would send a profoundly damaging message to society, particularly to its most vulnerable — school-going children.

The assertion came as Justice Namit Kumar refused bail to a man accused of raping his 15-year-old cousin, recording her obscene video, and facilitating further exploitation that culminated in the delivery of a child in her school washroom. The Bench further emphasised that the consent of a minor held no legal value under the POCSO Act, 2012.

The case was registered in May 2023 at Chandimandir police station in Panchkula district after the newborn's body was discovered in the dustbin of a government school washroom in Ramgarh in Panchkula district.

CREATE LAKE IN 15
ACRES IN GURUGRAM
TO PREVENT
WATERLOGGING: RAO
INDERJIT

Diary Times Desk : The state plans to create an artificial lake near a mall in Gurugram to conserve water and keep NH-8 free of waterlogging. Stating this, Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh asked officials to look into the possibility of making the lake in 15 acres of tourism land near the mall. The land was previously used for Dhanchiri camps. Singh said vacant government lands should be utilised for recharging water. Citing the city's topography, he noted that natural stormwater channels had been “obstructed” by illegal constructions, worsening waterlogging in low-lying areas. He asked officials to prepare a report on encroachments over natural drains and ensure that they were cleared immediately.

Highlighting the need for modern solutions, he suggested that just as Metro tunnels run underground, pipelines should be laid to ensure smooth flow of rainwater through its natural course. “Builders and industrial projects cannot be allowed to disregard water conservation norms.

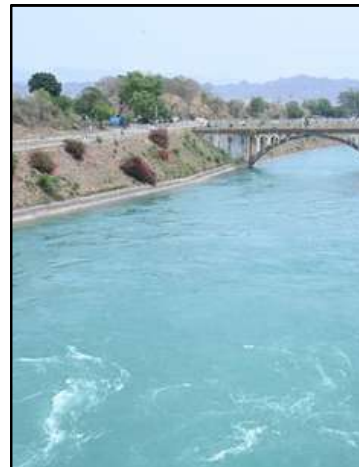
BBMB SEEKS NOD FROM PARTNER STATES TO CLOSE NANGAL HYDEL CANAL FOR
REPAIRS

Diary Times Desk : The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has sought permission from partner states of the organisation to close Nangal Hydel canal for repairs. Highly placed sources told The Tribune that Nangal Hydel Canal was damaged at 13 places this monsoon season. At some places, even the concrete pavement of the canal was damaged.

Due to the damage to canal, the BBMB authorities have reduced water discharge in Nangal hydel canal from about 12,000 cusecs to about 9,000 cusecs since August 30 when the canal was damaged.

In case the partner states allow closure of Nangal Hydel Canal, the water supply from Bhakra Dam projects to Haryana and Rajasthan would be disrupted.

Nangal Hydel Canal connects with Bhakra mainline canal near Ropar which takes water from Bhakra Dam projects to Haryana and Rajasthan. The canal supports have drinking and irrigation projects in Haryana and Rajasthan. While a 60-km stretch of the Nangal hydel canal is managed by the BBMB, the further stretch, which is called Bhakra mainline, is managed by the Punjab Irrigation Department.



IAF'S SURYA KIRAN AEROBATIC
TEAM ENTHRALS PEOPLE AT HISAR
AIR SHOW

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Air Force's elite Surya Kiran team enthralled people with skilful aerobatic feats during an air show at Maharaja Agrasen Airport Complex here on Sunday.

A large number of people from Hisar and surrounding districts, along with officers and soldiers from the Army cantonment, their families, and students from Army Public School and National Cadet Corps witnessed the performance.

Speaking on the occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said the air show is a source of inspiration for youth.

The show conveyed a strong message of discipline, teamwork and unwavering patriotism, and each feat of the Surya Kiran aerobatic team reflected the spirit of the motto 'Sadaiva Sarvottam' (always the best), he said.

He also expressed confidence that the youth will take pride in the country's armed forces and bring glory to the nation.

RAHUL'S CLAIMS BOGUS,
SPREADING FALSEHOODS TO
DISCREDIT EC: SAINI

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday accused Rahul Gandhi of spreading misinformation to discredit the Election Commission and destabilise democratic institutions. He said the Opposition was resorting to falsehoods to undermine democracy. During a press conference, the CM said, “It is in his DNA. He is making these baseless and false accusations only to protect infiltrators and urban Naxals.” He said Rahul Gandhi linked the voter list controversy during the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections to the current Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Gyanesh Kumar, even though he was appointed in February 2025. Calling the allegations “factually incorrect and politically motivated”, Saini asked why Rahul Gandhi was blaming the current CEC for an incident that happened in 2023. Regarding the Aland Assembly constituency in Karnataka, which Rahul Gandhi referred to, the Congress had won from there in 2023, the CM said.

An FIR has already been registered in the matter. The Election Commission had even provided the mobile numbers and IP addresses used.

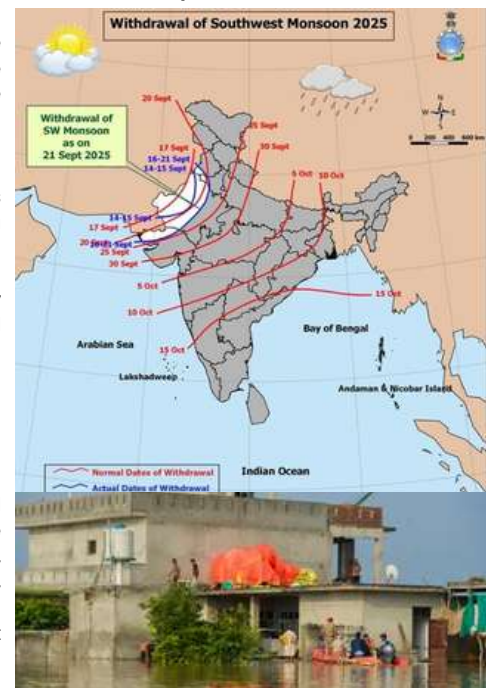
MONSOON RETREAT STALLED FROM PUNJAB, HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : After retreating from the southwestern tips of Punjab and Haryana on September 15, the withdrawal of monsoon from the region appears to have stalled, with no further progress being witnessed since then.

“The line of withdrawal of southwest monsoon continues to pass through Bathinda, Fatehabad, Pilani, Ajmer, Deesa and Bhuj,” a bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on September 21 states.

This is the same position as that on September 15, the day monsoon commenced its withdrawal from Punjab and Haryana. Normally, the monsoon should have withdrawn from half the state of Punjab by September 20, with complete withdrawal from Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh by September 25.

While light to moderate rain along with thunder and lightning occurred at isolated places in Punjab during the past 24 hours, the weather is likely to be dry in the state, with no rain expected till September 27. Light rain is, however, expected in a few parts of Himachal Pradesh and several parts of neighbouring Uttarakhand to its east till September 27.



Two celestial events will tempt sky-gazers

Sky-gazers should get ready for a full day of celestial events on Sunday, including a partial solar eclipse in parts of the Southern Hemisphere.

The partial solar eclipse will peak, the point at which the moon blocks the largest portion of the sun's surface, at 3:41 p.m. ET. But the entire event, as the moon moves between Earth and the sun, will be visible from 1:29 p.m. through 5:53 p.m. ET, according to EarthSky.

Unlike during a total solar eclipse, the moon will only partially obscure the sun's face, making it look like it is taking a "bite" out of the sun.

But this partial eclipse will only be seen in limited areas.



Gina Park
"When a planet is in opposition, it means the planet is on the opposite side of the Earth than the sun."

"If you're living in the US, this isn't a great solar eclipse to see, because it's really going to be visible from the South Pacific, New Zealand and Antarctica in this particular case," Jason Rhodes, chief scientist for astronomy and physics at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, said in an email.

Additionally, the partial solar eclipse will be visible in parts of Australia, according to Time and Date. "We live in a very unique system (Earth/Moon/Sun) so that the Moon and the Sun are very nearly the same size in our sky. The Sun is physically much bigger but much farther (away from Earth) so that it is just about the same size as the Moon," Rhodes said. Anyone planning to watch the eclipse should remember to use safe solar viewing methods. Forgetting to do so can cause severe eye injury. No part of a partial solar eclipse is safe to view without proper eye protection because some of the sun's powerful light will always be visible.

To observe the partial solar eclipse safely, wear certified eclipse glasses or use a handheld solar viewer labeled with the ISO 12312-2 international



standard. If you normally wear eyeglasses, keep them on and put eclipse glasses over them or hold a handheld viewer in front of them, according to the American Astronomical Society.

Put on your eclipse glasses before looking up and remember to turn away from the sun before removing them. Always keep an eye on children wearing eclipse glasses to make sure they don't remove them while looking at the sun.

Sunglasses won't work in place of eclipse glasses or solar viewers, which are 100,000 times darker and held to an international safety standard. You can also observe the sun with a telescope, binoculars or camera that has a special solar filter on the front, which acts the same way eclipse glasses would. Don't look at the sun through any unfiltered optical device — camera lens, telescope, binoculars — while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer, NASA advises. Solar rays can still burn through the filter on the glasses or viewer, given how concentrated they can be through an optical device, and can cause severe eye damage. Those in the Northern Hemisphere who cannot see the partial solar eclipse will have a chance to see a celestial event this weekend because Saturn will be at opposition on Sunday at 2 a.m. ET.

Pop Philanthropy

Bob Dylan moment 40 years ago sparked decades



Bill Weir
She said extreme weather, trade wars and DOGE decisions to gut USDA support staff has some rural Republicans frustrated with the second Trump term.

It was 1985, and improvised empathy was cool. News reports of families starving to death in drought-stricken Ethiopia were enough to move the lead singer of the Boomtown Rats to assemble a British supergroup to help save them. Bob Geldof, Band Aid and "Do They Know It's Christmas" helped inspire Quincy Jones and Michael Jackson to rally even more star power into USA for Africa, raise hundreds of millions with "We Are The World," and create momentum for a bicontinental mega-concert called Live Aid. And when the Philadelphia stage hit late prime time, Bob Dylan unwittingly gave this wave of pop philanthropy another push. "I hope that some of the money that's raised for the people in Africa," Dylan said, flanked by Keith Richards and Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones. "Maybe they can just take a little bit of it, one or two million, and use it, say, to pay the mortgages on some of the farms that the farmers here owe to the banks." Crop prices were crashing in '85, with bank foreclosures wiping out family farms at alarming rates and pushing farmer suicides to record levels and when Dylan gave a shoutout to those who grow the food that ends famines, it hit Willie Nelson "like a ton of bricks."



As a grower of berries, lettuce and other fresh staples, he says he enjoys none of the support given to large-scale growers of commodity crops. "If you're a corn, soybean, cotton farmer there's a lot of funding out there. If you're in 'specialty crops,' which is just the vegetables on people's tables every single day, there really isn't a lot of help out there."

The politics around farming are even more contentious than they were in the days of Reagan, with age-old problems remaining and new ones getting worse.

"Since 1985, some challenges have remained for family farmers, including the unknowns of weather, the ups and downs of markets and policies that help the big guys more than the little ones," the 92-year-old Willie Nelson blogged before Farm Aid 40. "Some challenges have gotten harder, like access to farmland, the impacts of climate change and the increasing concentration of power held by corporations. But you and I know people have power too and when we come together, we CAN win!"

With a divided Congress making no progress on a comprehensive Farm Bill, Farm Aid is throwing its weight behind the Agriculture Resilience Act, championed by congresswoman and organic farmer Chellie Pingree.

"Today climate change isn't such a popular item with this president," the Maine Democrat said on a farm visit south of Portland. "But on the other hand, keeping farms viable should be. Would make it more viable to be on the land? How to reduce your energy costs? What kind of research do you need to deal with the weeks and weeks we've had of drought this year?"

She said extreme weather, trade wars and DOGE decisions to gut USDA support staff has some rural Republicans frustrated with the second Trump term. "I'm working with some New York Republicans who are mad because the administration took away \$3 billion that was going directly to farmers to buy their food for school lunches and food banks. It gave farmers guaranteed contracts often in a time of year where they're not selling as much." "You go back to the early 80s, the problem with farmers then is they were told to get big or get out," Maine farmer Seth Kroeck said. "And they needed to borrow massive amounts of money to get there. And then the markets fell apart. Now we're in a different situation in that there are a lot of small farmers who are just really trying to scrape along and make the whole thing work."

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ELLEN DEGENERES SAYS SHE WAS 'KICKED OUT OF SHOW BUSINESS.'



Rob Picheta
Were we all too hard on Ellen? Those who have worked with the star over the past several decades fall on radically different sides of that question. DeGeneres declined to be interviewed for this story, but several of her ex-colleagues spoke to CNN. Few have no opinion of her anymore; stances have hardened in hindsight.

Time does not move quickly here. Union Jacks flap gently in the breeze; a golden slither of evening sun drapes a row of cottages; a red postbox, still bearing the initials of the late Queen, stands outside a village church, bathed in the fading light. When you think of the English countryside, this is where you think of. This idyllic pocket of rolling hills and picturesque villages, two hours west of London, has been an affluent outpost for retired prime ministers and old-money elites for centuries. But there's a new crowd now. They're called, with mild derision, the "Chippie set" — a posse of well-known figures who live around the affluent village of Chipping Norton, and are rarely seen by neighbors except when in transit between a growing number of top-end resorts and restaurants. "They only go there — they really don't come out," Simon Finch, who runs a pub in Bloxham, told CNN on a recent warm afternoon. "They leave their chauffeurs hanging around while they eat, (in) cars that are twelve feet long," Liz, another local who declined to give her last name, complained. "You begin to feel (the area) doesn't belong to you anymore."

And the Chippie set has a notable new member. On a vast country estate behind an imposing timber gate, Ellen DeGeneres is settling into a new phase of her life — and mulling her next move. After welcoming A-Listers to her TV studio set in Burbank, California, for two decades, DeGeneres now raises chickens, battles her riding mower and ushers wandering sheep from her open-plan living room. She's been spotted taking walks and having a drink in her local pub, The Duck on the Pond. But while Finch and DeGeneres are neighbors near the village of South Newington, they live in different worlds. DeGeneres' spectacular fall from grace in 2020, amid reports of a toxic workplace at her show, made her the signature scalp of a pandemic-era eruption in cancel culture. For decades, the American public had been on first-name terms with Ellen; now she lives in splendid isolation in this charming nook of the English countryside, having told an audience last year she was "kicked out of show business." The "Be kind to one another" lady, whose coming out in the 1990s was a milestone for the visibility of LGBTQ+ people, is a Rorschach test for many Americans.

To DeGeneres' supporters, she's a pioneer who fell victim to a bloodthirsty online horde, taking the fall for a ruthless culture that is commonplace in the television industry and had little to do with her personally. To her critics, she epitomizes the dangerous imbalance of power in Hollywood and the inauthenticity of celebrity personas: a television star who built her brand on everything she was not and duped the viewing public in the process.



Now, five years after the collapse of her public image, it might be time to revisit DeGeneres' case. Was her cancellation a product of a fleeting era when people spoke earnestly about "safe spaces" and "microaggressions" — a time when the left, not the right, was doing the canceling?

The zeitgeist remains an unforgiving place for hypocritical celebrities, but it's difficult to imagine someone getting canceled for being a tough boss in 2025. Lizzo, Jimmy Fallon and Kelly Clarkson, who faced similar accusations that their tours and shows were toxic environments, have weathered the fallout. Lizzo denied those claims, while Fallon and Clarkson apologized to staff, and their shows remain on the air.

FAVOURITE WORKS FROM POST-WAR TO PRESENT AND PHOTOGRAPHS



Diary Times Desk : ‘It’s beyond exciting to spotlight *Peinture II* (1964) during the centennial of Joan Mitchell’s birth. The work comes from the collection of the vivacious Kansas-born theatre director and educator Vivian Fusillo. What immediately struck me was how complex and balanced the composition was. The paint builds like a crescendo, creating a mountainous terrain of vertigo-inducing peaks and valleys, you could get lost in it for hours.

‘The work belongs to one of the most fascinating series of Mitchell’s oeuvre, her “black paintings” — though she never used the colour black in them. Painted during a period of immense personal strife, these canvases reveal not only how painting helped her navigate the turmoil but also how, even in sorrow, beauty can emerge. Here, she brilliantly combines sage and olive greens with peachy pinks, violets, and lilacs. Every inch bursts with colour and drama. It’s a tour de force.’

‘Matthew Wong’s brief but significant oeuvre is highly sought after by collectors. The dynamic brushwork of his landscapes draws on Impressionism, Van Gogh and the Fauves yet feels unmistakably contemporary. In 5:22 PM you see this in the beautiful tree in the foreground, where oranges and blues combine to suggest shifting light and shadow. The title marks the exact time he finished the painting. The palette has the glow of sunset, and in the upper left corner you’ll spot a tiny orange orb setting in the background.

‘Wong built a community online, connecting with artists, collectors, and friends through Facebook, emails, and blogs. This painting comes from one such connection. His ability to create a strong virtual network remains an inspiring part of his legacy.’

‘Outside of his native Colombia, Alejandro Obregón is not a household name, but paintings like *Chivo expiatorio* that flaunt the artist’s unique style of heady surrealist expressionism make me believe that will change.

ELAINE WYNN, THE BELOVED ‘QUEEN OF LAS VEGAS’, BUILT A SINGULAR ART COLLECTION
WHERE ‘EVERYTHING IS THE BEST OF ITS KIND’

Glamour. Grace. Generosity. The hospitality entrepreneur, arts patron and philanthropist Elaine Wynn is remembered for her heart as much as for her style. Growing up in New York City and Miami Beach, Wynn moved during the late 1960s to Nevada, where she became known as the ‘Queen of Las Vegas.’ In her adopted city, as well as in Los Angeles and throughout America, she played a vital role in advocating for education and the arts. One of the many institutions she supported was the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where in 1989 she donated a rose garden in honour of her mother. Inscribed on a commemorative stone in the Lee Pascal Memorial Rose Garden is the opening line of John Keats’s *Endymion* (1818): ‘A thing of beauty is a joy forever.’ Living the adage, Wynn surrounded herself with exquisite art and objects from across the globe. Fundamentally believing the enjoyment of beauty should not be a solitary experience, she simultaneously sought opportunities to share art with others and create a lasting impact. With tenacity and an impeccable eye for beauty, Wynn developed a reputation — and an art collection — that preceded her.

In addition to raising her two daughters, Kevyn and Gillian, and being the grandmother to seven grandchildren, Wynn’s crowning achievements may very well include building an exceptional art collection. ‘Elaine was incredibly passionate. When an artwork she wanted became available, she went for it,’ says Christie’s Deputy Chairman Sonya Roth, who calls the late collector a ‘friend, mentor and role model.’ In 2013, Wynn made history when she won Francis Bacon’s 1969 triptych *Three Studies of Lucian Freud* at Christie’s for \$142.4 million — at the time, the highest price an artwork had ever achieved at auction.

Wynn’s collecting journey, which began in the 1980s, was something she enjoyed alongside her daughters. Drawn to what moved her, Wynn collected works spanning the 19th through 21st centuries. ‘The joy and thrill my mother experienced when she acquired a painting by Joseph Mallord William Turner or Francis Bacon was no different than the joy and thrill she experienced back in the ‘80s when her purchases were more modest,’ says Gillian Wynn. ‘She was a true lover of art and a collector guided by that love. Her pursuits were always driven by authenticity, an uncompromising adherence to the voice of her heart and soul.’



RED CARD, THREE SUBS & PALMER INJURED – HOW CHELSEA UNRAVELLED

Diary Times Desk : One player sent off, two goals conceded, three substitutions and the recurrence of a groin injury for Cole Palmer.

Chelsea unravelled in the first half at Old Trafford, setting the platform for a 2-1 defeat by Manchester United.

Blues boss Enzo Maresca admitted his gameplan went "in the bin" after just four minutes when goalkeeper Robert Sanchez was dismissed for bringing down Bryan Mbeumo.

That led to an early reshuffle with Maresca making two substitutions, before Bruno Fernandes fired United in front after 14 minutes.

Defender Trevoh Chalobah called the start the "worst 15 minutes" Chelsea have played this season.



MANCHESTER UNITED BEAT CHELSEA IN PREMIER LEAGUE THRILLER

Diary Times Desk : Manchester United breathed life into their stuttering Premier League season when goals from Bruno Fernandes and Casemiro earned them a thrilling 2-1 home victory over Chelsea.

A frantic first half got off to the worst possible start for Chelsea on Saturday when goalkeeper Robert Sanchez was sent off in the fifth minute for a flying lunge at Bryan Mbeumo, upending the United forward as he was through on goal.

The hosts, with just one victory to their name previously this campaign, made their numerical advantage count, with Fernandes and Casemiro putting United 2-0 in front inside 37 minutes.

Casemiro's needless dismissal just before halftime evened up the numbers and gave Chelsea a way back into the contest, but Trevoh Chalobah's late header was all the visitors could muster as a nervy United held on for a vital three points.

The pressure has been mounting on United coach Ruben Amorim after defeat in the Manchester derby last weekend left the Portuguese with a win record of just eight from 31 league games since taking charge last November.

MAN UNITED'S SHAW: KEANE RIGHT TO CRITICISE, IT STILL 'HURT'

Diary Times Desk : Luke Shaw has said Roy Keane was right to call out his performance in the derby defeat to Manchester City, but admitted that criticism from the former Manchester United captain still "hurt."

Keane said Shaw has been "getting away with murder for years" after the England defender was at fault for two goals in the 3-0 defeat at the Etihad Stadium.

Shaw put in a much-improved display in the 2-1 win over Chelsea on Saturday, playing a part setting up Casemiro for United's second goal.

The 30-year-old accepts he under-performed against City and says that, as one of United's most experienced players, he must become more consistent.

"I think sometimes you just have to take it on the chin," Shaw said when asked about Keane's criticism. "He's got a lot of experience. He was one of the best captains ever for Man United. Of course it hurts. I think criticism is part of being a football player. I listen to it. But for me, I think he was right. I think that last week, I wasn't at my level at all."



ANDRE ONANA VERDICT GIVEN AS RUBEN AMORIM'S BRUTAL MANCHESTER UNITED DECISION JUSTIFIED

Diary Times Desk : Out-on-loan Manchester United goalkeeper, Andre Onana, has been hailed on his home debut for Trabzonspor after they drew 1-1 with Gaziantep on Saturday evening.

United were set to keep hold of Onana this summer after he sought reassurances from the hierarchy about his place in the side. However, after losing his starting spot to Altay Bayindir, and a nightmare performance against Grimsby Town in the Carabao Cup, Ruben Amorim U-turned and chose to loan him out.

With most of the European windows shut, Onana agreed to move to the Turkish outfit for the remainder of the season. It has been reported that the desire for United is to see the Cameroonian succeed at Trabzonspor and in turn boost his appeal and value for next summer's transfer window.

After an indifferent start to life at Trabzonspor, in the 1-0 defeat against Fenerbahce, Onana has now been praised for his second performance for the club. The goalkeeper even picked up an assist as his long ball was chipped in by Paul Onuachu to equalise for the hosts.

CHRISTIAN PULISIC SCORES BRACE, HELPS SET UP ANOTHER IN AC MILAN WIN AT UDINESE IN SERIE A



Diary Times Desk : Christian Pulisic is in fine form nine months before a home World Cup.

The United States forward scored twice and was involved in another goal as AC Milan won at previously unbeaten Udinese 3-0 in Serie A on Saturday.

It was just the type of performance that American fans will be hoping to see at the 2026 World Cup that the U.S. is co-hosting with Canada and Mexico. Pulisic and U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino recently indicated they had moved on from some controversy after the top American player skipped the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Since joining Milan in 2023, Pulisic has scored 36 goals and provided 21 assists in 105 matches — meaning he has produced a goal in more than half of his matches.

"Winning trophies and games are more important for me," Pulisic said. "Goals and assists are always there."

Pulisic scored first by pounding in a rebound shortly before halftime.

Then his high pressing allowed Youssef Fofana to score undisturbed less than a minute into the second half.

Pulisic made it 3-0 after taking a well-disguised pass from Adrien Rabiot and shooting through a defender's legs.

LIONEL MESSI SCORES TWO GOALS AS MIAMI BEAT D.C. UNITED

Diary Times Desk : Lionel Messi had a hand in all three goals to keep Inter Miami firmly in contention for the MLS' Supporters Shield with a 3-1 home win over D.C. United on Saturday.

The Argentine star provided an inch-perfect pass over the D.C. defense for Tadeo Allende to open the scoring for Miami in the 35th minute at Fort Lauderdale's Chase Stadium.

Former Belgium striker Christian Benteke drew D.C. level early in the second half but Messi soon took over to deliver Miami all three valuable points.

He scored his first in the 66th minute, cushioning a pass from ex-Barcelona teammate Jordi Alba perfectly into his stride before dispatching the ball into the far side of the net. And the 38-year-old gave Miami some breathing room with the pick of the goals, picking out the top corner with his left foot from just outside the penalty box.