

NEWS IN BRIEF

SHIPWRECK AND SHOWDOWN: THE MSC ELISA-3 CASE AND THE TEST OF INDIA'S MARITIME LAW AND COASTAL PROTECTION

Diary Times Desk :

The Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Elsa-3 shipwreck has grown into a test of India's coastal governance and legal reach. When the Liberian-flagged container vessel sank off Kerala in May 2025, it released oil and hazardous cargo that continue to poison the Arabian Sea and devastate local fisheries.

In response, after four months, the Kerala high court has ordered the Mediterranean Shipping Company to provide Rs. 1,227.62 crore as security and kept a sister ship under arrest – a move that shows how a state can wield national admiralty law to defend livelihoods and marine ecosystems against powerful global shipping interests.

DELHI HIGH COURT BATS FOR UNIFORM CIVIL CODE; CITES CONFLICT IN PERSONAL LAWS AND CRIMINAL LAW

Diary Times Desk :

The Delhi High Court battled for enactment of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) that does not allow personal or customary laws to override national legislation. [Hamid Raza v State of NCT of Delhi].

Justice Arun Monga noted that under Islamic law, a minor girl attaining puberty may lawfully marry though under Indian criminal law, such a marriage renders the husband an offender under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act).

This situation presents a dilemma about whether society should be criminalised for adhering to long-standing personal laws, the judge asked. "Is it not the time to move towards a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), ensuring a single framework where personal or customary law does not override national legislation," the Court asked.

Justice Monga said that this conflict warrants legislative clarity and the legislature must decide whether to continue criminalising entire communities or to promote peace and harmony through legal certainty.

CRUDE OIL

NO SANCTIONS ON PURCHASING CRUDE OIL FROM RUSSIA: HARDEEP PURI



Diary Times Desk : Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said that there are no sanctions on the purchase of Russian crude oil, and the world will face serious consequences if the supplies are disrupted. Citing the case of Iran and Venezuela, he said India has always complied with sanctions as a responsible member of the international community.

The comments have come against the backdrop of the US imposing punitive duties of 25 per cent on India, in addition to 25 per cent tariffs, for purchasing crude oil and arms from Russia. Speaking with reporters as critical negotiations on trade policies continue between the US and India, Puri said that Russia is the second-largest supplier of crude globally at nearly 10 million barrels a day, and warned that the world will face serious consequences if supplies are disrupted.

"Energy is something you cannot do without ... If you remove the second-largest producer, you will have to cut consumption. The consequences are pretty serious," Puri told reporters here.

This is the reason why the world is not imposing sanctions on Russian oil, the career diplomat-turned-politician said.

Puri said there are price caps imposed on buying from Russia and whenever there is any such talk, he asks Indian companies to buy at lower prices.

He also stated that many countries, including Turkey, Japan, and the European Union, purchase oil from Russia.

Puri was quick to add that the discounts offered by Russia at this point in time are not that steep.

The minister said a "broad equilibrium" is essential between the supply and demand for oil, and added that he expects crude to continue to trade between USD 65-68 a barrel going ahead.

Puri hinted that it is in the interest of the US -- a major oil producer with a thrust on shale gas -- to ensure that the prices of fossil fuels do not fall a lot.

He explained that a volatile domestic political environment sensitive to stoking inflation and the reliance on shale gas make it pertinent for the US to ensure that the prices do not fall.

State-run oil marketers autonomously decide the source of the crude oil they buy for refining, Puri said, stressing that these companies have professional management and boards as well.

AFSPA EXTENDED IN PARTS OF MANIPUR, NAGALAND, ARUNACHAL FOR 6 MONTHS

Diary Times Desk : The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act was on Friday extended for six months in entire Manipur, except the jurisdiction of 13 police stations, in view of the prevailing law and order situation there.

The AFSPA, under which a particular state or some areas are declared "disturbed", has also been extended to nine districts in Nagaland and 21 police station areas in five other districts of the state for six months, according to a notification issued by the Union home ministry.

The law was also extended to Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh and three police station areas, bordering Assam, in Namsai district in the state.

The extension of the disturbed area in the particular areas in the three states will be effective from October 1 for six months.

The AFSPA, often criticised as a draconian law, gives armed forces operating in disturbed areas sweeping powers to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary.

"And whereas, a further review of the law and order situation in the state of Manipur has been undertaken. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958), the entire State of Manipur, excluding the areas falling under the jurisdiction of the following 13 police stations of five districts, is declared as 'disturbed area' for a period of six months with effect from 01.10.2025, unless withdrawn earlier," the notification related to Manipur read.



INDIA CALLS UPON MOSCOW TO RELEASE 27 MORE INDIANS RECRUITED BY RUSSIAN MILITARY



Diary Times Desk : India has called upon Russia to release 27 more Indian nationals who were recently recruited into the Russian military.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Friday said New Delhi has come to know that more Indians are working with the Russian military, with new inputs coming from their families.

"As per our information, 27 Indian nationals are currently serving in the Russian army. We are also in close touch with their family members in the matter," Jaiswal said at his weekly media briefing.

"We once again strongly urge all Indian nationals to stay away from the offers being made to serve in the Russian army as they are fraught with danger and risk to life," he added.

Jaiswal said India has strongly taken up the matter with Russian authorities.

"We have strongly raised this matter with Russian authorities in Moscow and with the Russian embassy in New Delhi, and asked for them to be freed as soon as possible," he said.

NCERT TO GRANT EQUIVALENCE TO CLASS X, XII CERTIFICATES ACROSS EDUCATION BOARDS



Diary Times Desk : Centre has issued a notification entrusting the NCERT with the responsibility of granting equivalence to Secondary (Class 10th) and Senior Secondary (Class 12th) certificates awarded by various School Education Boards in India.

An equivalence certificate is an official recognition that a Class 10 or Class 12 certificate from one school education board is comparable to certificates from other boards for admission and employment purposes.

The equivalence granted by NCERT will be valid at all India level and will automatically provide inter-se parity between school boards in India, facilitating smooth inter-School Education Board migrations for students across the country. This responsibility will be exercised for the purpose of admission of students to higher education institutions and employment under the Central Government, State Governments and Union Territories.

This notification supersedes the earlier notification dated November 15, 2021, wherein the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) was entrusted with this responsibility. NCERT will discharge this responsibility through the National Assessment Centre, Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development (PARAKH), established under the National Education Policy 2020.

WOMEN VOTERS IN BIHAR

MODI'S 7,500-CR CASH TRANSFER PITCH: HOW BJP IS BANKING ON WOMEN VOTERS IN BIHAR



Diary Times Desk : In a massive sop for the women of election-bound Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched a cash transfer scheme for 75 lakh women in the state transferring Rs 10,000 each in their bank accounts.

Bihar Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yohna entailed a cash disbursement of nearly Rs 7,500 crore to the bank accounts of women of the state.

The initial grant of Rs 10,000, the PM said, would be topped up per woman per household to Rs 2 lakh if women show promise in enterprise using initial seed money of Rs 10,000.

Transferring the money virtually today, Modi made a strong outreach to the women of Bihar, saying, "Your brothers Narendra and Nitish are working overtime to secure and advance your dignity."

The scheme builds on BJP's pro-women poll pitch which has yielded huge political dividends for the saffron party in Madhya Pradesh in 2023 and later Maharashtra in 2024.

Ahead of Madhya Pradesh polls in 2023, then Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had predicted a fifth straight term for the BJP in the state, citing support from women. He had touted the Laadli Behna scheme under which 1.23 crore underprivileged married, divorced and widowed women were first given Rs 1,000 monthly cash each which was later raised to Rs 1,250.

The BJP had swept the polls posting the second best performance ever, the best being in 2003 when it had won 173 of 230 assembly seats under Uma Bharti.

SC GIVES CONDITIONAL NOD TO GREEN CRACKERS, ASKS CENTRE TO DEVISE MECHANISM



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Friday allowed certified manufacturers to produce green crackers on the condition that their sale is not carried in Delhi-NCR without approval.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice B R Gavai also asked the Centre to take a fresh look at the absolute ban on the manufacture of firecrackers in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR).

The Bench, also comprising Justices K Vinod Chandran and N V Anjaria, directed the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to consult all stakeholders, including the Delhi Government, manufacturers, and sellers, before arriving at a final decision.

"In the meantime, we permit the manufacturers who are having the certification of green crackers as certified by NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute) as well as PESO (Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation) to manufacture.

LEAVES CANCELLED, SCHOOLS SHUT: ODISHA BRACES FOR CYCLONE-LIKE STORM AS LOW PRESSURE AREA INTENSIFIES



Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain lashed parts of Odisha, including the state capital Bhubaneswar, as the low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal intensified into a 'well-marked system' on Friday morning, with the state government geared up to tackle the situation, officials said. According to a morning bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the low pressure area has intensified into a 'well-marked system' and may develop into a depression over the next 24 hours.

"It is very likely to cross the south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh coasts in the morning of September 27," the IMD said. Under its influence, the entire state will receive heavy rainfall, with the IMD issuing an 'orange alert' (be updated) of extremely heavy rainfall for the districts of Koraput and Malkangiri. All the districts in the southern region will also receive very heavy rainfall, a senior weather scientist at the Bhubaneswar Meteorological Centre said.

"DELHI BABA ASKED ME OUT FOR DINNER, TRAVEL TO DUBAI": WOMAN IN COMPLAINT

Diary Times Desk : A woman who filed a molestation case against self-styled godman Chaitanyananda Saraswati in 2016 has said he "had vulture-like eyes" on her. She also alleged that 62-year-old Chaitanyananda Saraswati, alias Swami Parthasarathy, who has been charged with sexually harassing 17 students at his private management institute in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj, sent her obscene texts and called her "baby" and "sweet girl". According to the first information report (FIR) filed by her, the woman, who was then aged 20, said she dropped out of the Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management in just eight months.

"It was the most difficult period of my life. As soon as I joined the institute, Baba started sending me obscene messages. He called me "baby" and "sweet girl." After classes ended at 6:30 pm, he would call me to his office and harass me," she said.

ACTOR DULQUER SALMAAN APPROACHES HIGH COURT, SEEKS RELEASE OF LUXURY CAR

Diary Times Desk : The Kerala High Court on Friday sought a response from the Customs Preventive Department on a plea by actor Dulquer Salmaan seeking the release of his vehicle seized by the agency as part of its operation to identify and confiscate luxury cars smuggled into India from Bhutan. Justice Ziyad Rahman A A issued notice to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs and directed its counsel to come with instructions on September 30, the next date of hearing. In his plea, Dulquer stated that his vehicle-a 2004 Land Rover Defender, which was seized by customs-was shipped.



BIHAR POLICE CONSTABLE RESULT 2025 OUT, HERE'S DIRECT LINK TO CHECK

Diary Times Desk : Bihar Police Constable Result 2025: The Central Selection Board of Constable (CSBC) has announced the Bihar Police Constable recruitment exam result 2025. Candidates who appeared in the examination can now access the list of qualified candidates on the [official website](#). A total of 99,190 candidates have been shortlisted for the Physical Efficiency Test (PET). Category-wise selected candidates: The category-wise selected candidates is as follows: General - 39,675, EWS - 9,915, SC - 15,870, and EBC - 17,855. How To Download Bihar Police Constable Result 2025

- Go to the official CSBC website, csbc.bihar.gov.in.
- Click on the link for Bihar Police Constable successful candidates list.
- The merit list PDF will open on the screen.
- Download the file and take a printout for future reference.

Candidates who have cleared the written exam will now have to appear for the PET round, which is a key stage in the recruitment process.

NEWSLAUNDRY, RAVISH KUMAR REACH AGREEMENT WITH ADANI OVER TAKE DOWN ORDER ON 'DEFAMATORY' ARTICLES



Diary Times Desk : Digital news platform Newslaundry and journalist Ravish Kumar have arrived at an agreement with Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) to maintain status quo in connection to the dispute between them over allegedly defamatory articles about AEL. Bar and Bench reported that according to the understanding arrived at by the parties, neither Newslaundry nor Kumar will be obligated to pull down any existing articles on the internet. Meanwhile, any material already pulled down pursuant to a civil court gag order and subsequent government communication of that order, will not be uploaded again, the report said.

CONFUSION OVER SL BHYRAPPA'S LAST RITES AFTER WILL SURFACES DURING PUBLIC HOMAGE

Diary Times Desk : Drama unfolded during the public viewing of the mortal remains of celebrated writer and novelist SL Bhyrappa at the Kalamandir premises in Mysuru on Thursday. The body, which was brought from Bengaluru earlier in the day, was kept for the public to pay homage. However, the solemn atmosphere turned tense following claims about a will the writer had reportedly executed regarding his final rites. The public viewing and final farewell to the 'Saraswathi Samman' was going on in a routine manner till 5.30pm, when it was marred by confusion after a copy of his will surfaced, detailing his wishes regarding his last rites. The will went viral on social media and was circulated among his readers and fans. Bhyrappa had allegedly executed the will in July 2025, at the office of the Additional Sub-Registrar, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru, stating that his two sons, Uday Shankar and Ravi Shankar, should not perform his last rites.

Uncertainty prevails over cremation Instead, Bhyrappa had clearly instructed that his cremation should take place in Santeshiwara village of Channapatna taluk in Hassan district, and his final rites must be performed by Sahana Vijayakumar, a resident of Mylasandra.

FLIGHTS DIVERTED, TRAFFIC
CHAOS: HEAVY RAIN IN
HYDERABAD DISRUPTS
NORMAL LIFE



Diary Times Desk : Normal life and transport services in Hyderabad were severely impacted today as heavy rain continued to hit the city and several other districts of Telangana, leading to flight diversions and traffic congestion. A high-level government meet was held to assess the situation. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy held a meeting with the Chief Secretary and senior officials to assess the state's preparedness, directing all departments to remain on high alert. The Chief Minister specifically stressed the need for constant monitoring of low-lying areas and instructed officials to identify areas prone to waterlogging to undertake pre-emptive measures. Furthermore, he directed the Chief Secretary to ensure emergency response teams from GHMC, HMWSSB ('Hydra'), NDRF, and SDRF are fully mobilized and on standby to manage any crisis in the capital city.

'MUST ENSURE RJD NEVER RETURN TO POWER': PM MODI LAUNCHES SCHEME OF RS 10,000 EACH TO BIHAR'S 75 LAKH WOMEN

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday urged the women of Bihar to ensure that the RJD and its allies are never allowed to return to power, alleging that their previous rule brought immense hardship, especially for women. Speaking after launching Bihar's Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana via video conferencing on Friday, the Prime Minister asserted, "When a woman progresses, the entire society moves forward. When a government formulates policies with women at the centre, the benefits also extend to other segments of society. The transformative impact of the Ujjwala Yojana is now being recognised across the world," he said. Modi went on to say that Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana has been launched to empower every woman, benefiting around 75 lakh women who have already enrolled in the initiative.

He announced that Rs 10,000 had just been transferred simultaneously into the bank accounts of each of these womens.

LADAKH LEADERS DEMAND JUDICIAL PROBE,
ALLEGED COPS FIRED AT PROTESTERS



Diary Times Desk : Demands are growing louder for a judicial probe into police firing that killed four people and left over 30 injured after protests demanding statehood for Ladakh turned violent. The protests came even as activist Sonam Wangchuk, now under arrest under the stringent National Security Act (NSA), sat on a hunger strike. Four people, including a former Army soldier, were killed in firing after arson and clashes when the police tried to control violent protests for statehood in Ladakh on Wednesday. At least 50 people have been arrested so far in connection with the violence that broke out during the shutdown called by Leh Apex Body (LAB) to demand an extension of the Sixth Schedule and statehood for Ladakh. Protesters had burnt down the Union Territory's BJP headquarters, the Hill Council office and police vehicles in Leh. Police and security forces opened fire.

SIKH GRANNY DEPORTED AFTER
'UNACCEPTABLE' TREATMENT BY US
IMMIGRATION

Diary Times Desk : A 73-year-old grandmother who spent more than three decades living in the US has been deported to India. Harjit Kaur, who had unsuccessfully applied for asylum in the US, was arrested by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials on 8 September, sparking shock among the Sikh community. She moved to California in 1991 with her two young sons to escape political turmoil in Punjab, and lived and worked there while making several unsuccessful asylum attempts in the US. Her lawyer, Deepak Ahluwalia, has alleged that Ms Kaur - who has no criminal record - was treated in an "unacceptable" manner by ICE officials during her detention. Ms Kaur was moved to a holding facility in Georgia on 19 September and deported to India on 22 September, never getting to visit her US home or bid a proper farewell to family and friends, Mr Ahluwalia said.

WHAT'S 'FORM 700', SEEN AT
MIG-21 FAREWELL

Diary Times Desk : Air Chief Marshal AP Singh led the last sortie of the MiG-21 today as the legendary aircraft fleet was decommissioned at a mega farewell in Chandigarh Air Force Base.

The Indian Air Force's (IAF) legacy workhorse flew in a formation of three aircraft in an inverted 'V' configuration.

The IAF's BAe Hawk Mk132 trainer aircraft and the Surya Kiran acrobatics team performed manoeuvres during the decommissioning ceremony.

Following a water cannon salute, in a symbolic gesture, the Air Chief Marshal handed over the aircraft's Form 700 logbook to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, marking the end of an era.

After the final sortie and Form 700 handover, the Defence Minister spoke on the history of the Russian-origin MiG-21 and how it has served the nation for six decades. He said the MiG-21 has seen many heroic deeds over the years and played an important role in multiple wars and missions.

"ENTIRELY BASELESS": INDIA REJECTS
NATO CHIEF'S CLAIM ON PM-PUTIN
DISCUSSION

Diary Times Desk : Rubbishing NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte's claim that, after US President Donald Trump imposed a penalty on India for buying Russian oil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to "explain his strategy" on Ukraine, the Ministry of External Affairs has termed it "entirely baseless". In a statement on Friday, the ministry also said it expects the leadership of NATO to be more responsible while making such statements and emphasised that speculative remarks about "conversations that never occurred" are "unacceptable". "We have seen the statement by NATO Secretary-General Mr Mark Rutte regarding a purported phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin. The statement is factually incorrect and entirely baseless. At no point has Prime Minister Modi spoken with President Putin.

ASSAM BODOLAND TERRITORIAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:
SEESAW BATTLE CONTINUES AS BPF CONTINUES TO LEAD

Diary Times Desk : Counting of votes for the fifth general elections of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) is underway amid tight security in Assam on Friday (September 26). Kokrajhar district has 12 constituencies out of a total of 40 seats in the BTC. A total of 100 candidates contested elections in these 12 constituencies. Of these, 43 candidates contested from the Kokrajhar sub-division, 48 from the Gossaigaon sub-division, and one from Parbatjhora. A total of 316 candidates contested the elections this time, across five districts, Kokrajhar, Chirang, Udalguri, Baksa, and Tamulpur, under the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).The polling for the BTC elections took place on September 22 (Monday). Pramod Boro, the President of the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL), is the current Chief of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), where his party faces competition from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the ruling party in Assam. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has held several election campaign rallies in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) in the run-up to the elections. As the BJP released its manifesto, CM Sarma said, "This election will ensure a new journey in the Bodoland Territorial Region. BJP has released the Sankalp Patra for the BTC election.

We will implement all schemes in the BTR region. Five lakh women of BTR will be included in the Assam Orunodoi Scheme, the Mahila Udyamita Scheme, and girl students of BTR will get benefits under the Nijut Moina Scheme. BJP will work to provide constitutional safeguards and land rights to the people of BTR."

SOUTH KOREA IN CRISIS: NEW
SUICIDE STATISTICS SHAKE THE
NATION

Diary Times Desk : South Korea has long held the highest suicide rate among OECD member countries—but 2024 has been record-breaking, even for Korea, and netizens are feeling shaken up over the chilling numbers.

According to the “2024 Cause of Death Statistics” released by Statistics Korea on September 25, 2025 (KST), suicide has overtaken cancer as the leading cause of death among Koreans in their 40s.

For Koreans in their 40s, suicide accounted for 26.0% of deaths, surpassing cancer at 24.5%. This is the first time that suicide has become the leading cause of death for this age group since record-keeping began in 1983. As a result, suicide is now the number one cause of death for people in their teens, 20s, 30s, and 40s, and the second-biggest cause of death for those in their 50s in South Korea.

FORMER FBI CHIEF JAMES COMEY
CHARGED AS TRUMP RAMPS UP
CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRITICS

Diary Times Desk : The US Justice Department filed criminal charges against former FBI Director James Comey on Thursday, in a dramatic escalation of President Donald Trump's retribution campaign against his political enemies.

If convicted, Comey could face up to five years in prison.

He faces charges of making false statements and obstructing a congressional investigation.

Comey, in a video posted on Instagram, said: “My heart is broken for the Department of Justice, but I have great confidence in the federal judicial system, and I'm innocent. So, let's have a trial and keep the faith.”

His attorney, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, said in a statement: “Jim Comey denies the charges filed today in their entirety. We look forward to vindicating him in the courtroom.”

Trump has threatened to imprison his political rivals since he first ran for president in 2015, but Thursday's indictment marks the first time his administration has succeeded in securing a grand jury indictment against one of them.

Trump's Justice Department is also investigating other antagonists including New York Attorney General Letitia James and John Bolton, who served as a national security official in Trump's first term as president.

BANGLADESH INTERIM LEADER YUNUS ADDRESSES UNGA AMID PROTESTS,
WARNS OF GAZA 'GENOCIDE' AND ROHINGYA CRISIS

Diary Times Desk : Bangladesh's interim Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus addressed the fourth day of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Friday, marking his second speech at the world body since the Gen Z-led uprising toppled Sheikh Hasina's 15-year rule last year.

Protests outside the UN accompanied his arrival, with supporters of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina demonstrating against the interim leader. Yunus, whose government has been in power since the unrest, is steering the country until the general elections expected next year.

Supporters of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have been holding protests outside the United Nations Headquarters in New York, voicing their opposition to current interim leader Muhammad Yunus.

These demonstrations reflect the ongoing political turmoil in Bangladesh, with protesters questioning Yunus's legitimacy and expressing concerns over human rights and minority persecution. Critics accuse Yunus's government of allowing attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, with some linking this to radical Islamist groups like Jamaat-e-Islami.

GAZA AID FLOTILLA SET TO HEAD EAST
FROM GREECE DESPITE ISRAELI
WARNINGS



Diary Times Desk : An international aid flotilla was set to leave Greek waters and head towards Gaza on Friday, organisers said, defying warnings from Israel that it would use any means to block the boats' access to the war-torn enclave.

The Global Sumud Flotilla is using about 50 civilian boats to try to break Israel's naval blockade of Gaza, an initiative Israel strongly opposes. Many lawyers, parliamentarians, and activists, including Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg, are on board.

Its passage across the Mediterranean has raised international tensions, especially after it said it was attacked by drones this week. No one was hurt, but Italy and Spain have dispatched naval ships to provide assistance to their and other European citizens on the flotilla.

UK TO LAUNCH MANDATORY DIGITAL
IDS IN CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL WORK,
HAILS INDIA'S AADHAAR

Diary Times Desk : British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Friday unveiled plans to roll out a mandatory free-of-charge digital ID scheme to crack down on illegal working, stressing that anyone without such a document would not be able to find employment in the UK.

The scheme will be available to all citizens and legal residents of the UK, with the government claiming it will save time by ending the need for complicated identity checks, which often rely on copies of paper records.

In referencing global benchmarks of similar schemes, Downing Street pointed to India, where it noted how the Aadhaar cards have helped the government save “around 10 billion dollars annually by reducing fraud and leakages in welfare schemes”.

INDIA-US TRADE TALKS:
PIYUSH GOYAL CONCLUDES
US VISIT AS BOTH SIDES
DECIDE TO CONTINUE
TALKS FOR TRADE PACT

Diary Times Desk : A high-level Indian delegation, led by Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal, held “constructive meetings” with the US side for achieving early conclusion of the Bilateral Trade Agreement, which was announced in February this year with an objective to enhance bilateral trade between the two countries to \$500 billion by 2030.

The delegation visited US from Monday to Wednesday and engaged in discussions with the US government officials to push for a mutually beneficial trade agreement, the Ministry of Commerce said.

During the visit, the Minister held key meetings with Ambassador Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative, and Sergio Gor, US Ambassador-designate to India, the ministry said. The discussions focused on deepening economic cooperation and exploring the framework for a potential trade deal.

Both sides exchanged views on critical aspects of the agreement, expressing a shared commitment to continue negotiations for an early and balanced conclusion.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT
TRUMP'S TARIFFS ON
BRANDED DRUGS,
FURNITURE AND OTHER
GOODS

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump on Thursday unleashed a fresh round of punishing tariffs on a broad range of imported goods, including 100 per cent duties on branded drugs and 25 per cent tariffs on heavy-duty trucks.

Trump also said he would start charging a 50 per cent tariff on kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities and a 30 per cent tariff on upholstered furniture, with all new duties to take effect from October 1.

Will the tariffs apply to countries with trade deals?

The Trump administration's trade deals with Japan, EU and the United Kingdom include provisions that cap tariffs for specific products such as autos, semiconductors and pharmaceuticals, which means the new higher national security tariffs likely won't raise them above agreed rates. The European Union agreed to pay the US a tariff rate of 15 per cent, including on autos and auto parts, pharmaceuticals, and semiconductors, according to a statement released by the White House in July.

INDIAN MAN, WHO ARRIVED IN US ILLEGALLY, ARRESTED FOR MULTI-CAR CRASH IN CALIFORNIA



Diary Times Desk : An Indian national, who had arrived in the US illegally, has been arrested for causing a multi-vehicle crash while driving a truck in California last year that critically injured a five-year old child and left her with life-altering injuries. The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Partap Singh last month and he will remain in ICE custody pending immigration proceedings.

The agency said that in June 2024, Singh caused a multi-car pileup while driving a commercial 18-wheeler in California.

Singh had illegally crossed the southern border in October 2022 and was “released” into the country by the Joe Biden administration, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said in a statement on Thursday.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Traffic Crash Report states that Singh drove at an unsafe speed and failed to stop for traffic and a construction zone.

Singh had been issued a commercial driver’s license by California Governor Gavin Newsom’s Department of Motor Vehicles.

The accident left five-year-old Dalilah Coleman with critical, life-altering injuries. The agency added that the collision also resulted in the hospitalisation of Coleman’s stepdad Michael Krause while the child had to be airlifted to a hospital after suffering critical injuries. Several other individuals were also transported to hospitals for injuries.

CHINA’S PREMIER WARNS AGAINST ‘COLD WAR MENTALITY’ IN VEILED CRITICISM OF US

Diary Times Desk : Chinese Premier Li Qiang warned Friday against a return to a “Cold War mentality” and defended multilateralism and free trade, in a veiled criticism of the United States from the United Nations.

The Chinese premier made no explicit reference to US President Donald Trump as he addressed the UN General Assembly. But he cast the Asian power as a defender of the global order, of which Washington until recently was the chief custodian. “The world has entered a new period of turbulence and transformation,” Li said.

“Unilateralism and (the) Cold War mentality are resurfacing. The international rules and order built.

WHITE HOUSE MASS FIRING MEMO SIGNALS TRUMP WOULD ACCELERATE PRIORITIES IN A SHUTDOWN.

DEMOCRATS AREN’T BACKING DOWN

Diary Times Desk : A memo from the White House budget office telling federal agencies to prepare plans for mass firings should the government shut down signaled a dramatic escalation in a funding staredown with fewer potential off-ramps as next week’s deadline nears.

But it also provided the first glimpse of the Trump administration’s internal operational planning that, up to Wednesday night, had been shrouded in a level of secrecy that broke from the approach of past administrations of both parties.

Those efforts center on the agency contingency plans that make up the bespoke guidance .

AT G20 MEET, RUSSIA’S LAVROV SAYS “CRISIS IN UKRAINE PROVOKED BY WEST”



Diary Times Desk : Russia’s foreign minister accused NATO and the European Union of using Ukraine to wage war against his country in a speech on the sidelines of the United Nations on Thursday that Britain dismissed as “false fantasy world distortions.”

He spoke at a G20 meeting of foreign ministers at the U.N. two days after U.S. President Donald Trump, in a rhetorical shift, mocked Moscow’s military performance in Ukraine and said he thought Kyiv could retake all its land.

“Another clear example is the crisis in Ukraine provoked by the West, through which NATO and the EU have ... already declared a real war on my country and are directly involved in it,” Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

Lavrov has made similar remarks in the past, but their echo within the walls of the United Nations building -- delivered in front of fellow G20 foreign ministers -- underscored the gravity of the moment.

DISCOVERING A LAND OF HOPE, HAPPINESS

Diary Times Desk : Growing up as a Han girl in Central China, I rarely met anyone from Xinjiang in my hometown. To me, as a child, it was a distant place where everyone seemed to know how to sing and dance.

This week, that distant place became real as I came to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, to cover events marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

Since my arrival on Monday, I have been surrounded by a strong festive atmosphere in the city, which reached its climax on Thursday with a grand gathering.

From early morning, when the sky was still dark, I found myself immersed in the local spirit — an Uygur song softly hummed by a taxi driver and a cheerful whistle from a pedestrian set the tone for the day.

By the time I reached the venue, the light of dawn was already breaking through the wispy clouds, shining on the people gathering for the celebration.

TRUMP AND MELANIA’S FINGER-WAVING ‘SPAT’ WAS ACTUALLY PREZ RAVING ABOUT UN ESCALATOR SNAFU: LIP READERS

Diary Times Desk : What appeared to be a fervent, finger-wagging row between President Trump and his wife Melania caught on camera outside the White House was actually an animated discussion about the escalator breaking down when they arrived at UN headquarters, according to lip readers.

The widely shared clip shows the president pointing his finger at the first lady, who responds by shaking her head during the exchange filmed through the windows of Marine One as it landed on the South Lawn on Wednesday night.

While many online have speculated it reveals a dispute between the pair — similar to French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife caught tussling as they got off a plane earlier this year — experts believe the conversation was about the viral escalator incident at UN headquarters in Manhattan the day before.

“From my interpretation, I don’t think Donald Trump was having a go at Melania Trump — but at the shenanigans at the UN,” forensic lip reader Jeremy Freeman, who has testified as an expert witness in UK court cases, told the Daily Mail.

EU TO DEVELOP ‘DRONE WALL’ AMID REGIONAL AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS

Diary Times Desk : European Union defence ministers have agreed to develop a “drone wall” along their borders with Russia and Ukraine to detect, track and intercept violations of their airspace, according to the bloc’s defence chief.

Friday’s announcement comes after rogue drones entered Polish airspace on September 10, rattling eastern EU members.

Earlier this week, Denmark closed some of its airports after drones were flown near them, with the country’s Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen warning that hybrid attacks were becoming more frequent.

Although Danish authorities have not concluded their investigations, Frederiksen stressed that Russia was currently the primary threat to European security.

The Kremlin has denied any involvement in the drone incidents in Poland and Denmark. “The repeated violations of our airspace are unacceptable. The message is clear: Russia is testing the EU and NATO. And our response must be firm, united.



TRUMP URGES TURKEY’S ERDOGAN TO STOP BUYING RUSSIAN OIL

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Thursday urged Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan to stop buying Russian oil over the war in Ukraine, while hinting that he may drop a ban on Ankara buying US stealth fighter jets.

Erdogan was making his first visit to the White House since 2019 -- the same year Washington kicked Turkey out of the F-35 jet program over the NATO ally’s purchase of a Russian air defense system.

Trump said they would talk “very seriously” about ending the rift over the high-tech planes, and said he was ready to lift sanctions against Ankara over the Russian S-400 missiles if the meeting went well.

But he also pushed the key issue of Ukraine with Erdogan, whose country has refused to join international sanctions on Moscow and has even stepped up its purchases of Russian oil.

“I’d like to have him stop buying any oil from Russia while Russia continues this rampage,” Trump told reporters at the start of the two-hour meeting in the Oval Office.

US DEFENCE SECRETARY SUMMONS MILITARY LEADERS TO VIRGINIA MYSTERY MEETING

Diary Times Desk : Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has summoned senior United States military officers from their posts around the world to a meeting next week in Virginia, for what is expected to be a rare gathering.

The summons was reported in US media on Thursday and confirmed later in the day by Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell.

It was not immediately clear why Hegseth ordered the generals and admirals to meet in Virginia on such short notice or what the meeting’s agenda will look like.

There are approximately 800 generals and admirals in the US military, and such senior officials can, in some cases, command thousands of troops, including in sensitive locations overseas.

Most have detailed schedules that are set weeks in advance. One military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the news agency.

WORLD CONTRACEPTION DAY 2025: WHY SAFE SEX IS IMPORTANT BESIDES PREVENTING PREGNANCY

Diary Times Desk : Every year, 26th September is marked as World Contraception Day. Launched by global family-planning organisations in 2007 and now championed by agencies such as United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The goal for this day is to make accurate information about contraception widely available and ensure everyone can access these methods according to their needs. In short, it’s not just about avoiding pregnancy but about choice, agency and health. Millions of couples worldwide have an unmet need for contraception as they wish to delay or avoid pregnancy but lack of access to an appropriate method gets in the way. In fact, poor services, cultural barriers, cost and misinformation further worsen the situation.

Taking a step towards fixing these issues can reduce unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions and even pregnancy-related illness and death. These cascades of benefits is a major reason public health authorities repeatedly spotlight contraception. Let’s understand why is contraception important beyond pregnancy prevention.

How oral contraception supports health beyond pregnancy prevention

Modern contraceptives, particularly combined oral contraceptives (the pill), progestin-only methods and some intrauterine devices have a range of non-contraceptive health effects that clinicians rely on.

- 1. Cycle control and lighter, less painful periods
- Hormonal methods often make menstrual bleeding lighter and more predictable, which matters for people with heavy bleeding or painful periods.

Safe sex is often used as a broader concept that covers preventing sexually transmitted infections and protecting sexual wellbeing. Only barrier methods, primarily condoms provide dual protection since they prevent pregnancy and also reduce risk of many STIs including HIV. For sexually active people who are at a risk of infections like new partners, multiple partners or partners of unknown status, consistent and correct condom use remains one of the most effective tools for STI and pregnancy prevention.

ISRAELI STRIKE ON YEMEN’S HOUTHIS REPORTEDLY KILLS EIGHT

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli military says its air force has carried out its “most powerful strike” in Yemen in response to the Houthi movement’s repeated drone and missile attacks on Israel.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said dozens of its aircraft bombed targets belonging to the Houthis’ security and intelligence services, and military in the capital Sanaa.

The Houthi-run government’s health ministry denounced what it called Israel’s “brutal crime”, saying civilian facilities and residential buildings were hit and that eight people were killed.

It comes a day after 22 people were injured, two of them seriously, in a Houthi drone attack in the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat.

The Houthis have controlled much of north-western Yemen since they ousted the country’s internationally recognised government from there 10 years ago, sparking a civil war.

They began attacking Israel and international shipping in the southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden shortly after the start of the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza in October 2023, saying they were acting in support of the Palestinians.

Israel has carried out many rounds of air strikes in Yemen in retaliation for the hundreds of missiles and drones that have been launched at the country by the Houthis.

TRUMP SAYS HE ‘WILL NOT ALLOW’ NETANYAHU TO ANNEX WEST BANK

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump has said he will not allow Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to annex the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The US president told White House reporters ahead of Netanyahu’s address to the UN General Assembly on Friday: “I will not allow Israel to annex the West Bank... It’s not going to happen.”

Trump, who will meet Netanyahu on Monday, also said a ceasefire deal over the war in Gaza was “pretty close”.

Israel is facing increasing global pressure to end the conflict and occupation of the West Bank, as a wave of Western states formally recognise an independent Palestinian state. Far-right Israelis view annexation as a means of preventing a Palestinian state being created.

Ultranationalists in Netanyahu’s governing coalition have repeated calls for Israel to annex the West Bank – part of the Palestinian territories – outright. The UK and Germany say they have warned Israel against annexation.

NETANYAHU ADDRESSES EMPTY CHAIRS AS UN DELEGATES WALK OUT IN PROTEST



Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday faced a mass walkout during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. As he vowed to continue the devastating war on Gaza, he was met with a mix of jeers and applause. He said that Israel "must finish the job" against Hamas. He explained that his speech was being broadcast through loudspeakers in Gaza so that Israeli hostages could hear it. He also claimed that in an 'unprecedented operation' the speech was being streamed through the cell phones of people in Gaza after the devices were taken over by Israel's intelligence services. "We have not forgotten you, not even for a second. The people of Israel are with you," he spoke to the hostages. In a message to Hamas, he said, "Lay down your arms. Let my people go". Threatening them, he said, "If you do, you will live. If you don't, Israel will hunt you down." Netanyahu said that while "Western leaders may have buckled under the pressure," he guaranteed that "Israel won't."

"WE HAVE A DEAL ON GAZA, HOSTAGES COULD SOON BE FREED": DONALD TRUMP

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump said on Friday that he is close to a deal to end the war in Gaza and bring hostages home. "It's looking like we have a deal on Gaza. I think it's a deal that gets the hostages back, it's going to be a deal that ends the war," Trump told reporters before departing the White House to attend the Ryder Cup golf tournament in New York. He did not offer further details. While international leaders gathered at the United Nations in New York this week, the US unveiled a 21-point Middle East peace plan aimed at ending the nearly two-year-long war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas. The proposal was circulated Tuesday to officials from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan, according to US special envoy Steve Witkoff. Trump, who remains Israel's staunchest ally on the global stage, said he spoke on Thursday with representatives from several Middle Eastern nations.

INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR JAILED FOR 168 MONTHS IN US FOR FRAUD, DRUG DISTRIBUTION

Diary Times Desk : An Indian-origin doctor has been sentenced to 168 months in prison for "orchestrating conspiracies to commit health care fraud, wire fraud, and unlawful distribution" of controlled substances and money-laundering related offenses, US Department of Justice has said. Neil K Anand, 48, of Bensalem, Pennsylvania, was also ordered to pay over USD 2 million in restitution and over USD 2 million in forfeiture, the Department of Justice said in a statement. Anand was convicted in April this year for conspiring to submit false and fraudulent claims to Medicare, health plans provided by the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Independence Blue Cross (IBC) and Anthem for 'Goody Bags' of medically unnecessary prescription medications.

IRAN AND RUSSIA SIGN \$25BN NUCLEAR PLANT DEAL

Diary Times Desk : Tehran and Moscow have signed a \$25bn deal to build four nuclear power reactors in southern Iran, according to Iranian state media. Friday's announcement comes as the United Nations Security Council is expected to vote on a China- and Russia-backed resolution seeking delay, for at least six months, in the reimposition of international sanctions against Iran under the so-called "snapback mechanism" over its nuclear programme. Iran's IRNA news agency reported that the deal covers the construction of four new units on a 500-hectare (1,235-acre) site in the city of Sirik in the southern Hormozgan Province, which sits across the Gulf from the United Arab Emirates and Oman. IRNA said the Generation III power reactors would generate 5GW of electricity.

Russia's state nuclear agency Rosatom had announced that it had signed a memorandum of understanding on Wednesday in Moscow on the construction of small nuclear power plants in Iran, but gave no number.

Iran, which suffers power shortages at times of high demand, currently has one operating nuclear power plant, in the southern city of Bushehr. Also built by Russia, it has a capacity of 1GW.

PAK PM ECHOES TRUMP'S OP SINDOOR CEASEFIRE CLAIM AT WHITE HOUSE

Diary Times Desk : Did Pakistan just admit the US helped it in securing a ceasefire with India during Operation Sindoor? A readout of what Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir discussed with US President Donald Trump indicated the American leader played quite a role in initiating the ceasefire- according to Pakistan. India has several times denied claims that Mr Trump had a hand in brokering the ceasefire after its airstrikes on terror and military infrastructure in Pakistan, following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 tourists in April. The US president, however, has been speaking in the same voice as Pakistan's leaders with the claim that he was one of the reasons why the two nuclear-armed neighbours agreed to a ceasefire and stopped tension from escalating. Right from Day 1 of the ceasefire, India has always maintained it was Pakistan's top military officer who contacted his Indian counterpart.

ISRAEL IS GUILTY OF WAR CRIMES, PALESTINE'S ABBAS TELLS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Diary Times Desk : Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has decried Israel's use of starvation as a weapon, calling out "the extremist Israeli government" for its continued settlement projects that make a future Palestinian state virtually impossible. The 89-year-old addressed world leaders gathered for the United Nations General Assembly via videolink on Thursday after being refused a visa by the United States to travel to New York. "I speak to you today after almost two years in which our Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip have been facing a war of genocide, destruction, starvation and displacement," Abbas said. Addressing genocide The Palestinian leader began his speech by denouncing Israel's genocidal war in Gaza, which has killed at least 65,419 people and wounded 167,160 since October 2023, according to local health authorities. Thousands more are believed to be buried under the rubble of homes and office buildings devastated by Israeli air strikes. A total of 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attacks, and roughly 200 were taken captive to Gaza. "What Israel is carrying out is not merely an aggression," Abbas said.



TRUMP'S TARIFFS ARE DRIVING A WEDGE THROUGH THE US ECONOMY, FURTHER SEPARATING THE HAVES FROM THE HAVE-NOTS

Diary Times Desk : Americans ramped up their spending in August; however, their costs of living were on the rise as food and other goods became even more expensive last month and services prices remained stubbornly high.

New economic data released Friday showed that consumer spending rose 0.6% in the key back-to-school shopping month of August, and 0.4% when adjusting for inflation. That's further indication that a critical driver of the US economy continues to chug along despite broader uncertainty and a slowdown in the labor market.

However, that spending is increasingly being focused on essential purchases, such as health care, at a time when income gains aren't keeping up.

At the same time, some prices — including those exposed to steep tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump — are rising faster than they have in months, according to Commerce Department data released Friday.

CONSUMER SENTIMENT IS BACK TO NEAR-RECORD LOWS. BUT AMERICANS ARE STILL SPENDING. HERE'S WHY

Diary Times Desk : Americans are souring on the economy again to levels seen rarely in the post-World War II era, raising the question of what it means for spending, economic growth and other key metrics gauging the world's largest economy.

Consumer sentiment fell this month to a final reading of 55.1, the University of Michigan said in its latest survey released Friday. The reading was the seventh-lowest on records going back to 1952.

Americans are growing pessimistic for the same reason they did so just a few months ago; fears of higher inflation, which could worsen because of President Donald Trump's aggressive trade policy. On Thursday, Trump announced new tariffs on trucks, furniture and pharmaceuticals.

TRUMP SIGNED EXECUTIVE ORDER ON TIKTOK DEAL. BUT THE DEAL ISN'T COMPLETE

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday clearing the way for the completion of a deal to sell TikTok's US assets to a consortium of mostly American investors.

The order marks an important procedural step toward finalizing the TikTok sale, but the deal is not yet complete. Although both US and Chinese officials have signaled they are aligned on the deal's framework, it will still likely require regulatory approvals from both countries. The full list of investors participating in the deal has not yet been released.

However, during the signing event, Trump said Chinese leader Xi Jinping had green-lit the deal and expressed confidence that it would be completed.

"I had a very good talk with President Xi," Trump said, referring to a Friday phone call between the two leaders. "And we talked about TikTok and other things, but we talked about TikTok and he gave us the go-ahead" for the deal.



HERE'S HOW TO GET A REFUND FROM THE HISTORIC AMAZON PRIME SETTLEMENT

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Diary Times Desk : For years, following significant and continuous quality and safety errors, Boeing has been barred from certifying the safety of some of its own aircraft on behalf of the US government. Following 18 months of intense oversight and scrutiny from US regulators, the Federal Aviation Administration is restoring Boeing's safety certification ability for some of the 737 Max and 787 Dreamliners it manufactures.

Manufacturers are typically delegated permission to perform some functions on behalf of the FAA, such as issuing airworthiness and production certifications, but Boeing lost that delegation for the two models.

The FAA revoked Boeing's authority to issue airworthiness certificates for 737s in 2019 after the deadly Lion Air and Ethiopian Air crashes and 787s in 2022 for production quality issues.



TRUMP ANNOUNCES A 25% TARIFF ON TRUCKS AND A 30% TARIFF ON FURNITURE

Diary Times Desk :
President Donald Trump on Thursday announced sweeping tariffs on various household products, including imported kitchen cabinets and certain kinds of furniture – potentially adding even more costs to a category that has surged in price in recent months. Trump also announced heavy truck tariffs and pharmaceutical tariffs Thursday.
“We will be imposing a 50% Tariff on all Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Vanities, and associated products, starting October 1st, 2025. Additionally, we will be charging a 30% Tariff on Upholstered Furniture,” Trump wrote in a Truth Social post Thursday evening.
Various tariffs that Trump has imposed have already boosted furniture prices considerably over the past year. Overall, furniture last month cost 4.7% more than in August 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Living room and dining room furniture in particular has grown more expensive – rising 9.5% over the past 12 months, the BLS reported.

ALAN GREENSPAN AND EVERY OTHER LIVING FORMER FED CHAIR TELL SUPREME COURT THAT LISA COOK SHOULD KEEP HER JOB

Diary Times Desk :
Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook has the support of every living former chair of the central bank’s powerful Board in her legal battle with President Donald Trump, who tried to fire her last month based on unproven allegations of mortgage fraud, according to an amicus brief filed to the Supreme Court Thursday.

An appeals court earlier this month kept Cook in her post through a preliminary injunction while her lawsuit challenging Trump’s firing attempt moves forward – just days before the central bank’s September policy meeting. The administration appealed that decision, and is now being considered by the nation’s highest court. In response to the appeal, Cook on Thursday said firing her would be a “death-knell” for central bank independence.

A 100% TARIFF ON SOME IMPORTED DRUGS IS COMING OCTOBER 1, TRUMP SAYS



Diary Times Desk :
President Donald Trump announced Thursday that brand-name or patented pharmaceutical products will be subject to a 100% tariff starting October 1 – unless the drugmaker is building a manufacturing plant in the US.
Trump has been promising for months to levy tariffs on pharmaceutical imports, which avoided tariffs during his first term. The president sees tariffs as a way to pressure drug manufacturers to ramp up production in the US and to strengthen the supply chain for essential medicines.
Also, Trump has pointed to tariffs as a way to fulfill his vow to lower drug costs, though experts say that is unlikely to happen.
Drugmakers have taken Trump’s tariff threats seriously, unveiling hundreds of billions of dollars of commitments to build or expand US manufacturing operations in the coming years. Just this week Eli Lilly announced it would construct a \$6.5 billion manufacturing facility in Houston, shortly after saying it would build a \$5 billion plant outside of Richmond, Virginia.

AI ISN’T REPLACING YOUR JOB, BUT ‘WORKSLOP’ MAY BE TAKING IT OVER



Diary Times Desk :
All right, y’all: I’m taking a tiny kernel of my generative-AI skepticism back and giving the technology a little credit where it’s due. At long last, it has inspired something for the workforce that actually rules.
That something is not a revenue-generating tool or productivity-enhancing magic wand, sadly, but rather a fun little neologism: “workslop.”
For the uninitiated, this is the buzzword making the rounds this week after the Harvard Business Review published research from Stanford and BetterUp Labs that details an epidemic of nonsensical AI-generated work that “masquerades as productivity” and “lacks real substance.”
Workslop is drivel that looks like some sort of finished product from a white-collar job, but, in reality, it’s just gobbledygook.
Workslop, much like Shrimp Jesus or those big-eyed crying cats clogging your social feeds, has a patina of human craftsmanship. Think slick PowerPoints, official-looking reports with polysyllabic bits of jargon, lines of computer code that look like, well, usable code. But then humans who understand the actual work are left scratching their heads when the project “lacks the substance to meaningfully advance a given task.”

MANDI ROARS WITH EXCITEMENT AS KABADDI, SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS

Diary Times Desk : The inaugural Inter-College Men's and Women's Kabaddi and Shooting Championship, organised by Sardar Patel University, began at Vallabh Government College, Mandi on Thursday. The three-day event, scheduled from September 25 to 27, 2025, was officially inaugurated by Zila Parishad member Champa Thakur. Addressing the athletes and spectators, Thakur emphasised the importance of discipline, dedication and true sportsmanship in the field of sports. Reflecting on her own journey as a student and sportsperson at Vallabh College, she encouraged young athletes to pursue excellence while upholding the spirit of the game. The college principal, Dr Sanjeev Kumar, welcomed the chief guest and presented a memento in her honour. Speaking at the event, Dr Kumar highlighted that sports are a powerful tool for the holistic development of individuals, fostering discipline, confidence and life values. He added that sports not only strengthen physical and mental fitness but also contribute to social and national integration.

USING 'MAZHABI' DEROGATORILY AMOUNTS TO CASTE-BASED OFFENCE: HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that using the term “mazhabi” in an abusive or derogatory sense constitutes a direct attack on the dignity of an individual based on caste. The bench held that such conduct fell squarely within the ambit of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

"The term 'mazhabi' when used in an abusive or derogatory sense, it certainly amounts to an attack upon the dignity of an individual in the name of his/her caste," Justice Manisha Batra observed. The bench, during the course of hearing, was told the appellant, a senior officer at Mohali Forensic Science Laboratory allegedly abused the complainant in the name of her caste in her office room.

SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER CASE HEARING ADJOURNED TO OCTOBER 17

Diary Times Desk : During the hearing of the Sidhu Moosewala murder case in the Mansa court on Friday, the testimony of police employee Manpreet Singh was recorded, and accused Deepak Mundi was produced in court.

Moosewala's father, Balkaur Singh, who was scheduled to testify, could not appear due to health issues. He submitted an application seeking exemption from personal appearance. Advocate Satinder Pal Singh Mittal, counsel in the case, confirmed that the testimony of Manpreet Singh was crucial to the investigation.

The court had also directed the production of the shooters involved in Moosewala's murder, but they were not presented owing to Balkaur Singh's absence. Other accused were produced through video conferencing. The next hearing has now been scheduled for October 17.



SHEEP THEFT WOES: KULLU DC PROMISES SWIFT ACTION, SUPPORT

Diary Times Desk : Kullu Deputy Commissioner (DC) Torul S Raveesh held a meeting with Himachal Pradesh Wool Federation Chairman Manoj Thakur to address the rising incidents of sheep and goat theft in the district, along with other challenges faced by local rearers.

The DC assured that the Animal Husbandry Department would actively follow up on police reports filed in theft cases, noting that many rearers lack the time and resources to pursue legal action themselves. Any delay in response, she emphasised, would be escalated directly to the district administration. To strengthen security, she also announced intensified night patrolling and stricter checks on vehicles transporting livestock.

Rearers were further advised to obtain a transport permission certificate from their nearest veterinary dispensary before relocating animals to avoid complications during inspections.

As part of his two-day visit to Kullu and Manali, Chairman Thakur also reviewed the autumn sheep-shearing programme in the Hamta region of Prini, Manali.

PUNJAB'S FLOOD-AFFECTED FARMERS TO GET FREE WHEAT SEEDS FOR UP TO FIVE ACRES

Diary Times Desk : The state government will provide free wheat seeds to flood-hit farmers for up to five acres of land.

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said the government would distribute two lakh quintals of high-quality wheat seeds for the rabi season.

He said this substantial aid, valued at approximately Rs 74 crore, was aimed at covering the sowing needs for nearly 5 lakh acres of land that suffered extensive damage due to heavy rain and unprecedented flooding.

Khudian informed that PUNSEED would be the nodal agency for distributing seeds to farmers.

He said Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) recommended wheat seeds, including PBW 826, PBW 869, PBW 824, PBW 803, PBW 766, PBW 725, PBW 677, PBW 771, PBW 757, PBW 752, PBW ZINC 2, PBW 1 CHAPATI, PBW 1 ZN, DBW 222, DBW 187, HD 3226, HD 3086, UNNAT PBW 343 and UNNAT PBW 550 would be distributed to farmers.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
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Aries

Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

Taurus

Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

Gemini

Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

Cancer

Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

Leo

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

Virgo

Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.

Libra

Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

Scorpio

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

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.

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.

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.

HARYANA: ‘DEENDAYAL LADO LAKSHMI YOJANA’ LAUNCHED FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today launched the ‘Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana’, under which eligible women will receive Rs 2,100 per month directly in their bank accounts. The scheme, aimed at financial empowerment of women, is expected to benefit around 20 lakh women in its first phase. The launch was held at a state-level ceremony at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. On the occasion, Saini also unveiled a dedicated mobile application for registration and grievance redressal under the scheme.

“To address difficulties faced during the application process, we have also released a toll-free number (18001802231) and a helpline (0172-4880500),” the CM said. Live registration of five women was carried out during the programme.

According to Saini, the app witnessed nearly 50,000 downloads within hours of launch, with 8,000 women already submitting applications. The scheme is open to both married and unmarried women aged 23 to 60 years, belonging to families with an annual income of up to Rs 1 lakh. Importantly, any number of eligible women in a household can apply.

HARYANA’S FIRST ACTIVITY-BASED NIPUN VATIKA OPENS IN ROHTAK FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Diary Times Desk : In a progressive step toward strengthening foundational education, the Rohtak district administration has established “NIPUN Vatika” at the Government Model Sanskriti Primary School, Sectors 2, 3 and 4 in the city.

The initiative is designed to help primary-level students develop strong foundational skills in Hindi, English and mathematics through activity-based and experiential learning. This innovative project has been conceptualised and executed by Additional Deputy Commissioner .

AIR QUALITY PANEL DIRECTS PUNJAB, HARYANA TO ENSURE ZERO STUBBLE-BURNING DURING PADDY HARVEST SEASON

Diary Times Desk : The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has directed Punjab and Haryana to ensure zero stubble-burning during the upcoming paddy harvest season and strictly enforce measures to manage crop residue.

The directions came after detailed review meetings held on Thursday and Friday with senior officers, deputy commissioners, district magistrates and police officials from 23 districts of Punjab and 22 districts of Haryana. The meetings, chaired by CAQM chairperson Rajesh Verma, focused on the states’ preparedness for the season in line with the commission’s directions mandating effective crop residue management.



MOS KRISHAN PAL GURJAR’S PSO DIES IN ACCIDENTAL FIRING WHILE CLEANING HIS PISTOL

Diary Times Desk : A personal security officer (PSO) of Union Minister of State Krishan Pal Gurjar died after he was allegedly shot when a bullet got accidentally fired while he was cleaning his pistol in Faridabad, police said on Friday.

The PSO, identified as head constable Kartar Singh, lived with his family in Sector 3, Faridabad. Police are investigating the matter, they added. According to the police, preliminary investigations revealed that Singh was cleaning his service revolver around 11 pm on Thursday. During this, a bullet got accidentally fired from the revolver, striking him in the head. Hearing the gunshot, his family arrived and found him bleeding. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

According to the police, Singh had joined Haryana Police as a constable in 2008. He was promoted to head constable in 2020-21. He had been deployed in the security of Gurjar for nearly 11 years.

ABHAY CHAUTALA TARGETS HOODAS AT RALLY, CALLS ROHTAK DEVI LAL’S ‘KARMABHUMI’

Diary Times Desk : INLD national president Abhay Chautala today launched a sharp attack on a former CM, Bhupinder Hooda, and his son MP Deepender Hooda. He also struck an emotional chord with locals by describing Rohtak as the ‘karmabhumi’ of Devi Lal and hinted at laying emphasis on this politically crucial region to rebuild INLD’s presence. Abhay was addressing the gathering during the ‘Samman Rally’ organised here to mark the 112th birth anniversary of former Deputy PM Devi Lal. He also announced that if the INLD came to power in 2029, the party would provide free electricity to all consumers, double the social security pension, remove unemployment, root out corruption, and drive criminals out of the state. The event saw the participation of several prominent leaders, including SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, J&K Deputy CM Surinder Choudhary, daughter of K Chandrashekar Rao (the first CM of Telangana) K Kavitha, and Congress leader Prof Sampat Singh.

ROHTAK VARSITY PROFESSOR AMONG TOP 500 SCIENTISTS IN STANFORD UNIVERSITY GLOBAL RANKING

Diary Times Desk : Dr Sarvajeet Singh Gill, professor at the Centre for Biotechnology of Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, has ranked among the top 500 Indian scientists in the recent global rankings released by Stanford University.

As per official sources, Gill is the only scientist from all state universities of Haryana to have featured in this elite list. He has been consistently included in Stanford’s 2 per cent scientists list since 2020. The latest rankings include 15 professors and seven research scholars from MDU.

The Stanford rankings, based on Elsevier’s Scopus citation data, are considered the international benchmark for scholarly impact, reflecting the influence of a scientist’s research worldwide. An internationally acclaimed plant biotechnologist, Gill has pioneered research on abiotic stress tolerance in crops facing drought, salinity and heavy metal toxicity. His studies have provided important insights into molecular mechanisms and adaptive strategies, contributing directly to sustainable agriculture and food security.



More Than Half Of Americans Say The Country's Best Days Are Already Behind It

In politics today, negativity is a much easier sell than enthusiasm.

For the first time in nearly a decade of polling, more than half of Americans say the country's best days are already behind it. Three-quarters think the country's political system needs major reforms or a complete overhaul, according to CNN polling conducted by SSRS this summer.

The Democratic Party has rebounded slightly from the record-low favorability marks it hit earlier this year. The widespread feeling among Democrats that their own party needs to make major changes is outweighed by their anger toward President Donald Trump and the GOP.

That level of negativity hasn't always been a part of politics, but in recent years it's become fundamental to understanding where we are today. CNN's poll finds that more than half of political independents are either dissatisfied with or indifferent to both political parties – but different blocs of independents hold notably different attitudes.

And within the parties, people are more vehement in their dislike of the opposition than in their enthusiasm for their own party. The Democratic Party last saw positive ratings from a solid majority of the country in February 2009, while the Republican Party last saw a favorability rating of 55% or higher in February 2005.

It's been 23 years since Americans gave both parties ratings that were broadly positive at the same time.

Midterm elections often serve at least partially as a referendum on the current occupant of the White House. And right now, Americans are about twice as likely to say they're angry than that they're enthusiastic about the Trump administration's policies.

While it's far too early to know how next year's election will shake out, in an initial test of possible midterm sentiment, Americans say by a 5-point margin that they'd rather see the Democrats than the Republicans in control of Congress after the midterm elections, or that they lean in that direction.

Asked how they'd feel if they were voting today, 39% of registered voters say they'd consider their ballot a message of opposition to Trump, while 28% say they'd consider it a message of support, with the rest saying it wouldn't be a message either way.

Those numbers closely resemble the results of a poll taken just before the 2018 midterms in Trump's first presidency when Democrats gained more than 40 seats to flip control of the US House.



Ariel Edwards-Levy

Meanwhile, when Americans are asked to choose whether the Democrats or the Republicans have the right priorities, the winner is clear: Neither. That's the view of 42% of respondents, higher than either party.

Vaccinate Her Child

The Consequences Of Trump's Comments On Tylenol And Vaccines

Hours after President Donald Trump's announcement linking acetaminophen use during pregnancy with autism in children, a mother sat in my office, sobbing. Had she caused her child's autism by treating the debilitating headaches she suffered while she was pregnant?



Bracho-Sanchez

The physicians who see them and do their best to counsel them know that these decisions will have long-lasting consequences for the health of their own children and communities all over the country.



As Trump repeatedly urged women to avoid Tylenol, his FDA's statement read: "It remains reasonable ... for pregnant women to use acetaminophen in certain scenarios."

In the room next door, a mother of three who had never before questioned vaccines asked that we space out her youngest's shots to one per visit. She had watched Trump say this may be better, she said, and she just couldn't forgive herself if something happened to her child later.

And down the hall, yet another mother reluctantly agreed to vaccinate her child at the recommended time. She would not be agreeing to all vaccines if it weren't for the school requirement in New York City, she said.

"Taking Tylenol is not good," Trump said Monday. "Don't take it. Don't take it," he continued, encouraging women to "tough it out" and use Tylenol only if they couldn't. His recommendation directly contradicts the current medical consensus that judicious Tylenol use in pregnancy remains safe.

In an instant, the president inserted himself into doctor-patient relationships all over the country. I knew that Trump's words would have consequences, but I was surprised by how immediate they have been. My patients began to make different health choices and to question their prior ones almost as soon as the words were uttered.

I'm not the only one. I heard from colleagues across the country who are facing different kinds of questions and new suspicion, even from patients they know well.

Since Monday's news conference, Dr. Scott Hadland, chief of adolescent medicine at Mass General Brigham for Children, has seen parents second-guess safe choices they made years ago. He has fielded at least a dozen phone calls, messages and questions from concerned teenage patients and their parents.

"This new surge of misinformation on Tylenol and vaccines is clearly already heightening parents' guilt, and going to leave kids vulnerable," he said via email.

In Georgia, a neonatal intensive care unit colleague who asked not to be named says

parents are turning down Tylenol use for premature babies born with a heart condition that has long been successfully treated with the medication.

The news conference earlier this week went far beyond discussing Tylenol. Trump also gave new prominence to a personal sentiment that children may be receiving too many vaccines and questioned the need for the hepatitis B vaccine at birth.

"There's no reason to give a baby that's almost just born hepatitis B," he said, despite an abundance of data showing that giving the vaccine at birth not only is safe, it decreases transmission of the virus from mother to baby during birth and further protects baby from acquiring hepatitis B from household contacts who may be unaware they have it.

The safety and need for the hepatitis B vaccine were also questioned at the highly publicized meeting of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine advisers last week, when a panel stacked with US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s hand-selected experts debated the newborn dose, which has been recommended since 1991, but ultimately tabled a vote till later.

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Ryder Cup

DONALD TRUMP'S SPORTS-FOCUSED SECOND TERM MAKES ITS MOST

The first tee box at any Ryder Cup is one of the premier experiences in sports: A massive grandstand packed to the gills with golf fans practically exploding with patriotic pride, chanting and singing for their favorite players.



Kyle Feldscher

The captains of both teams said earlier this week their players are feeling a lot of excitement over being able to play in front of a sitting president.

Tucked in among those screaming thousands is the golfer-in-chief: President Donald Trump.

In his latest appearance at a major sporting event, the president is attending an event that will tug at the very fiber of his being. It's his favorite sport at its most nationalistic as 12 players from the USA take on 12 players from Team Europe in a match play tournament for golfing supremacy. On top of that, this year's tournament is at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York, on Long Island – a place near and dear to any Empire State golfer, even one like the president who hasn't played a public track like the fabled Black course in many, many years.

It's a sort of perfect Trump stew: It's a high-profile tournament that pits the US against Europe in his favorite sport at a hallowed course in Trump's home state, just an hour or so away from the Queens neighborhoods where he grew up. Oh, and it's a place that voted for him heavily in 2024.

Unlike many of his predecessors, Trump's presence at the nation's most high-profile sporting events is starting to feel like a normal occurrence. While Team USA will already be highly motivated to reclaim the Ryder Cup after a drubbing in 2023, captain Keegan Bradley noted that Trump's attendance is going to ratchet things up even more.

"I'm just thrilled he's going to be here. I really look forward to what that first tee is going to be like with the president on the tee," Bradley said.

"I think this first tee at Bethpage is going to be a sporting event to remember across any sport, and then you add on the president of the United States standing there, I really think it's going to be something that everyone will remember forever."

For a president who inspires such intense emotions – both positive and negative – among everyday Americans, stepping out into the world of sports can be a public relations risk. Unlike a political event where attendance can be limited to supporters or tightly controlled to make sure that obvious dissent is at a minimum, sporting events are wild and unpredictable environments. The president could have on the receiving end of some loud boos, as he was in his home borough of Queens earlier this month at the

US Open men's tennis final. Instead he was wildly cheered, as he has been at UFC events.

Trump's frequent attendance at these events, and his eagerness to be seen in high-profile moments such as the trophy presentation at the Club World Cup final, flies in the face of the conventional wisdom that it's not great for a president to be jeered in public.

But the Ryder Cup, just like Trump himself, is a little bit different from everything else.

A warm welcome

One of the things that makes Trump's appearance at Bethpage Black different than the other events he's attended recently: He got a very warm welcome from the players and fans alike.



HOW KLAUS HEGEWISCH BUILT ONE OF THE FINEST COLLECTIONS OF PRINTS AND DRAWINGS IN THE WORLD



Diary Times Desk : It wasn't the most likely route into art collecting, but it was certainly effective. In 1950, Klaus Hegewisch was a partner in a fruit and vegetable import business. He married his fiancée Helga that year, the daughter of a successful shipper who transported fruit from Latin America to Hamburg.

The two men joined forces commercially, and Helga was tasked with giving the company's cargo ships a fresher look — boasting as they did a number of additional cabins for passengers. The pair began visiting Hamburg's art academy, the Landeskunstschule, where they befriended teachers and students, and purchased pictures for display on board.

'My interest in art was thus awakened,' said Hegewisch later in life, by which point he had put together a stunning collection of prints and drawings. Spanning several centuries, it features some of the most important graphic works by the likes of Dürer, Goya, Ensor and Munch, as well as the collector's modern compatriots Max Beckmann and Otto Dix.

The collection's central figure is Picasso, who is represented by — among other pieces — a rare, early impression of his great etching *Le repas frugal*, a haunting image of an emaciated man and woman sitting in a tavern. Hegewisch's collection is being offered at Christie's across three sales with the collective title 'Spellbound'. The first takes place on 16 October 2025 in London, with the others scheduled for March and September 2026.

The title works on two levels. For one, it connotes that Hegewisch was enthralled by the art he collected. Second, it reflects the content of the imagery he was attracted to. 'The mysterious and the dreamlike... interest me much more than unambiguous realism,' he said. More on which below.

Hegewisch was born in Hamburg in 1919. His mother and father separated when he was a child, and money was tight. Young Klaus joined the city's oldest sailing club, sparking a love of the sea that would last his whole life.

9 ICONIC OBJECTS THAT SPORTS AND HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS MADE FAMOUS

From the baseball diamond to the Hollywood hills, Dr. G.B. Espy's personal collection brings together rare artifacts from figures who defined American culture. Across trophies and championship rings, photographs, important sports collectibles and autographed mementos, the collection is one of the most comprehensive and unique assortments of sports and entertainment memorabilia ever assembled.

This October, Christie's will offer more than 400 items as part of American Greats: Vintage Sports and Hollywood from the Dr. G.B. Espy Collection. Read the stories behind nine exceptional treasures from American icons: Lou Gehrig's final pinstripes

Believed to be the last Yankees pinstripes Lou Gehrig ever wore, this jersey embodies the legend's farewell season. Worn during the 1939 World Series, it features the original NY logo, Gehrig's name chain-stitched in the collar and the year '39 embroidered on the inside tail. The 4 on the back — Gehrig's iconic number — is the original felt numeral.

Marilyn Monroe's Department of Defense ID card

When Marilyn Monroe married Yankee centre fielder Joe DiMaggio, Hollywood glamour collided with baseball royalty in one of the most talked-about unions of the era. This laminated identification card, issued in 1954 for Monroe's USO tour in Korea, bears Monroe's photograph and legal name 'Norma Jean DiMaggio'. Signed by the star in blue ink, the card is believed to be the only known example of her signing her legal name during her brief but infamous marriage to 'Joltin' Joe.'

Jackie Robinson's Hall of Fame ring

Presented to Jackie Robinson upon his Hall of Fame induction in 1962, this 10K gold ring is amongst the most significant pieces of sports jewellery ever offered at auction. Featuring a figural baseball with red enamel stitching, it commemorates the man who broke Major League Baseball's colour barrier in 1947 and forever redefined the game. With provenance from his widow Rachel Robinson, this ring symbolizes courage, excellence and the historic impact of Robinson's career.



LAPORTA GETS AHEAD OF FLORENTINO: BARÇA GOES ALL IN FOR THE NEW FRANCO MASTANTUONO



Diary Times Desk : Florentino Pérez moved faster than any other executive and managed to secure the signing of Franco Mastantuono. It wasn't an easy negotiation at all, because River Plate wanted its gem to stay until the end of the year to play in the Copa Libertadores.

The negotiations continued until the president decided to pay the €45 million (\$48.6 million) release clause.

It was a bargain for Florentino, especially because Mastantuono, in just a handful of training sessions, has earned Xabi Alonso's trust. For the coach, the Argentine is an undisputed starter for the team, even though he is only 18 years old.

Joan Laporta is the one who regrets this situation the most. The Barça president had shown interest in Mastantuono, but he didn't move forward for him.

EKITIKE CELEBRATION 'ACTUALLY REFRESHING' – ROONEY

Diary Times Desk : Wayne Rooney says Hugo Ekitike's celebration which saw him sent off for a second yellow card against Southampton was "refreshing" despite being "silly".

The Liverpool forward took his shirt off after scoring a late winner and will now be suspended for Saturday's visit to Crystal Palace.

"Sometimes you have the emotion of football – sometimes when you score a goal you do get carried away and he's probably forgot he was on a yellow card I'd imagine," Rooney said on The Wayne Rooney show.

"But it's silly if you're on a yellow card and you take your top off. All the players know you get booked for taking your top off.

"He's doing really well and it's probably a shootout for him and [Alexander] Isak to play and he's giving Isak the chance to come in and try and take his place because at the minute, he's scoring goals and he's in a good place so I'm sure he'll be devastated." Asked about the nature of the celebration, Rooney added: "Don't you think that's refreshing? "We've criticised teams for not playing strong teams and not wanting to really compete in the League Cup. You've got a player who's playing really well, he's just come into Liverpool, scoring goals and he's showing that passion and emotion of scoring a late goal in the League Cup.

£70M MAN UTD STAR UNCONVINCED BY AMORIM TALKS AND READY TO LEAVE IN JANUARY

Diary Times Desk : There have been widespread reports suggesting that a number of Man United players aren't totally convinced by Amorim's three-at-the-back system, with insider Graeme Bailey recently revealing that INEOS are furious with the leaks.

Bailey said: "The club thought they had really stamped this out, they see it as totally destructive to what they are trying to do. United firmly believe they are building something, but they won't and can't allow internal discontent to impact on the club as a whole."

Things have improved slightly as of late, with United picking up two home wins on the bounce in clashes with Burnley and Chelsea, but Amorim remains under pressure, and INEOS have already started identifying potential replacements.

One player who is well-known to be unhappy at Old Trafford is Kobbie Mainoo, with it recently being revealed the midfielder has been pressuring INEOS to let him join Real Madrid in January, and there has now been a new update on his future. According to a report from The Mirror, Mainoo recently held private talks with Amorim, during which the manager revealed the central midfielder is still a part of his plans, but he has clearly been left unconvinced by the discussions.

BARCELONA RALLIES TO DEFEAT OVIEDO 3-1 IN LA LIGA AFTER BLUNDER BY GOALKEEPER JOAN GARCIA

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona overcame a blunder by goalkeeper Joan García to come from behind and win 3-1 at promoted Oviedo in La Liga on Thursday. Barcelona trailed after García gave the ball away when he left the area and Alberto Reina scored for the hosts with a shot from near the midfield circle. The Catalan club rallied in the second half with goals by Eric García, Robert Lewandowski and Ronald Araujo to secure its fifth win in six league matches. The result left Barcelona two points behind leader Real Madrid, which won 4-1 at promoted Levante on Tuesday to maintain a perfect record after six rounds.

"In the first half we struggled with the scoring opportunities but in the second we picked up the pace and got the three goals and the victory that is very important for us," Lewandowski said.

PALMER OUT FOR THREE WEEKS TO MANAGE GROIN INJURY



Diary Times Desk : Chelsea's Cole Palmer will be rested for up to three weeks as the midfielder continues to manage a persistent groin injury.

Palmer was forced off in the first half of last weekend's defeat at Manchester United after the issue reoccurred, having initially flared up during the shortened two-week pre-season after Chelsea won the Club World Cup in July.

Enzo Maresca's side face Brighton and Liverpool in the Premier League, and Jose Mourinho's Benfica in the Champions League before October's international break.

"Yes, we decided to protect a little bit Cole, in terms of not letting his injury get worse," said Maresca.

"We decided to rest him for two to three weeks until the international break to see if with that rest he can recover 100% and to be fit after the international break.

"I don't think he needs surgery but it is just to manage the pain in his groin. We have decided to be a little bit conservative with him."

Palmer has started just three of Chelsea's seven matches so far this season and missed England's World Cup qualifiers against Andorra and Serbia earlier this month.

The Three Lions play Wales in a friendly on 9 October before travelling to Latvia for a World Cup qualifier five days later.

ENGLISH SOCCER PLAYER BILLY VIGAR DIES AGED 21 AFTER SUSTAINING 'SIGNIFICANT BRAIN INJURY'

Diary Times Desk : Tributes have been pouring in for the former Arsenal soccer player Billy Vigar, who has passed away at the age of 21 after suffering a "significant brain injury" during a match last weekend, his club announced.

Chichester City, which plays in the seventh tier of English soccer, confirmed on Thursday that the striker had died following the incident in an Isthmian League fixture against Wingate and Finchley, a match that was subsequently suspended.

The injury was sustained when he reportedly collided with a wall near the pitch.

"After sustaining a significant brain injury last Saturday, Billy Vigar was put in an induced coma. On Tuesday he needed an operation to aid any chances of recovery. Although this helped, the injury proved too much for him and he passed away on Thursday morning," Billy's family said in a statement via Chichester City.

"The responses to the original update show how much Billy was loved and thought of within the sport. His family are devastated that this has happened while he was playing the sport that he loved."

Arsenal said it was "devastated by the shocking news" of its former academy player, who joined the North London club at 14 years of age before turning professional in 2022. According to a tribute on the Arsenal website, Vigar was "quick, powerful and fiercely determined."

