

NEWS IN BRIEF

**'TICKET TO HELL':
HERE IS CM YOGI'S
WARNING TO
'MISCHIEF-MAKERS'
DURING FESTIVALS
AFTER 'I LOVE
MUHAMMAD' ROW**

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday issued a stern warning against those attempting to disrupt peace, particularly during the festive season, asserting that any act of anarchy would be met with consequences that future generations would remember.

The chief minister was speaking at an event here after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for several development projects. "If anyone attempts to create mischief during the joy and enthusiasm of festivals, they will have to pay such a price for this mischief that future generations will remember," Adityanath said.

**SINGLE-SEATER
TRAINER AIRCRAFT
SKIDS OFF RUNWAY
AT GUJARAT'S
AMRELI AIRPORT**

Diary Times Desk : A single-seater trainer aircraft skidded off the runway during landing at the Amreli airport in Gujarat on Sunday afternoon, though the trainee pilot was unhurt, officials said.

The small aircraft belonged to a private aviation academy operating from the airport, Amreli Collector Vikalp Bhardwaj said.

"The trainer aircraft skid off the runway soon after the plane landed at the airport. It ran into the unpaved portion along the runway due to unknown reasons.

While the aircraft sustained some damage, the trainee pilot escaped unhurt.

Civil aviation authorities will conduct further probe into the incident," Bhardwaj said.

A video, captured by someone living close to the airport, showed the aircraft lying on the ground in a tilted position some distance away from the runway.

Incidentally, in April this year, a trainee pilot lost his life when a trainer aircraft crashed in a residential area near Amreli town after taking off from the airport.

"PAKISTAN LINK"

SONAM WANGCHUK'S WIFE SLAMS 'PAK LINK' CHARGE; SAYS HE 'PROTESTED IN THE MOST GANDHIAN WAY POSSIBLE'



Diary Times Desk : Jailed activist Sonam Wangchuk's wife Gitanjali Angmo has trashed allegations of a "Pakistan link" and financial irregularities against him.

Terming the charge that Wangchuk incited the violence in Leh as "misplaced", she said the "situation escalated" on September 24 due to the actions of the CRPF.

Police detained climate activist Wangchuk on Friday under the stringent National Security Act (NSA), two days after protests demanding Sixth Schedule status and statehood for Ladakh turned violent in Leh last Wednesday, claiming four lives and injuring 90 others. Wangchuk, a key figure in the five-year-long agitation for Ladakh's rights — whose detention drew strong reactions from different quarters — has been lodged in prison in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Claiming that they have not been handed over a copy of the detention order, Angmo said, "They promised to send it on Friday. We will take legal recourse."

Ladakh DGP SD Singh Jamwal has said Wangchuk is being probed for allegedly having links with Pakistan on the back of last month's arrest of a Pakistani Intelligence Operative (PIO), who sent videos of his protests across the border.

He also cited some of Wangchuk's "suspicious" foreign trips, including to Pakistan to attend an event by The Dawn. Angmo, however, clarified that the visit was purely professional and climate-focused.

Denouncing the allegations of Pakistan links, she said all of Wangchuk's overseas visits were made on the invitation of reputed universities and institutions. "We attended a conference organised by the United Nations, and it was on climate change. The glacier at the top of the Himalayas is not going to see whether I'm flowing into Pakistan or India," she told PTI.

She said the 'Breathe Pakistan' conference held in February was organised by the United Nations Pakistan and Dawn Media, and involved multinational cooperation.

"There are organisations like the ICIMOD, which bring together all the eight Hindu Kush countries and work on different issues. We are part of the ICIMOD's Himalayan University Consortium," Angmo said. The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development is a Nepal-based organisation founded in 1983 comprising eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush Himalaya region — India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan.

TAMIL NADU STAMPEDE: 27,000 SHOWED UP FOR ACTOR VIJAY'S RALLY MEANT FOR 10,000

Diary Times Desk : The toll from the stampede at actor Vijay's public rally in Karur has risen to 38, Tamil Nadu DGP G Venkataraman said on Sunday.

The crowd swelled due to the delayed arrival of the actor-politician to the venue and they lacked sufficient food and water during the waiting hours under the hot sun, he told reporters here.

"An unfortunate incident happened; a regrettable one. As per latest information, 38 have persons have died. They are 12 men, 16 women and 10 children," he said in an early morning briefing.

He added there was a crowd surge after the official Twitter handle of Vijay's TVK party mentioned that he would arrive at the meeting venue by 12 noon.

"Permission (for the meeting) was sought for between 3 pm-10 pm. The TVK Twitter account said he will come at 12 and crowd started coming in from 11 am. He came at 7:40 pm. The people lacked sufficient food water under the hot sun," the DGP said.

"Our intention is not to blame anyone, but we are just stating the facts," the Head of Police Force added.

Further, Vijay was accorded welcome at one point and a big crowd followed him and he was ushered in safely to the venue by the police. "He also lauded the police...the crowd kept swelling," he said.

While the organisers put the expected number at 10,000, about 27,000 people turned up to have a glimpse of the actor, Venkataraman said.



ED TO ATTACH ASSETS OF SOME CRICKETERS, ACTORS IN ONLINE BETTING CASE



Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is soon expected to attach assets worth crores of rupees of certain sportspersons and actors under the anti-money laundering law in a case linked to an online betting and gaming platform.

Official sources told PTI that an investigation into the case related to a portal, '1xBet', has found that some of these celebrities utilised the endorsement fee paid to them for acquiring a variety of assets which qualified as the "proceeds of crime" under the anti-money laundering law. The federal probe agency is expected to soon issue a provisional attachment order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach these movable and immovable properties, including some located abroad in countries like the UAE.

The quantification and valuation of these assets is currently underway. The properties acquired or created from the funds generated out of money laundering are categorised as proceeds of crime, and they are attached so that the persons who indulged in this crime are not able to enjoy the fruits of such a criminal act, the sources said.

After issuing the attachment order, it will be sent to the Adjudicating Authority under the PMLA for confirmation and, once approved, a chargesheet will be filed in a designated court for confiscating these assets, they added.

ZUBEEN GARG'S FAMILY FILES COMPLAINT WITH ASSAM CID, SEEKS PROBE INTO HIS DEATH



Diary Times Desk : The family of Assam's cultural icon Zubeen Garg filed a complaint with the state CID over his death by drowning in Singapore, seeking a thorough probe into the incident.

Garg's uncle Manoj Kumar Borthakur, a signatory in the complaint, told PTI that they had sent it to the CID through email on Saturday. "We want a thorough probe into the circumstances of his death," he said.

Garg's wife Garima and his sister Palme Borthakur are the other signatories.

A senior police officer said, "We have received a complaint from Garg's family and are examining it."

He said the Special Investigating Team (SIT) of CID is already probing the incidents surrounding the death of the singer-composer on September 19 in Singapore, and the complaint filed by the family will be taken up with it.

A SIT team visited Garg's residence at the Kahilipara area of Guwahati on Sunday, he said.

"We needed to ask certain things, and our officers met the family. Their statements are being recorded," he added.

'I LOVE MUHAMMAD' CAMPAIGN

BAREILLY VIOLENCE: SECURITY REMAINS HEIGHTENED, NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS ON HIGH ALERT



Diary Times Desk : Heightened security, heavy police patrolling and flag marches to restore normalcy — these were scenes from Bareilly on Sunday, a day after 39 people, including local cleric Tauqueer Raza Khan, were arrested following overnight house-to-house raids in connection with the recent violence during a protest supporting the 'I love Muhammad' campaign.

The cleric's arrest on Saturday prompted administrations in neighbouring districts to go on high alert.

Raza's arrest followed a day of tension in Bareilly, where a large crowd carrying 'I Love Muhammad' posters clashed with police outside a mosque in the Kotwali area after Friday prayers. The crowd was reportedly angry over the cancellation of a proposed demonstration called by Raza, the founder of Ittehad-e-Millat Council, who claimed the authorities denied permission for it.

Ten cases have been filed against 180 named and 2,500 unidentified "rioters", including Raza, under various Sections for inciting violence, vandalism, rioting, stone-pelting and hurting religious sentiments at various police stations across the city, including Kotwali, Premnagar, Baradari, Cantt, and Quila, officials said.

Overnight house-to-house raids were carried out to nab the culprits, they said.

The neighbouring districts, including Rampur, Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur, Moradabad, Badaun, Sambhal, Bijnor, Amroha, and Fatehgarh, have been put on high alert by their administrations, starting Sunday.

These districts reportedly house a large number of Raza's supporters.

FIRST INDIA-BORN CHEETAH SET TO REACH ADULthood IN KUNO NATIONAL PARK



Diary Times Desk : One of the 16 cheetahs born in India will reach adulthood on Monday at Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh, marking a hopeful turn for the three-year-old reintroduction efforts, an official said on Sunday.

"Mukhi, a female cub born to Namibian cheetah Jwala on March 29, 2023, will reach adulthood, as it will turn 915 days or 30 months old, on Monday, ready to contribute to increasing the cheetah population in India," Project Cheetah director Uttam Kumar Sharma told PTI.

"Of the four cubs Jwala delivered, three died due to extreme heat, but Mukhi survived and has grown well. Today our efforts have yielded encouraging results," he said.

On September 17, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released eight cheetahs brought from Namibia into a special enclosure at Kuno. It marked the world's first inter-continental relocation of a large wild carnivore species.

India subsequently imported 12 more cheetahs from South Africa in February 2023.

TELANGANA BRACES FOR ANOTHER WET WEEK AS NEW WEATHER SYSTEM FORMS OVER BAY OF BENGAL



Diary Times Desk : Just as people in Telangana were heaving a sigh of relief after three days of incessant rains, a fresh threat of yet another major rainfall event has emerged for the coming week. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-New Delhi has indicated the likelihood of a new low-pressure system forming over the Bay of Bengal around October 1 to 2 and causing widespread rain during the first week of October. In its Sunday forecast, the IMD-Hyderabad has predicted heavy rains between October 2 and 4 in many places across the State. Between September 29 and October 1, IMD-Hyderabad forecasts isolated to light-to-moderate showers.

The new Low-Pressure Area (LPA) is expected to bring a spell of fairly widespread rainfall with chances of isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places in Telangana. Meanwhile, following heavy rains that pummeled Hyderabad and districts in the last three to four days, Telangana as on September 28, had recorded excess rainfall.

3 NAXALITES CARRYING TOTAL BOUNTY OF RS 14 LAKH GUNNED DOWN IN CHHATTISGARH

Diary Times Desk : Three Naxalites carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 14 lakh were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Sunday, a senior police official said. The gun battle took place on a forested hill near Chhindkhadak village along the border of Kanker and Gariaband districts, where a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxal operation in the morning, Kanker Superintendent of Police Indira Kalyan Elesela told PTI. Personnel belonging to the District Reserve Guard (DRG), a unit of the state police, from Kanker and Gariaband, and the Border Security Force (BSF) were involved in the operation, he said.

Bodies of three Naxalites, including a woman cadre, were recovered from the site, along with a self-loading rifle (SLR), a .303 rifle, a 12-bore gun and other Naxalite-related materials, the SP said.

COACHES OF BANDRA-AMRITSAR PASCHIM EXPRESS DETACH TWICE IN AN HOUR; PASSENGERS SAFE

Diary Times Desk : Two incidents of uncoupling of coaches of Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Paschim Express were reported within an hour on Sunday in Maharashtra and Gujarat, raising concerns regarding the safety of passengers.

The first incident occurred between Vangaon and Dahanu stations at 1:19 pm, and another at Sanjan station in Gujarat around 2:10 pm, officials said.

"There was no injury or inconvenience caused to any passenger, and there has been no impact on overall train operations," said a Western Railway spokesperson.

Initially, the train was held up for around 25 minutes for the re-coupling of coaches before being allowed to proceed on its onward journey at around 1.46 pm.

The train faced another uncoupling at Sanjan station, the spokesperson said, adding that Carriage and Wagon (C&W) staff from Valsad were mobilised, and a locomotive engine departed from Valsad at 3:15 pm to assist at the site.

VENUGOPAL'S LETTER TO SHAH FLAGS 'DEATH THREAT' TO RAHUL GANDHI



Diary Times Desk : Congress general secretary and PAC chairperson K C Venugopal on Sunday has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah alleging a "cold, calculated and chilling death threat" against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi by BJP spokesperson Printu Mahadev during a live television debate.

In his letter dated September 28, the Lok Sabha MP Venugopal said that Mahadev openly declared that "Rahul Gandhi will be shot in the chest," describing it as "neither a slip of the tongue, nor careless hyperbole. It is a cold, calculated and chilling death threat against the Leader of the Opposition and one of India's foremost political leaders."

OVER 11,500 EVACUATED IN MARATHWADA AMID HEAVY RAIN, 2 KILLED IN DHARSHIV

Diary Times Desk : More than 11,500 persons were moved to safer places in central Maharashtra's Marathwada on Sunday, with the authorities expecting more inflow into the Jayakwadi dam in the region, officials said on Sunday.

Two persons have died due to rain-related incidents in the Dharashiv district of the area, which also comprises Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Jalna, Beed, Latur, Nanded, Hingoli and Parbhani districts.

The situation turned grim, particularly in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Nanded districts, after the water level rose in Godavari river due to discharge from the Jayakwadi dam, triggering the relocation of those living on its banks and low-lying areas, they said.

In Paithan town in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, 7,000 persons were evacuated after the water discharge from the Jayakwadi, the largest reservoir in the region, reached 2.26 lakh cusecs (cubic foot per second), an official said.

TAMIL NADU STAMPEDE: TOLL REACHES 40; INQUIRY PANEL BEGINS PROBE, CM PROMISES ACTION BASED ON REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The toll in the September 27 stampede at actor-politician Vijay-led rally in Karur in western Tamil Nadu climbed to 40 on Sunday, with over 60 hospitalised and at least two critical, officials said.

As the toll mounted, Vijay-led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) moved the Madras High Court Madurai Bench seeking a CBI or an independent probe into the stampede. Vijay, facing flak from various quarters, also announced a compensation of Rs 20 lakh each to the families of the victims, while expressing profound grief over the incident that left 40 dead.

Karur police booked a case under provisions, including negligence against TVK office-bearers, and forensic experts commenced probe and covered spots like a sewer where a couple of bodies were allegedly found. Traders, shops and commercial establishments in Karur downed the shutters as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Ten children, 5 boys and as many girls, 17 women and 13 men have died.

Justice Aruna Jagadeesan, who leads the single-person Commission of Inquiry constituted by the Tamil Nadu government, visited a Karur hospital, spoke to the affected people and also inspected the scene of stampede and inquired with officials.

BHARAT WILL ALWAYS
MAINTAIN ITS FREEDOM OF
CHOICE: S JAISHANKAR AT
UN

Diary Times Desk : Bharat will always maintain its freedom of choice, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, underlining that three key concepts of 'atmanirbharta', 'atmaraksha' and 'atmavishwas' guide India's approach in the contemporary world. "Namaskar from the people of Bharat," Jaishankar said as he began his address to the General Debate at the 80th high-level session of the UN General Assembly on Saturday. Addressing world leaders, he said Bharat approaches the contemporary world, guided by three key concepts of 'atmanirbharta' (self-reliance), 'atmaraksha' (self-defence) and 'atmavishwas' (self-confidence). 'Atmanirbharta' means developing "our own capabilities, building our own strengths and nurturing our own talent", the minister said.

OVER 300 DELHI SCHOOLS,
SEVERAL AIRPORTS RECEIVE
HOAX BOMB THREATS

Diary Times Desk : More than 300 schools and institutes in Delhi and several airports received bomb threats on Sunday morning, which were later declared a hoax, officials said. The mails were sent by a group 'TerrorizersIII', which had earlier also sent such threatening communications. The messages landed in the inboxes at 6.08 am of more than 300 e-mail addresses belonging to schools and institutions in Delhi. It was also sent to Delhi Airport among other airports in the country, a police officer said. The subject line of the e-mail read 'Bombs placed around your building, react or face the disaster.' "To the administration of schools and airports, I am the leader of terroristic group also known as terrorizers III, through heaven and earth in this accursed world which in never anything goes as planned I alone am the untouchable one, I can't push myself to my limits because I am the limitless one, I am the child of evil, I am the meaning of hatred," the mail read. "Bombs have been placed around your buildings, you have 24 hours to react or face the bloodpool," the message continued. An official of the Delhi Fire Services said two of the schools which received the mails were CRPF Public School in Dwarka, and Sarvodaya Vidyalaya near Qutub Minar. In recent months, several educational institutions in the city have repeatedly been targeted with bomb threats. About a week ago, many schools, including DPS Dwarka, Krishna Model Public School.

STAMPEDE AT ACTOR-POLITICIAN VIJAY'S
RALLY DESCRIBED IN HAUNTING VISUALS



Diary Times Desk : A father, holding his son's lifeless body in his arms, frantically pleading with hospital authorities to save him; a mother lying next to his dead son in a hospital bed are among the several haunting visuals that have emerged from the stampede at actor-turned-politician Vijay's rally in Tamil Nadu's Karur on Saturday.

The crowd frenzy to see the popular actor up close turned into a tragedy and left 40 people, including 10 minors, dead and around 100 injured.

Two-year-old Dhuru Vishnu is the youngest victim of the tragedy. In a video, his father was seen on his knees and crying for help inside a government hospital. Even a hospital staff member who was standing behind him was moved to tears by the father's wails.

INDIA BAGS RS 1.02 LAKH CRORE FOOD
PROCESSING DEALS FROM GLOBAL
GIANTS

Diary Times Desk : India's food processing sector is set for a massive boost after the government signed agreements worth Rs 1.02 lakh crore with 26 domestic and global companies during the World Food India 2025 summit, according to a press statement by Ministry of Food Processing Industries on September 28. The four-day event, hosted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, concluded on September 28 with what officials called one of the largest-ever investment announcements in the sector. "These MoUs are projected to generate direct employment for over 64,000 people and create indirect opportunities for more than 10 lakh individuals," the ministry said in a statement. Amul (GCMMF), Nestlé India, Tata Consumer Products, Carlsberg India, and Lulu Group's Fair Exports also signed major MoUs.

GIVE LADAKH A VOICE, GIVE THEM THE 6TH SCHEDULE: RAHUL
GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : Alleging that Ladakh's amazing people, culture, and traditions are "under attack by the BJP and RSS," Congress MP and Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi on Sunday asked the Centre to "give them the 6th Schedule." A total of 44 people have been arrested, including activist Sonam Wangchuk, in connection with the September 24 violence in Leh, in which four people were killed. Wangchuk, the main voice behind the demand for the 6th Schedule for Ladakh, was on a hunger strike, which he ended right after the violence unfolded. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "Ladakh's amazing people, culture, and traditions are under attack by the BJP and RSS. Ladakhis asked for a voice. The BJP responded by killing 4 young men and jailing Sonam Wangchuk. Stop the killing. Stop the violence. Stop the intimidation. Give Ladakh a voice. Give them the 6th Schedule." On September 26, two days after the death of four people amid firing by police during violent protests in the Union Territory, Wangchuk was detained under the provisions of the National Security Act (NSA) and lodged in Jodhpur jail in Rajasthan. The climate activist has been accused of "inciting violence".

Addressing a press conference in Leh on Saturday, Director General of Police (DGP) Ladakh, SD Singh Jamwal said that the police have nabbed the main orchestrators of the violence, including activist Sonam Wangchuk.

ANDHRA DY CM PAWAN
KALYAN UNWELL, CM NAIDU
PAYS VISIT IN HYDERABAD

Diary Times Desk : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday, September 28, called on Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who is suffering from viral fever. The Chief Minister called on the Jana Sena leader at the latter's residence here and enquired about his health. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president wished Pawan Kalyan a speedy recovery and also advised him to be cautious about his health. Pawan Kalyan has been suffering from fever for the last week and arrived in Hyderabad on September 26 for treatment. His office had said that he was experiencing discomfort due to excessive coughing. As per the advice of doctors, he underwent some medical tests. Pawan Kalyan took ill on September 21 after a rain-soaked pre-release event of his movie They Call Him OG in Hyderabad. The event held at LB Stadium was disrupted due to heavy rains. Thousands of fans had turned up for the event but returned disappointed.

HEAVY OVERNIGHT RAIN IN MUMBAI,
LOCAL TRAINS SEE DELAYS, NO BUS
DIVERSIONS

Diary Times Desk : Amid a 'red alert' warning, Mumbai was lashed by heavy overnight rains, with the intensity easing by early Sunday morning. Parts of south Mumbai received more than 100 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Local train services of the Central Railway and Western Railway were running with some delays, while buses of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) undertaking were running without any diversion. The IMD on Saturday issued a 'red alert', predicting "heavy to very heavy" rainfall in Mumbai on Sunday. A civic official, quoting the IMD's forecast issued at 8 am on Sunday, said the city will witness "cloudy sky with heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm/lightning and gusty winds reaching 40-50 kmph very likely in the city and suburbs." There was a "possibility of extremely heavy rain at isolated places."

PAK PM SHEHBAZ HOPES FOR
"ENCOURAGING" OUTCOME FROM
TRUMP'S GAZA PEACE TALKS WITH
MUSLIM LEADERS

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday expressed hope for "encouraging" outcomes from US President Donald Trump's meeting with Muslim leaders in Washington earlier this week, where the American president presented his plan to end Israel's invasion of Gaza, Dawn reported.

"We fully participated in the meeting on Gaza, and God willing, its encouraging results will come out soon," he said, flanked by Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar while addressing overseas Pakistanis at the High Commission in London. According to state broadcaster Radio Pakistan, the prime minister said Pakistan was part of Trump-led efforts to bring peace to Palestine and end oppression against the people of Gaza.

TALIBAN'S BAN ON WOMEN'S
EDUCATION IS EXTREMISM,
THREATENS AFGHANISTAN'S
FUTURE: UN ENVOY BENNETT

Diary Times Desk : UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett, has warned that the Taliban's ban on women's education constitutes extremism and threatens the country's stability, development, and international standing, Tolo News reported.

Speaking on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York on Friday, Bennett said the Taliban's emphasis on religious indoctrination over formal schooling was depriving Afghanistan's younger generation of "opportunity and hope."

He underscored the importance of credible, well-documented reports from Afghanistan, noting that they remain essential for shaping global debate and pushing meaningful international action. "Without such evidence," he cautioned, "the plight of Afghan women and girls risks being overshadowed."

According to Tolo News, Bennett also called for the creation of more platforms to allow Afghans themselves to be heard, particularly Islamic scholars and experts. He argued that their voices are critical in countering the Taliban's narrative.

RUSSIA POUNDS UKRAINE WITH NEARLY 500 DRONES IN BIGGEST AERIAL
ATTACK, LEAVES FOUR DEAD

Diary Times Desk : A massive Russian assault on Ukraine stretched for more than 12 hours on Sunday, leaving at least four people dead and over 40 others injured, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

In a post on X, Zelenskyy said that the strikes were "a deliberate, targeted terror against ordinary cities," with nearly 500 attack drones and more than 40 missiles, including Kinzhal hypersonic missiles, used in the operation. According to the Ukrainian leader, the main targets included Kyiv and its surrounding region, as well as Zaporizhzhia, Khmelnytskyi, Sumy, Mykolaiv, Chernihiv and Odesa. In the capital, the building of the Cardiology Institute was hit, where four deaths were reported, among them a 12-year-old girl. "My condolences to all the families and loved ones," Zelenskyy said in his message.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PM UNVEILS
VIKSIT BHARAT RUN T-SHIRT AT JAIPUR
FOOT USA EVENT



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, and Prem Bhandari, Chairman of Jaipur Foot USA, on Saturday (local time) unveiled the Viksit Bharat Run t-shirt at an event organised by Jaipur Foot USA and BRUHUD New York Seniors.

The programme, held on the sidelines of the 80th UN General Assembly, saw Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar receive a traditional Indian welcome with dhol drums and Bhojpuri folk performances. The gathering marked the announcement of a major artificial limb fitting camp in Trinidad, set to begin on October 2, which will run for 50 days and provide free prosthetic limbs to nearly 800 amputees. The camp will be the 120th such international initiative by Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), the parent body of Jaipur Foot. Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. "We congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He has contributed significantly not only to the people of India but also to those around the world," she said.

CHINA'S MILITARY EXPANSION
ENDANGERS TAIWAN'S EAST, WAR
GAMES REVEAL PLA STRIKE CAPABILITIES

Diary Times Desk : A recent war simulation has raised alarms over Taiwan's eastern defences, with findings suggesting the region is increasingly vulnerable to strikes from China's People's Liberation Army (PLA). The large-scale tabletop exercise, held in June, was reviewed yesterday at an event in Taipei organised by the Taipei School of Economics and Political Science Foundation, which also released a book series on the results, as reported by Taipei Times.

According to Taipei Times, the war games showed that Taiwan can no longer assume its eastern region offers a secure fallback for key military assets. With the PLA now fielding submarines and long-range bombers capable of launching cruise missiles from the east.

NEPAL'S INTERIM GOVT
IMPOSES TRAVEL
RESTRICTION ON FORMER
PM OLI, FOUR OTHERS
FOLLOWING PROBE INTO
GEN-Z PROTEST VIOLENCE

Diary Times Desk : A cabinet meeting of the interim government of Nepal has decided to impose a travel ban on former Prime Minister and UML Chairman KP Sharma Oli and four others as investigations into the suppression of the Gen-Z movement begin.

The travel restriction includes both foreign travel and a ban on leaving the Kathmandu Valley without prior approval from the authorities.

"As the individuals listed below are under investigation in the course of the investigation and inquiry into the incidents of Bhadra 23 and 24 (September 8 and 9), necessary action should be taken to prevent their foreign travel and, as they are required to appear before the Commission at any time for investigation, a letter will be written to the concerned body to make arrangements to prevent them from leaving the Kathmandu Valley without the Commission's approval," the Commission's decision states.

In the list of those recommended to be barred from travelling abroad and leaving Kathmandu are former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak, Home Secretary Gokarna Mani Duwadi, then-Chief of the National Investigation Department Hutaraj Thapa, and former Kathmandu CDO Chhabhi Raj Rijal.

INDIRA GANDHI CULTURAL
CENTRE CELEBRATES HINDI
PAKHWADA 2025 IN DHAKA

Diary Times Desk : The Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC), High Commission of India, Dhaka, celebrated Hindi Pakhwada 2025 with a vibrant programme that combined competitions, academic participation, and cultural performances.

The fortnight-long celebration, held from September 14 to 28, aimed to promote Hindi alongside the rich plurality of Indian languages.

The event was graced by the Deputy High Commissioner of India, Pawan Badhe, as the Chief Guest, and it brought together many distinguished professors from Dhaka University.

As part of the observance, IGCC organised competitions in essay writing, poem recitation, and Antakshari, and winners were felicitated during the closing ceremony.

In his keynote address, Deputy High Commissioner Pawan Badhe highlighted that Hindi Pakhwada is not merely about celebrating Hindi but also about acknowledging the depth and diversity of India's linguistic traditions.



PAKISTAN'S REACTION TO JAISHANKAR'S UN SPEECH DESPITE NOT BEING NAMED AMOUNTS TO 'ADMISSION OF TERRORISM': INDIA



Diary Times Desk : India has slammed Pakistan for responding to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's UN General Assembly remarks on terrorism, despite the neighbour not being named, describing Islamabad's reaction as an admission of its "longstanding practice of cross-border terrorism".

During his address at the UNGA General Debate on Saturday, Jaishankar, without naming Pakistan, said, "Major international terrorist attacks are traced back to that one country." Referring to a "neighbour that is an epicentre of global terrorism", he said India has confronted the challenge of terrorism since Independence. Later in the evening, in its Right of Reply, the Pakistani delegate accused India of attempting to "malign Pakistan" with "malicious accusations" about terrorism, even though Jaishankar had not named the country in his address while talking about the scourge of terrorism.

The Pakistani delegate claimed that India's allegations were a "deliberate attempt to repeat lies".

Responding to Pakistan's Right of Reply, India said it was "telling that a neighbour who was not named chose to nevertheless respond and admit their longstanding practice of cross-border terrorism".

OVER 7,700 INMATES WHO ESCAPED DURING GEN Z PROTESTS BACK IN NEPAL PRISONS

Diary Times Desk : Over 7,700 inmates, who escaped from various prisons across Nepal during the Gen Z protests, have either returned or been brought back to their respective detention centres, authorities said on Sunday.

During the Gen Z protests on September 8 and 9, a total of 14,558 prisoners had escaped the detention centres across the country, according to officials at the Prison Management Department. Ten prisoners have died during the clash with the security forces, while 7, 735 inmates have returned to their respective prisons.

IRAN WEIGHS HOW TO RESPOND TO REIMPOSED UN SANCTIONS OVER ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAMME

Diary Times Desk : Iran weighed on Sunday how to respond to reimposed United Nations sanctions over its atomic programme, with one lawmaker suggesting parliament would consider potentially withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The sanctions again freeze Iranian assets abroad, halt arms deals with Tehran and penalise any development of Iran's ballistic missile programme, among other measures. It came via a mechanism known as "snapback", included in Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, and comes as Iran's economy already is reeling.

Iran's rial currency sits at a record low, increasing pressure on food prices and making daily life that much more challenging.

US NEEDS TO 'FIX' COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA, BRAZIL: COMMERCE SECRETARY LUTNICK AMID TARIFF ROW



Diary Times Desk : Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has said that the US will have to "fix" countries like Brazil and India, asserting that these nations need to react correctly to America by opening their markets and refraining from actions that could harm American interests. The Trump administration has imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including a 25 per cent tariff on New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil, among the highest tariff rates imposed on any country in the world. "We have a bunch of countries to fix, like Switzerland, Brazil, India — these are countries that need to really react correctly to America. Open their markets, stop taking actions that harm America, and that's why we're off sides with them," Lutnick said in an interview with NewsNation. Lutnick said that these countries have to understand that if "you want to sell to the US consumers, you've got to play ball with the President of the United States." Apart from India and Brazil, Lutnick also mentioned countries like Taiwan and Switzerland that have unresolved trade issues with the US.

PALESTINIAN DEATH TOLL TOPS 66,000 AS ISRAEL'S NETANYAHU PREPARES TO MEET TRUMP IN US

Diary Times Desk : Over 66,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israel-Hamas war, Gaza's Health Ministry said on Sunday, a day before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu heads to the White House for talks with US President Donald Trump on halting Israel's ongoing offensive in the Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu has come under heavy international pressure to end the war. Key Western allies have joined a growing list of countries recognising a Palestinian state over Israeli objections. The European Union is considering sanctions against Israel and there are growing moves for a sports and cultural boycott against Israel.

After dozens of delegates poured out of the hall, a defiant Netanyahu told fellow world leaders on Friday at the UN General Assembly that his nation "must finish the job" against Hamas in Gaza as his military continued its offensive in Gaza City.

UK PRIME MINISTER STARMER HOPES 'RENEWAL' VISION CAN SILENCE DOUBTS ABOUT HIS LEADERSHIP

Diary Times Desk : Keir Starmer never had much of a political honeymoon. Now some members of his political party are considering divorce. Little more than a year after winning power in a landslide, Britain's prime minister is fighting to keep the support of his party, and to fend off Nigel Farage, whose hard-right 'Reform UK' has a consistent lead in opinion polls.

The next election is as much as four years away, but as thousands of Labour Party members gather on Sunday for their annual conference beside the River Mersey in Liverpool, lawmakers are growing anxious. A potential leadership rival has emerged in Andy Burhnham, the ambitious mayor of Manchester.

Tim Bale, professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London, said the party's mood is "febrile."

"They've only been in government a year and they've got a big majority, but most voters seem to be quite disappointed and disillusioned with the government," he said. "And they also have a very low opinion of Keir Starmer." Since ending 14 years of Conservative rule with his July 2024 election victory, Starmer has struggled to deliver the economic growth he promised. Inflation remains stubbornly high and the economic outlook subdued, frustrating efforts to repair tattered public services and ease the cost of living.

AS DEMOCRATS PREPARE FOR A POSSIBLE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN, THEIR ENDGAME IS UNCERTAIN

Diary Times Desk : Senate Democrats who have struggled for months to counter President Donald Trump have settled on a bold, one-step strategy if they do not get significant concessions on health care before government funding runs out Wednesday: voting to shut down the government.

The plan is heartily endorsed by many frustrated voters in the base and party activists, some of whom called on Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York to resign in March after he provided support for Republicans to keep the government open at that time.

"America's ability to endure this moment requires a Democratic Party driving a vibrant, impactful and public resistance," Katie Bethell, executive director of liberal grassroots group MoveOn, wrote in a letter to party leaders.



PORTLAND'S CITY LEADERS AND RESIDENTS ARE PUSHING BACK AGAINST ICE. NOW TRUMP IS SENDING IN TROOPS

Diary Times Desk : A day after President Donald Trump's second inauguration, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, knew that a "sanctuary city" like his was going to have a bumpy four years ahead.

"We must come together to live our city's shared values of freedom from fear and sanctuary from federal overreach in the days ahead, no matter what our city may face," Mayor Keith Wilson said in a letter to the city council on January 21.

In the past eight months, the city has reaffirmed that commitment by joining a lawsuit against the Trump administration and issuing a zoning violation notice for an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility that has been at the center of almost constant protests throughout the summer. Trump has said, without evidence, that "paid terrorists" are wreaking havoc in Portland.

HIMACHAL'S SPITI VALLEY RECOGNISED AS INDIA'S FIRST COLD DESERT BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh's Spiti Valley in Lahaul-Spiti district has been recognised as India's first Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's prestigious Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme.

The recognition was formally conferred during the 37th International Coordinating Council (MAB-ICC) meeting held in Hangzhou, China, from September 26 to 28.

With this inclusion, India now has 13 Biosphere Reserves in the MAB Network. This feat has been made possible due to the efforts of the state government, which has consistently highlighted the region's unique ecology, climate, culture and heritage, as well as the commitment of local communities who have lived in harmony with nature for generations.

RUSSIA HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING EU OR NATO STATES, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

Diary Times Desk : Russia's foreign minister has said his country had no intention of attacking EU or Nato member states - but warned of a "decisive response" to any "aggression" directed towards Moscow.

In a wide-ranging speech delivered at the UN General Assembly on Saturday, Sergei Lavrov said threats against Russia by Western countries were becoming "increasingly common".

He also took aim at Israel, saying that while Russia condemned the 7 October 2023 attacks by Hamas, there was "no justification" for the "brutal killings" of Palestinians in Gaza, or for plans to annex the West Bank.

Israel has previously said its Gaza operation was necessary to defeat Hamas.

At least 65,926 people have been killed by Israeli strikes, according to the Hamas-run health ministry, while about 1,200 people were killed and 251 others were taken hostage in the 7 October attacks.

'A MIND GAME': TRUMP ADMINISTRATION MOVES ROCK AUTISM COMMUNITY

Diary Times Desk : When Christina Collura heard President Donald Trump's announcement linking taking Tylenol during pregnancy to autism, she went down a "rabbit hole".

The Canadian mom of two boys, including a 12-year-old son with autism, wracked her brain for if she had ever taken paracetamol - the main ingredient in the drug - when she was pregnant with either child. Just the thought that she may have done something harmful to her baby "played such a mind game", she said. "It was scary."

The announcement by President Trump and his administration Monday convulsed through a community who say they are already fighting an uphill battle with society for acceptance and adaptation to their needs and gifts. "So many moms were going down the rabbit hole and saying, 'Did you take Tylenol?'" Ms Collura said. "And I'm like, 'Okay, we're not going there. We're not doing this.'"

The majority of researchers and medical bodies say there is not one cause of autism, and that taking Tylenol is safe and remains the best treatment for pain and fever during pregnancy.

HAMAS TELLS ISRAEL TO CEASE GAZA CITY ATTACKS AS CAPTIVES' LIVES IN DANGER

Diary Times Desk : Hamas has issued what it calls a "warning" that the lives of two captives held in Gaza City are in danger as Israeli tanks push deeper inside several neighbourhoods of the besieged urban centre, where tens of thousands of Palestinians are trapped by Israel's ground invasion and bombardment.

The Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Palestinian group, said on Sunday that contact has been lost with fighters holding Omri Miran and Matan Angrest after "brutal military operations and violent targeting in the Sabra and Tal al-Hawa neighbourhoods during the last 48 hours".

"The lives of the two captives are in real danger, and the occupation forces must immediately withdraw to the south of Road 8 and halt aerial sorties for 24 hours starting from 18:00 this evening (15:00 GMT), until an attempt is made to extract the two prisoners," it said.

Hamas released a "farewell picture" of captives in Gaza this month in another attempt to stop the Israeli army as it systematically destroys Gaza City and displaces hundreds of thousands of starving Palestinians once again. Israel said 48 captives remain in Gaza, 20 of whom are alive. But the country has refused to stop the war despite being increasingly accused of committing genocide and as Israeli families call and protest for a comprehensive deal to end the war and bring back all captives.



MIDDLE EAST CRISIS BREAKTHROUGH? TRUMP SAYS 'SOMETHING SPECIAL' WILL**BE DONE**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Sunday hinted at a breakthrough in the Middle East crisis, saying "all are on board for something special," on the eve of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the White House.

"We have a real chance for GREATNESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform. "ALL ARE ON BOARD FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL, FIRST TIME EVER. WE WILL GET IT DONE!!!"

Earlier Friday, Trump had told reporters in Washington "I think we have a deal" on Gaza.

On the same day, addressing the United Nations, Netanyahu vowed to block a Palestinian state while also committing to "finish the job" against Hamas, days after Britain, France and other Western powers recognized a state of Palestine.

Israel said the strikes were, in part, to prevent chemical weapons stocks and long-range missiles from falling "into the hands of extremists."

**EX-CHINESE MINISTER TOOK \$37 MILLION IN BRIBES, SENTENCED TO DEATH WITH****REPRIEVE**

Diary Times Desk : Tang Renjian, China's former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, was sentenced to death with reprieve for bribery at a court in Jilin province on Sunday, according to state-run news agency Xinhua. Tang took bribes including cash and property worth over 268 million yuan (\$37.6 million) in various positions held from 2007 to 2024, Xinhua said. The Changchun Intermediate People's Court suspended his death sentence for two years, noting he had confessed to his crimes, it added. China's Communist Party expelled Tang in November 2024, six months after he was placed under investigation by the anti-graft watchdog and removed from his post. Tang's investigation was unusually swift and followed similar investigations into defence minister Li Shangfu and his predecessor Wei Fenghe. Tang was governor of the western province of Gansu from 2017 to 2020 before being named minister of agriculture and rural affairs, according to official biographies.

TYPHOON BUALOI MOVES TOWARD VIETNAM AFTER LEAVING 20 DEAD IN PHILIPPINES

Diary Times Desk : Vietnam evacuated thousands of people from central and northern provinces Sunday as Typhoon Bualoi raced toward the country faster than expected with landfall forecast later in the day. Bualoi had left at least 20 people dead in the central Philippines since Friday, mostly from drowning and falling trees, and knocked out power in several towns and cities, officials said. The storm forced about 23,000 families to evacuate to more than 1,400 emergency shelters. The typhoon was expected to bring winds of up to 133 kph (83 mph), storm surges of more than a meter (3.2 feet) and heavy rains that could trigger flash floods and landslides.

Vietnam's weather agency said Bualoi was about 200 kilometers (124 miles) east of central Vietnam early Sunday and moving northwest. It was expected to make landfall between Quang Tri and Nghe An provinces.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW HOURS AS RUSSIA LAUNCHED ONE OF ITS BIGGEST STRIKES ON KYIV SINCE 2022

Diary Times Desk : Kyiv woke up to chaos early Sunday as waves of drones and missiles slammed into the Ukrainian capital. Independent monitors, cited by Reuters, Sky News, and The Kyiv Independent, called it one of the heaviest bombardments since Russia's full-scale invasion began in February 2022.

At least four people, including a 12-year-old girl, were killed, according to Ukrainian officials. Initially, three deaths were confirmed, but the toll was later raised as rescue teams found another body under the rubble. Ten more people were injured in Kyiv, while drone strikes across Zaporizhzhia left 16 wounded, including three children. Ukraine's foreign minister Andrii Sybiha said hundreds of drones and missiles were fired overnight. Ukraine's air force said in an update that Russia fired a total of 595 exploding drones and decoys and 48 missiles. Of those, air defences shot down or jammed 566 drones and 45 missiles.

ASIM MUNIR, PAK PM SHOW TRUMP RARE EARTH MINERALS DURING WHITE HOUSE MEET

Diary Times Desk : A new picture of Donald Trump's meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief Asim Munir at the White House has surfaced, showing them presenting rare earth minerals to the US President.

The picture showed Munir pointing at an open wooden box that contained the rare earth minerals as Trump looked on during the meeting in the Oval Office. Sharif was also seen standing with a slight smile.

Trump met Sharif, the first Pakistani prime minister to visit the White House in six years, and Munir, who held a rare one-on-one meeting with the US President at the Oval Office in June, on Thursday.

The meeting, which also saw the participation of Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, reportedly continued for about an hour and a half.

Shehbaz described Trump as a "man of peace" for his "sincere efforts" to end conflicts around the globe, according to a statement from his office.

He also thanked Trump for the tariff deal signed between Pakistan and the US in July. The two countries reached a trade agreement that entails a 19 per cent tariff on Pakistani imports and will allow Washington to help develop Pakistan's oil reserves.

3 ARGENTINIAN WOMEN KILLED BY DRUG GANG, MURDER LIVE-STREAMED ON INSTAGRAM

Diary Times Desk : Thousands of protesters took to the streets of Buenos Aires on Saturday to demand justice for three young women whose torture and murders were live-streamed on social media, in a case that has shocked Argentina.

The victims' relatives held a banner with their names -- "Lara, Brenda, Morena" -- and placards with their images, flanked by supporters as they marched to Parliament.

"It was a narco-feminicide!" "Our lives are not disposable!" read signs and banners as protesters banged on drums at the march, organized by a feminist group. The bodies of Morena Verdi and Brenda del Castillo, cousins aged 20, and 15-year-old Lara Gutierrez were found buried Wednesday in the yard of a house in a southern suburb of Buenos Aires, five days after they went missing.

"Women must be protected more than ever," Brenda's father, Leonel del Castillo, told reporters at the protest. He had earlier said he had not been able to identify his daughter's body due to the abuse she had endured.

Antonio del Castillo, grandfather of the 20-year-old cousins, was in tears, calling the killers "bloodthirsty." "You wouldn't do what they did to them to an animal," he said.

SMART MOVES TO MAKE WHEN THE FED STARTS CUTTING RATES

Diary Times Desk : Over the past couple of years, the Federal Reserve aggressively raised its key interest rate to a 23-year high to beat down inflation. Now that inflation has slowed substantially and is expected to cool further, the central bank is expected to embark on a rate-cutting campaign over the next two years, starting as early as September.

If it does, rates should decline on a wide swath of financial products for Americans, from credit cards and home loans to bank accounts and certificates of deposit, among others.

Given how many ways lower rates can affect your finances, here are some things to consider when deciding what steps to take in response.

Timing and magnitude matter The prospect of lower borrowing costs will be welcome news to those seeking loans or anyone trying to reduce their existing debt loads. But, realistically, how much you'll save when the Fed lowers rates will depend on how quickly it cuts and by how much each time. The answer for the near term is most likely to be "not that much."

CHINA'S INTERNET CENSORS HAVE A NEW TARGET: PESSIMISTS

Diary Times Desk : China's powerful internet censors have long been known for erasing political dissent, vitriol against the Communist Party leadership, and mention of sensitive historical events.

Now, they're being unleashed on a new scourge – negativity.

The country's internet regulator on Monday unveiled a two-month nationwide campaign aimed at curbing pessimism trending on social media, live-streaming and short-video platforms.

Some content being targeted "maliciously misinterprets social phenomena, selectively exaggerates negative cases, and uses them as an opportunity to promote nihilistic or otherwise negative worldviews," the statement from the Cyberspace Administration of China said.

AMERICANS HAVE MORE MONEY IN STOCKS THAN EVER BEFORE. ECONOMISTS SAY THAT'S A BRIGHT RED FLAG

Diary Times Desk : Americans have more money in stocks than ever before. But while the market's climb may be inflating their accounts, they are more exposed than ever to a potential market slump.

Direct and indirect stock holdings, including in mutual funds or retirement plans, accounted for an all-time high of 45% of households' financial assets in the second quarter, according to Federal Reserve data.

The record-high stock ownership raises red flags about whether a market downturn could hit Americans' personal finances — especially in an economy with an increasingly fragile labor market and stubborn inflation. The milestone is a product of multiple factors: stocks have hit record highs, boosting the value of holdings; more Americans are directly participating in the stock market; and retirement plans like 401(k)s that invest in the stock market have risen in popularity in recent decades. Record-high stocks are generally good — that lets more people benefit from Corporate America's gains, especially long-term investors.



HOW CONSUMER PUSHBACK BEAT TRUMP'S PRESSURE CAMPAIGN ON KIMMEL

Diary Times Desk : The Jimmy Kimmel tug-of-war was about free speech, yes, but it was also about the free market.

This week's restoration of Kimmel's show was partly the result of consumer pushback to the late-night show's preemption.

Feedback from angry viewers, wary advertisers, and frustrated employees all weighed on the executives who ultimately brought the show back on the air despite President Trump's menacing remarks about Kimmel.

The week-long drama is proof that consumers "have extraordinary power," former labor secretary Robert Reich wrote in an essay.

"When our outrage translates into withholding our consumer dollars, a big corporation like Disney is forced to listen — and respond," Reich wrote, urging readers to "remember this" for next time.



NO ONE CAN SEEM TO KILL AMERICA'S ECONOMY, DESPITE EVERYONE'S BEST EFFORTS

Diary Times Desk : Americans hate this economy, but they keep spending like they love it.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that consumer spending rose 0.6% in August. Although that may not sound like a lot, it represented significantly stronger growth than economists had expected.

The report wasn't an outlier: Retail sales also rose 0.6% in August, the Commerce Department said in a separate report two weeks ago. Corporate earnings and sales have proven resilient in the past quarter, with many companies saying customers continue to give them business despite concerns about a flagging economy. And a revised report issued Thursday on the second-quarter gross domestic product, the broadest measure of US economic growth, showed that GDP grew by the fastest rate in almost two years, buoyed by strong consumer spending.



EUROPEAN NATIONS HIT IRAN WITH ‘SNAPBACK’ SANCTIONS OVER ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM. HERE’S WHAT THAT MEANS

Diary Times Desk :
Iran was hit with so-called snapback sanctions on Sunday local time, at a time of high tension in the Middle East. But what does that mean?

The term is used for the reimposition of United Nations sanctions against Iran a decade after they were suspended as part of a landmark deal to limit and monitor the country’s controversial nuclear program.

France, Germany and the United Kingdom said they had “no choice” but to trigger the snapback, accusing Iran of not meeting its obligations under the agreement. But the reversion could mean Tehran moves even further from international oversight of its nuclear program.

How did we get here?
Sanctions were due to end permanently on October 18. But the original agreement, known as the JCPOA, which saw the lifting of sanctions against Iran in exchange for restrictions over its nuclear program, allowed any signatory to restore sanctions before that date if it decided Iran had failed to meet its commitments.

ISRAELI STRIKES LEFT SYRIA ‘STUNNED’ AND MAKES NORMALIZATION ‘DIFFICULT,’ SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

Diary Times Desk :
Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shibani told CNN Israeli strikes on Syria after the fall of the Assad regime “stunned” his country making discussions about normalization “difficult.”

In an exclusive interview with CNN’s Fareed Zakaria at the Council on Foreign Relations, aired Sunday, al-Shibani criticized Israel for having “obstructed” the Syrian government when it faced a surge in sectarian violence in the south.

The Syrian minister vowed that a “strong and unified Syria would be good for regional security, and that will benefit Israel.”

FROM DIPLOMACY TO SOCCER, ISRAEL IS BECOMING A PARIAH ON THE GLOBAL STAGE



Diary Times Desk : Israel is becoming increasingly isolated on the world stage as the war and humanitarian crisis in Gaza continue, with the backlash seeping into economic, cultural and sporting arenas.

International condemnation has soared since Israel announced a ground assault on Gaza City and conducted an unprecedented strike against Hamas leadership on Qatari soil. It also comes as an independent UN inquiry concluded for the first time last week that Israel had committed genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, a finding that echoes those of other genocide experts and human rights groups, but which the Israeli government has rejected.

Last week, the European Union – Israel’s biggest trading partner – proposed sanctions that would partially suspend its free trade agreement with Israel, if approved by EU member states. Several Western nations have already implemented targeted sanctions against certain Israeli individuals.

TRUMP UPBEAT ABOUT ENDING GAZA WAR AS 21-POINT PEACE PLAN TAKES SHAPE



Diary Times Desk :
The Trump administration has proposed a 21-point Gaza peace plan that calls for all hostages held by Hamas to be released within 48 hours of an agreement and sets out a roadmap for Gaza once the war ends, according to a source familiar with the proposal.

US President Donald Trump has voiced optimism about resolving the conflict, saying Friday they’re “very close” to a deal, just days after his envoy said a “breakthrough” was possible.

Meanwhile, Israel’s assault in the enclave continues, with the military escalating its offensive in recent days and forcing many to flee Gaza City as the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) pushes deeper into the urban area.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, however, vowed to continue the war until Hamas is destroyed.

The plan could be problematic for Netanyahu, given it recognizes aspirations for a Palestinian state – something firmly opposed by key members of his government.

The release of the hostages – about 20 of whom are thought to be still alive – would be in exchange for a phased withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza, according to the source.

The plan would deny Hamas any future role in the governance of Gaza, the source said. Instead, it calls for two levels of interim governance in the territory – an overarching international body and a Palestinian committee. There is no timeline in the proposal for the international body to pass leadership of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority (PA), which exercises nominal self-rule in parts of the occupied West Bank, and faces heavy restrictions by Israel.

4 ROPAR VILLAGES
AFFECTED BY METAL
CONTAMINATION;
CHILDREN'S BLOOD
SAMPLES SHOW
PRESENCE OF LEAD

Diary Times Desk : A recent pilot study conducted by Panjab University's Geo-Environmental Research Laboratory, in collaboration with Baba Farid NGO, has revealed alarming levels of metal contamination in children and groundwater in Ropar district.

The findings have raised serious public health concerns, especially in four villages situated around the Ropar thermal power plant, including Noohon, Ratanpura, Duburji and Lohgarh Fidde where residents had reported deteriorating water quality and rising health issues.

According to the report submitted to the Punjab State Human Rights Commission, nearly 19.35% of blood samples from children in said villages contained lead levels exceeding the WHO safe limit of 3.5 µg/dL. Additionally, 39% of hair samples showed unsafe lead concentrations. In groundwater testing, one of the 13 samples collected from four villages surpassed both WHO and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) permissible uranium limits, raising fears of long-term contamination of the local aquifers.

PUNJAB DGP LAUNCHES
HELPLINE NUMBER FOR
REPORTING ORGANISED
CRIME

Diary Times Desk : Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav on Sunday launched a toll-free helpline for the public to report organised crime, including intimidation, extortion and gangster-related activities, anonymously.

The helpline -- 1800-330-1100 -- has been activated by the Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) of Punjab Police to provide citizens with a direct and confidential channel to report organised crime.

To ensure the helpline's effectiveness, the DGP made a trial call during the inauguration and interacted with a representative to understand the working of the new system.

In a video message to the public, Yadav assured that every piece of information received on the helpline will be treated with the highest level.

PUNJABI ARTISTES APPEAL TO PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR SINGER RAJVIR JAWANDA'S
RECOVERY; CM MANN VISITS HOSPITAL

Diary Times Desk : Punjabi singer Rajvir Jawanda, who was admitted to a hospital in Mohali after he was seriously injured in a road accident in Himachal Pradesh, continues to remain critical, the hospital authorities said on Sunday.

In a statement, Fortis Hospital said the singer is still on ventilator support.

"He is under close monitoring and management by the multidisciplinary team comprising neurosurgery and critical care specialists," it said.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann visited the hospital to inquire about his health. Several Punjabi artistes have appealed to people to pray for the singer's speedy recovery.

The CM said he met Jawanda's mother and his wife at the hospital. Mann also asked people not to spread rumours about his health on social media.



HIMACHAL TO RECEIVE ANOTHER
SPELL OF RAIN ON OCTOBER 4

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh, which is witnessing dry weather for the past few days, is set to receive another spell of rain on October 4.

As per the State's Meteorological Department, dry weather conditions are very likely to prevail across the state till October 3 after which the state is likely to witness light rainfall in isolated places of middle and high hills on October 4.

During this period, maximum temperatures are likely to rise by 2°C to 3°C while minimum temperatures will remain normal. Monsoon activities during the past 24 hours were weak with the majority of the state witnessing dry weather conditions. Maximum temperatures were above 2°C to 6°C and ranged between 22°C to 38°C while minimum temperatures were 2°C to 5°C above normal and ranged between 5°C to 28°C.


Shimla, the state's capital, recorded 24.8°C maximum temperature while prominent tourist destinations Dharamsala and Mandali recorded 30.1°C and 26.6°C, respectively. Similarly, Mandi recorded 31.4°C, Kangra 33.4°C, Solan 30.5°C, Bilaspur 34.2°C, Hamirpur 32.3°C, Kufri 21°C, Sundernagar 33.3°C, Bhuntar 33°C, Kalpa 24.4°C, Nahan 28.9°C, Narkanda 21.5°C and Reckong Peo 28.6°C.

IRRIGATION SCHEME TO BENEFIT
24K FARMERS IN KANGRA: MLA

Diary Times Desk : At least 24,000 farmers in the Shahpur, Jawali and Dehra Assembly constituencies of Kangra district will get irrigation facilities under the Sukhahar Medium Irrigation Scheme, said Kewal Singh Pathania, Deputy Chief Whip of the Congress in the Vidhan Sabha, here today.

Pathania, after chairing a meeting of the Jal Shakti Department here, said that Rs 213-crore projects would provide irrigation to 2,186 hectares of farmland and benefit around 24,120 farmers. In the Shahpur constituency alone, the irrigation facility would be extended to 337 hectares in 10 villages of four panchayats in the Changar area, covering nearly 2,000 farmers.

He said that drinking water and irrigation projects worth about Rs 202 crore were under construction in Shahpur, including a Rs 56.31-crore project under the Jal Jeevan Mission, a Rs 28.76-crore project under NABARD, Rs 43.63-crore project with Asian Development Bank (ADB) assistance, Rs 56.56-crore sewerage project and Rs 17-crore projects under other schemes.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sagittarius
Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

Capricorn
Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Aquarius
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

Pisces
Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.

TOHANA MAN KILLS
UNCLE OVER SUSPICION

Diary Times Desk : In a swift operation, the Tohana police in Fatehabad district cracked a brutal murder case within an hour.

Around 11pm on Friday, the police received a report of a body lying near Baliala Head. A team from Tohana City police station rushed to the spot and identified the deceased as Chhabil Das (48), a resident of Rajnagar, Tohana. He was found dead, covered in blood. The body was sent for post-mortem, and the police launched an immediate search for suspects. Acting swiftly, the police arrested the main accused, Gagan, son of Jagdish Chandra and a resident of the same locality, in under an hour. Initial interrogation revealed a shocking motive.

Gagan confessed to killing his uncle, suspecting an illicit relationship between Chhabil Das and his wife, Renu (33). On the night of the incident, the two men consumed alcohol together. In a fit of rage, Gagan attacked his uncle with a sharp weapon resembling a 'gandas', fatally slashing his throat. He then fled the scene but was quickly apprehended by the police. Superintendent of Police Siddhant Jain confirmed that a case under serious sections of murder had been registered against the accused at Tohana City police station. "All evidence from the crime scene has been collected. A detailed investigation is underway based on the post-mortem report and technical evidence. Further legal proceedings are being carried out as per due process," he said.

VILLAGERS ALONG
AMBALA-KALA AMB
HIGHWAY DEMAND
TOLL EXEMPTION

Diary Times Desk : Farmers and residents of 11 villages located in the vicinity of the Banaundi toll plaza on the recently opened Ambala-Kala Amb Greenfield Highway have been demanding exemption from toll for free travel. Residents led by the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Tikait) have been staging a dharna for the past five days. They have managed to keep the toll free for the users, causing a revenue loss of Rs 3 lakh a day to the exchequer.

HARYANA HOME SECY, DGP ON DIFFERENT PAGE OVER DISMISSAL RULES

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Home Secretary Dr Sumita Misra and Director General of Police (DGP) Shatrujeet Singh Kapur filed contrary affidavits before the Punjab and Haryana High Court regarding rules concerning dismissal of convicted police officials from criminal courts where the sentence exceeded one month.

At issue was Rule 16.2(2) of the Punjab Police Rules (PPR), as applicable in Haryana. It says that a police officer sentenced to rigorous imprisonment exceeding one month or to any other punishment not less severe, shall, if such sentence is not quashed on appeal or revision, be dismissed." A few police officials were dismissed after their conviction for voluntarily causing hurt, wrongful confinement and framing of an incorrect document.



KHATTAR LAUNCHES 'SWACHH
SHEHAR JODI' INITIATIVE FROM
SONEPAT

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister for Urban Development Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday launched the 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' (SSJ) initiative to clean cities across the country in Sonapat on Saturday. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini also joined the programme from Karnal through video-conferencing. He said Haryana would play a leading role in the SSJ initiative.

Addressing the gathering, Khattar said we had to make the cities of the country clean and dirt-free with the spirit of unity and antyodya. The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, had given two ideas - political freedom and other cleanliness.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi carried forward the idea of cleanliness by launching the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan in 2014, he said. A total of 72 mentor cities and around 200 mentee cities had been added across the country under the SSJ initiative, he added.

KARNAL, SONEPAT MCS TO
MENTOR 10 CIVIC BODIES TO UP
CLEANLINESS RANKING

Diary Times Desk : Karnal and Sonapat Municipal Corporations (MCs), which had secured top honours in the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25, will now guide 10 MCs of Haryana to improve their cleanliness rankings by sharing their successful strategies and best practices.

Karnal, which stood third in its population category and received the Presidential Award, and Sonapat, which earned a Ministerial Award, were both recognised for innovations such as effective door-to-door collection, citizen engagement drives like 'Meri Beat, Meri Pehchan' and others.

This was announced by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini while chairing a meeting with officials and elected representatives of Karnal MC and five MCs - Siwan, Ismailabad, Rajaund, Narnaud and Kalanwali -- while the signing of MoU under 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' campaign of the Union Government. As per the MoU, the Karnal MC will assist Siwan, Ismailabad, Rajaund, Narnaud and Kalanwali, while Sonapat will mentor Hodal, Narnaul, Pataudi Mandi, Faruknagar and Kundli.

TENANTS CAN'T USE RELIGIOUS PREMISES ACT AS SHIELD AGAINST EVICTION
UNDER RENT ACT: HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has held that tenants of religious and charitable institutions cannot resist eviction petitions under the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949, by taking shelter under the Punjab Religious Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Act, 1997. Dismissing a revision petition, Justice Vikas Bahl's Bench made it clear that the 1997 enactment was only an additional remedy for landlords against unauthorised occupants and not a privilege that tenants could claim to avoid eviction under the Rent Act. "The Act of 1998 is a facilitative enactment for the benefit of the landlord against unauthorized occupants and it is not a piece of legislation granting any privilege to a tenant to plead that the action for ejection must be made only under the Act of 1998," Justice Bahl observed. Going into the technical aspect of the matter, the Bench asserted the benefit which a landlord could claim by approaching the authority under the provisions of the Religious Premises Act was not for the tenant. "If the landlord chooses to forfeit his right and takes action for eviction only under the Rent Act treating the tenant as a statutory tenant entitled to be protected.



Remember '90s gaming classic Tekken?

On a wet monsoon evening in Pakistan's bustling city of Lahore, the generators sputter and the lights flicker in Maniax, a grimy but legendary gaming arcade powering the country's unlikely dominance of a lucrative corner of the Esports world.

Three out of the world's top 10 players of the classic Japanese fighting game Tekken are from Pakistan. They're cracking (virtual) skulls on the international circuit, filling the rosters of lucrative Saudi-backed teams and taking home tens of thousands of dollars in prize money.

That's a punchy statistic for a country better known for its recurring political turmoil and where a PlayStation or a PC costs more than the monthly average income. The electricity needed to power it isn't always guaranteed, either.

The first Tekken came out in 1994 and the franchise is now in its eighth installment, with millions of copies sold every time a new version is launched. The game was relatively Players choose from a easily available and cheap stable of fighters for arcades to install in the including kung-fu 1990s and early 2000s, experts, a space ninja making it "more easily available" to young gamers, and a giant panda, to punch, kick, chop and throw their way to a knockout. It's not the most popular game in the billion-dollar Esports market, but it's lucrative. In August, South Korean gamer "Ulsan" took \$250,000 in prize money after winning the Esports World Cup in Tekken 8. Tekken's champion in Pakistan is Arsalan "Ash" Siddique, a quietly assured 30-year-old from Lahore. He wore a squad shirt with his gaming name emblazoned on the back when he met CNN, at the co-working space in a leafy suburb of Lahore where he trains. The room was narrow but studded with his trophies, and on a shelf a golden console glittered among anime figurines. In a bustling market nearby, he featured on a billboard advertisement for a telecoms company. Ash, who practices eight hours every day, is a former ESPN Esports Player of the Year, and the first Red Bull athlete from Pakistan. He's won five back-to-back Evolution Championship Series, tournaments held globally that focus exclusively on fighting games. On a ritzy August weekend in Las Vegas, he clinched his sixth EVO win, taking home \$12,000 in prize money.

That final in Las Vegas was an all-Pakistan affair, with Ash defeating his friend Atif Butt, with whom he'd spent weeks in the Lahore studio, practicing combos of punches, kicks and chops.

But like many other gamers in Pakistan, their skills were forged in public arcades like Maniax. Playing Tekken in private means forking out close to \$700 for a PlayStation – out of reach for most in Pakistan, where the average monthly salary is \$300.

Later that night in Maniax, disheveled gaming chairs were scattered about, and rainwater seeped in from the giant window. "Dil Se," a popular Bollywood tune, played across the speakers as intent gamers pounded their consoles in the flashes of a thunderstorm.

In a corner, a young man repaired and customized arcade joysticks, a precious commodity not available in the country and which retail at about \$300.

Bawaqar Haider, 35, who goes by the game name Soul Dagger, is one of the co-founders of Maniax, and has been a fan of Tekken since he was a kid. In his arcade, he says, "you basically have no discrimination ... the whole arcade is mostly skill-driven." Arcade culture has been the driver of Tekken's popularity in Pakistan, says Butt – who now represents the Saudi Esports organization Team Falcons.



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Will Lanzoni

Amongst other things, the royal spoke about the hardest times of his life, one being the year 2024, when his wife, Kate, Princess of Wales, and his father, King Charles III, were both diagnosed with cancer.

Schitt's Creek

Prince William says 2024 was the hardest year of his life

Prince William has told "Schitt's Creek" star Eugene Levy that 2024 was the hardest year of his life.

The royal made an appearance on Levy's show "The Reluctant Traveler" and spoke about last year, which saw his wife Kate, the Princess of Wales, and his father King Charles III both undergoing cancer treatment.

"I'd say 2024 was the hardest year I've ever had," William was shown telling Levy in a preview of the Apple TV+ episode. "Life is said to test us as well, and being able to overcome that is what makes us who we are."

The preview of the episode, to be aired on Oct. 3, features William showing Levy around Windsor Castle and the pair chatting over a pint at a pub.

Kate said in January that her cancer was in remission, and she has taken on many more public engagements in recent months. Earlier this month she and William played key roles in the royal welcome for President Donald Trump's U.K. state visit.

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The episode will include William walking with Levy on the Windsor grounds with William's dog, Orla, and the pair chatting over a pint at a pub.

"What do you do when you're home?" Eugene asked William, who candidly responded, "Sleep. When you've got three small children, sleep was an important part of my life."

The preview ended with William opening up to Levy about the hardest times of his life and his family's health issues.

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The king and the princess have not revealed what type of cancer they were treated for.

"Each diagnosis, each new case, will be a daunting and at times frightening experience for those individuals and their loved ones," Charles wrote in a booklet given to guests at Buckingham Palace event celebrating cancer charities in April 2025. "But as one among those statistics myself, I can vouch for the fact that it can also be an experience that brings into sharp focus the very best of humanity."

Kate's announcement that she had cancer came just six weeks after the king's. Kate, 43, also did not say what kind of cancer she had, but said she had undergone chemotherapy to treat it. The announcement followed weeks of speculation about Kate's wellbeing. In September 2024, the princess said she had completed chemotherapy and made a return to public duties. In January, she said she was in remission.

While visiting a cancer support center in July 2025, Kate compared cancer recovery to "a roller coaster."

"You go through hard times," the princess said. The difficulties continue even after treatment, she added.

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AS TRUMP GOES AFTER THE ARTS, MANY MUSEUMS REMAIN SILENT

When Amy Sherald, one of the United States' foremost contemporary painters, canceled a major exhibition of her work at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in July, it sent shockwaves through the art world.



Jacquie Palumbo

"That is the power of censorship," said Janet Marstine, a museum ethics scholar, in a phone call. "You only have to do it on select occasions for select institutions to have a domino effect throughout the museum sector."

The decision followed a dispute with curators over how to display a painting that reimaged the Statue of Liberty as a Black, trans woman. Sherald cited censorship, which she later claimed in an op-ed had "taken hold" of the federally funded Smithsonian, cautioning that "history shows us" what happens when governments demand loyalty from cultural institutions.

Sherald's cancellation is just one warning sign of strife at the Smithsonian as the Trump administration takes unprecedented steps to tighten its grip over the eminent museum network. Aiming to eradicate "improper ideology" from its walls, per an executive order in March, the administration has taken aim at displays involving race and gender; called for the National Portrait Gallery's director to be fired (she subsequently resigned); and launched a review of exhibitions to ensure they follow the president's directive to "celebrate American exceptionalism."

demanding that the Smithsonian hand over gallery labels, information on future exhibitions and internal communications on artwork selection. The institution has responded by assembling a team to address the administration's requests.

The American Alliance of Museums (AAM) is among those concerned that the threat of interference stretches far beyond Washington, DC. On August 15, three days after President Donald Trump announced his administration's review, the group issued a statement warning of growing "threats of censorship against US museums," describing "increasing external pressures to modify, remove, or limit exhibitions and programs."

Days later, Trump took to his social media platform, Truth Social, to call museums nationwide "the last remaining segment of 'WOKE,'" adding that — following his systematic targeting of universities — his attorneys would focus on museums next. Like universities, many American art institutions benefit from federal funding, and the Trump administration has gutted agencies that support them (and museums more broadly), with grants worth tens of millions of dollars denied or rescinded as a result.

Despite a growing sense of unease, museum leaders across the country have largely remained silent. CNN sought comment from more than a dozen museum directors and other arts leaders, and those who responded spoke to a hush over the field as institutions avoid attention and, in some cases, self-censor exhibitions or programs that could provoke federal ire. Most, however, failed to respond or declined to comment.

"You have some really prime examples of disappointing museum leadership — museums that are deciding that being stealthy and risk-averse, and canceling (shows) or censoring artists, is the right tack," said Alyssa Nitchun, executive director of New York's Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art, the only major US museum dedicated to LGBTQ art. "And Leslie-Lohman is very much taking the opposite tack."



THE COLLECTION OF WRITER AND CURATOR DANIEL ABADIE: 'HIS TOTAL COMMITMENT TO ARTISTS WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED'

Diary Times Desk : Daniel Abadie was just 18 and still at school when he published his first poetry magazine, *Strophes* ('Stanzas'), from his parents' home on the outskirts of Paris in 1963. The black-and-white publication, featuring texts by the poets Max Jacob and René Char, revealed a schoolboy passion for Surrealism in its heyday and a love affair with the 1920s Marxist magazine *Philosophies*, edited by Pierre Morhange, Henri Lefebvre, Georges Politzer and Norbert Guterman. In the febrile intellectual atmosphere of mid-1960s Paris, Abadie's fanzine attracted interest from the avant-garde, and before long the precocious editor was making a name for himself on the city's art scene.

Over the next 60 years, until his death in 2023, Abadie forged a unique path as a curator and writer. He devised groundbreaking exhibitions for the Grand Palais, the Centre Pompidou and the Jeu de Paume, and reintroduced the public to artists such as the Italian painter Alberto Magnelli and the American Surrealist Dorothea Tanning.

Abadie was a bold and assertive personality, as characterised by Catherine Millet (Catherine M.) in her autobiographical novel *Commencements*, which recounted their lives as twentysomethings in Paris. His enthusiasm for art was honed by his devotion to Surrealism, and he used its tenets to great effect, finding imaginative and subversive ways of sidestepping technical and bureaucratic hurdles.

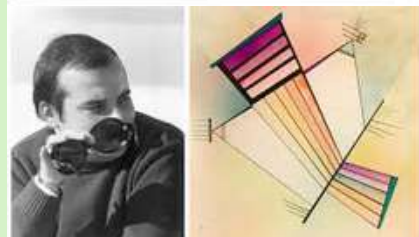
'He gave new visibility to key figures in French abstraction — often swimming against the current of prevailing trends,' says his friend and colleague, France's former Minister of Culture, Rima Abdul Malak.

On 30 September 2025, Collection Daniel Abadie, *Une vie d'artistes* is offered at Christie's in Paris, featuring works by many of the artists the curator and writer championed over the course of his career, among them Jean Dubuffet, Wassily Kandinsky, Sophie Taeuber-Arp and Zao Wou-Ki. 'His sharp, generous gaze and his total commitment to artists will be deeply missed,' says Malak.

Here, we look back at his career through seven of the works on offer.

Jean Hélion, *Nu renversé*, 1949

In 1970, Abadie co-commissioned the exhibition *Hélion: 100 works 1928-1970* at the Grand Palais. At just 25, Abadie was committed to reintroducing the work of Jean Hélion to the French public. The artist had left France for New York in 1934, where he had something of a Damascene conversion to figuration. This was a seismic shift for the painter, who — together with Jean Arp and Theo van Doesburg — had been a pioneer of abstraction in Paris, celebrated for his biomorphic forms.



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

Glamour. Grace. Generosity. The hospitality entrepreneur, arts patron and philanthropist Elaine Wynn is remembered for her heart as much as for her style. Growing up in New York City and Miami Beach, Wynn moved during the late 1960s to Nevada, where she became known as the 'Queen of Las Vegas.' In her adopted city, as well as in Los Angeles and throughout America, she played a vital role in advocating for education and the arts.

One of the many institutions she supported was the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where in 1989 she donated a rose garden in honour of her mother. Inscribed on a commemorative stone in the Lee Pascal Memorial Rose Garden is the opening line of John Keats's *Endymion* (1818): 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Living the adage, Wynn surrounded herself with exquisite art and objects from across the globe. Fundamentally believing the enjoyment of beauty should not be a solitary experience, she simultaneously sought opportunities to share art with others and create a lasting impact. With tenacity and an impeccable eye for beauty, Wynn developed a reputation — and an art collection — that preceded her.

Elaine Wynn: the collector

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

Wynn's collecting journey, which began in the 1980s, was something she enjoyed alongside her daughters. Drawn to what moved her, Wynn collected works spanning the 19th through 21st centuries. 'The joy and thrill my mother experienced when she acquired a painting by Joseph Mallord William Turner or Francis Bacon was no different than the joy and thrill she experienced back in the '80s when her purchases were more modest,' says Gillian Wynn. 'She was a true lover of art and a collector guided by that love. Her pursuits were always driven by authenticity, an uncompromising adherence to the voice of her heart and soul.' Kevyn Wynn continues, 'Our mother lived a life filled with passion, conviction and grace. She had uncompromising standards and we have every confidence that Christie's will uphold her vision and legacy.'



REAL MADRID'S DANI CARVAJAL EL-CLASICO DOUBT AFTER CALF INJURY



Diary Times Desk : Real Madrid defender Dani Carvajal is set to miss around a month after the club diagnosed him with a calf injury on Sunday, making him a doubt for the Clasico in October. The Spain international suffered the problem during the 5-2 defeat by Atletico Madrid on Saturday in La Liga. Real Madrid did not specify an expected absence length, saying his "progress will be monitored" but Spanish media reported he will be out for around a month. Los Blancos face rivals Barcelona in La Liga on October 26 at the Santiago Bernabeu. Carvajal, 33, is also expected to miss Champions League games against Kairat and Juventus, and league clashes with Villarreal and Getafe, as well as Spain's upcoming World Cup qualifiers.

Madrid's other right-back Trent Alexander-Arnold is out with a hamstring injury and also a doubt for the game against Barca, with Fede Valverde an option to fill in there as he has done previously.

FORGET AMORIM'S 'SYSTEM,' MAN UTD PLAYERS GET BLAME - DE LIGT

Diary Times Desk : Matthijs de Ligt insists Manchester United players must take responsibility for poor results amid growing pressure on manager Ruben Amorim.

United suffered a third defeat in six Premier League games this season in losing 3-1 at Brentford on Saturday, while they were also humiliated by League Two Grimsby in the Carabao Cup.

Portuguese boss Amorim has yet to oversee back-to-back league wins during his 10 months in charge and, after last term's 15th-placed finish - their lowest position since 1989-90 - United again reside in the bottom half of the table.

"Of course, I mean it's always easy to look to the manager, but in the end the players on the pitch have to do it," said centre-back De Ligt.

"We can't say the goals we conceded, or the chances we conceded, are because of what... I don't know, you guys always talk about the system.

"That also has a lot to do with focus, concentration and, if that's lacking in key moments, it's going to make a difference."

TWO RED CARDS IN TWO WEEKENDS 'NOT ON ANY FAN'S WISHLIST'



Diary Times Desk : The question going round and round in Enzo Maresca's head must be: how has a red card cost Chelsea yet another game?

Two red cards in two weekends is not a stat Chelsea fans had on their wishlist.

All credit to Brighton though, they capitalised on the player advantage, but Chelsea had been dominant up until the sending off.

Based on the first-half performance, you probably would have expected them to go on and cruise to victory but we watched Chelsea literally unravel in front of us. They survived a scare against Lincoln City in the Carabao Cup midweek, and that was off the back of a first Premier League defeat of the season at Old Trafford.

ATLETICO THRASH LIGA LEADERS REAL MADRID IN GRIPPING DERBY

Diary Times Desk : Julian Alvarez struck twice to earn Atletico Madrid an emphatic 5-2 derby victory over La Liga leaders Real Madrid on Saturday, ending their rivals' perfect start to the season. Xabi Alonso's side had won all six of their opening games but Diego Simeone's Atletico overran them at the Metropolitano stadium, taking the lead through Robin Le Normand. Kylian Mbappe and Arda Guler netted to put Real Madrid in front but Alexander Sorloth levelled for Atletico at the end of a thrilling first half.

Alvarez fired home from the penalty spot and then bent home a free-kick, with Antoine Griezmann grabbing the fifth late on to seal an important win after a shaky start to the campaign, with Atletico rising provisionally to fourth.

"It's a very special day, we knew how important this game was, being a derby of course but also because we needed the three points," Alvarez told DAZN.

"We have to stay on this path, improve the things that need to be improved... we weren't getting the results, but we were playing well."

RUBEN AMORIM SACK LATEST AMID MAN UNITED PRESSURE AS COST REVEALED AND REPLACEMENT RUMOURS

Diary Times Desk : Ruben Amorim has not even been Manchester United manager for an entire whole calendar year but is facing scrutiny over his position at the club.

A 3-1 defeat at Brentford - a third in six total matches in the 2025/26 campaign so far - has left United stranded in 14th place. They are eight points shy of the top of the Premier League, four points off the top-four, and are the same total above the relegation zone at this early stage.

But it was only 11 months ago that Amorim's predecessor, Erik ten Hag, was dismissed after managing to collect only 11 points from their opening nine matches, with his side also sitting 14th at the time.

With results in their current state, Amorim faces the same heavy pressure the Dutchman experienced this time last year.

Seven points after six matches means 2025/26 is United's worst start to a Premier League season since they achieved the same tally at the same stage of the 1992/93 campaign.

Equalling unwanted records such as this is naturally going to pile the pressure right back on Amorim.

There was also the matter of exiting the Carabao Cup at the second round stage to League Two outfit Grimsby Town last month.

JOAO PALHINHA RESCUES A POINT FOR TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR AS WOLVES GET OFF THE MARK

Diary Times Desk : Thomas Frank said the Premier League is "relentless" after his Tottenham side needed Joao Palhinha's stoppage-time strike to salvage a 1-1 draw at home to bottom-of-the-table Wolves on Saturday. The visitors, who had lost all of their previous five league games, were on course for a deserved win through Santiago Bueno's goal on 54 minutes. However, Palhinha provided the quality Tottenham had lacked all night with a brilliant finish four minutes into added time to snatch a point.

Spurs move up to third in the table despite winning just one of their last four league games.

"Of course we'd like the three points but it's good to get one. It's a reminder this league is relentless," said Frank.

"I think the foundation is in a good place. Defending well, working hard, running hard. The offensive part of it is the thing we have to add layers to. I'd have loved us to do more today."

Tottenham had started brightly as Sam Johnstone turned Mohammed Kudus' header from close range onto the bar.

Kudus then arrowed a fine strike into the top corner after a one-two with Lucas Bergvall, but the Ghanaian was flagged offside.

After a slow start, Wolves began to gain a foothold and were close to a half-time lead themselves when former Tottenham defender Matt Doherty hit the woodwork.

