

NEWS IN BRIEF
DAY BEFORE SON'S 18TH BIRTHDAY, DELHI MAN MAKES HIM MURDER PROPERTY DEALER

Diary Times Desk : An 18-year-old youth and his father were apprehended for allegedly brutally murdering a man over an old enmity in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar area, police said on Sunday. The police said the main accused, Khushi Ram (47), a resident of Auchandi village, deliberately carried out the crime just a day before the 18th birthday of his son, who was involved in the murder, so he could benefit from the provisions of juvenile law. Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Chauhan said, "Preliminary probe revealed that the victim had physically assaulted Khushi Ram in 2016 during a property-related dispute, leaving him bedridden for nearly nine months."

TAMIL NADU
STAMPEDE: FIR BLAMES VIJAY FOR 'DELIBERATE DELAY', FLOUTING RULES; SAYS TVK FUNCTIONARIES IGNORED POLICE WARNINGS

Diary Times Desk : TVK chief and actor-politician Vijay "deliberately" reached late at Velusampuram in Karur district, leading to overcrowding and restlessness among the people, gathered to attend his rally on September 27, according to an FIR into the stampede in which at least 41 people have died and 60 were injured.

While the FIR didn't name the TVK chief and was against three party office-bearers: Mathiyalagan (Karur district secretary), Bussy N Anand (state general secretary), and CTR Nirmal Kumar (state joint secretary), it said Vijay held roadshows without permission before reaching Velusampuram, and his vehicle halted amidst a crowd there. It also said TVK party functionaries did not regulate their cadres or heed police warnings against overcrowding.

"Cadres perched atop tin sheets and tree branches, by throwing caution to the wind, fell on people standing below, and as a result, many choked, leading to an abnormal situation", police said in the FIR.

PAPER LEAK IN A GRADUATE LEVEL

The government's sole resolve is to ensure a completely transparent examination process, the chief minister said.

Steps taken over the past four years, including the introduction of the country's toughest anti-cheating (copying) law in the state and the arrest of around a hundred members of the cheating mafia, have been in keeping with that resolve, he said.

The chief minister said that the government has conducted more than 25,000 government recruitments in a transparent manner in the last four years, and there have been no complaints. The paper leak complaint has been raised in only one case. Therefore, the government is fully committed to removing all doubts from the minds of the youth, he said. After listening to the youth's perspective, the chief minister said he was unhappy with the fact that the youths were protesting in the heat during this festive season. He said he could have had this conversation with them in his office also, but seeing their suffering, he decided to come to the protest site and meet them. Dhami had said on Sunday that he was ready for any investigation into the alleged paper leak if required, including by the CBI, but the SIT should be allowed to finish its probe first.

WILL RECOMMEND CBI PROBE INTO ALLEGED PAPER LEAK: UTTARAKHAND CHIEF MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Monday met the youths protesting at the Parade Ground here against the alleged paper leak in a graduate level examination last week and assured them that the state will recommend a CBI probe.

He said an SIT under the supervision of a retired High Court judge has already started its investigation into the allegations related to the exam conducted by the Uttarakhand Subordinate Services Selection Commission.

But since the students are still demanding a CBI investigation, the government will recommend it, Dhami said. "There will be no obstruction in this matter. The government doesn't want to leave any doubts or suspicions in the minds of the youth," Dhami said.

WILL CHIEF JUSTICE BR GAVAI'S MOTHER ATTEND RSS VIJAYADASHAMI EVENT? JURY OUT

Diary Times Desk : Uncertainty persists over Kamaltai R Gavai - Chief Justice of India BR Gavai's mother - attending a Vijayadashami function in Maharashtra's Amravati next week.

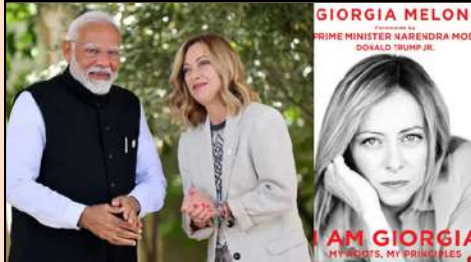
The function, to be held at 6.30 pm on October 5, has been organised by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the ideological mentor of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

Mrs Gavai is not at her residence, and her phone has been switched off. However, her personal assistant in Amravati has said she will neither be present at nor participate in the event.

She had earlier accepted the engagement, RSS sources told NDTV. Invitation cards naming her the 'chief guest' - which were reportedly printed only after organisers received her consent, sources said - have been distributed. Mrs Gavai's apparent change of plans has been linked to pressure over the optics of the mother of the Chief Justice at an event organised by a group with close ties to the federal government. It also follows criticism of the Chief Justice himself, by the right-wing Vishwa Hindu Parishad, over an in-court comment; the Chief Justice told a petitioner to 'pray to Lord Vishnu for the repair of his Vishnu idol'. The VHP declared the remark had "mocked the Hindu faith".

**PIRACY RACKET CAUSING RS 3,700-CRORE LOSS TO TELUGU FILM INDUSTRY, BUSTED**

Diary Times Desk : A sophisticated, multi-state movie piracy racket has been busted with the arrest of five men allegedly responsible for leaking high-profile films and causing estimated losses of Rs 3,700 crore to the Telugu film industry. The operation by the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police uncovered a complex network that used both advanced server hacking and in-theatre cam-cording, with all transactions routed exclusively through cryptocurrency. The arrested individuals are linked to the illegal release of several high-profile and upcoming titles, including HIT 3, Single, Kubera, Hari Hara Veera Mallu, and Game Changer, which were distributed on notorious piracy sites such as TamilBlasters, Movierulz, and Ttamil. The investigation spanned multiple states and exposed various specialized roles within the ring. The kingpin of the racket was Cyril Raj from Tamil Nadu, identified as the mastermind behind the piracy site TamilBlasters. He ran the servers from abroad and is responsible for uploading over 500 films since 2020. His earnings exceeded Rs 2 crore in cryptocurrency over this period, with monthly income from betting apps alone sometimes reaching Rs 9 lakh. Ashwani Kumar from Bihar specialised in hacking digital studio servers to steal pristine HD copies of films before their official release. He reportedly sold these stolen copies for a flat rate of \$800 per movie. The police noted his extreme security measures, which included 22 CCTV cameras around his residence.

PM MODI'S "NARI SHAKTI" MENTION IN FOREWORD TO GIORGIA MELONI'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Diary Times Desk : Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's autobiography gives readers a candid glimpse into her heart and mind, and tells her Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written in the foreword to the Indian edition of the Italian leader's autobiography. The autobiography, I Am Giorgia: My Roots, My Principles, is set to be launched in India by Rupa Publications. In the foreword to the autobiography, Prime Minister Modi has said Prime Minister Meloni's life has "never been about politics or power". "It is about her courage, conviction, and commitment to public service and the people of Italy," he has written. "Over the last 11 years, I have had the privilege of engaging with many world leaders, each with a different life journey. At times, their journeys transcend personal stories and speak to something larger. They remind us of ideals that have endured across cultures and centuries. Prime Minister Meloni has several such instances in her accomplished life, making this book very special. Her journey is inspiring and historic," Prime Minister Modi wrote. He wrote that sections of the press and political analysts were sceptical about how Meloni would fare when she took over. "However, being the remarkable leader that she is, Giorgia Meloni has provided strength and stability to her nation. She has always been pragmatic and committed to furthering global good. She has consistently voiced the interests of Italy with remarkable clarity. At the same time, she has also been deeply attuned to the challenges of our interconnected world, engaging with a clear sense of responsibility and purpose on the global stage," Prime Minister Modi wrote.

GARBA EVENT IN VADODARA**INDIAN-ORIGIN COUPLE APOLOGISES AFTER KISS VIDEO AT GUJARAT GARBA EVENT SPARKS ROW**

Diary Times Desk : An Indian-origin couple has issued an apology after a video of them kissing at a garba event in Vadodara went viral. The video, deemed inappropriate by many on social media, ignited debates on cultural norms and public displays of affection (PDA) during religious festivities. According to a report in Desh Gujarat, the NRI couple left the country after submitting a written apology to the police. The couple, married for 16 years and based in Melbourne, Australia, had travelled to Vadodara to visit their parents and participate in the garba celebrations.

What happened?

The incident took place on September 26 during the United Way Garba, held at the Kalali ground in Vadodara, Gujarat. The event is one of the world's largest Navratri gatherings, attracting 30,000 to 35,000 participants nightly, including NRIs from across the globe. One viral clip captured the couple dancing energetically before the husband lifted his partner and kissed her on the lips. What began as a seemingly romantic moment quickly escalated into a talking point as the footage spread like wildfire on social media platforms. Netizens and locals alike condemned the act as "disrespectful" to the sacred nature of the event, with comments flooding online forums. "This is a sacred site, not a nightclub" one user fumed. Another said, "Obscene acts at garba are unacceptable." Some also defended the couple, with a user questioning, "Ridiculous. How is this obscene? It was a peck... not a passionate kiss. It was just a show of affection." Amid the social media debate, several complaints poured into the Atladra Police Station, leading authorities to trace and summon the couple.

"DOCTORS KUCH KAR NAHIN PAYE, DONO BACHCHE MAR GAYE": CHILD ACTOR VEER SHARMA'S PARENTS AFTER SONS DIE IN KOTA FIRE

Diary Times Desk : A devastating fire claimed the lives of 10-year-old child actor Veer Sharma and his 15-year-old elder brother, Shaurya Sharma, in Kota's Anantpura, Rajasthan. The siblings, who were asleep when smoke engulfed their flat late Saturday night, could not escape in time. Their sudden deaths have left the Sharma family and community in shock. What's Happening The tragedy has shattered Veer and Shaurya's parents. Their mother, actress Rita Sharma, broke down while speaking to CNN-News18 Showsha. "Abhi to bas baithe hue hai hum sab. Kuch samajh nahin aa raha hain kya kare. Bas lagta hai dono abhi daudte hue aa jayenge... par ghar bilkul suna ho gaya hai (Right now we are just sitting here. We don't know what to do. It feels like both of them will come running back any moment... but the house has become completely empty)." Recounting the horrific night, father Jitendra Sharma, a teacher at a Kota coaching institute, said, "Day before yesterday at night, there was an electrical short circuit in our house due to which a lot of fume was generated in the house.

DELHI HIGH COURT RESTRAINS RUPA FROM SELLING RED-AND-BLACK ‘COAT-POCKET’ CONSTITUTION RESEMBLING EBC’S

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court recently restrained Rupa Publications India Pvt. Ltd. from publishing or selling its coat-pocket edition of the Constitution of India, after finding that the trade dress appeared to be deceptively similar to the red-and-black edition published by Eastern Book Company (EBC) [EBC Publishing Private Limited vs. Rupa Publications]. Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora passed the interim injunction order on a suit filed by EBC. The Court observed that the competing editions of the Constitution coat pocket edition were, prima facie, deceptively similar and likely to cause confusion among consumers. “To an unwary consumer of average intelligence and imperfect recollection, the trade dress of the defendant’s impugned coat-pocket editions is likely to appear identical to that of the plaintiffs’ coat-pocket editions. Such a similarity is likely to mislead consumers regarding the source or origin of the said products,” the Court noted. EBC and its publishing arm Eastern Publishing Pvt. Ltd. argued that since 2009, they have been producing portable “coat-pocket” editions of bare acts, marked by a distinctive red-and-black colour combination, specific font, gold leafing, and thin bible paper. These editions, described as one of their flagship products, have built immense goodwill and are widely used by lawyers, judges, politicians and the general public.

Senior Advocates Jayant Mehta and Swati Sukumar, appearing for the plaintiffs, contended that Rupa Publications had imitated essential features of their trade dress, including the colour scheme, font style, gold detailing, and layout, while marketing the competing edition through online and offline channels.

TELANGANA RAINS: REBUILDING AFTER DELUGE

Diary Times Desk : A day after the swollen Musi River inundated several localities and wreaked havoc, floodwaters began to recede across most areas on Sunday, bringing partial relief to residents. Several riverbank colonies, particularly around Chaderghat, remained blanketed in mud and slush, with heaps of waste scattered across lanes and inside homes. Essential household items such as furniture, clothes, utensils, and electronics were left caked in silt as families struggled to clean their flood-hit dwellings. In response, GHMC launched massive cleanup operations in the affected pockets. Sanitation workers were deployed to remove debris, garbage, and silt, while disinfectants were sprayed to prevent outbreaks of vector-borne and waterborne diseases. Officials said the drive would continue until all flood-hit zones are restored to normalcy. At Moosarambagh bridge, workers began dredging and clearing the riverbed, while pump sets were pressed into service to drain stagnant water from low-lying areas. Large-scale disinfection drives were also carried out at the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) and adjoining neighbourhoods. In addition, food was distributed to affected families, and special medical teams were stationed in vulnerable colonies to provide healthcare support and safeguard public health. Beyond government efforts, NGOs have stepped up to support affected families. Terminate Hunger, a five-year-old NGO, has been actively providing relief.

HOW AI IS HELPING DURGA PUJA PANDALS IN KOLKATA



Diary Times Desk : Millions in Kolkata will draw on millennia-old traditions when they celebrate the festival of Durga Puja this week with street parties and worshipping idols in elaborate pavilions. The ancient and divine now increasingly interact with the digital and futuristic as wildly popular artificial intelligence apps help generate new design ideas. “Artisans are now using artificial intelligence to find new designs, helping them to stay updated,” potter Monti Paul said as he admired his statue of the goddess Durga. The statue, made of clay moulded onto a wire-and-straw frame and painted in neon pinks and blues, depicts the 10-armed, three-eyed goddess riding a lion while slaying a demon buffalo in a celebration of the triumph of good over evil.

‘NEW REGIME HAS NO BASIS IN LAW’: ELON MUSK’S X ON HIGH COURT ORDER

Diary Times Desk : X, Twitter in its past avatar, has said it is “deeply concerned” by last week’s Karnataka High Court order – that ‘social media companies cannot be allowed to work unregulated in India’. In a detailed statement on the platform this morning, the Elon Musk-owned company said the High Court order permits “arbitrary takedown orders through a secretive online portal called ‘Sahyog’; the reference was to a federal agency tasked with the creation of an ‘effective framework and ecosystem’ to deal with cybercrime in the country.

“This new regime has no basis in law... (it) circumvents Section 69A of the Information Technology Act... violates Supreme Court rulings... and infringes Indian citizens’ constitutional rights to freedom of speech and expression.”

WEST BENGAL GOVT LAUNCHES

EMERGENCY MEASURES AHEAD OF HEAVY RAIN FORECAST FROM OCTOBER 1

Diary Times Desk : The West Bengal government has initiated emergency measures following forecasts of heavy rainfall from 1 October, a senior official said on Sunday. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has issued instructions to officials, and is said to be closely monitoring the developing situation. “Taking note of the situation, we have initiated comprehensive emergency measures. All departments concerned have been put on alert. The Chief Minister is personally overseeing developments,” the official told PTI. Twelve people have lost their lives in recent incidents of torrential rain and electrocution in Kolkata and adjoining areas. To manage the situation, the administration has set up a control room, where a senior IAS officer will be stationed.

“Round-the-clock monitoring will be ensured. The control room will remain operational throughout the festive season, from 26 September to 7 October, 20–24 October, and 27–28 October,” the official added.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SURYA KANT HAS CONCERNS OVER THIS PROVISION OF MEDIATION ACT

Diary Times Desk : Supreme Court Justice Surya Kant on September 28 expressed concern over a provision in the Mediation Act, 2023. Justice Kant said the clause allowing challenges to mediated settlements, otherwise not fit for mediation, has been worded too widely and could lead to full fledged trial before the civil court thereby, defeating the purpose of mediation. “My worry is about clause 4 of sub-section 2... where it says mediation settlement can be challenged where the mediation was conducted in disputes or matters not fit for mediation under Section 6. This is too wide and too open which at times will invite a full fledged trial before civil court despite a settlement and this issue needs to be looked at,” Justice Kant said. He was speaking the 2nd National Mediation Conference in Odisha. Justice Kant also stressed that the government and its entities must take the lead in adopting mediation. In this regard, he stressed for implementation of Section 49 of Mediation Act which mandates obtaining a prior written consent from a competent authority before signing settlement agreements related to disputes involving the State.

SUPREME COURT RETHINKS
ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN
MURDER CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has intervened in a high-profile murder case, overturning the Patna High Court's decision to grant anticipatory bail to two accused individuals. This move underscores the top court's commitment to balancing individual liberties with victims' rights.

Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta criticized the Patna High Court for hastily granting bail, citing a lack of adequate reasoning and failure to involve the complainant. The court reiterated that engaging jurisdiction responsibly can protect both accused and victims.

The apex court's order compels the accused to surrender within four weeks, allowing them to apply for regular bail. The ruling reflects the judiciary's cautious approach to using discretionary powers judiciously, particularly in serious cases such as murder.

'I LOVE MUHAMMAD'
BANNER CONTROVERSY:
HOW ROUTINE
DECORATION IN KANPUR
SPARKED NATIONWIDE
PROTESTS, CRACKDOWNS

Diary Times Desk : What began as a seemingly routine decoration in Kanpur on the eve of Eid Milad-un-Nabi has spiraled for over three weeks into one of the most volatile religious controversies in recent days. A single illuminated banner reading 'I Love Muhammad', put up in the Syed Nagar locality on September 4, has triggered crackdowns, FIRs, detentions, arrests, internet shutdowns, political sparring and a wave of protests stretching from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand to Gujarat and Maharashtra.

The immediate flashpoint this weekend was Bareilly, where a post-Friday prayer protest called by Muslim cleric Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan turned violent, prompting police action, detentions, arrests and an internet shutdown. The controversy has since assumed political, legal and communal dimensions, raising questions about religious expression, constitutional rights and law-and-order management. The controversy's most explosive fallout came in Bareilly on September 26. Shortly after Friday prayers, hundreds of people poured into the streets near Islamia locality, answering the call of influential cleric Maulana Tauqeer Raza Khan, the leader of the Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC). He urged Muslims to join the nationwide 'I Love Muhammad' campaign, which had originated in Kanpur weeks earlier.

LADAKH TOURISM TAKES A HIT AMID VIOLENT
PROTESTS IN LEH



Diary Times Desk : Ladakh's tourism sector, already reeling from setbacks earlier this season, has been dealt another blow with the curfew in Leh following last week's violence.

Stakeholders said the industry was first hit by widespread cancellations after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, and the fresh disturbances have further dented travellers' confidence.

An indefinite curfew was imposed in Leh town on September 24 following clashes during a shutdown called by a constituent of Leh Apex Body, which has been spearheading an agitation for statehood and the extension of Sixth Schedule to Ladakh. Four people were killed and over 150 others injured in the violence. Barring a four-hour relaxation in two phases on Saturday afternoon, the town remained under strict curfew for the sixth consecutive day on Monday with mobile internet services suspended.

CHHATTISGARH: CM SAI HAILS PM
MODI AT GST 2.0 REFORMS EVENT,
FELICITATES PADMA SHRI AWARDEES

Diary Times Desk : Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Monday attended the GST 2.0 Reforms "Dhanyawad Modi Ji" programme at the Medical College Auditorium in Raipur. CM Deo said that the GST reforms have brought historic changes in the economic sector, directly benefitting the common people. He added that reduction in GST rates has brought happiness to the lives of 140 crore Indians. On the occasion, the Chief Minister felicitated Padma Shri awardees from Chhattisgarh and national-level players. The programme was organised by the Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Raipur Division.

Addressing the gathering, CM Sai said that the GST reforms were a historic and bold decision taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that under PM Modi's leadership, many such decisions have been taken which were once considered impossible.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS TRAINING
FOR TWO DELHI JUDGES OVER FLAWED
BAIL TO ACCUSED IN ₹6 CRORE
CHEATING CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court recently came down heavily on the manner in which bail was granted to a couple accused of duping a private company of over ₹6 crore [M/S Netsity Systems Pvt Ltd. vs. The State Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Anr.].

A Bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and SVN Bhatti held that the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) and the Sessions Judge of Karkardooma Court had failed to apply settled principles while granting and upholding bail to the accused.

The Court directed that both officers undergo a minimum of seven days of training at the Delhi Judicial Academy.

The Court also ordered a departmental inquiry into the conduct of the investigating officer after noting serious lapses on the part of the police.

"I WAS LUCKY": WOMAN REVEALS HOW SHE AVOIDED DELHI SLEAZE
BABA'S ASHRAM

Diary Times Desk : A young woman who narrowly avoided getting admission at self-styled godman Chaitanyananda Saraswati, now under arrest for alleged sexual harassment and intimidation of students, has come forward with her account of what she describes as a troubling encounter. Speaking to NDTV, the student recounted how she was nearly drawn into his institution last year but ultimately declined, a decision she now calls a matter of "luck."

Her testimony adds to the list of women who have accused the 62-year-old godman of sexual harassment at a Delhi-based management institute. The student said she first approached Chaitanyananda's institute in October last year, carrying her academic documents in the hope of securing admission. According to her, Chaitanyananda personally assured her of an "internship opportunity" with financial support and claimed that the institute offered digitalised learning platforms and career prospects abroad.



UAE ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW VISIT VISA CATEGORIES, AMENDMENTS TO ENTRY PERMIT**Diary Times Desk :**

The UAE has introduced four new visit visa categories on Monday, granted to specialists in Artificial Intelligence, entertainment, events, cruise ships, and luxury yachts.

The move is part of some key amendments and additions to entry visa regulations unveiled by the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security (ICP).

The new regulations aim to "reinforce the UAE's approach of openness to the world and its efforts to attract talent, expertise, and entrepreneurs in the fields of technology—particularly artificial intelligence—as well as entertainment and tourism."

"DOUBLE" RAFALE THREAT FOR CHINA! AFTER INDIA'S 114 AIRCRAFT PLAN, TAIWAN MULLS ACQUIRING FRENCH JETS TO REPLACE MIRAGE-2000

Diary Times Desk : Taiwan is reportedly considering acquiring Rafale fighter jets to replace its aging Mirage 2000 fleet, aiming to modernize its air force and enhance the island's air defense amid increasing tensions with China. Meanwhile, earlier this month, the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) received the delivery of its 300th J-20 fighter jet, which is fast emerging as the frontline fighter jet for the PLAAF.

The milestone was announced when a J-20 fighter jet, bearing the construction number 'CB10300', was displayed at the Changchun Air Show in Jilin Province.

Additionally, a leaked 800-page report, vetted and published by the Center for Defence Reforms in Kyiv and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London, suggests that China is learning the lessons of Russia's 2014 Crimea invasion, which could be replicated in a potential invasion of Taiwan.

"Based on documents obtained by hackers from the Black Moon group, experts from the Royal United Services Institute for Defense and Security Studies (RUSI) have provided a factual analysis and forecast of the danger posed by the Russian-Chinese project aimed at preparing an airborne assault by the Chinese army on Taiwan in 2027," the hacking group Black Moon said in a post on X.

AMID TRUMP-MUNIR PHOTO-OPS, US ANALYST SAYS 'REALITY CHECK IS IN ORDER'

Diary Times Desk : An audience with Donald Trump, crucial deals across critical areas, and increased engagements with high-ranking US officials: Pakistan is indeed having its moment in the sun amid Washington's diplomatic largesse over the recent months.

Recently, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and army chief Asim Munir met Trump in the Oval Office, clinching another opportunity to project Islamabad as a close US ally in the aftermath of escalation with India in May.

It was also a rare chance – post the 2021 US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan – to use its position to help Trump win back the Bagram airbase and capitalise on broader global interests vis-a-vis the Middle East. However, US-based analyst Michael Kugelman noted that the resurgence in bilateral ties, though real, are quite "aspirational and exploratory" in nature.

TRUMP FLAUNTS 24-KARAT GOLD IN OVAL OFFICE, SAYS WORLD LEADERS "FREAK OUT"

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump shared visuals of lavish gold decorations in the Oval Office and Cabinet Room on Sunday. He described them as "some of the highest quality 24 Karat Gold," claiming that visiting world leaders were flabbergasted upon seeing them.

Flaunting gaudy touches on X, he wrote, "Some of the highest quality 24 Karat Gold used in the Oval Office and Cabinet Room of the White House."

The video showed gold-coloured wall mouldings that looked ready to be installed in the White House. "Foreign Leaders and everyone else, 'freak out' when they see the quality and beauty. Best Oval Office ever, in terms of success and look!!!" he added.

He signed the post with, "President DJT."

The video quickly spread online with many criticising the timing of the post.

The internet users pointed out that while Americans are facing serious challenges, such as farmers losing their land, millions at risk of losing healthcare and food assistance, and ongoing conflicts abroad in Ukraine and Gaza, it is not appropriate for Trump to post about luxury decorations in the Oval Office.

DENMARK, RATTLED BY MYSTERIOUS UAV SIGHTINGS, BANS DRONE FLIGHTS AHEAD OF EUROPEAN UNION SUMMIT

Diary Times Desk : Denmark has temporarily banned civil drone flights in its airspace as it prepares to host a top European Union meeting on defense and the war in Ukraine, and after a surge of suspicious drone activity at several airports and military sites last week. The ban, which runs from Monday to Friday, aims to eliminate any risk of "hostile" drones being mistaken for legal ones or vice versa, the country's transport minister Thomas Danielson told CNN.

Several unexplained sightings of drones over civilian airports and a military base were reported in Denmark last week. The incidents forced several airports to temporarily close and disrupted travel for tens of thousands of people.

3 FROM ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS KILLED IN BANGLADESH DURING PROTESTS OVER RAPE

Diary Times Desk : At least three people were shot dead in firing by security forces during protests in Bangladesh's Khagrachhari over the alleged gangrape of a girl belonging to an ethnic minority.

Protests intensified on Sunday leading to traffic being suspended on several roads and additional forces being deployed in Khagrachhari. Additionally, the Bangladesh Army was also deployed in the region.

The Bangladesh Army has issued an official statement in response to the violence on September 27 and 28. "During a blockade, some protesters allegedly threw stones and bricks at patrolling army personnel, injuring three soldiers. Despite the provocation, the army said it responded with restraint, patience, and humanity, refraining from the use of force," according to the Bangladesh Army statement.

Protests began on the night of September 23, following the rape of a schoolgirl from the minority Marma community in Khagrachhari. Days of unrest continued in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. Protesters from the Marma and Mog communities also alleged that homes of people from indigenous communities of the region were burnt down.

SETBACK FOR INDIA'S ACCESS TO AFGHANISTAN AND CENTRAL ASIA

Diary Times Desk : At a time when a trade deal between India and the US is being negotiated, the Trump administration has dealt a fresh blow to India's strategic ambitions by withdrawing its sanctions waiver for the Chabahar port in Iran. This all-weather, deep draft port that sits at the mouth of the Gulf of Oman is India's gateway to Afghanistan that bypasses Pakistan. Chabahar is also part of the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) that enables greater access to Central Asia. India's involvement through operating Chabahar's Shahid Beheshti terminal since 2017-18 is integral to its larger drive to open up fresh trade routes as it makes for compelling geoeconomics. This is also evident in its involvement in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. India's ambitions have suffered from the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" to isolate Iran through revoking the sanctions.



"KYRGYZSTAN IS REASONABLE FOR STUDENTS," HONORARY CONSUL OF
KYRGYZSTAN IN CHENNAI SAYS



Diary Times Desk : Prakash Rao Venkata Ramana Duvvuri, Honorary Consul Kyrgyz Republic in Chennai said that Kyrgyzstan is reasonable for Indian students to pursue medical field.

"Kyrgyzstan is very reasonable. The entire cost of medical education there is not more than 25 lakhs for all the five years. Whereas 25 lakhs is nothing for medical education in this country. In this country, we talk of 1 crore 75 lakhs minimum. As I said, 25 lakhs is maximum cost, including maintenance and all that. So that's why today you find 10,000 students from South of India doing medicine there. And overall from India around 20,000 students are there. A lot of students go into Russia for education," he told ANI.

Duvvuri said that all these nations were once a part of the Soviet Union, and these countries are preferred for the safety and security they offer.

"All these countries were a part of Soviet Union at one time. They got separated in 1992, I think, Kyrgyzstan got separated. So the country is developing after the independence. Among the neighboring countries, here safety and stability is very good. Not only safety of people, stability of the government and all is very good here. No problems," he said.

Duvvuri said that he was proud of the opening of the consulate, as Tamil Nadu significantly contributes to the GDP of the country and it is a huge moment for the state.

8 DEAD, 17 MISSING AS TYPHOON
BUALOI TEARS THROUGH VIETNAM

Diary Times Desk : Typhoon Bualoi tore through Vietnam's coast on Monday, killing eight people and leaving 17 others missing as strong winds and rain damaged houses, knocked out power and flooded roads before the storm lost some strength as it headed towards Laos.

Bualoi had moved along the country's northern central coastline before making landfall early on Monday, causing waves as high as eight metres, the national weather agency said.

Seventeen fishermen were missing after huge waves hit two fishing boats off Quang Tri province, while another fishing boat lost contact during the storm, the government's disaster management agency said.

TWO DEAD, 22 INJURED AS
THOUSANDS PROTEST AGAINST PAK
GOVERNMENT IN POK

Diary Times Desk : Two people were killed and 22 injured Monday in violent clashes amid protests against the Pakistan government in Muzaffarabad in Pak-occupied Kashmir. Sources told NDTV armed thugs backed by the Pak Army and the ISI-backed Muslim Conference were seen firing on civilians demanding basic rights.

Videos of the violence - shared online by Pak news channels - underlined the chaos on the streets.

In one video men can be seen firing guns into the air while others climb on top of cars surrounded by a sea of flag-waving, slogan-chanting agitators. In another a protester showed a handful of spent bullets.

TRUMP CONSIDERING SUPPLYING UKRAINE WITH LONG-RANGE MISSILES,
VANCE SAYS



Diary Times Desk : The US is considering a request by Ukraine for long-range Tomahawk missiles, US Vice-President JD Vance has said. However, Vance added President Donald Trump would be making "the final determination" on the matter.

Kyiv has long been calling for its Western partners to provide it with weapons that could hit major Russian cities far from the front line, arguing that they would help Ukraine seriously weaken Russia's military industry and bring the war to an end.

"If the cost of continuing the war for Moscow is too high, it will be forced to start peace talks," deputy defence minister Ivan Havryliuk told the BBC.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov played down Vance's suggestion, saying there was "no panacea that can change the situation on the front for the Kyiv regime." "Whether it's Tomahawks or other missiles, they won't be able to change the dynamic," he added.

Tomahawk missiles have a range of 2,500 km (1,500 miles), which would put Moscow within reach for Ukraine.

ETGE CONDEMNS CHINA'S
XINJIANG ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION AS
"COLONIAL PROPAGANDA"

Diary Times Desk :

The East Turkistan Government-in-Exile (ETGE) has strongly denounced China's commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, calling the event a political stunt aimed at concealing decades of repression and occupation in the region it refers to as East Turkistan.

In a statement issued on its office website, the ETGE described the anniversary ceremony, overseen by Chinese President Xi Jinping and top Communist Party officials, as a "staged gathering" that serves to legitimize China's control over the territory. The group claimed that Beijing's use of terms such as "autonomy," "unity," and "modernisation" is part of a broader effort to disguise systemic human rights abuses.

"There is nothing to celebrate, the 1955 designation of the 'Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region' was an attempt to mask China's military occupation and colonisation of East Turkistan," the statement reads.

KHALED BIN MOHAMED BIN
ZAYED CHAIRS ABU DHABI
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING

Diary Times Desk : Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, has affirmed the leadership's commitment to further enhancing the quality of life for Emirati families by developing community services and improving infrastructure and facilities across residential areas and neighbourhoods.

Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan underscored that citizens' wellbeing remains at the heart of all government priorities to continue strengthening social cohesion and contributing to the UAE's development journey.

Chairing the Abu Dhabi Executive Council meeting, he approved a AED42 billion expansion of the Liveability Strategy to deliver further projects that enhance quality of life by ensuring seamless access to essential facilities in line with the highest quality standards.

The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the first phase of the strategy, which is being implemented under the supervision of the Department of Municipalities and Transport. The initial results show that the average integration of residential neighbourhoods across the emirate reached 81 percent in 2025, up from 67 percent prior to the strategy's introduction in 2023.

INDIA, BHUTAN SIGN MOU TO ESTABLISH FIRST CROSS-BORDER RAILWAY LINKS

Diary Times Desk : Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri held consultations today with Foreign Secretary of Bhutan Aum Pema Choden, the Ministry of External Affairs said in an official statement.

The Foreign Secretaries reviewed the full spectrum of bilateral engagements and noted the progress achieved in all key areas of cooperation. Specifically, they welcomed the successful commissioning of all six units of the 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II hydropower project, which is a major milestone in the realization of the India-Bhutan Joint Vision on Energy Partnership. They also expressed satisfaction at the ongoing development cooperation projects and initiatives being undertaken with Government of India support under Bhutan's 13th Five Year Plan, which were progressing well and bringing tangible benefits to the people of Bhutan.



"MODI, YOU ARE A WINNER," SAYS JOKORYU TAKAYUKI, JAPANESE SUMO WRESTLER

Diary Times Desk : Japanese Sumo Wrestler Jokoryu Takayuki greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday and performed the Shiomaki ritual to ward off evil spirits and strengthen him, the Indian Minorities Foundation (IMF) said in a post on X. As part of 'Vishwa Sewa Pakhwada,' Jokoryu Takayuki, the youngest Japanese Sumo wrestler, performed the famous Shiomaki ritual in the Sumo wrestling ring in Tokyo, throwing salt as part of the ceremony. According to the IMF, the ritual, deeply rooted in Shinto beliefs, serves both spiritual purification and the purpose of warding off evil spirits. "Modi; you are a winner; I am also a winner. We both win battles," said Jokoryu Takayuki while extending his greetings. He also stated, "That I look forward to seeing even more great things from you in the future. Keep up the great work."

"JAPAN SHOULD LEARN FROM INDIA ON RAPID ADVANCEMENT IN FIELD OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION": NOBEL LAUREATE TAKAAKI KAJITA



Diary Times Desk : Japanese Nobel laureate Takaaki Kajita praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for Indo-Japan collaboration in science and technology, highlighting India's remarkable rise in the Global Innovation Index (GII), according to an official statement. Kajita, a renowned physicist, attributed India's growth to the Modi government's strategic focus on research and development (R&D). He praised India's rapid advancement in the Global Innovation Index during the last 11 years, according to the statement.

During the recent Japan visit, PM Modi had called for a joint collaboration between Indian talent and Japanese technology to create a next-generation tech revolution. Takaaki, along with 20 renowned Japanese scientists, signed a resolution to extend support to PM Modi's vision for Indo-Japan joint partnership in the field of research and innovation.

INDIA, KENYA STRENGTHEN MARITIME COOPERATION WITH FOCUS ON INDIAN OCEAN SECURITY

Diary Times Desk : Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, is on an official visit to India. He was received by Chief of Naval Staff Adm Dinesh K Tripathi with a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the South Block Lawns in New Delhi.

Discussions during the visit focused on a broad spectrum of maritime cooperation, enhancing operational, training, and hydrographic engagements, including the conduct of multilateral Exercise Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME). The visit reinforces the strong maritime relationship between Kenya and India and will further promote peace and stability in the Indian Ocean Region. Building on this engagement, Major General Otieno also called on COAS General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday and held discussions on advancing bilateral defence cooperation between the two maritime neighbours.

Sharing details in a post on X, the ADGPI said the leaders deliberated on enhancing regional security, the prevailing geostrategic environment in the Indian Ocean Region, and reaffirmed their shared commitment to peace and stability. Earlier on Monday, the Kenyan Navy Commander received the Guard of Honour in the national capital and paid tribute at the National War Memorial. He is on an official visit to India from September 28 to October 2.

UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER OFFERS £3,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIAN STUDENTS IN JANUARY 2026 INTAKE

Diary Times Desk : The University of Worcester is enhancing opportunities for Indian students by offering merit-based scholarships of up to £3,000 per year for postgraduate courses commencing in January 2026, according to an official release. This reflects the increasing demand among Indian students for UK degrees that combine academic excellence with career-focused learning and internationally recognized qualifications. Interest from India is growing rapidly, with a significant rise in applications for the January 2026 intake, underscoring Worcester's commitment to providing accessible, globally relevant education that equips graduates for the workforce.

NO OXYGEN, NO PROBLEM! WATCH THIS POLISH SKIER'S DARING EVEREST DESCENT



Diary Times Desk : Polish ski mountaineer Andrzej Bargiel has etched his name in the record books by becoming the first person to climb Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen and then ski down to Base Camp. This groundbreaking feat showcases Bargiel's exceptional physical endurance, mental toughness and meticulous planning. The video was shared by @andrzejbargiel on Instagram.

Climbing Everest's "death zone" above 8,000 metres poses significant risks due to low oxygen levels, which can cause brain damage, fluid buildup in the lungs and even death. Bargiel spent nearly 16 grueling hours navigating this treacherous terrain without bottled oxygen.

Bargiel's ski descent was a thrilling and perilous ride. He skied through the notorious Khumbu Icefall, a maze of ice towers and deep crevasses, with the help of his brother Bartek, who operated a drone to guide him through the treacherous terrain.

HURRICANE HUMBERTO, TROPICAL STORM IMELDA THREATEN BERMUDA, BAHAMAS

Diary Times Desk : Hurricane Humberto is expected to produce dangerous surf for Bermuda and the US East Coast this week while Tropical Storm Imelda is strengthening near the Bahamas, forecasters said.

Humberto remained a powerful Category 4 storm in the Atlantic early on Monday, and a Tropical Storm Watch was in effect for Bermuda, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said.

At 2 am EDT, Humberto was located about 645 km south-southwest of Bermuda, moving northwest at 22 kmph with maximum sustained winds of 220 kmph, the centre reported.

The storm is expected to gradually turn before accelerating east-northeast by late Tuesday or early Wednesday. Humberto's intensity could fluctuate in the coming days before weakening, but it was forecast to remain a dangerous major hurricane over the next couple of days.

NOT THE BRITISH, BUT INDIAN SOLDIERS LIBERATED US FROM OTTOMANS: MAYOR OF ISRAEL'S HAIFA CITY

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli city of Haifa on Monday paid tributes to fallen Indian soldiers, with the Mayor noting that the city's school history books are being changed to correct that it was Indian troops and not the British who liberated the city from Ottoman rule.

"I was born in this city and graduated from here. Constantly we were told that this city was freed by the British till somebody from the Historical Society knocked at my door one day and said that they have done a thorough research and found that it wasn't the British but the Indians who freed this city (from the Ottomans)," said Mayor of Haifa, Yona Yahav.

He made the remarks while addressing a gathering at the Indian cemetery of fallen soldiers during a ceremony to pay tributes to their bravery.

"In every school, we are changing the texts and saying that it wasn't the British, but the Indians who liberated us," Yahav said.

During World War I, Indian cavalry regiments armed with spears and swords cleared the Ottoman forces from the rocky slopes of Mt Carmel under all odds to liberate the city, in what most war historians consider "the last great cavalry campaign in history".

TAMIL NADU STAMPEDE: CHINA EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : China on Monday expressed "deep condolences" and sympathies to the families of those killed in a stampede at actor-politician Vijay-led rally in Tamil Nadu's Karur town.

Forty-one persons were killed and dozens injured in the stampede on Saturday.

"We express our deep condolences for the victims, and our heart goes out to their families and those who are injured," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a media briefing here while responding to a question.

He said that the Chinese embassy in India expressed its sympathy and condolences.

There were no reports of any deaths or injuries to any Chinese nationals in the incident, he said.

JAISHANKAR MEETS CANADIAN FM ANITA ANAND IN NEW YORK, CONCLUDES HIGH-LEVEL WEEK AT UNGA 80

Diary Times Desk : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand in New York on Monday, marking a significant step in rebuilding ties between the two countries.

Jaishankar welcomed the recent appointment of High Commissioners, describing it as a "welcome step" in strengthening diplomatic relations.

"A good meeting with FM @AnitaAnandMP of Canada this morning in New York.

The appointment of High Commissioners is welcome as we rebuild ties. Discussed further steps in that regard today. Look forward to welcoming FM Anand in India," Jaishankar wrote on X.

HERVE DELPHIN HIGHLIGHTS ALIGNMENT OF PLANETS, SYMBOLISING DYNAMICS OF INDIA-EU RELATIONS

Diary Times Desk : The EU's Ambassador to India, Herve Delphin, stated that the India-EU relationship has reached a pivotal moment, with both sides poised to elevate their strategic ties to the next level in his keynote address at the launch of Issue 5 of India's World Magazine, titled "Cultivating Europe: Navigating India-EU Strategic Ties."

The event, hosted in partnership with the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, explored the trajectory of India-Europe relations against a backdrop of global disorder, shifting alliances and a rapidly evolving Indo-Pacific. Delphin highlighted the alignment of planets, symbolising the dynamics of the India-EU relationship. He noted that the recent visit of the European Commission President to Delhi and the release of a landmark political document on the EU-India Strategic Agenda demonstrate the EU's commitment to deepening ties with India.

"When President von der Leyen met with Prime Minister Modi on the occasion of the unprecedented visit of the College of the European Commission to Delhi last February, she told him: 'the Planets are aligned.'



MCDONALD’S IS BRINGING BACK MONOPOLY AFTER A DECADE — WITH A HIGH-TECH TWIST

Diary Times Desk : McDonald’s is rebooting a fan-favorite game after a decade in an effort to spur sales. Once a cultural phenomenon, and even the subject of scandal, Monopoly is back.

The promotion is returning to US restaurants on October 6 for a limited time, but not in the way many of us remember. The physical board to track peeled-off pieces isn’t coming back. Rather, the game is getting a digital makeover that is largely played in the McDonald’s app for registered members of its loyalty program.

However, the physical game pieces will appear on some food items, such as a large fry box, which then can be peeled and scanned into the app to redeem. Digital game pieces are also available for orders through the app on select orders. (A full list of eligible food and rules is listed here.)

If all pieces of a property are collected, customers can redeem prizes such as free food and bonus reward points. Some of the largest prizes include 1 million American Airlines miles and a new Jeep Grand Cherokee. There’s even a \$1 million cash prize for one lucky player.

MUSK’S X IS ‘GO-TO PLATFORM’ FOR ANTISEMITISM, STUDY FINDS

Diary Times Desk : Elon Musk’s X is the “go-to platform for antisemitic posters,” according to a new year-long study shared exclusively with CNN.

The research, by the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, found that not only is antisemitism rampant on the platform, but also that the crowdsourced community notes are failing to effectively moderate posts — with just over 1% of the most-viewed antisemitic posts the group studied getting a community note fact-check.

Accounts with many followers that post antisemitic content, whom the study dub as antisemitic influencers.

WHO IS GEORGE SOROS, THE FAMED PHILANTHROPIST UNDER ATTACK?

Diary Times Desk : Billionaire investor George Soros, whose left-leaning donations have triggered criticism from right-wingers for years, has long been painted as “the puppet master and the extreme left-wing manipulator,” as he once sarcastically described himself. Most of the conspiracy theories involving Soros, 95, have also targeted his nonprofit, Open Society Foundations, which was founded decades ago and is now chaired by his son, Alex Soros. Among the accusations against the Soros-led organization are claims by President Donald Trump that it funds violent protesters. The vitriol against George Soros resurfaced in the Oval Office on Thursday, when Trump told reporters he thought Soros was a “likely candidate” for an investigation just days after he instructed Attorney General Pam Bondi to seek criminal charges against former FBI Director James Comey, California Sen. Adam Schiff and New York Attorney General Leticia James. “If you look at Soros, he’s at the top of everything,” Trump added. “He’s in every story that I read, so I guess he’d be a likely candidate.” Trump’s comments weren’t out of the blue. In August, he said George and Alex Soros should be charged with racketeering.



GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS USUALLY DON’T HURT THE ECONOMY. THIS TIME COULD BE DIFFERENT

Diary Times Desk : Government shutdowns can be political earthquakes that paralyze Washington, DC. But for the economy, shutdowns are often barely a blip.

Whatever economic damage occurs during that time tends to be limited and quickly fixed. Even the last government shutdown – the record-long 35-day shutdown in 2018–2019 – had few long-lasting impacts on the US economy and financial markets.

That could very well be the case again this time around, especially if the looming shutdown proves to be brief. Yet there are reasons this episode could be different – and not in a good way. The US economy in 2025 looks more vulnerable than during past budget fights. The job market is stumbling, and the Trump administration is threatening even more federal layoffs. A government shutdown would just add more chaos and uncertainty, at a time when there is already plenty of both.



NATIONAL COFFEE DAY 2025: FREE DRINKS AT DUNKIN’, SMOOTHIE KING AND MORE

Diary Times Desk : Large and small coffee chains nationwide are celebrating National Coffee Day on Monday with free cups of joe and other deals.

This year is especially important as chains try to reel in consumers who have been cutting back on discretionary spending. Americans have grown more cost-conscious due to fears of higher inflation, which have worsened in part due to President Donald Trump’s aggressive trade policy.

Coffee prices have jumped since Trump took office, which can be concerning for the roughly 66% of American adults who drink a cup every day, according to the National Coffee Association (NCA). Retail coffee prices in the United States rose nearly 21% in August compared to the same month last year — the largest annual jump since October 1997, according to the Consumer Price Index.



JARED KUSHNER’S FIRM
AND THE SAUDIS ARE
TAKING VIDEO GAME
MAKER EA PRIVATE IN A
MASSIVE DEAL

Diary Times Desk :
Video game maker Electronic Arts is going private in a \$55 billion deal that’s funded by Saudi Arabia and a Jared Kusher-backed investment firm.

The company, which makes hits like “Madden NFL,” “The Sims,” and “Battlefield,” announced Monday that the consortium is led by Saudi Arabia’s Public Investment Fund, Silver Lake, and Kushner’s Affinity Partners. They are paying shareholders \$210 per share — making it the largest buyout on record.

Shares of EA (EA) jumped about 5% in early trading. The purchase is a 25% premium on Friday’s closing price prior to reports of a buyout, first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

“Our creative and passionate teams at EA have delivered extraordinary experiences for hundreds of millions of fans, built some of the world’s most iconic IP, and created significant value for our business,” said EA CEO Andrew Wilson in a press release.

CHIPOTLE HOPES A
SPICY NEW SAUCE
LURES IN MORE GEN Z
EATERS

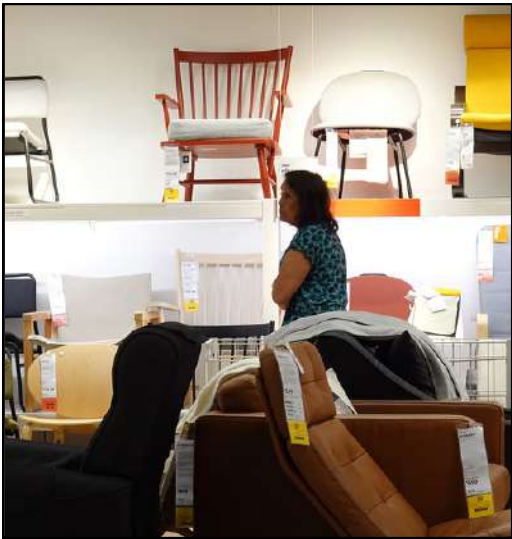
Diary Times Desk : Chipotle is releasing a new sauce that appeals to Gen Z eaters to help the company rebound from two consecutive quarters of slumping sales.

Beginning September 30, the chain is adding for a limited time Red Chimichurri, a new side that targets younger eaters looking for spicy flavors and sauces. The sauce, priced at \$1, is made fresh daily with roasted garlic, fresh cilantro, chili peppers and citrus juice.

“When we add new things in, it gets people interested in Chipotle again and gets incremental visits from existing consumers as well as brings new consumers in,” Chris Brandt, Chipotle’s president and chief brand officer, told CNN.

The June launch of Adobo Ranch, another spicy, limited-time item, successfully lured in new guests and jumpstarted sales, he said.

TRUMP VOWS TO ENACT ‘SUBSTANTIAL’ TARIFFS ON IMPORTED
FURNITURE



Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump threatened Monday to impose “substantial Tariffs on any Country that does not make its furniture in the United States,” he wrote in a Truth Social post. “Details to follow!!!” he added.

This comes after he announced last week that a 50% tariff on kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, as well as a 30% tariff on upholstered furniture, would go into effect later this week.

It’s unclear how Trump’s latest tariff threat would work; businesses, not countries, manufacture furniture. Typically, sectoral duties are charged uniformly regardless of the country of origin.

Trump’s post, however, appears to hint at a tariff scheme that could call for higher levies on countries that ship more furniture to the United States than others.

The White House did not immediately respond to CNN’s inquiry.

The president initially announced plans last month to impose higher furniture tariffs by mid-October.

TRUMP ANNOUNCES 100% TARIFF ON FOREIGN-MADE MOVIES



Diary Times Desk :
President Donald Trump said in a Truth Social post on Monday he will be imposing a 100% tariff “on any and all movies that are made outside of the United States.”

Trump did not specify when or how the tariff could be enacted.

If Trump follows through with his threat, it would mark the first time he’s essentially imposed a tariff on a service rather than a good.

The president initially threatened a 100% tariff on foreign-produced movies in May, arguing that other countries offer tax incentives that have drawn filmmakers abroad. In his post on Monday, he singled out California, saying the state “has been particularly hard hit!”

The state, meanwhile, has proposed and put in effect many tax incentives, as have other American cities.

Hollywood was completely caught off guard when Trump first previewed the tariff in May. “On first blush, it’s shocking and would represent a virtually complete halt of production,” one industry insider told CNN at the time. “But in reality, he has no jurisdiction to do this and it’s too complex to enforce.”

American actors and directors generally prefer to work close to home. But “the fact is, it’s cheaper for Hollywood studios to pay for everyone to get on planes, pay for hotels, because the cost of labor, lack of rebates and the ability to make things overseas is infinitely cheaper,” Jay Sures, vice chairman of United Talent Agency, told CNN in May. Share of Netflix (NFLX) opened down 1% Monday morning following Trump’s post, while other movie-related companies, including AMC (AMC) and The Walt Disney Company (DIS), opened higher.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY
PASSES RESOLUTION
AGAINST CENTRE'S
'LACK OF RESPONSE' ON
FLOOD RELIEF

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Assembly on Monday unanimously passed a resolution seeking a comprehensive special package of Rs 20,000 crore from the Centre for compensation to farmers, rebuilding infrastructure, and restoring livelihoods in flood-affected areas.

It condemned the "lack of response and the failure" of the BJP-led Centre to sanction a special financial package for Punjab.

Additionally, it demanded the immediate transfer of Rs 1,600 crore relief announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his recent visit to Punjab.

The resolution also condemned the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for "not responding" to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's repeated request for a meeting, thereby "insulting" the people of the state, and preventing the state from making a proper and comprehensive representation of the full scale of the disaster.

The two BJP members were not present in the House when the resolution was passed on Monday.

DILJIT DOSANJH
SALUTES RAJVIR
JAWANDA'S
CHARACTER AS HIT
PUNJABI SINGER FIGHTS
FOR LIFE AFTER
ACCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjabi entertainment industry has united in support of popular Punjabi singer and actor Rajvir Jawanda with several noted artistes visiting him at the hospital and urging fans to pray for his recovery. Jawanda has been hospitalised and is in critical condition following a road accident in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district on Saturday. The 35-year-old artiste was travelling to Shimla on a motorcycle when he reportedly lost control in the Baddi area, according to police. He was rushed to Fortis Hospital in Mohali, Punjab, where he remains in an "extremely critical" state.

PARAGLIDING RETURNS TO SKIES OF BIR-BILLING

Diary Times Desk : Bir-Billing, one of the world's top paragliding sites, is witnessing a surge of tourists as clear skies return after months of disruptions. The adventure sport had been suspended for two months during the monsoon season by the Kangra administration to prevent accidents. Later, persistent bad weather and heavy rains further stalled activities. Now, with favourable weather, the skies above Bir-Billing are once again dotted with colourful paragliders, drawing hundreds of thrill-seekers to the region.

To ensure safety, the Tourism Department has issued strict guidelines, directing pilots not to take unnecessary risks or fly in uncertain weather. Bir-Billing Paragliding Association (BPA) president Anurag Sharma said pilots have been briefed to adhere to these rules. They have been instructed to avoid flying towards high hills, operate only in suitable thermals, and exercise extra caution during tandem flights with tourists.

The revival of paragliding has also boosted the local economy. Hotels, homestays and restaurants in Bir-Billing are reporting brisk business for the first time in six months, marking a welcome change for the tourism-dependent region.



RS 3.04 CRORE PENALTY IMPOSED IN
2,191 FOOD ADULTERATION CASES:
PUNJAB TO HC

Diary Times Desk : Punjab has told the Punjab and Haryana High Court that it imposed penalties totalling Rs 3.04 crore in 2,191 food adulteration cases decided between January 2019 and December 2024, most of which involved milk and dairy products.

The data was placed on record through an affidavit filed by Under Secretary Ram Ishwar, Department of Health and Family Welfare, in compliance with the high court's July 22 direction to both Punjab and Haryana to submit details of penalties imposed in such cases over the last five years.

The case has its genesis in a public interest litigation filed by advocate Sunaina on adulteration in milk and milk products across the State. The affidavit said penalties were imposed in about 95 per cent of the decided cases. The affidavit recorded adulteration in a wide spectrum of food items, ranging from cow and buffalo milk, curd, paneer, khoya, desi ghee and butter to milk-based sweets such as burfi, rasgullas and milk cake, besides products like biscuits, namkeen, ice cream, haldi powder, red chilli powder, rose squash and edible oils.

PUNJAB'S PRIDE! ELATED FAMILY
CHEERS ABHISHEK SHARMA'S
STELLAR ASIA CUP PERFORMANCE

Diary Times Desk : The family members, relatives and former teachers of Abhishek Sharma are elated at his superb performance in the Asia Cup in which India defeated arch-rival Pakistan.

The entire family of Abhishek here is busy in organising for his sister's wedding ceremony which is scheduled this week. His father Raj Kumar Sharma said all of them had been waiting for him to return after India won the trophy. Himself a cricket coach and bank employee, his father nursed Abhishek from a young age to be a cricketer.

After Shubman Gill, Punjab has given another hard hitting batter Abhishek Sharma, who hails from the holy city. Both had their skills honed by none other than veteran Punjabi batsman Yuvraj Singh. Abhishek and Shubman's cracking performance in the match against Pakistan which paved the way for a final clash between arch rivals. Before the final Abhishek had emerged as an aggressive batsman with a blistering knock of 75 runs off 39 balls against Shaheen Afridi and Haris Rauf.

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.

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.

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.

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.

7-YEAR-OLD BOY HUNG
UPSIDE DOWN: PANIPAT
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL,
CAB DRIVER ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : The principal of a private Panipat school and a cab driver have been arrested for allegedly beating up a child after hanging him upside down in school.

The Education department has swung into action, sent a notice to the school and shut it down. The shocking incident came to light in Panipat, where the seven-year-old boy was allegedly beaten up and hung upside down from a window by the cab driver in the school on the Jatal road.

Though the incident took place in August, the child's parents came to know about it on Saturday when a video of the assault went viral on social media. They immediately approached the school principal and filed a complaint with the Model Town police. The police registered a case against the cab driver, identified as Ajay, and began an investigation. The child's mother said her son was admitted to Class II in Srijan Public School at Virat Nagar this year. She said the incident took place on August 13.

CANADA LISTS
LAWRENCE BISHNOI
GANG AS TERRORIST
ENTITY

Diary Times Desk : Canada has formally designated the Lawrence Bishnoi gang as a terrorist entity under its Criminal Code, citing the group's violent activities, intimidation tactics and threats to members of the Indian diaspora. The announcement was made in Ottawa on Monday by Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree, who said the decision would give law enforcement "powerful and effective tools" to curb the gang's activities. With the Bishnoi gang added, there are now 88 entities listed as terrorist groups under the Canadian law. The federal government emphasised that the move reflects Ottawa's commitment to tackling transnational threats and ensuring public safety. "The Bishnoi gang is not just a criminal network, it is a terrorist organisation that thrives on fear and violence.

CONGRESS APPOINTS HOODA AS HARYANA CLP LEADER AND RAO NARENDER
SINGH AS STATE PARTY CHIEF

Diary Times Desk : The Congress party appointed Bhupinder Singh Hooda as the Leader of the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) in Haryana and Rao Narender Singh as the new president of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC), replacing Udai Bhan. These appointments come nearly a year after the party's loss in the assembly election. The decision to appoint Hooda and Singh was approved by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. According to an official communication signed by Congress general secretary KC Venugopal, Kharge appreciated the contributions of outgoing PCC president Udai Bhan. Rao Narender Singh, 61, from Narnaul in Mahendragarh, brings two decades of active politics experience to his new role. He previously served as a Congress MLA, switched to the Haryana Janhit Congress in 2009, and later returned to the Congress party to serve as Health Minister in Bhupinder Singh Hooda's government.



HC FORMS ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE TO EXECUTE HOLISTIC
EXPANSION PLAN, BARS ANY
RELOCATION

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has constituted an administrative committee to deliberate on and execute a modified holistic plan for the expansion and development of the high court premises, following the Bar Association's firm opposition to any relocation of the court. The Bar Association had passed a resolution on September 22, categorically stating that the high court would not be shifted to Sarangpur (UT Chandigarh) or any other alternative site under any circumstances and emphasising the implementation of the holistic plan at its current location, including the de-reservation of the adjoining forest land. The Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Judge Sanjiv Berry made it clear that the administrative committee would comprise two sitting judges of the high court, with the senior judge presiding and two representatives of the Bar Association. The other members include UT Chief Architect and Chief Engineer, Additional Solicitor-General of India Satya Pal Jain or his nominee representing the Union of India.

CM SAINI LAUNCHES REVENUE
DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES,
INCLUDING PAPERLESS REGISTRY

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday launched the Revenue Department's latest initiatives including paperless registry, a demarcation portal, WhatsApp chatbot Bhu-mitra and a court case management system pilot project. The CM launched the projects from Babain. He monitored the process of issuing paperless registry on the occasion while revenue department officials apprised him about the new initiatives. While addressing the gathering, CM Saini said a new chapter is being written in the revenue department's history. He said "Paperless registry has started today and it will end corrupt practices in the revenue department. Similarly, the demarcation portal will provide relief and resolve land related issues. All the facilities will be a huge relief to the citizens, and ensure transparency." The CM said that the government is committed to providing hassle-free services to the people of Haryana. The applicants will be able to track their files easily, without having to make repeat rounds to the government departments.

HIGH COURT ORDERS PAY PARITY FOR SENIOR EMPLOYEE, UPHOLDS 'CATCH-UP
RULE'

Diary Times Desk : Nearly 13 years after an employee retired upon attaining the age of superannuation, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed Haryana to step up his pay and grant other benefits after ruling that seniors cannot be denied their rightful pay, position, or recognition simply because a junior colleague was promoted earlier under the reservation policy. Justice Sandeep Moudgil asserted rightful claims must not be "buried under bureaucratic delay or administrative omission".

"The petitioner's grievance is not merely about monetary parity, it is, in essence, a plea for recognition, for dignity, for fairness in the twilight of a long and honourable career in public service," Justice Moudgil observed. The Bench added the petitioner was seeking to restore "balance to a life spent in silent contribution to the functioning of the State and to deny him this parity, when the law is so clearly in his favour, would be to allow technicalities to overshadow justice". The court asserted the Constitution did not permit indifference as equality under Article 14, and fairness in service under Article 16, demanded more than token acknowledgment.



Selena Gomez Weds Benny Blanco

Selena Gomez and Benny Blanco have tied the knot.

The famed couple, who have reportedly been seeing each other since 2023 – shared vows at a private event over the weekend, according to a post shared by Gomez on social media.

Grammy- and Emmy-nominated singer-actor Gomez and Blanco, a decorated record producer with clients including his new bride, went public with their relationship last year.

In December, Gomez announced they were engaged via Instagram, writing: “forever begins now.”

The pair first met in 2015, when Blanco co-produced Gomez’s single “Same Old Love,” and they have since collaborated on her 2019 hit “I Can’t Get Enough” and “Single Soon” in 2023. Earlier this year, they released their first joint album, “I Said I Love You First.”

In a March appearance on Jay Shetty’s podcast, Gomez explained how she went from being protective of her heart to completely falling for Blanco.

“When Benny looks at me I don’t think he sees anything but who I am and that’s very rare to find,” she said of Blanco, who she called her “best friend.”

As for Blanco, his TikTok has often featured him cooking for Gomez (he makes her cheesesteak hot pockets from scratch), and he never misses an opportunity to praise her.

“It’s so cool to watch you be completely on your own path and not worried about what else is happening,” he told Gomez in a video shared on Facebook by Billboard. “I feel like just your energy, your thought process and the way you’ve moved through the world as a woman I feel like has given other women so much...has given so much confidence.”

A longtime friend of Gomez’s, Taylor Swift commented on her engagement announcement on social media in December, writing at the time, “yes I will be the flower girl.” Gomez was equally supportive when Swift got engaged this year, resharing the superstar’s engagement photos on Instagram and writing, “When bestie gets engaged.”

The Love You Like A Love Song singer and the music producer began dating in July 2023 after knowing each other for years. Their love blossomed quietly before becoming public in late 2023. Selena confirmed their relationship on social media, calling Benny “the best thing that’s ever happened” to her.



The couple got engaged in December 2024. Selena, 32, broke the news of her engagement in a gushing Instagram post in which she showed off her stunning marquise diamond ring, estimated to be worth anywhere between \$200,000 and \$1 million. Following this, the couple got married on 27 September 2025. She wore her hair in beautiful curls, which looked radiant, and her makeup was understated with diamond studs that made her bridal aesthetic look timeless. Benny, 37, wore a matching Ralph Lauren tuxedo, which looked crisp, classy, and perfectly complemented Selena’s gown.



Dan Heching

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Matt Egan

The Labor Department released a shutdown contingency plan on Monday that said economic data scheduled to be released during the lapse “will not be released.” The monthly jobs report is always critical, but it has been especially important lately because of cracks in the labor market and sizable revisions to prior months.

Trump Administration

Government Shutdowns Usually Don’t Hurt The Economy

Government shutdowns can be political earthquakes that paralyze Washington, DC. But for the economy, shutdowns are often barely a blip.

Whatever economic damage occurs during that time tends to be limited and quickly fixed. Even the last government shutdown – the record-long 35-day shutdown in 2018-2019 – had few long-lasting impacts on the US economy and financial markets.

That could very well be the case again this time around, especially if the looming shutdown proves to be brief. Yet there are reasons this episode could be different – and not in a good way.

The US economy in 2025 looks more vulnerable than during past budget fights. The job market is stumbling, and the Trump administration is threatening even more federal layoffs. A government shutdown would just add more chaos and uncertainty, at a time when there is already plenty of both.

Not only are the stakes higher, but a shutdown will also very likely delay the collection and release of some key economic data – including Friday’s jobs report and monthly readings on inflation. That could force CEOs, investors and even Federal



The Bureau of Labor Statistics, already under fire from the Trump administration over the quality of its data, will not release Friday’s September jobs report if there is a shutdown.

Reserve officials to fly blind when making key decisions.

“The timing is bad. It’s a little bit more dangerous this time,” said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management.

Investors and economists normally shrug off the furloughs of nonessential federal employees because they are repaid and return to work when the shutdown inevitably ends.

But the Trump administration is signaling that may not be the case this time. Some say the threat of mass layoffs could be a tactic to pressure Democrats already dismayed by the shrinking federal workforce.

“It seems like posturing. I don’t think they will do that. But President Trump has been willing to take big risks,” said Stephanie Roth, chief economist at Wolfe Research.

Roth notes that few people thought President Donald Trump would really slap 145% tariffs on imports from China – until he did.

Adding to rising unemployment Before the shutdown risk this year, Trump officials were eager to hand out pink slips in a quest to dramatically reduce the size of the federal workforce.

Roth said laying off hundreds of thousands of federal workers during a shutdown “would be a really big economic problem” and unsustainable over the medium-term.

Jared Bernstein, a top economic adviser in the Biden White House, was shocked by the mass layoff threat.

“This is just running over innocent bystanders,” Bernstein, senior fellow for economic policy at the Center for American Progress, told CNN in a phone interview. “It’s not only bad economics because you’d be contributing to an already rising unemployment rate, but it’s profoundly unfair. It’s not their fault you can’t keep the lights on.”

Normally, the rule of thumb is that each week of a government shutdown trims about 0.2 percentage points from gross domestic product (GDP) – or economic growth. But those losses are quickly reversed as the government reopens.

However, permanent layoffs in the federal government would raise the risk of more long-lived effects, forcing investors and economists to rethink the damage to the US economy.

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Subversive Choice

BAD BUNNY AS THE SUPER BOWL HALFTIME PERFORMER IS AN OBVIOUS

Perhaps Kendrick Lamar was speaking to the present and the future when he said during his Super Bowl halftime performance months back that “the revolution ‘bout to be televised.”

The announcement Sunday that superstar Puerto Rican rapper and singer Bad Bunny will headline the next Super Bowl halftime show marks the second time in a row that the National Football League has co-signed an artist who is deemed “controversial” by some of the league’s supporters.

Lamar, a rapper from Compton, California, angered some conservative viewers with the political symbolism he utilized during his performance at Super Bowl LIX in February..

Some of the costumes, choreography and Lamar’s lyrics referenced systemic inequality and racism in the United States, all while the game was attended by President Donald Trump. But while Lamar has mostly used his art to express his sentiments, Bad Bunny has been more overt about his dissatisfaction with the current administration.

In 2024, he endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris in her campaign for the presidency against Trump. He reposted a

video of Harris in a speech referencing Trump’s leadership during his first term in office after Puerto Rico was devastated by Hurricane Maria in 2017.

“I will never forget what Donald Trump did and what he did not do when Puerto Rico needed a caring and a competent leader,” Harris said in the video. “He abandoned the island, tried to block aid after back-to-back devastating hurricanes and offered nothing more than paper towels and insults.”

Bad Bunny, whose non-stage name is Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio, made the post after comedian Tony Hinchcliffe’s remarks at a Trump rally in New York City in which he referred to Puerto Rico, a US commonwealth, as “a floating island of garbage in the middle of the ocean.”

Later, during an appearance on the New York Times “Podcast” podcast, Ocasio explained that he was “angry at the time” as he was in New York City while the rally where Hinchcliffe made his comments was being held at nearby Madison Square Garden. Ocasio said he found the incident “bothersome.”

“Yeah, I know it was a comedian, blah, blah, blah, but that wasn’t a standup comedy show,” Ocasio said. “It was supposed to be a political rally.”

The music video for Bad Bunny’s single “NUEVAYo!” took aim at some of Trump’s harsher policies, while also paying tribute to the artist’s native Puerto Rico.

Ocasio recently told i-D magazine that he purposely did not include the continental United States in his 2025-2026 concert tour out of fear that US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) could potentially raid the concert venues.

“There were many reasons why I didn’t show up in the US, and none of them were out of hate—I’ve performed there many times,” he told the publication. “All of [the shows] have been successful. All of them have been magnificent. I’ve enjoyed connecting with Latinos who have been living in the US.”

US residents could travel to Puerto Rico for his residency performances (which has been an economic boon for his homeland), but the global superstar said he was not willing to pose a possible risk for his fans.



Lisa Respers France

In 2016, Colin Kaepernick, the then San Francisco 49ers quarterback, sparked debate after he began kneeling during the National Anthem at the beginning of his games in protest of police brutality and racial inequality in the US.

COLLECTING GUIDE: THE WINES OF DOMAINE GEORGES ROUMIER

Diary Times Desk : Estate history

The story of Domaine Roumier begins in 1924, when Georges Roumier married Geneviève Quinquin. Quinquin's dowry included a collection of vineyards in the appellation of Chambolle-Musigny, which became the foundation of the estate. Georges was a true artisan with a passion for crafting wines of exceptional quality.

In 1945 Georges initiated the practice of domaine bottling, and following this, the producer's reputation soared. Georges passed on his skills and knowledge to his son, Jean-Marie Roumier, who became the second generation to run the estate.

Under Jean-Marie's guidance, the domaine's reputation for excellence continued to grow steadily. Jean-Marie had a profound respect for the terroir and vineyards, and he instilled this ethos in his son, Christophe Roumier, who joined the family business in 1981 after studying oenology at Dijon University.

Domaine Roumier remains a family-owned and operated estate today, with Christophe at the helm. In addition to drawing inspiration from his father and grandfather, Christophe has also been inspired by his close relationships with other legendary Burgundian winemakers including Henri Jayer, Jacques D'Angerville, and Jacques Seysses.

Christophe has continued the estate's legacy of excellence, producing wines that are widely regarded as some of the finest in Burgundy and the world.

Terroir

At the heart of Roumier's success lies a deep respect for terroir — as Christophe himself put it, 'We don't make Pinot Noir; we make wines from terroir which expresses itself through Pinot Noir'.

The estate boasts an impressive array of vineyards, which are all carefully selected and meticulously maintained. From the Premier Cru vineyards of Chambolle-Musigny to the Grands Crus of Bonnes Mares and Musigny, each plot is treated with the utmost care and attention to detail.

Roumier's commitment to sustainable viticulture is evident in their practices. Embracing organic and biodynamic principles, the estate focuses on preserving the natural balance of the vineyards while nurturing the health of the soil and vines. These sustainable practices not only ensure the longevity of the land but also contribute to the unique expression of each wine.



HOW TO COLLECT CHINESE CERAMICS

Diary Times Desk : Handle as many ceramics as possible

Potters have copied Chinese ceramics for hundreds of years, both out of reverence for an earlier period and to fool buyers — so caution is advised. There is no quicker way to learn than by handling as many pieces as possible.

Large numbers of Chinese ceramics are offered around the world at reputable auction houses, which, unlike museums, allow potential buyers to handle them, so make the most of the opportunity. This enhances your understanding of the weight of different pieces and the quality of the painting — and gives you a sense of how a ceramic should feel in the hand.

Familiarise yourself with different palettes and glazes

Palettes and glazes evolved over the centuries. For example, the wucai (literally 'five-colour') palette was used in the Wanli period (1573-1619) and led to the famille verte palette, which was introduced in the 17th century and prominent in the Kangxi period (1662-1722). This was a palette of green, predominantly, plus blue, red, yellow and black.

The famille rose palette was added to the repertoire in the 1720s and featured a prominent rose colour; the enamels were opaque, and there was a wider range of colours. Many technical advances were made in the 18th century, with glazes such as copper-red and flambé being introduced.

Learn about the differences in glazes across kiln sites

Ceramics were made all over China, and the kilns in the north and south produced different types of wares and glazes. During the Song dynasty (960-1279), for example, beautiful celadon-glazed ceramics were produced in the Longquan area of south-west Zhejiang province, and also by the Yaozhou kilns in the northern Shaanxi province. The celadon glazes differed between these two sites, with the Longquan glaze often giving a warmer, bluish-green tone, compared with the Yaozhou glazes, which were more olive-coloured.

Jun wares from the Song dynasty were produced with beautiful lavender glazes, often highlighted by abstract purple splashes. The Dehua kilns specialised in ceramics with white and cream glazes. In the late Ming dynasty (which ended in 1644), Dehua wares were creamy in tone; but by the 19th century they had become more ivory and white. Also during the Ming dynasty, the kilns at Jingdezhen in the south of China produced most of the country's blue-and-white ceramics.

The way the base of a vessel was cut, finished and glazed changed from one dynasty to the next, which can help enormously in the dating and authentication process — especially as forgers don't always get it right. They may not have an original example to copy, relying instead on photographs in auction catalogues or books.



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.

