

NEWS IN BRIEF

GRANDEUR MARKS VIJAYAWADA UTSAV LAUNCH AT 'PUNNAMI'

Diary Times Desk : Former Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu and HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh inaugurated the much-anticipated Vijayawada Utsav-2025 at Punnam Chat on Monday. The 11-day cultural extravaganza, organised by the Society for Vibrant Vijayawada in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department and other government bodies, will span five venues across the city, celebrating the region's rich heritage, arts, and history. Addressing the gathering, Venkaiah Naidu remarked that the festival would 'add a new grandeur to the city and showcase Vijayawada's greatness to the world'. He underscored the importance of both education and entertainment in the growth of a capital city, adding, "The Vijayawada Utsav will bring more public participation and enjoyment in entertainment".

GURPATWANT PANNUN'S CLOSE AIDE GOSAL HELD IN CANADA

Diary Times Desk : Canadian authorities have arrested Inderjit Singh Gosal, a close aide of Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, chief of the banned outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), on multiple firearms-related charges in Ottawa, government sources confirmed here on Monday.

Gosal, 36, is regarded as one of the SFJ's key organisers in Canada and has been on the radar of Indian and Canadian agencies for his involvement in separatist activities. The arrest comes just days after Indian and Canadian National Security Advisers held talks in New Delhi, signalling possible cooperation in addressing terrorism concerns. The timing has raised speculation that Ottawa may be taking stronger action against separatist networks amid ongoing diplomatic tension with India.

Gosal was arrested over illegal possession of firearms, though the police have not disclosed the exact number or type of weapons seized. The details of the charges are expected to be formally presented when Gosal is produced before a court later this week.

DIGITAL ARREST



The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of Delhi Police, which specialises in cyber fraud cases, is now investigating the matter. Police said they have managed to freeze Rs 267 crore of the cheated amount in several bank accounts. "The money trail revealed that the funds were layered across multiple accounts and withdrawn from different parts of the country to evade detection. Over 4,000 layered accounts were used to siphon off the funds," an officer privy to the investigation told the agency. "We will crack the case soon and arrest those behind the scam," the officer added. On August 1, Naresh Malhotra, from South Delhi's Gulmohar Park, received a call from a man claiming to be from a mobile connection company. The caller told him that his Aadhaar card had been used in Mumbai to issue a connection allegedly linked to terror funding cases. "They told me that I needed to talk to the Mumbai Police regarding the same matter and if they approved, the connection would continue, or else it would be disconnected and the matter reported," Mr Malhotra said. He soon started receiving calls from various numbers. While some callers claimed to be from the Mumbai Police, others from the Enforcement Directorate (ED), and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). All calls carried one thing - a legal threat. "The moment I was connected with the police, they started pressuring me by saying that my Aadhaar had been used for terror funding, terror activities and many other serious offences," he said.

“HOPE MY STORY SERVES AS WARNING“: EX-BANKER LOSES RS 23 CRORE IN DIGITAL ARREST

Diary Times Desk : A 78-year-old former banker who lost his life's savings, a whopping Rs 23 crore, to a fake "digital arrest," hopes his loss will serve as a warning to others.

For more than a month, retired banker Naresh Malhotra was confined to his Delhi home under 'digital arrest' and was allowed out only to make runs to his banks to replenish funds and hand over money to fraudsters posing as officers from investigative agencies.

In a month's time, he had lost Rs 23 crore.

"I spent my life savings building security for my old age. In one month, it all disappeared because I trusted the wrong people. I hope my story serves as a warning," he said, fighting back tears, to news agency PTI.

NOIDA GIRL COLLAPSES, DIES AT SCHOOL, MOTHER APPEALS FOR “JUSTICE” IN VIDEO

Diary Times Desk : A Class 6 student in Noida died under mysterious circumstances after she collapsed during the teacher's day event at the school earlier this month, with her mother calling for justice in a now-viral video.

The girl, Tanishka Sharma, had collapsed at the Presidium School in Noida's Sector 31, on September 4. She was taken to a hospital by the school authorities, where she was declared dead.

Weeks later, her mother, Tripta Sharma, posted a video on social media, calling for justice for her daughter.

"Hello everyone, my name is Tripta Sharma. I am the mother of the late Tanishka Sharma. She used to study in Class 6B, Presidium Sector 31, Noida. On 4th September, I left her at school. It was Teacher's Day celebration. Around 11:30 am, I got a call from teachers that your daughter had fainted. Please come immediately, we are taking her to Kailash Hospital. When I reached the hospital, the doctors told me that my daughter was brought dead. This statement shattered my entire world," Ms Sharma said.

She added, "With these hands of mine. I have performed her last rites. The pain that I am feeling is impossible to put into words. It has been 15 days since my daughter passed away. I had left her at school. The same school, which is a second home. A safe house. Where we send our children, thinking that they will be safe. She died in the very same school."



TEEN BOY STRIPPED OFF CLOTHES, RAGGED BY THREE TEENAGERS IN GOVT HOSTEL IN MADURAI



Diary Times Desk : The Madurai rural police on Monday arrested three 17-year-old students for allegedly ragging a 14-year-old boy at a government hostel on the night of September 18.

According to a senior police officer, the three first-year students of a government ITI made a student from a different course take off his clothes and slapped him with a slipper on his private parts. This incident came to light after a 39-second video of the ragging, recorded by a friend of the victim, went viral and caused widespread outrage. Preliminary investigations say the act was committed for "fun" and that no other students were harassed by them.

Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's father with the video evidence, on Monday, the Chekkannur police registered a case under different sections of the BNS and the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Ragging Act, and secured the three juvenile boys.

The three arrested juveniles belong to the caste Hindu and the Scheduled Caste communities, while the victim is also from a caste Hindu community.

Following the incident, the warden of the government Kallar hostel has been suspended. The government ITI has also suspended the three boys.

TCS DENIES ALLEGATIONS OF HR MISCONDUCT AFTER VIRAL POST



Diary Times Desk : Tata Consultancy Services has denied online allegations that members of its Human Resources team mistreated a former employee at its Noida office, stating that the claims are "inaccurate and a misrepresentation of facts."

The company's response came after a post on Reddit, which described an incident involving an ex-employee who said he was terminated on 19 September and later faced difficulties when seeking clarity on severance pay and exit procedures.

The post, which included claims of being physically restrained, drew wide attention on social media.

Allegations in online post

According to the Reddit account, the individual said he had contacted HR repeatedly without receiving a reply. He claimed his access was revoked by mid-morning on the day of his termination. Later in the afternoon, he visited the company's Yamuna office in Noida, seeking answers on the grounds for termination, severance provisions and return of company assets.

The individual alleged that his concerns were dismissed, and that during a subsequent visit with his phone camera switched on, HR staff attempted to seize the device and physically restrained him. He wrote that he later approached a local police station to submit a complaint and video evidence.

PRAKASH “MAMA” PAGARE

AFTER OBJECTIONABLE POST ON PM, BJP WORKERS FORCE CONGRESS LEADER INTO A SAREE



Diary Times Desk : A Congress leader from Maharashtra's Ulhasnagar, who had posted a morphed photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on social media, was forced into a saree by the local BJP workers. The leader has said he would take action against the BJP leaders involved. Congress leader Prakash "Mama" Pagare, who is 73 years old, had posted the morphed image recently, angering BJP workers, and led to a row.

This morning, local BJP leaders, along with the BJP's Kalyan unit president Nandu Parab, went to confront Mr Pagare in a public area. They forcibly draped a new red saree around him and took a video.

In the video, which was later posted on social media, Mr Pagare is seen shouting "What are you doing?" as the BJP workers draped the saree.

Before leaving, they warned him against such posts. The BJP leaders have also warned that those engaging in such behavior will meet the same fate.

"I had forwarded an existing post on Facebook," Mr Pagare later told the media. "Later, I received a call from BJP leader Sandeep Mali while I was in the hospital. As I was coming out of the hospital, Sandeep Mali, along with a group of people, grabbed me and started asking me about a post I had forwarded on Facebook and threatened me," Mr Pagare said.

"I told them what they were doing was wrong. A case should be filed against them (BJP workers). I will take legal action against them, invoking the Atrocities Act," he added.

"The way Congress leader Prakash Pagare insulted PM Modi, it will not be tolerated. If such a thing is repeated, our workers will take action similar to the way it was done today," said local BJP leader Narendra Sharma.

SUSPECTING AFFAIR, BENGALURU MAN STABS WIFE TO DEATH IN FRONT OF DAUGHTER



Diary Times Desk : A 32-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her husband in front of her 12-year-old daughter at a bus stand in Bengaluru, police said.

According to the police, Rekha and the accused, Lohitashwa, had been living together for some time before they got married in a temple three months ago.

Rekha, who was earlier married and a mother of two, had separated from her first husband. Lohitashwa too was divorced.

The couple was staying at a rented house, and her elder daughter from the first marriage lived with them while her younger daughter stayed with Rekha's parents.

After moving from Karnataka's Sira town to Bengaluru, Rekha helped Lohitashwa get a driver's job at a call centre where she worked. However, he allegedly grew suspicious of her character and accused her of being close to another man.

Yesterday morning, while Rekha was waiting at a bus stop with her daughter, Lohitashwa attacked her with a knife, stabbing her about a dozen times, before running away from the spot. Though locals and police rushed her to a private hospital, she died due to her injuries.

PROPER CLOTHES, TIKA, AADHAAR: BAJRANG DAL LAYS
DOWN RULES FOR NAVRATRA GARBA



definitely a no no.
Aadhar cards will be needed to get entry into garba pandals and everyone will have to agree to sport a tilak, they have also said.
In Kota, the Bajrang Dal has formed teams to conduct surprise checks at garba events to ensure that guidelines are being followed.
"These days, we are seeing that Navrati has become a disco. People are going for garba events, smoking cigarettes and playing inappropriate music. It doesn't even appear to be a religious event dedicated to the mother goddess," said Naresh Prajapat, the Kota city coordinator of the Bajrang Dal.
"It has become a disco. We are only saying that conduct the programm the way it should be done. There should be aartis, Aadhar cards will be checked non-Hindus will not be allowed," he added.

'CAN'T EXPECT HIGH COURTS TO HANDLE ALL MATTERS
SWIFTLY WITH HALF STRENGTH': TOP COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday said high courts were not under its supervisory control and one couldn't expect them to "cope" with all the matters expeditiously if they were functioning with half their strength. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta made the observation and refused to hear a plea seeking a direction to the Allahabad High Court to expeditiously dispose of an appeal.
The counsel appearing for the petitioner said the matter was pending before the high court for over 13 years.
"The high courts are not under the



The counsel said the petitioner had already moved two applications in the high court for the early disposal of the matter.
"Continue filing," the bench said, "if the high courts are functioning on half the strength, how do you expect them to cope with all the matters as expeditiously as you want? There are older matters pending.

PRIVATE DEFENCE COMPANIES ON COURSE TO LOG IN 16-
18% TOPLINE GROWTH



Diary Times Desk : Defence companies in the private sector space are set to clock 16-18% revenue growth this year, led by continuing strong domestic demand. This follows a 20 percent annual growth rate logged in the past three fiscals ending 2025, says a report released by rating agency Crisil Ratings on Tuesday.
The report stated that the strong growth momentum is supported by a significant government push in terms of enabling policies, which drew in sizeable investments, especially into R&D and the capex helping them secure larger orders.
The Crisil study, based on the analysis of over 25 private sector defence companies which contribute nearly half of the industry revenue, also said these companies are set to report stable profit with operating margin of 18-19%. Although the public sector dominate the defence industry, the revenue share of private companies is on the rise, it said.

JAGAN REDDY'S PARTY MP SEEKS CBI,
JUDICIAL PROBE INTO TIRUMALA
TEMPLE CONTROVERSY



Diary Times Desk : Maddila Gurumoorthy, a YSRCP Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from the Tirupati Constituency, has called for a comprehensive investigation into the "Tirumala Parakamani controversy," urging both a judicial commission and a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry. In separate letters dated September 22, 2025, addressed to the Chief Justice of India and the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, Mr Gurumoorthy expressed concern over allegations of theft and misuse of temple offerings, which he claims are politically motivated and unsubstantiated.

COCHIN SHIPYARD SIGNS MOU WITH
KOREAN SHIPBUILDER, PLANS RS 3,700
CRORE CAPEX

Diary Times Desk : Cochin Shipyard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering for a long-term strategic collaboration in shipbuilding.
In an exchange filing, the public sector company said that its 310-metre new dry dock will be utilised to construct large vessels such as tankers, container ships, and bulk carriers. The company is targeting to manufacture up to six vessels annually under the MoU with the South Korean company.
The company added that the facility will be set up through an investment of about Rs 3,700 crore. Once completed, it will have an annual capacity of 1,20,000 MT. The company added that the project is expected to generate around 2,000 direct jobs and 2X to 5X indirect employment in sectors such as logistics, MSMEs, supply and chain.
Furthermore, Cochin Shipyard stated that it signed a second MoU with Guidance, the nodal agency of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The company said that it falls in line with the Government of India's vision for developing shipbuilding clusters.

ONE YEAR OF JUDGESHIP EQUALS FIVE
YEARS OF BEING A LAWYER IN TERMS OF
WORKLOAD: SUPREME COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that one year as a judge is equivalent to five years of being an advocate, in terms of the workload [Rejanish KV v. K Deepa & Ors].
A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai and Justices MM Sundresh, Aravind Kumar, Satish Chandra Sharma and K Vinod Chandran was hearing arguments on whether a judicial officer who has already completed seven years of practice as a lawyer is entitled to be appointed as a district judge against the Bar quota.
The Court was specifically considering the interpretation of Article 233 of the Constitution, which governs appointments to the post of district judge.
During the hearing, Justice Sundresh remarked on the practical experience of service judges.
"One year of judgeship equals to five years of being a lawyer. That is the volume of work," he said.
Senior Advocate Jayant Bhushan submitted that Article 233 must be interpreted in a manner that gives effect to all its words. "Any construction of the statute which makes the provision redundant cannot be accepted," Bhushan argued.

POLITICAL ROW ERUPTS
BETWEEN BJP, TRINAMOOL
CONGRESS OVER KOLKATA
RAINS



Diary Times Desk : With large parts of Kolkata thoroughly inundated, public life brought to its knees and at least seven people electrocuted in the wake of widespread and torrential overnight downpour, a political slugfest broke out on social media between the BJP, the state's prime opposition, and its ruling dispensation, the Trinamool Congress.

While the saffron party took to its social media handles to post pictures and videos of waterlogged streets of Kolkata and accused the TMC-run Kolkata Municipal Corporation of indulging in corruption, the ruling party slammed the BJP for "weaponising pain to spread hate".

"Durga Pujo celebrations are starting this week. Yet, due to Kolkata's extremely poor drainage system, Puja pandals are submerged under water. Years of anarchy under the CPI(M) and nearly 15 years of corruption in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation under TMC have forced Bengalis to suffer even during their biggest festival, Durga Puja," a post on the X handle of BJP's Bengal unit, referring to a video of the thoroughly waterlogged Maniktala area in north Kolkata, read.

"-60 DEGREES, LOW
OXYGEN": WHEN 2 INDIAN
BROTHERS HID IN PLANE
LANDING GEAR

Diary Times Desk : A 13-year-old boy from Afghanistan reached Delhi on Sunday after hiding in the rear central landing gear of a KAM Airlines flight from Kabul.

At Indira Gandhi International Airport, airline staff spotted him near the aircraft and handed him over to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for questioning.

The boy said he acted out of curiosity and managed to hide in the landing gear compartment. A small red speaker, apparently his, was found during inspection. The plane was cleared after anti-sabotage checks.

The boy was sent back to Afghanistan on the same flight that afternoon.

The incident reminds us of a similar story from nearly three decades ago.

"OUR HINDU FESTIVALS FACE DIFFICULTIES":
DELHI'S 12 AM RULE FOR RAMLILA



Diary Times Desk : Loudspeakers at Ramlila performances, Durga Puja pandals and other religious events during Navratri can now be operated till midnight, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said today, announcing a two-hour relaxation in the ban on loudspeakers post 10 pm.

"I always noticed that our Hindu festivals face difficulties. Ramlila or Durga Puja can never end at 10 pm. When Dandiya can go on all night in Gujarat, when events can happen all night in other states, then why can't the same be for the people of Delhi? So this time we have given permission to all Ramlilas, Durga Pujas, and cultural-religious festivals to continue until 12 am," she said. Use of loudspeakers is banned in Delhi's public areas between 10 pm and 6 am. Earlier this year, Delhi Police had issued an order stating that prior permission was mandatory for the use of loudspeakers or public address systems anywhere in the national capital.

SUPREME COURT SLAMS CBI OVER
GUNA CUSTODIAL DEATH CASE:SAYS,
'AGENCY UNABLE TO ARREST ITS OWN
OFFICERS'; CALLS IT MAKING EXCUSES
AND SHIELDING ACCUSED POLICEMEN

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has strongly reprimanded the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) over its failure to arrest two senior police officers accused in the custodial death of Deva Pardi in Madhya Pradesh's Guna district. The case, which began as a local tragedy before Deva's wedding, has now snowballed into a test of accountability in India's justice system.

Court tears into CBI for inaction
On Tuesday (September 23), a bench led by Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Vikram Nath heard the matter and expressed sharp displeasure at the CBI's slow pace of investigation. The bench questioned why, despite clear orders, the CBI had not yet arrested the two absconding accused – then-Station House Officer (TI) Sanjit Mawai and Sub-Inspector Uttam Singh.

NCR BUILDER-BANK FRAUD: SUPREME COURT TELLS CBI TO
REGISTER CASES AFTER PROBE DETECTS COGNISABLE OFFENCE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to proceed with registering criminal cases in a matter involving allegations of a builder-bank nexus and loan fraud against homebuyers in Noida, Greater Noida, Gurugram, Ghaziabad and beyond [Himanshu Singh vs. Union of India].

The Court had earlier ordered a preliminary probe into the matter by ordering the registration of seven preliminary enquiries.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and NK Singh was informed today that the CBI's seventh preliminary enquiry found the commission of cognisable offences.

The matter was mentioned by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati.

The Court proceeded to take on record a sealed cover report submitted by the CBI, and directed that the agency must now go beyond the enquiry stage.

It told the CBI to take necessary steps under law, including the registration of First Information Reports, in cases where criminal conduct had been established.

The order was passed in a batch of petitions filed by over 1,200 homebuyers alleging large-scale collusion between builders and financial institutions in housing projects across Noida, Greater Noida, Gurugram, Ghaziabad and beyond. The direction followed a report submitted by amicus curiae Rajiv Jain, former Director of the Intelligence Bureau, which identified systemic irregularities in subvention loan schemes promoted between 2013 and 2015.

MAGGI, NUTELLA, AMUL,
MOTHER DAIRY AND MORE
SLASH PRICES AFTER GST 2.0
CUT

Diary Times Desk : The Government's latest Goods and Services Tax (GST) reform, referred to as "GST 2.0," came into effect on September 22. It marks the most significant overhaul since GST's introduction in 2017. The four existing tax slabs of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28% have now been simplified to just two – 5% and 18%. This change has triggered a wave of price cuts across leading food and beverage companies, making daily essentials and indulgent buys more affordable. Several FMCG brands have already shared updated price lists through distributors, websites and newspaper advertisements, reported PTI.

Here Are 11 Popular Food Brands In India And Their Price Cuts:

1. Dabur Cuts Prices On Real Juice, Chyawanprakash And Hajmola
Homegrown FMCG major Dabur has reduced the price of Real Juice (1L) from ₹130 to ₹122. Chyawanprakash (900g) has dropped from ₹475 to ₹440. Digestive tablets Hajmola (120 tabs) will now cost ₹65, down from ₹70.

'INDIA TIES CRITICAL': MARCO RUBIO
ON MEETING S JAISHANKAR AMID
TARIFF ROW

Diary Times Desk : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the sidelines of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, where both leaders discussed strengthening strategic cooperation between India and the United States across key sectors, including trade, defence, energy, pharmaceuticals, and critical minerals.

In a post on social media platform X, Secretary Rubio stated that the meeting focused on various aspects of the bilateral partnership aimed at "enhancing prosperity for both nations." "Met with Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at UNGA. We discussed key areas of our bilateral relationship, including trade, energy, pharmaceuticals, and critical minerals and more to generate prosperity for India and the United States," Rubio posted on X. The US Department of State, in an official release, reaffirmed India's "critical importance" to Washington and welcomed India's.

NOT JUST H-1B: INDIA HIT HARD BY DECLINE IN DEPENDENT AND STUDENT VISAS



Diary Times Desk : It's not just work visas that are pinching Indian families and professionals. A Moneycontrol analysis of US immigration data shows that dependent and education-linked categories—H4, F1, L1 and L2 visas—have all witnessed steep declines for Indians over the past three years, even as China and several other countries recorded gains.

H4 visas, typically issued to spouses and children of H-1B holders, fell 34 percent to 46,982 during the five months to May 2025 from 71,130 in the same period in 2023. By contrast, Mexico nearly doubled its issuances, while Ghana, South Africa and the Philippines posted strong increases. China, too, recorded a 10.7 percent rise.

The squeeze is sharper for students. F1 visas for India collapsed 35 percent to just 11,484 this year from nearly 17,800 in 2023. Meanwhile, China saw close to a 10 percent increase, Vietnam rose more than 40 percent, and Nepal surged more than 260 percent. Smaller countries such as Zimbabwe and Kenya also posted triple-digit growth.

L1 visas—used for intra-company transfers—fell nearly 28 percent for Indians since 2023, while L2, issued to dependents of such workers, declined almost 38 percent. China, by contrast, recorded a 64 percent rise in L1 and a 43 percent rise in L2 approvals, alongside boosts for Israel, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brazil.

Among South Asian peers, India's decline is the most severe. Nepal bucked the trend with dramatic increases in F1 (up 262 percent) and L2 (up 113 percent), while Bangladesh managed steady gains across H4 (28 percent) and F1 (5 percent). Pakistan fared better, too, with F1 visas nearly doubling and H4 up 40 percent. Sri Lanka's trajectory was mixed, with H4 rising sharply but student visas falling.

BRITAIN FACES £2 TRILLION PALESTINIAN REPARATIONS DEMAND AFTER ITS RECOGNITION BY UK PM STARMER

Diary Times Desk : Britain is facing a massive £2 trillion reparations demand from the Palestinian Authority following Prime Minister Keir Starmer's recognition of Palestine as a state, reported The Winnipeg Sun.

This staggering figure, equivalent to the size of Britain's entire economy, is based on the UK's historical administration of Palestine from 1917 to 1948. The UK governed Palestine during this period, issuing the Balfour Declaration in 1917, which promised a Jewish homeland, sparking tensions with the Arab populations. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas cites international law, seeking compensation for land and perceived injustices during British rule. The £2 trillion demand dwarfs previous UK compensation settlements, sparking concerns about fiscal stability.

'IT IS A BLOODBATH': AUSTRALIAN MEDIC DESCRIBES SITUATION AT GAZA HOSPITAL



Diary Times Desk : An Australian medic working at Gaza City's al-Shifa Hospital says she has lost count of the number of amputations she has had to perform, as two more hospitals were shut down amid Israel's relentless bombardment of the enclave.

"On the first day, I started off thinking I've never seen anything like this, and then in the following days I've seen ... more. I've lost count of the number of amputations I've done," Dr Saya Aziz, an anaesthesiologist, told Al Jazeera. "The worst thing is these patients are alive ... when we take them into the [operation] theatre they're alive, they're bleeding to death," she said, adding how in the recess area of the hospital, dangling bits of toes and flesh and people with missing limbs have become a common sight.

GENEVA: PHOTO EXHIBITION SHOWCASES VICTIMS OF PAKISTAN-BACKED TERRORISM

Diary Times Desk : The Eco Fawn Society, an environmental advocacy group, organised a photo exhibition at the Broken Chair during the 60th Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Titled "Faces of Resilience: Beyond Condemnation, Towards Solidarity", the exhibition showcased photographs and stories of victims affected by Pakistan-backed terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The images depicted harrowing incidents such as the Pahalgam massacre and were accompanied by powerful messages, including "Stop Terrorism", calling for global solidarity against extremist violence. Sai Sampath Mettu, Chief Executive Officer, Eco Fawn Society, said, "Eco Fawn Society is organising a special photo exhibition titling Beyond Condemnation to highlight the stories of victims of terrorism in India. The exhibition seeks to go beyond statements of outrage and remembrance.

SUPER TYPHOON RAGASA ROARS TOWARDS CHINA: HONG KONG BRACES FOR IMPACT; SCHOOLS SHUT, FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Diary Times Desk : Southern Chinese cities scaled back many aspects of daily life on Tuesday with school and business closures and flight cancellations as the region braced for one of the strongest typhoons in years that has already killed three people and led to the displacement of thousands of others in the Philippines. Hong Kong's observatory said Super Typhoon Ragasa, which was packing maximum sustained winds near the centre of about 230 kph, is expected to move west-northwest at about 22 kph across the northern part of the South China Sea and edge closer to the coast of Guangdong province, the southern Chinese economic powerhouse. China's National Meteorological Centre forecast that the typhoon would make landfall in the coastal area between Shenzhen city and Xuwen county in Guangdong province on Wednesday.

WORLD LEADERS GATHER IN NEW YORK FOR 80TH SESSION OF UNGA

Diary Times Desk : The high-level debate of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) commenced on Tuesday in New York, with global leaders convening to address pressing challenges. Discussions are expected to be dominated by the wars in Gaza and Ukraine, along with the growing Western recognition of Palestinian statehood. This year's theme is "Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights."

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni arrived at the United Nations General Assembly to attend the 80th session.

The Presidents of Brazil and the United States, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Donald Trump, respectively, will be the first two nations laying out their priorities for the year ahead.

Starting Tuesday, 23 September, more than 150 Heads of State and Government will take turns at the podium of the UN General Assembly to deliver an address during the general debate of the 80th session. The debate will continue on Saturday, 27 September, and conclude on Monday, 29 September.



TRUMP'S H-1B VISA FEE HIKE: WHICH COUNTRIES COULD BENEFIT?



The H-1B visa was introduced in 1990 under President George HW Bush. Today, Indian tech workers constitute the bulk of H-1B visa recipients – last year, they received 71 percent of approved H-1B visas, followed by Chinese nationals in second place with 11.7 percent.

Trump's move could lead to weaker economic growth in the US, experts have warned, since higher costs for employers will make it harder to retain foreign talent. It could also lead to a near-term "brain drain", as skilled university graduates are forced to leave the US in favour of other countries.

In a decree signed by Trump on September 19, his administration announced that from 12:01am ET (04:01 GMT) on September 21, US companies must pay \$100,000 per H-1B application.

The fees previously ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000, depending on the size of the company applying for the visa. The H-1B visa, initially granted for up to three years, enables US companies to hire foreign workers with specialised skills. It can be extended up to six years, but the application fee must be paid again when extending the visa.

The H-1B programme facilitates 65,000 visas annually for employers bringing in temporary foreign workers in specialised fields, as well as a further 20,000 visas for workers with advanced degrees, particularly in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) industries.

"The fee is a one-time fee on submission of a new H-1B petition," the White House said on Sunday. It added that the rules will not apply to people who already hold H-1B visas or those who submitted their applications before September 21.

The Department of Homeland Security will also now prioritise high-skilled, high-paid applicants in the H-1B lottery over those earning less. Other changes to the H-1B visa are also under consideration, the Trump administration said.

SHEHBAZ SHARIF WARNS CPEC 2.0 IS PAKISTAN'S 'LAST CHANCE' TO SECURE CHINESE INVESTMENT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reportedly warned that Pakistan cannot afford delays in the execution of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, emphasising that the second phase of the initiative could be the country's last chance to benefit from Chinese investment and expertise.

The Pakistani prime minister, on Saturday, directed ministries and divisions to ramp up work on more than \$8 billion worth of projects under CPEC 2.0. He cautioned that strict action would be taken against officials responsible for unnecessary hold-ups, The Express Tribune has reported.

TRUMP CANCELS MEETING WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AHEAD OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN DEADLINE



, allow Illegal Alien Criminals to steal Billions of Dollars in American Taxpayer Benefits, try to force our Country to again open our Borders to Criminals and to the World, allow men to play in women's sports, and essentially create Transgender operations for everybody," Trump said on his Truth Social platform Tuesday.As CNN reported, Trump was scheduled to meet with Schumer and Jeffries on Thursday, according to three sources familiar with the plans.

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump's decision to hike the application fee for companies in the United States hiring overseas workers on H-1B visas is likely to push many foreign skilled workers to seek jobs in other countries instead.

The steep cost rise to \$100,000 per application is designed to encourage US companies to favour US workers over foreign skilled workers. But it comes as a blow to big technology companies in particular, as they rely heavily on skilled workers from overseas.

"HAD RESPONSIBILITY": KAMALA HARRIS REGRETS NOT STOPPING JOE BIDEN'S 2024 PRESIDENTIAL RUN

Diary Times Desk : Kamala Harris said Monday evening that she regrets not expressing her concerns about President Joe Biden running for a second term when a majority of Americans felt he was too old for the job.

"I have and had a certain responsibility that I should have followed through on," Harris told Rachel Maddow on MSNBC in her first live television interview since the election.

The Democratic former vice president's comments expand on a passage in her book, "107 Days," that looks back on her experience replacing Biden as the 2024 Democratic presidential nominee after he dropped out of the race. Harris ultimately lost to Republican candidate Donald Trump.

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump said he is scrapping a White House meeting with top congressional Democrats later this week, as the threat of a government shutdown looms over Washington.

Trump said "unserious and ridiculous demands" by Democrats would make any such meeting unproductive, rattling off a list of demands he claimed Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries want in exchange for their party's votes to keep the government funded.

"They are threatening to shut down the Government of the United States unless they can have over \$1 Trillion Dollars in new spending to continue free healthcare for Illegal Aliens (A monumental cost!), force Taxpayers to fund Transgender surgery for minors, have dead people on the Medicaid roles

SAUDI ARABIA ANNOUNCES THE PASSING OF ITS GRAND MUFTI



Diary Times Desk : The Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia and the Head of the Council of Senior Scholars, Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Al-Sheikh, has passed away, the Saudi News Agency (SPA) announced on Tuesday quoting the Royal Diwan.

"With his passing, the Kingdom and the Islamic world have lost a great scholar who made significant contributions in serving knowledge, Islam, and Muslims," the statement added.

RUSSIA SAYS IT WOULD BE RISKY TO ALLOW NUCLEAR TREATY WITH US TO LAPSE



Diary Times Desk : The Kremlin said on Tuesday that allowing the New START nuclear treaty with the United States to expire next February would be fraught with risks for international security.

In a call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Russia would have to take unspecified measures if the US did not agree to President Vladimir Putin's proposal on Monday that both sides should adhere to the treaty's limits on deployed strategic nuclear weapons for another year.

New START, the last nuclear agreement between the two countries, is due to expire on February 5, and Peskov said it would be "virtually impossible" to negotiate a successor treaty before then - hence Putin's suggestion to stick to its prescribed limits on nuclear warheads.

"Time... is running out, and we are truly on the threshold of a situation where we could be left without any bilateral documents regulating strategic stability and security, which, of course, is fraught with great dangers from a global perspective," Peskov said.

He said Putin's initiative had not been discussed in advance with US President Donald Trump.

CHINA'S LATEST AIRCRAFT CARRIER SHOWCASES NEW FIGHTER JET LAUNCH SYSTEM. ONLY THE US HAS THE SAME TECH

Diary Times Desk : China's latest and most capable aircraft carrier has used its new electromagnetic catapult to successfully launch three types of aircraft, according to Chinese state media, which released footage of the launches for the first time to mark the technological breakthrough.

In footage released by state broadcaster CCTV on Monday, China's fifth-generation J-35 stealth fighter, 4.5-generation J-15T fighter and KJ-600 early warning and control aircraft were seen taking off from the Fujian aircraft carrier using its advanced launching system, also known as EMALS. State media hailed the tests as another "breakthrough" in China's aircraft carrier development and a "milestone" in advancing its naval transformation. The only other aircraft carrier in the world that has the EMALS system is the US Navy's newest carrier, the USS Gerald R Ford, which was certified for flight deck operations using the EMALS system in the spring of 2022.



FOOTAGE SHOWS PUBLIC EXECUTIONS IN GAZA CITY STREET

Diary Times Desk : Footage has emerged showing the public executions of three men accused of being Israeli collaborators in Gaza City. BBC Verify has verified that the location of the executions was a street outside Shifa hospital in the centre of the city, which is the focus of a major Israeli ground offensive. Videos circulating on Sunday evening showed at least five armed and masked men, three blindfolded Palestinian men kneeling on the ground and a large crowd. One of the armed men is heard saying: "The death sentence has been decided for all collaborators". There are cheers before the three men are pushed to the ground and shot several times in the back of the head. The crowd then praises Hamas's armed wing, the Qassam Brigades. A Palestinian security official from the Hamas-run Gaza government told Reuters that the executions were carried out by the "Joint Operations Room of the Palestinian resistance". This is a rare instance in which a public execution in Gaza has been captured on video. There have been previous reports of Hamas using violence on those who dissent. In May, Hamas-led groups reportedly executed four Palestinians for looting aid trucks. In Sunday's footage, one armed man singles out Yasser Abu Shabab as a "major collaborator" who they seek to kill.

"FALSE HINDU GOD": REPUBLICAN LEADER'S REMARK ON HANUMAN STATUE IN US SPARKS ROW

Diary Times Desk : A Texas Republican leader has come under fire over his remarks on a 90-foot statue of lord Hanuman--known as the 'Statue of Union' -- in the US city. Calling the United States a Christian nation, Texas Republican Alexander Duncan objected to the construction of the statue of the Hindu deity. "Why are we allowing a false statue of a false Hindu God to be here in Texas? We are a CHRISTIAN nation," Duncan wrote on X, along with the video of the statue located at Shri Ashtalakshmi Temple in the town of Sugar Land, Texas. In another post, the leader of President Donald Trump's party, who is running for election to the Senate to represent Texas, quoted the Bible and said, "You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea." Exodus 20:3-4."

BILL GATES SAYS 2025 COULD MARK FIRST REVERSAL IN CHILD SURVIVAL PROGRESS IN DECADES

Diary Times Desk : Gates emphasized that even large private donations cannot fully offset government cuts to global health funding. Speaking at a Reuters Newsmaker event on Monday, he said, "I am not capable of making up what the government cuts, and I don't want to create an illusion of that." His statement came prior to the Gates Foundation's annual Goalkeepers event in New York. This year, the event was centered on renewing global dedication to protecting children's lives. Gates also revealed that his foundation would contribute \$912 million over three years to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria for its 2026-2028 replenishment cycle. In a Gates Foundation blog post, he acknowledged the challenges but remained cautiously optimistic.

SAUDI URGES ALL COUNTRIES TO RECOGNISE PALESTINIAN STATE

Diary Times Desk : Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan called Monday for all countries to follow a slew of Western countries and recognize a Palestinian state. "We call on all other countries to take a similar historic step that will have a great impact on supporting the efforts towards implementation of the two-state solution," he said at a UN conference. Saudi Arabia reaffirmed its support for a two-state solution to the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, during a peace conference co-chaired by the Kingdom and France at the UN General Assembly in New York on Monday. Saudi authorities also called for global recognition of the State of Palestine, and an end to Israeli aggression in Gaza and the West Bank.

Delivering a statement on behalf of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Kingdom's foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan, began by sharing greetings from King Salman, along with the crown prince's best wishes for the success of the conference.

He also thanked the French president, Emmanuel Macron, for the formal declaration of France's recognition of the State of Palestine. The one-day Saudi-French conference took place amid escalating violence in the Middle East. Prince Faisal condemned Israel's ongoing aggression in Gaza, the West Bank and Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem), including what he described as "brutal crimes," as well as "repeated attacks on the sovereignty of Arab and Muslim countries," citing in particular the recent Israeli strike on Doha.



BAGRAM DEMAND MAY SHOW LIMITS OF TRUMP'S COERCIVE DIPLOMACY

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump recently revealed that the Bagram airbase in Afghanistan was on his wishlist of strategically significant territories he wanted control over. While Greenland and the Panama Canal were part of his pre-election rhetoric, the desire to retake Bagram was articulated just a few days ago. Trump wanted the Panama Canal for 'economic security', alleging it had been 'ceded' to China. The crisis blew over after Panama decided not to renew its contract with a Hong Kong company that was operating the ports. On the flip side, Greenland refused to budge. As for Bagram, the Biden administration vacated it along with the rest of the country in a chaotic pullout in 2021, two decades after the American invasion of Afghanistan. The Taliban overran the weak elected government even before the US exit.

SECRET SERVICE DISRUPTS TELECOM THREAT NEAR UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Diary Times Desk : The US Secret Service disrupted a network of telecommunications devices that could have shut down cellular systems as leaders gather for the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. The agency said on Tuesday that last month it found more than 300 SIM servers and 100,000 SIM cards that could have been used for telecom attacks within the area encompassing parts of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

"This network had the power to disable cell phone towers and essentially shut down the cellular network in New York City," said special agent in charge Matt McCool.

The devices were discovered within 35 miles (56km) of the UN, where leaders are meeting this week.

McCool said the "well-organised and well-funded" scheme involved "nation-state threat actors and individuals that are known to federal law enforcement".

The unidentified nation-state actors were sending encrypted messages to organised crime groups, cartels and terrorist organisations, he added.

The equipment was capable of texting the entire population of the US within 12 minutes, officials say. It could also have disabled mobile phone towers and launched distributed denial of service attacks that might have blocked emergency dispatch communications.



I'M NOT A DOCTOR': TRUMP'S
AUTISM ANNOUNCEMENT
GIVES COVID FLASHBACKS

Diary Times Desk : From the unproven medical claims to the self-proclaimed expertise, anyone watching Donald Trump's autism announcements Monday could have been forgiven for having flashbacks.

There were strong echoes of the US president's pandemic performance during his first term, when he once famously mused about injecting disinfectant to counter Covid.

Five years later, the Republican's claims were almost as eye-popping.

And with the health of millions at stake as he urged pregnant women not to take the painkiller Tylenol -- before expounding his theories on vaccines -- the stakes were just as high.

"There's a rumor -- and I don't know if it's so or not -- that Cuba, they don't have Tylenol because they don't have the money for Tylenol. And they have virtually no autism," Trump said at the White House.

EUROPEAN RECOGNITION OF
PALESTINIAN STATE SHOWS
US STILL ONLY POWER THAT
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Diary Times Desk : Britain and France's recognition of a state of Palestine at the United Nations is a historic moment in the century-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But it is also a diplomatic gamble illustrating how major European powers believe the conflict has reached the point where it requires them to take such an unprecedented move.

Faced with the current catastrophe in Gaza, and meting out condemnation for both Israel and Hamas, French President Emmanuel Macron said "right must prevail over might".

His move, co-ordinated with the UK and under Saudi sponsorship, is meant to keep the two-state solution on life support.

They believe this long-held international formula for peace is the only path to a fair, shared future for the two societies.

The alternative, UN Secretary General António Guterres told a UN conference in New York, was a "one-state" solution, meaning Israeli domination and the "subjugation" of Palestinians.

Nothing, he said, could justify their collective punishment, starvation or any form of ethnic cleansing.

CHINA TO LAUNCH K-VISA FOR GLOBAL
TALENT AS US SLAPS \$100,000 H-1B FEE

Diary Times Desk : China has refrained from commenting on US President Donald Trump's decision to impose a \$100,000 fee on H-1B visas, even as it prepares to introduce a new employment visa next month aimed at attracting global professionals.

On Friday, the Trump administration announced a one-time \$100,000 charge for each H-1B visa application. Indians account for nearly 71 per cent (over 280,000) of these visas, followed by Chinese professionals with around 11.7 per cent, or more than 46,600.

"We have no comment on the US's visa policy," said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun at a media briefing. But he also extended an invitation to international workers. "In a globalised world, cross-border flow of talents is instrumental in global technological and economic advancement," state-run Xinhua news agency quoted him saying.

TRUMP REPEATS CLAIM HE ENDED 7
WARS, INCLUDING INDIA-PAK, IN UN
SPEECH

Diary Times Desk : At the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), US President Donald Trump repeated his claim of ending seven wars. He said, "In a period of just seven months, I have ended seven unendable wars."

The "wars" that he said he ended were, Israel and Iran, India and Pakistan, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Thailand and Cambodia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Egypt and Ethiopia and Serbia and Kosovo.

Addressing the 80th UNGA session, Trump said, "They said they were unendable, some were going for 31 years, one was 36 years. I ended 7 wars and in all cases they were raging with countless thousands of people being killed" adding that no other president or leader has "ever done anything close to that".

He then criticised the United Nations and said that it "did not even try to help" solve the wars.

TRUMP'S DANCE AT CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL GOES VIRAL,
WIDOW ERIKA KIRK SMILES

Diary Times Desk : As Americans mourned the death of Charlie Kirk, US President Donald Trump drew attention for breaking into a "dance" at the conservative activist's memorial service, eliciting a smile from his grieving widow, Erika Kirk. The ceremony, held on Sunday at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, drew nearly 65,000 attendees.

Trump, the final speaker at the event, paid tribute to the 31-year-old activist, who was killed on September 10 at a Utah university campus, using the language of religious fervor.



"He's a martyr now for American freedom," Trump said of Kirk. "I know I speak for everyone here today when I say that none of us will ever forget Charlie. And neither now will history."

Videos from the service quickly circulated on social media, including one clip showing Trump grooving and lip-syncing the word "America" as a choir sang America The Beautiful. Erika Kirk can be seen smiling through tears as Trump danced beside her.

The memorial service was emotionally charged, with Kirk hailed as a "martyr for American freedom." Trump's light-hearted dance, intended to lift spirits, sparked a mixed reaction online.

"He keeps forgetting that it's not a campaign rally," one person wrote. Another commented, "They didn't come to mourn, it's a clown show!" Some criticized, "Trump doing a little boogie by the wife of a dude who got shot in broad daylight is beyond me." Others added, "This isn't a memorial to him. It's a political rally. She's a pawn in Trump's game now too."

Anyone too stupid not to see this is a MAGA," while another mocked, "One has to do weird things when one is trying to steal a dead man's thunder."

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AMERICA HAS A NEW TOP-SELLING BEER

Diary Times Desk : Perhaps with Leo Messi as the face of Michelob Ultra, it was only a matter of time before the light lager achieved GOAT status.

The Anheuser-Busch beer has overtaken rival Modelo Especial in US retail sales by volume for the year-to-date ending on September 14, according to data from Circana seen by CNN.

In a press release Monday, Anheuser-Busch attributed the momentum partly to the successful launch of Michelob Ultra Zero, a non-alcoholic version of the beer.

It's quite the achievement for the brewer, which faced backlash from conservatives and liberals alike over a partnership with a transgender social media influencer that tanked sales of Bud Light and dethroned it as the top-selling beer in the United States, leading Modelo Especial to take its place in 2023.

TIKTOK WON'T BE BANISHED. ITS FATE COULD BE MUCH WORSE

Diary Times Desk : We're approaching what appears to be an appropriately dumb ending to an inordinately dumb fight over TikTok.

Dumb is a harsh word, and I mean it deeply. The dumbest part: The Trump administration's brokered solution to keep the app in the United States risks turning it into yet another once-great social media platform. The White House is brokering a deal for TikTok (or at least, a version of it) to be cleaved off from its Chinese parent company, ByteDance, and transferred to American ownership.

Who would own the US assets? So far, we know that Oracle, which already provides cloud storage in the US for TikTok, would take a stake. Other investors potentially include private equity firm Silver Lake, tech investing firm Andreessen Horowitz and the Murdoch-owned Fox Corp.

You don't have to squint too hard to catch a theme here: Oracle was founded by Trump ally and mega-billionaire Larry Ellison, and it has been run for the past decade by another Trump ally, Safra Catz.

JIMMY KIMMEL'S COUSIN SAL HINTS: 'THERE ARE A COUPLE BOMBSHELLS STILL THERE'

Diary Times Desk : Sal Iacono, Jimmy Kimmel's cousin and a long-time writer and performer on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" suggested Sunday that the show may not be coming back on the air after ABC indefinitely suspended the program last week.

On an episode of "The Bill Simmons Podcast" late Sunday night, Iacono said he was reluctant to talk about the future of the show out of respect for the staff whose jobs are on the line. But he said significant news could come out this week, and he believed Kimmel will land on his feet no matter what the outcome is.

"I wish I could say anything. There are a couple bombsHELLs still there," Iacono said. "I'm feeling good. We're going to be all right. Everything's going to be just fine."

Bill Simmons, who worked as a writer on the show two decades ago, agreed that Kimmel would find a platform if the show ended.

"He'll be fine, whatever he wants to do," Simmons said. "Hey listen, he might just want to be a pop-up chef and start making barbecue around the South Bay area. He'll do a great job."

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" was abruptly and indefinitely taken off the air on Wednesday last week after

GOOGLE SAYS 90% OF TECH WORKERS ARE NOW USING AI AT WORK

Diary Times Desk : The overwhelming majority of tech industry workers use artificial intelligence on the job for tasks like writing and modifying code, a new Google study has found.

The report, coming from Google's DORA research division and based on 5,000 responses from technology professionals around the world, found that 90% of respondents are using AI in their job, up 14% from last year.

The findings come as the rise of AI has prompted a mix of concern, hype and promise around how the technology could impact jobs and the economy. Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei made headlines in May when he said AI could lead to a spike in unemployment, a sentiment that other tech industry professionals have since tamped down. But some data does suggest it's getting harder for entry-level workers to find jobs in software engineering, a trend that comes amid a wave of layoffs in the tech industry.

ALL AMAZON FRESH GROCERY STORES DUE TO CLOSE IN THE UK

Diary Times Desk : Amazon is planning to close all of its Amazon Fresh stores in the United Kingdom as it focuses on online grocery services.

The e-commerce giant plans to shut 14 stores and convert another five into Whole Foods Market stores, it said in a statement Tuesday.

"In case of closure, our goal is to offer redeployment opportunities to as many affected employees as possible," Amazon said, without specifying how many jobs would be at risk.

Amazon bought Whole Foods Market, a supermarket chain that targets a wealthier clientele, in 2017.

The tech company said it had decided to consult employees about the proposed closure following "a thorough evaluation" of its business operations and "the very substantial" growth opportunities in online delivery.



Federal Communications Commission Chair Brendan Carr and networks of affiliate stations threatened ABC over comments Kimmel made in a monologue about the MAGA movement's response to Charlie Kirk's assassination. The show's staff will continue to be paid for the time being, as discussions continue between Kimmel and executives at Disney, ABC's parent company, over the show's future.

Iacono called the past week "tumultuous," so he said Kimmel and his family got together over the weekend. Iacono recalled that most of the family avoided discussing the elephant in the room, but his son was the first to broach the subject.



MACKENZIE SCOTT GIVES \$70 MILLION TO UNCF TO FINANCIALLY STRENGTHEN HBCUS
Diary Times Desk :
Billionaire philanthropist Mackenzie Scott has donated \$70 million to the UNCF, as the nation's largest private provider of scholarships to minority students works to raise \$1 billion to strengthen all 37 of its historically Black colleges and universities.

The gift is one of Scott's largest single donations ever and among the first to be publicly disclosed in 2025. Famously private, Scott only discusses her donations through her website and does not confirm them until after the recipients do.

"This extraordinary gift is a powerful vote of confidence in HBCUs and in the work of UNCF," the nonprofit's President and CEO Dr. Michael L. Lomax told The Associated Press in a statement. "It provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity for our member institutions to build permanent assets that will support students and campuses for decades to come."

JIMMY KIMMEL'S SUSPENSION AND PLANNED RETURN TO ABC
Diary Times Desk : Jimmy Kimmel will return to host his late-night talk show on Tuesday, less than a week after being yanked from ABC's airwaves.

ABC shocked Hollywood and the nation last Wednesday by suspending the show and its famous host after comments Kimmel made in the aftermath of Charlie Kirk's assassination. The saga is the latest in a spat between late-night show comedians and the Trump administration.

Days after suspected assassin Tyler Robinson was taken into custody by law enforcement for the killing of Trump ally and political activist Charlie Kirk, Jimmy Kimmel said on his show: "We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them and doing everything they can to score political points from it. In between the finger-pointing, there was grieving."

GOODBYE TO THE \$7,500 EV TAX CREDIT. WHAT'S THAT MEAN FOR EV PRICES?



Diary Times Desk :
Sales of electric vehicles in the United States are almost certain to tumble when the \$7,500 federal tax credit for EV buyers expires on October 1, leaving automakers and car buyers wondering where prices will go.

The tax credit, which was passed in 2022 as part of the Biden administration's legislative push to support EVs and green energy, is going away as part of President Donald Trump's broad spending and tax bill that passed in July. The move came after US EV sales in 2024 rose 7% to 1.6 million, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

The end of the tax credit means demand for EVs is expected to fall, which means prices in real terms will rise — a concept not lost on the many consumers who rushed to buy EVs in August and September. But that surge is likely to result in plunging sales in the final three months of the year and could lead to somewhat lower EV prices ahead. With fewer people buying EVs in the coming months, automakers are weighing where to set sticker prices and incentive levels to maintain some baseline of demand. But it's not clear how much savings that will provide buyers, and it likely won't make up for the money lost from the end of the tax credit.



Diary Times Desk :
Maybe you've heard of "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning." It's a guide to proactively downsizing your stuff while you're still alive. Doing so spares your heirs the mess of doing it themselves, and the potential fights they may have in the process.

Similarly, you can avoid leaving a mess behind for your family by being meticulous now about identifying who you want to get your money but also knowing a little about how the process will play out when you're gone.

Specifically, you should be aware of the importance of naming beneficiaries on key financial accounts, such as your 401(k)s and IRAs, as well as your life insurance policies and annuities, and sometimes even your brokerage and banking accounts.

Put simply, anyone you name as a beneficiary on those accounts will be the person who gets the money, regardless of the wishes you express in any of your other estate planning documents. "If you have designated beneficiaries on an account and they're living, that trumps your will or trust — unless the beneficiary designation is to the trust," said Jeffrey R. Gottlieb, an estate planning attorney in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. It will also streamline the process of the money from a given account being transferred quickly to your beneficiaries. That's because the account with named beneficiaries won't be in the part of your estate that must go through the court process of probate, which authenticates your will after you die and allows for the net proceeds of your estate to be distributed to your heirs once your debts and expenses are paid.

11 YEARS ON, FOUR-YEAR-OLD YUG'S FAMILY STILL SEEKING JUSTICE AFTER HIGH COURT'S VERDICT

Diary Times Desk : The high court's order, acquitting one accused and commuting the death sentence of two others to life imprisonment, has left the family of four-year-old Yug, whose kidnapping and murder shook the state in 2014, utterly devastated. Unaware of the final order being delivered, the family was absent from court when it was pronounced.

"We are dissatisfied with the high court's order and will appeal against it in the Supreme Court," said a tearful Vinod Gupta, Yug's father. Yug's grandmother and mother stood beside him, shattered and sobbing. "We miss him every single day and want the accused to be punished accordingly. Justice hasn't been served to our child even after 11 years. He was four when he was killed, and today he would have been 15," Gupta said, reminiscing about the horrific murder.

"We've been living for justice for our child, and if we have to sacrifice everything to get it, we will," Gupta vowed.

NRI MINISTER APPEALS FOR DONATIONS TO REBUILD PUNJAB AFTER FLOODS

Diary Times Desk : Punjab government is now approaching Punjabi Industrialists and Non-Resident Indians to contribute generously to the newly created Rangla Punjab Vikas Fund, to help the state government rebuild the flood-ravaged state.

As part of this initiative, the state Industry and NRI Affairs minister, Sanjeev Arora, on Tuesday mobilised 13 industrialists from Ludhiana, who came and donated crores of rupees to the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

These industrialists, from across different sectors, have donated between Rs 5 lakh and Rs 1 crore each. The NRI minister, Sanjeev Arora, has himself individually donated Rs 50 lakh to this fund.

"Since the donations made to the fund are exempt from the Foreign Currency Regulations Act and also count towards Corporate Social Responsibility spending of companies, I request more and more NRIs and corporates to donate to this fund," he said.

**PUNJAB RAIL BOOST: FEROZEPUR-DELHI VANDE BHARAT, MOHALI-RAJPURA LINK
SOON**

Diary Times Desk : In a significant infrastructure push for flood-affected Punjab, the Centre on Tuesday announced two major railway projects for the state. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu unveiled the commencement of the long-awaited Mohali-Rajpura rail link, a demand pending for nearly 50 years.

The ministers also announced the launch of a Vande Bharat Express between Ferozepur and New Delhi. The train will operate six days a week, except on Wednesdays. For the Mohali-Rajpura rail link, the Railways require 54 hectares of land, which the Punjab Government will acquire and hand over to the Centre.



2 PUNJAB BROTHERS, 1 SURVIVAL STORY: THE 1996 STOWAWAY INCIDENT THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

Diary Times Desk : Just yesterday, a 13-year-old Afghan boy was discovered at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport after hiding in the landing gear compartment of a Kam Air flight from Kabul. This, however, is not an isolated incident.

In a similar, yet more harrowing incident in 1996, two brothers, Pardeep Saini and Vijay – from Punjab – attempted to stow away on a British Airways plane to enter the UK. Hidden in the wheel bay of the Boeing 747, they braved extreme conditions. The 10-hour flight was a test of endurance, with temperatures plummeting to -60°C and oxygen levels dwindling at 40,000 feet.

Once in the air, the thunderous jet engines drowned out any chance of communication, while the freezing temperatures sent their heart rates into a downward spiral.

The brothers fled India after being accused of links to a Sikh militant group fighting for independence. Desperate for a new life, they turned to a people smuggler who promised them passage to Britain for £150. However, the smuggler's misinformation about accessing the luggage compartment from the wheel bay proved disastrous.

MONSOON WITHDRAWAL FAVOURABLE AS HIMACHAL FACES FLOOD, LANDSLIDE AFTERMATH; 340 ROADS CLOSED

Diary Times Desk : Conditions are becoming favourable for the withdrawal of the southwest monsoon from certain parts of Himachal Pradesh as the monsoon remained inactive, officials said on Tuesday, adding that restoration works in disaster-affected areas is underway.

The state witnessed light rainfall in isolated areas, with Jogindernagar receiving 6 mm, Sarahan recording 2.5 mm, and Narkanda receiving 0.5 mm of rain, as per the local Met office.

During the ongoing monsoon season, which began on June 1, Himachal Pradesh has received an average rainfall of 1,023.4 mm, surpassing the normal rainfall of 717.6 mm by 43 per cent.

Since the onset of monsoon this year, the state has witnessed 47 cloudbursts, 98 flash floods and 148 major landslides, while 451 people have died. Of those dead, 262 lost their lives in rain-related incidents and 189 in road accidents. About 497 people have suffered injuries, while 47 are still missing.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
24-09-2025

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.

GST REFORMS TO
PROVIDE RS 4,000 CR
RELIEF TO RESIDENTS:
HARYANA CM SAINI

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday said the recently implemented GST reforms would provide annual relief of nearly Rs 4,000 crore to residents of the state and mark a significant transformation in the economic growth of both Haryana and the nation.

The Chief Minister was interacting with shopkeepers and traders during a programme organised in Ladwa to launch the state-wide GST Bachat Utsav.

He passed through the Main Market and Sangam Market before reaching Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra Chowk, where he explained details of the new GST rates to shopkeepers and urged people to purchase indigenous goods.

HHRC TAKES
COGNISANCE OF
SCHOOL'S ALLEGED
ABUSE OF 11-YEAR-OLD
GIRL IN SONEPAT

Diary Times Desk : The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of an 11-year-old girl who was allegedly punished with 50 push-ups and made to clean the UKG classroom floor by the school principal, along with being publicly humiliated for not doing her homework at a private school in Ridhana village, Sonapat. It is alleged that UKG students were asked to chant "shame, shame" targeting the girl. Additionally, the school principal allegedly threatened to shave off the girl's hair if she failed to complete her homework in the future.

These actions are stated to have caused severe psychological trauma to the child, rendering her unable to attend school and requiring psychological treatment, observed the HHRC. The commission added that if established, the alleged actions would directly violate the right to life and personal liberty, which includes the right to dignity and protection from inhuman or degrading treatment, as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution. Furthermore, it violated Article 14, which guarantees the right to equality and ensures protection from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.

AFTER FLOODS, VIRAL INFECTION SUSPECTED TO BE TAKING A TOLL ON CATTLE,
ABOUT 10 CATTLE DIE IN HISAR VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : Panic has gripped the cattle-rearing farmers in Harikot village of the district as about 10 cattle, including buffaloes and cows, have died due to a disease in the last seven days. The villagers said that four buffaloes died on Monday and scores of other cattle, including buffaloes, cows and calves, are seriously ill. The villagers demanded that the district administration immediately take action to save the ailing cattle and prevent the spread of the disease.

The villagers suspect it to be foot-and-mouth disease, which seems to be taking a toll on the cattle. However, Dr Mitu, a veterinary surgeon of the Animal Husbandry Department at the Mangali veterinary hospital, said that they started vaccination for HS and FMD among the cattle in the village after residents reported the cattle deaths on Monday. She denied that the deaths were due to FMD, stating that it is a viral infection caused by dirty water, as stagnant water from a canal breach and excessive rains was being used for the cattle.



SIRSA COTTON FARMERS PROTEST
PRICE CUTS AT MILLS, HALT AUCTION

Diary Times Desk : Tensions rose in Sirsa on Monday as cotton farmers stalled procurement and raised slogans against ginning mill owners and the government, accusing them of underpaying for their crop. The protest broke out on the first day of Navratri at the new cotton market when more than 150 tractor-trolleys arrived with fresh cotton (narma) and millers began initial purchases.

Farmers halted the auction shortly after it commenced, alleging that while mill owners displayed purchase rates between Rs 6,000 and Rs 7,000 per quintal at the mandi, they later deducted Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 per quintal during weighing and processing at the factories. Farmers insisted that payments must be made strictly at mandi rates, warning that they would not accept deductions at the factory level.

Farmer leader Lakhwinder Singh Aulakh and Arhtiya Association president Prem Bajaj reached the site and attempted to mediate. The auction remained suspended for nearly three hours before resuming after assurances from the SDM.

GURUGRAM: RAO VERSUS RAO
FEUD INTENSIFIES AS REBEL MCG
COUNCILLORS RETURN TO BJP

Diary Times Desk : The long-running Rao versus Rao saga in Gurugram has flared up once again with seven rebel and expelled Independent MCG councillors returning to the BJP fold.

At least five of these councillors belong to the camp of Rao Inderjit Singh, the local MP and Union Minister, giving him an edge in the forthcoming elections for Senior Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The move has unsettled the rival Rao Narbir group, which had recently secured both posts in the Manesar Corporation. The returning councillors, five of whom had been expelled by the party six years ago, were welcomed back at the Chief Minister's residence in the presence of the CM and the state BJP president. While Rao Inderjit is reportedly behind this "ghar wapsi," he chose to remain silent, refusing to comment.

One of his close associates explained, "BJP has taken back its trusted workers. There was mistake in ticket allocation but that cannot be allowed to impact party. So they were called back."

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT HEARS BRIJENDRA SINGH'S PLEA FOR RE-
VERIFICATION OF 215 REJECTED POSTAL BALLOTS

Diary Times Desk : Just about a year after BJP's Devender Chhattar Bhuj Attri was declared victorious from the Uchana Assembly constituency with 215 postal ballots rejected against a victory margin of just 32 votes, the Punjab and Haryana High Court recorded the statement of former Hisar MP and Congress leader Brijendra Singh. Among other things, he stated before Justice Anoop Chitkara's Bench that the Returning Officer was under obligation to re-verify the rejected votes.

Brijendra Singh, who challenged Attri's election by filing an election petition before the High Court, was subjected to cross-examination for over two hours by Attri's lawyer and senior advocate Satya Pal Jain after the petitioner's lawyer questioned him during the examination-in-chief to present facts supporting his case. Jain was accompanied in the matter by counsel Dheeraj Jain. Appearing before Justice Chitkara's Bench in his own petition, the bureaucrat-turned-politician asserted that the Returning Officer was "mandatorily required to re-verify the votes declared invalid" when the number of invalid votes – 215 – exceeded the margin of victory – 32. Brijendra Singh added that the process was also required to be video-graphed.



Team captain Bradley defends US player pay at Ryder Cup

Team USA captain Keegan Bradley defended a plan to pay US players at the Ryder Cup on Monday, arguing that the break from tradition at Bethpage Black in New York would bring the competition into "today's age."

US players will each get \$500,000 – with \$300,000 of that going to charity and the remaining \$200,000 serving as a stipend – the PGA of America announced last year, an increase from the \$200,000 that had been designated only for charity since 1999.

European Ryder Cup Team members do not get paid and Europe's captain Luke Donald told members of the British media this week that the US players risk having the home crowd turn on them over the issue of pay.

"If the US players are getting paid a stipend, or whatever it is, and they aren't performing, the New Yorkers could make them know about it," Donald said, according to reports. Bradley, who said he planned to donate his stipend in addition to the money earmarked for charity, pushed back as a reporter suggested the pay-for-play approach had "questionable" optics.

"I don't really get that, but I think the goal here was that the charity dollars hadn't been raised in 25, 26 years," he said ahead of Friday's start to the biennial match play competition.

"These players are going to do the right thing and do a lot of really good with this money."

The topic of player compensation came up during the Americans' disastrous 2023 campaign in Rome, when Patrick Cantlay declined to wear a Team USA hat in what some reports suggested was an act of protest.

Top-caliber golfers are among the best compensated athletes in all of professional sports.

"I'm not concerned about what Europe does or what they think. I'm concerned about what my team is doing," said Bradley.

Bradley, who omitted himself from the US lineup, should have more than the usual home team advantage from the famously rowdy New York sports fans, after playing college golf just 25 miles (40.23 km) down the road at St John's University.

Beloved among diehard fans, the three-day Ryder Cup has not seen an away winner since Europe's "Miracle at Medinah" in 2012.

After dealing the Americans a devastating 2023 defeat, Europe's captain knows the holders can expect a partisan crowd that includes US President Donald Trump on the opening day.

"What makes Ryder Cups fun is the atmosphere, is the energy that it brings. It really is an environment that you want to experience as a player because it's nothing quite like it that you get to play in an individual tournament," said Briton Donald. "These guys embrace that. They thrive in it."



Thomas Schlachter

"I'm not concerned about what Europe does or what they think."



"I was tasked with a job the PGA of America asked me to do, and this was what we decided. We wanted to bring the Ryder Cup into today's age, and we felt like this was the best way to do it."

Ballon d'Or Awards

Ousmane Dembélé and Aitana Bonmatí win



David Close

While primarily utilized as a winger during his career, Dembélé often played down the middle for Luis Enrique's side, spearheading a fluent and formidable front three, flanked by the dynamic Désiré Doué and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia.

Paris Saint-Germain's Ousmane Dembélé won his first Ballon d'Or award on Monday, while Barcelona's Aitana Bonmatí captured her third straight Ballon d'Or Féminin at the annual soccer awards celebrating the best players in the men's and women's game.

The 69th edition of the awards was held at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, whose hometown fans celebrated the victory for one of their own.

Chants of Dembélé's name rang down from the theater's balcony as the French footballer accepted the award from former Brazilian and PSG star Ronaldinho.

Dembélé had another brilliant season for the French giants, helping lead PSG to trophies galore, including the European treble of the Champions League, Ligue 1 and French Cup titles. He scored a remarkable 35 times last season.

The 28-year-old played in 29 league games, scoring 21 times along the way, but it was in the Champions League where his performances really stood out. Dembélé scored eight goals and assisted on six others in 15 matches as he led a young PSG side to its first-ever Champions League crown.



Despite not scoring, Dembélé was a constant thorn in the side of Inter Milan and set up two goals while also helping to create another during his side's 5-0 win.

Dembélé was able to attend Monday's ceremony as he is recovering from a right hamstring injury suffered during national team duty earlier this month. His teammates couldn't celebrate in person as PSG faced Marseille on France's south coast in a previously postponed Ligue 1 match. The reigning titleholders fell 1-0 on Monday, their first defeat of the season.

No stranger to earning this award, Bonmatí has now been named the best women's soccer player in the world for an incredible three years running.

The midfielder has dominated world football in recent years and was once again crucial to Barcelona Femeni's success last season. Barcelona picked up a domestic treble as the side continued its stranglehold on Spanish soccer but the 27-year-old will no doubt be disappointed after losing two major finals against English opposition.

Bonmatí's Barcelona lost to Arsenal in the Champions League final before falling to England on penalties at Euro 2025. Despite this, Bonmatí remained a constant in the biggest moments in women's soccer.

After accepting the award, she reflected on her role and the future of the sport.

"We are more than footballers. We are leading by example through all the world.

For the new generations coming, I think they can dream about being footballers, not like our generation. They can dream it. This is the best thing we can achieve," Bonmatí said.

Barcelona's Lamine Yamal won the men's Kopa Trophy for a second straight year, awarded to the best under-21 player. The 18-year phenom was also nominated for the Ballon d'Or. Completing the Barca and Spain sweep of the category, attacking midfielder Vicky López won the women's Kopa Trophy.

After leading his side to the Champions League and Ligue 1 titles last season, PSG's manager, Luis Enrique, captured the men's Johan Cruyff Trophy.

France Football has been honoring the sport's best since 1956.

The women's Johan Cruyff Trophy winner (coach of the year) was England's Sarina Wiegman. She guided the Lionesses to back-to-back Women's Euro titles in 2025.

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SMART WELLNESS GOALS ARE BACKED BY SCIENCE

Resistance training could help me sleep better. Building incentives will help me exercise more. Good friendships will help me live longer.

I spend a lot of my days reporting on new research findings in the health and wellness field, vetted by outside experts, usually including advice on how to live better.

But this time, I don't have the results to offer — you do. Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Alberta are looking for a large pool of participants for a new study. With CNN having covered so many studies like this one, the researchers are hoping readers will want to participate — and CNN is following along to report on the research process from the ground floor.

All you have to do is take a daily quiz on the research team's website to assess what you know about healthy habits.

"This is actually an opportunity for folks to contribute to research by joining our website," said lead researcher Dr. Katie Mehr, an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Alberta. "After the study concludes and we're able to analyze all the data, we will share what we found with the readership."

The quiz is just two questions, every day for 30 days, that are designed to help participants learn more about their well-being in a quick, easy and fun way. The research requires those who participate to be over 18 years old, be a US resident and have a US phone number that can receive texts. Researchers can't share exactly what questions they are investigating because that could risk skewing the results. But the study team hopes the experience will be a way for people to engage with science and pull back the curtain on how the questions about human behavior are answered, Mehr said.

"Sometimes there's these questions where, if we could get a large sample of people who were dealing with this in their life to engage science, we could learn a lot," said behavioral researcher Dr. Katy Milkman, James G. Dinan Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. "Sometimes it's hard to figure out where do you meet those people."

This study is "a fun opportunity for people to be part of what they're constantly reading and ... get to be part of the news," Milkman said. "They will change the news like citizen scientists."

Focusing on what behaviors can actually help is an important first step toward a healthier life, Milkman said. That is especially true in a time when science isn't at its most popular and influencers often share information not backed by research.

You might not know that the research suggests that the Mediterranean diet is one of the healthiest ways of eating, but you heard from an influencer that cutting out carbs and only eating red meat is key to longevity.



If you set a goal of bettering your nutrition but don't have the information to guide you toward the best path to accomplish it, you might be working against yourself, Milkman said.

You may think you know what you need to do to achieve your health goals and are just struggling with implementing the change, Milkman said. But these upcoming results may help you do an even better job working toward increasing your health and longevity. Once you have the information about where you can make improvements to your health, the next step is to define your goal, Milkman said. Most people would say they would like to be healthier, but an effective goal — say one more hour of sleep each night or two sessions of strength training per week — is more specific than that, she added.



Madeline Holcombe

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FLIGHTS OF FANCY: DESIGNS FOR BIRD HOUSES BY THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS ARCHITECTS



Diary Times Desk : Earlier this year, Lord Foster of Thames Bank O.M. invited nine of the world’s other leading architects to explore a project more intimate than they were perhaps used to: building a bird house.

The initiative was conceived by Lord Foster alongside Marie Donnelly, and the open brief had no boundaries or rules. Their only message was that each bird house was to be created in support of the Tessa Jowell Foundation, which was set up in memory of the UK’s former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, who died from brain cancer in 2018. The foundation is geared towards providing better treatment for people with the disease in the future.

Tessa Jowell’s daughter, Jess Mills, is the foundation’s CEO. ‘It is the greatest privilege to have had the opportunity to work on this extraordinary project with Lord Foster and the world’s great architects over this past year,’ she says. ‘All the funds raised will go to support our mission to transform treatment and care for brain cancer patients across the UK. Brain cancer is the biggest cancer killer of children and people under 40, and of course is the cancer that Mum died from, so this is very personal, and urgent work.’

‘I have a passion for design at every scale, whether it’s a bird feeder or the masterplan for a city,’ says Lord Foster. ‘It’s exciting to see how each of us has interpreted the same brief in such distinct and thoughtful ways. There is a shared sense of intention — balancing functionality with sculptural shapes.’

The 10 avian sanctuaries — produced by David Chipperfield, Frida Escobedo, Sou Fujimoto, Lina Ghotmeh, Grafton Architects, Jacques Herzog, Farshid Moussavi, Renzo Piano, Kazuyo Sejima and Norman Foster himself — demonstrate the incredible diversity of the architects’ imagination. From 8 to 14 October 2025, alongside Christie’s 20th/21st Century Art sales, they will be on show in London ahead of a dedicated charity auction on the final day.

COLLECTING GUIDE: THE LIFE AND ART OF HENRI MATISSE

Henri Matisse was born in 1869 in the small town of Bohain-en-Vermandois, in the flatlands of northeastern France. Its skies were grey, its houses of dull brick, and its fields devoted to acre after acre of sugar beet. According to Matisse’s biographer, Hilary Spurling, his whole career represented a rejection of that early sobriety and ‘a flight towards the brilliant light’.

Early Fauve paintings

Matisse’s earliest work, from the 1890s, bore the influence of Realism and naturalism. His first creative breakthrough came in the middle of the next decade, at the vanguard of Fauvism. Matisse rejected his early influences and turned to a wild use of colour, aiming to express his feelings about the material world.

Among Matisse’s great works in this style was a 1905 portrait of his wife, Amélie, Woman with a Hat (now part of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art collection). Another was a still life from 1907, Les Pivoines (sold for just over \$19 million at Christie’s in New York in 2012), in which Matisse flattened the composition, and the wall behind the vase of peonies all but dematerialises into a cascade of colour.

‘Fauve paintings by Matisse don’t come onto the market too often,’ says Jessica Fertig, Consultant in 20th and 21st Century Art at Christie’s in New York. ‘But when they do, there’s always a great deal of interest. There’s a recognition that this was a transformative period both for Matisse and for all Western art.’

Many of Matisse’s ancestors had been weavers. As Spurling put it, ‘textiles were in his blood’. He collected Persian carpets, Arab embroideries and African wall hangings throughout his life, his studio becoming a treasure trove of exotic and vibrant pattern.

The collection was practical — he called it his ‘working library’ — with textiles appearing and reappearing in a large number of his paintings, drawings and prints. They also contributed to a key development in Matisse’s art in the run-up to the First World War, when he rejected the old laws of perspective and three-dimensional illusion for internalised, purely pictorial spaces.



BALLON D'OR 2025: LAMINE YAMAL, VICKY LOPEZ WIN KOPA TROPHY

Diary Times Desk : Spain and Barcelona stars Lamine Yamal and Vicky Lopez won the Kopa Trophy for the world's best under-21 male and female players, respectively, at the 2025 Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris on Monday. Yamal, 18, claimed the award for the second straight year after a standout 2024-25 season in which he scored 18 goals and provided 25 assists in 55 appearances as Barcelona lifted La Liga, the Spanish Super Cup and the Copa del Rey.

He also reached the UEFA Nations League final with Spain, losing to Portugal. Yamal has begun the new season in similar fashion, with two goals and two assists in Barcelona's opening two La Liga matches. The 19-year-old Lopez, an attacking midfielder, made history as the first female winner of the Kopa Trophy. She has started the 2025-26 season in fine form with three goals and three assists in four league games.



Last season, Lopez scored 11 goals and provided three assists in 33 appearances across competitions as Barcelona clinched a fifth successive Liga F title and reached the Champions League final.

MAN UNITED FITNESS CONCERNS GROW WITH MULTIPLE NEW INJURIES CONFIRMED

Diary Times Desk : Manchester United approach their Premier League meeting with Brentford with renewed confidence after a spirited victory over Chelsea. Ruben Amorim's side had to navigate the challenge of Casemiro's red card for two bookable offences, yet still emerged with three points. Trevoh Chalobah's late goal briefly threatened to undo their hard work, but it was United who celebrated at full time.

The only downside was Casemiro's suspension, which rules him out of the trip to London. With no Carabao Cup fixture in midweek, Amorim has instead focused on preparing his squad and monitoring the progress of injured players, notably Diogo Dalot and Lisandro Martinez.

Diogo Dalot's situation remains unclear. The full back missed the Chelsea match after Amorim confirmed his absence during the pre-match press conference. Although details of the injury have not been widely shared, the manager indicated that Dalot's availability for Brentford depends on how quickly he can resume training.

Should he prove his fitness in the next few days, Dalot could return as soon as Saturday.

ROY KEANE PREDICTS MORE MISERY FOR MANCHESTER UNITED THIS SEASON

Diary Times Desk : Manchester United legend Roy Keane has revealed where he believes Ruben Amorim's side will finish this season – and fans may want to look away now. The Red Devils are currently eleventh in the Premier League table after enduring a frustrating start to the new campaign.

Two wins – against Burnley and Chelsea – have been balanced by losses to Arsenal and Manchester City, with a draw away to Fulham capping off the opening five fixtures.

But United's performances, specifically from an xg (expected goals) and chance creation perspective, should have seen them beat Arsenal, as opposed to losing 1-0 courtesy of an Altay Bayindir howler, and get all three points against Fulham rather than just one after Bruno Fernandes missed a penalty.

With these extra five points, United would be second, just three behind league leaders Liverpool and the narrative surrounding Amorim would be drastically different to the one currently unfolding. However, football is not played on a spreadsheet and mistakes have been a feature throughout the Portuguese coach's tenure at Old Trafford.

It was his decision to favour Bayindir for the opening match against Arsenal, despite the Turkey international's obvious frailties.

BARCELONA FORWARD OUTRAGED OVER TEAMMATE'S FINAL BALLON D'OR RANKING



Diary Times Desk : Barcelona forward Ferran Torres was far from satisfied with the final result of the 2025 Ballon d'Or gala on Monday night.

While most of the debate centred on whether Ousmane Dembele's victory over Lamine Yamal was deserved, Ferran showed his anger and indignation at the position occupied by Pedri in the final ranking.

Ferran shocked by Pedri's finish In what came as a shock, Pedri finished in 11th place in the Ballon d'Or ranking, something Ferran could not understand.

He made his feelings clear on social media, reposting on his Instagram stories the post by Ballon d'Or that announced Pedri's rank, adding two emojis: one with an exploding head and another of a hand covering a face, signalling both disappointment and incomprehension.

MANCHESTER CITY IDENTIFY BAYERN MUNICH MIDFIELDER AS POTENTIAL RODRI REPLACEMENT

Diary Times Desk : Bayern Munich appear to be a club holding the keys to a long-term successor to Rodri, in the eyes of those working in squad planning at Manchester City.

The Spanish midfielder has long been regarded as one of Pep Guardiola's most irreplaceable players, anchoring the midfield with consistency and control, while injury problems have cast some doubt over his longevity within the game.

Rodri's ACL-induced absence during the last season highlighted just how much Pep Guardiola's Manchester City side rely on his presence in the middle of the park, even with depth options elsewhere in midfield.

The issue has also been compounded by continued transfer speculation, despite Rodri himself dismissing the prospect of a move away from the Etihad Stadium amid widespread links to Real Madrid lingering within Spanish media throughout the summer.

Santiago Bernabeu stars such as Dani Carvajal have openly admitted they would like to see Rodri at their club, although City have been keen to reinforce their vision with Rodri by securing him to a new contract.

'WE DON'T HAVE DEFENDERS' - MARESCA SAYS HE CANNOT REST KEY MEN

Diary Times Desk : Chelsea manager Enzo Maresca says he is unable to rest key defenders for Tuesday's Carabao Cup tie at Lincoln City.

Maresca is expected to ring the changes when facing League One opposition in the third round on Tuesday.

However, when asked about whether centre-back pairing Trevoh Chalobah and Tosin Adarabioyo will be given a rest, having played almost every minute in three consecutive matches, Maresca said: "I would love to rest both of them because they deserve to rest.

"The problem is that we also have Wes Fofana playing after a long time. So if we rest Tosin, if we rest Trev, and if we rest Wes, probably I need to play some part of the game.

"We don't have defenders so some of them need to play."

Chelsea will also be without goalkeeper Robert Sanchez after his fourth-minute sending off in the 2-1 defeat at Manchester United on Saturday.

