

NEWS IN BRIEF

BIHAR SIR: SUPREME COURT ASKS ECI WHETHER NAMES ADDED TO FINAL VOTERS LIST WERE THE ONES REMOVED INITIALLY OR NEW NAMES

Diary Times Desk :

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that everyone has a right to appeal against their exclusion from the voters list prepared as part of the recently-concluded Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Bihar.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymlaya Bagchi, however, added that the Court cannot devise a solution if it is kept in dark about the people whose names have been deleted without communication of the order to them.

"If anyone can give us a list that out of these 3.66 lakh voters these are the people to whom orders have not been communicated. We'll direct them [Election Commission of India] to communicate. Each individual has a right to appeal," the Court remarked.

VIJAY VIDEO CALLS KARUR STAMPEDE VICTIMS' FAMILIES, PROMISES TO VISIT SOON

Diary Times Desk :

Actor-turned-politician and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay spoke to the families of the people who died in a stampede during his rally last month over a video call. According to officials, he has spoken to at least five families as of now. During the interaction, Vijay consoled the families and promised them that he would visit Tamil Nadu's Karur - where the incident took place - soon. 41 people died and at least 60 were injured in the stampede during Vijay's rally in Karur on September 27. According to the state police, a crowd of nearly 30,000 people gathered at a venue with a capacity of about 10,000. Security guidelines were also violated, and proper arrangements for food and drinking water were missing - which contributed to the tragedy - they said.

a power outage, a sudden surge of the crowd, and a narrow space also contributed to the deadly incident. The actor-turned-politician, who was supposed to arrive at the venue at 12 pm, turned up around 7 pm. The crowd had swelled till Vijay arrived.

PRIVATE BUS WAS BURIED



"In this massive landslide, tragic news has come of 10 people losing their lives after a private bus was caught in it, and there is apprehension that several others may be trapped under the debris," Sukhu wrote in a post on X.

"Rescue operations are ongoing on a war footing. Instructions have been given to the authorities to deploy their full machinery," he said, adding that he's closely coordinating with the local administration to receive updates on the incident.

A video from the site showed a JCB machine clearing debris, while several people attempted to rescue those who were trapped in the wreckage.

The whole mountain came crashing down on the bus, and chances of survival of passengers are bleak, news agency PTI quoted a police official as saying.

The accident took place near the Bhalu Bridge in the Bhalughat area in the Jhandutta assembly segment.

Jeet Ram Katwal, the MLA from Jhandutta, visited the site to assess the ongoing rescue operations. According to reports, three children were rescued and taken to a hospital in Berthin near Bilaspur for medical treatment.

Expressing grief over the accident, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams are carrying out the rescue efforts.

18 KILLED AFTER BUS HIT BY LANDSLIDE IN HIMACHAL'S BILASPUR DISTRICT

Diary Times Desk : At least 18 people were killed, and three rescued, after a private bus was buried under the debris of a massive landslide triggered in Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur district late Tuesday evening.

The bus, carrying around 30 to 35 passengers, was on its way from Haryana's Rohtak to Ghumarwin, near Bilaspur, when, due to heavy rain, the entire hill came crashing onto the bus.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh from the PM National Relief Fund to the families of those who died and Rs 50,000 to those injured.

"Saddened by the loss of lives due to a mishap in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, My thoughts are with the affected people and their families during this difficult time. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured," a PMO statement said.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also expressed grief over the accident and directed the officials to carry out the rescue operations.

UKRAINE'S MILITARY SAYS IT CAPTURED AN INDIAN NATIONAL FIGHTING ALONGSIDE RUSSIAN FORCES

Diary Times Desk : Ukraine's 63rd Mechanized Brigade has said that it has captured an Indian national fighting on Russia's side, the Kyiv Independent reported.

The captive has been identified as Majoti Sahil Mohamed Hussein, a 22-year-old from Morbi, Gujarat, who reportedly entered Russia on a student visa.

In a video released by the brigade, he says he was convicted on drug charges, given a seven-year prison sentence and then offered a deal: enlist in the Russian military and have his sentence overturned.

Majoti claims he underwent around 16 days of training before being deployed to the front. After just three days in combat, he says he surrendered to Ukrainian forces, telling them he had no desire to fight.

"I immediately put down my rifle...I needed help," he stated in the captured footage. He also alleged that he never received the promised financial compensation.

If independently verified, this incident would echo prior reports of Indian and Nepali citizens being misled or coerced into signing contract arrangements with Russia, often via job or education lures, only to be thrust into frontline roles.

According to the External Affairs Ministry, at least 12 Indian nationals have died fighting on Russia's side, while 16 remain missing. About 96 have been repatriated.

So far, Russia has publicly committed to discharging Indians who were "misled" into service. During Prime Minister Modi's July 2024 visit to Moscow, New Delhi says it pressed for the early release of such recruits. There was no immediate reaction from the MEA.



"SOLD HIS SOUL": BJP'S ANNAMALAI SLAMS KAMAL HAASAN'S KARUR STAMPEDE REMARKS



Diary Times Desk : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state chief K Annamalai launched a sharp attack on actor and Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) chief Kamal Haasan, accusing him of siding with the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) over the recent Karur stampede tragedy.

Referring to Haasan's remarks after a visit to the site of the stampede, in which 41 people died after a stampede broke out during actor Vijay's political rally, Annamalai alleged that the actor-turned-politician had "sold his soul long ago for one Rajiya Sabha seat."

"Kamal Haasan sold his soul a long time back for one Rajiya Sabha seat. After that, whatever Kamal Haasan speaks, the people of Tamil Nadu are not going to give him that attention or take him seriously," Annamalai told ANI.

The BJP leader said Haasan's remarks were an attempt to shield the DMK government from accountability.

"Going to Karur and saying that the administration is not at fault - who will accept it? Kamal Haasan is a fine actor, but in politics, whatever he says is one-sided. Even on an issue like Karur, he wants to favour the DMK," Annamalai added.

Forty-one people were killed and over 50 were injured in the September 27 stampede - one of the worst political event tragedies across India in recent times - at the rally addressed by Vijay, the chief of Tamila Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

COUGH SYRUP DEATHS RISE IN MADHYA PRADESH, OPPOSITION MAKES 'BULLDOZER' DEMAND



Diary Times Desk : What began as a mystery illness among children in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara district has now turned into a full-blown public health scandal and also sparked a political slugfest.

The death count from children who were given the Coldrif cough syrup has risen to 19 in Madhya Pradesh, with two more children - three-year-old Vedant Kakadia and two-year-old Jayusha Yaduvanshi from Chhindwara district - dying during treatment in Nagpur, where they were admitted. Nine more children are on life support, their kidneys failing.

Chhindwara ADM Dharendra Singh confirmed the deaths and said five children from the district are critical.

Tests have also revealed that two more cough syrups - ReLife and Respirefresh TR - manufactured in Gujarat, contain dangerously high levels of diethylene glycol, the same chemical that led to deaths in children who consumed Coldrif. Officials said the process of banning both syrups "has been initiated immediately".

As per government standards, cough syrups can contain no more than 0.1% diethylene glycol and four samples failed the test, raising fears of kidney failure and brain damage among those exposed.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced that the state government will bear the full cost of treatment for all affected children from Chhindwara and Betul who are being treated at Nagpur Government Medical College, AIIMS Nagpur, Colors Hospital, New Health City, and Gateway Hospital. "Necessary arrangements have been made to ensure the best possible treatment," Yadav said, adding that teams of magistrates and doctors are stationed in Nagpur to assist families.

BHASKAR RAO, KARNATAKA BJP LEADER

'ADMIRE LAWYER'S COURAGE': BJP LEADER'S SHOCKER ON CHIEF JUSTICE SHOE ATTACK



Diary Times Desk : Even as the attack on the Chief Justice of India BR Gavai has drawn criticism from all quarters, the lawyer's attempt to throw his shoe at the top judge of the country has received praise from a BJP leader.

Bhaskar Rao, Karnataka BJP leader and former Bengaluru Commissioner, said that he "admires" the courage of the lawyer for taking a stand and "living by it".

In a breach of decorum, the elderly lawyer threw a shoe at the Chief Justice during a court proceeding. The shoe did not reach the bench, and the man was caught and escorted out by security personnel present in the court.

The lawyer, Rakesh Kishore, was suspended by the Bar Council of India (BCI) hours after the incident.

Kishore, however, showed "no regret". He posted a screenshot of an article on the bar council's action against him and captioned it, "No regret, no sorrow, no repentance".

Rao's remark was in response to this post on X.

Even if it's legally and terribly wrong, you admire his courage? Coming from a former IPS officer, this is shameful. You once upheld the law, now you stand with someone who insulted the Chief Justice of India. What a fall!

"Even if it is legally and terribly Wrong, I admire your courage, at your age, to take a stand and live by it, irrespective of consequences," he wrote in the comment section of Kishore's post.

Earlier today, Kishore justified his action and said that he was hurt by the Chief Justice's remarks during the hearing of a plea seeking restoration of the structure of Lord Vishnu in the Javari temple in Madhya Pradesh's Khajuraho.

ON CCTV, MAN ATTACKS PASSENGERS WITH MACHETE ON BUS IN PURI



Diary Times Desk : Several passengers were attacked with a sharp weapon inside a government-run bus in Odisha's Puri district today. The Ama bus - Odisha's public transport bus service - was travelling from Haraspada in the Kanasa block of Puri district to Satyabari Sukal - when a man forcibly entered the bus and started attacking passengers.

CCTV footage showed the man, allegedly intoxicated, threatening passengers with a machete. He was seen talking to a man; moments later, he hit him in the head, scaring the other passengers. Many on the bus were seen getting up from their seats and trying to get away from the attacker. The man then goes on to attack more people on the bus.

Following the attack, the other passengers in the bus assaulted the accused, and he also sustained injuries.

In another clip, where his face was visible, the man was seen standing on a seat, and, what seemed like, instructing people to deboard the bus.

In a third clip, the man, still holding the machete in his right hand, was seen pacing around the bus and checking something on his phone.

SOME TRIED TO USE ZUBEEN GARG'S DEATH TO TURN ASSAM INTO NEPAL: HIMANTA SARMA

Diary Times Desk : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said that his government will register a police case against those who provoked people on the Zubeen Garg death case issue. If opposition politicians are involved, they also will be named in police cases, said Sarma. "I am sure Gaurav Gogoi will also be questioned in this case," he said.

Sarma also warned, "Some people are trying to turn Assam into Nepal, we won't spare them". "We are going to register an omnibus case against those who provoked people on the Zubeen Garg issue, and I am sure Gaurav Gogoi will also be questioned in this case. Just like we registered a case during anti-CAA protests, here as well we will register a case against those who were trying to create trouble outside the airport or during public tribute, and these steps are politically motivated. No one will be spared. Some people are trying to turn Assam into Nepal, we won't spare them," he said.



INDIA'S DEFENCE EXPORTS HIT RECORD HIGH — 4 COMPANIES EMERGE AS THE BIGGEST WINNERS

Diary Times Desk : India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' slogan has proved to be a boon for the defence sector, which has, in the true sense, achieved self-reliance. The country is not only producing for itself but also exporting to other nations. The numbers validate this transformation.

India's defence exports have surged 34 times in 11 years, from just ₹6.8 billion in FY14, recording a 12% year-on-year growth in FY25 to reach a record high of ₹236.2 billion.

This growth was led by both the Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and the private sector. The private sector contributed 64.5% (₹152.3 billion) to total exports, while DPSUs accounted for the remaining ₹83.9 billion. In FY25, DPSU exports grew 43.8%, whereas the private sector remained largely flat.

These numbers reflect the growing acceptability of Indian products in global markets and the ability of the domestic defence industry to integrate into the global supply chain. In a major boost to exports, a wide range of items — from ammunition, arms, and sub-systems to parts and components — were shipped to around 80 countries in FY25.

ARVIND KEJRIWAL WANTED MAYAWATI'S BUNGALOW IN DELHI, GOT THIS INSTEAD



Diary Times Desk : Nearly a year after leaving the Chief Minister's residence, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Chief Arvind Kejriwal has been given an official bungalow in Delhi. This decision follows proceedings in the Delhi High Court, where Kejriwal requested suitable housing as the national president of a recognised political party.

Kejriwal has been assigned a Type VII bungalow at 95, Lodhi Estate, which he will now occupy. Previously, AAP had asked the central government to give him the bungalow at 35, Lodhi Estate, which was used by Mayawati, but that residence was already assigned in July to Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary. On Monday, the government informed about the allocation of the house. Sources said that AAP leader visited the new house on Monday to inspect it.

SABARIMALA SPONSOR WANTED TO USE GOLD FOR A WEDDING: EXCLUSIVE DETAILS

Diary Times Desk : Sabarimala Ayyappan temple's sponsor wanted to use the remaining gold after plating to solemnise a wedding — for which he had sought permission, court findings revealed amid the alleged theft of gold plates used in the temple's sanctum sanctorum. According to the details accessed by NDTV, the sponsor, Unnikrishnan Potty, had written a letter to the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) on December 9, 2019.

"I would like to inform you that I have some gold balance in my hand after finishing the gold work of the Sabarimala sanctum sanctorum main door and the dwarapalak's. I would like to use it for a girl's marriage who needs support and genuine, in coordination with TBD. Please give your valuable opinion in this regard," the letter said.

The Devaswom Secretary, on December 17, 2019, based on the letter, had sought clarity on what could be done with the excess gold.

THE WINTER BEFORE THE WINTER IN KASHMIR

Diary Times Desk : It's winter before the winter in Kashmir. The famous resorts and the higher reaches of Kashmir have received unseasonal snowfall, plummeting temperatures several degrees below normal. Icy winds swept across the Kashmir Valley after snowfall in Gulmarg, Sonmarg and several other tourist destinations and higher reaches in the region. The plains were battered by heavy rains that led to sudden drop in temperatures. The maximum temperature in Gulmarg was 4.4 degrees as Srinagar settled at 12 degree Celsius, which is 13 degrees below normal.



15 FLIGHTS DIVERTED FROM DELHI AIRPORT DUE TO HEAVY RAIN

Diary Times Desk : At least 15 flights were diverted at the Delhi airport this evening due to heavy rain. Eight flights were diverted to Jaipur, five to Lucknow and two to Chandigarh.

Intermittent showers began early in the morning and continued through the day. After a brief lull in the afternoon, dark clouds shrouded the sky, followed by a spell of heavy rain.

The rain led to huge traffic jams and waterlogging in several areas.

Earlier in an advisory, Delhi Airport authorities said that flight operations were likely to be affected due to the inclement weather.

"Due to adverse weather conditions in Delhi, flight operations at Delhi Airport may be impacted. Our on-ground teams are diligently working with all stakeholders to ensure a seamless and efficient passenger experience," the Delhi airport said in a statement.

Passengers were advised to check with their respective airlines for updated flight information and to consider using the Delhi Metro to reach the airport in order to avoid possible delays on the roads.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier predicted rain for the day and issued yellow and orange alerts, cautioning residents about moderate rainfall with light thunderstorms and lightning in the region.

"HEARD ROCKS STRIKING OUR HOUSE": SURVIVOR RECOUNTS DARJEELING HORROR

Diary Times Desk : A community hall is a shelter to over 20 families from Darjeeling's Soureni village which was struck by devastating landslides and floods two days ago. Their homes were destroyed, and many people lost their families. NDTV spoke to a family of four, which survived the horror, but lost of of their relatives in the landslides.

Narrating the nightmare, 57-year-old Tara Chetri said, "It was around 2.30 in the morning, we were asleep. It suddenly felt like a cloudburst. A large piece of stone struck our house. Somehow, I managed to save my life. But my brother and his family died."

Manoj, the youngest member of the family, told NDTV that he woke up after "hearing loud noises of rocks striking" their house. "We alerted the villagers and left for another location. When we returned in the morning, we found our people trapped under the debris. We felt very bad," he said.

WEATHER ALERT: EARLY SNOW AND EXCESS RAIN GRIP NORTH INDIA, PUNJAB FARMERS HIT HARD

Diary Times Desk : With western disturbances hitting north-west India, the region is experiencing widespread rains, leading to a significant post-monsoon surplus in precipitation during the first week of October.

In Himachal Pradesh, the source of several rivers and streams and the catchment area of major dams, the rainfall this month so far has been surplus by 625 per cent, with the state receiving 25.7 mm rain from October 1 till October 7 against the long period average (LPA) of 0.9 mm for this period.

During the past 24 hours, Solan was the wettest district in the state, recording 38.8 mm rain, followed by Lahaul and Spiti with 36.3 mm and Kullu with 24.9 mm, according to data compiled by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Mean rainfall across the state was 2,753 per cent above the LPA.

Several areas in the upper reaches of the state also experienced snowfall over the past two days. Light rain is expected at isolated places and snow is possible at higher reaches on October 8 and 9, IMD said.

This month so far, rainfall has been surplus by 727 per cent in Punjab. From October 1 till the morning of October 7, the state received 20.7 mm rain compared to the LPA of 2.5 mm for this period.

MAMATA BANERJEE'S 'COURTESY' VISIT TO INJURED MP, BJP'S 'NO ARREST' QUESTION



Diary Times Desk : Countering the BJP's criticism over the West Bengal government holding a Durga Puja carnival in Kolkata after north Bengal was devastated by landslides, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has said the carnival could not be cancelled because several clubs had prepared for it, and that VIP movement would have only created more pressure on the Hills.

Earlier, state BJP chief Samik Bhattacharya had targeted the state government for not postponing the Durga Puja carnival on Sunday despite the calamity in north Bengal. "No state in India has ever seen such an intolerant, vindictive and incompetent government. This government has not made any effort to soothe the pain of the people of North Bengal. The state government destroyed the entire north Bengal and exploited its resources."

MAN HELD FOR KILLING WIFE WITH ROLLING PIN IN BENGALURU

Diary Times Desk : A man has been arrested for allegedly assaulting his wife with a rolling pin, resulting in her death, police said on Tuesday.

Preeti Singh (28) and her husband Chota Lal Singh (32), originally from Madhya Pradesh, have been residing with their two children in Chokkasandra. The couple was working in a private company, they said.

The husband, who was employed as a helper at the company, allegedly subjected his wife to frequent mental and physical harassment without reason.

On September 24, when the wife returned home in the afternoon for lunch, the husband, as usual, picked a quarrel and attacked her with a rolling pin used for making chapatis, striking her severely on the head and body.

Later, the injured wife was taken to a hospital in T Dasarahalli, where the husband tried to conceal the assault and informed the doctors that his wife had fallen from a building, they added.

HOW LADAKH PROTEST LEADER SONAM WANGCHUK WENT FROM INDIAN HERO TO 'TRAITOR'

Diary Times Desk : On the night of August 5, 2019, hundreds of Kashmiris were arrested amid a crackdown by Indian security forces that followed the Indian government's decision to strip the region of its special rights and status as a state.

Sonam Wangchuk celebrated and thanked Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"THANK YOU PRIME MINISTER," he wrote on X, then Twitter, "for fulfilling Ladakh's longstanding dream."

One of India's best-known innovators and education reformers, Wangchuk was referring to a decades-long demand from many in Ladakh for the cold desert bordering China to be separated from Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian-administered part of the disputed region that Pakistan also claims. Until August 2019, Ladakh was part of the former Jammu and Kashmir state. With the Modi government's move, it was made a separate administrative entity, known as a union territory in the country.

ODISHA'S SENIOR ADVOCATE, BJP LEADER PITABASA PANDA GUNNED DOWN

Diary Times Desk : Senior advocate and BJP leader Pitabasa Panda was shot dead at point-blank range in full public glare in Ganjam's Berhampur on Monday night.

Sources said the advocate left his chamber in Park Street at around 9.40 pm and was heading home on his scooter. He was hardly 50 metres away from his residence at Brahma Nagar under Baidyanathpur police limits when two bike-borne miscreants fired two rounds at him from close range, aiming at his chest.

Panda suffered fatal gunshot wounds and fell from his two-wheeler. He tried to run for his life, but collapsed after covering a few metres. Since the crime scene was crowded due to Kumar Purnima festival, locals picked Panda up and rushed him to MKCG Medical College and Hospital (MCH) on a bike. However, he was declared dead by the doctors.

SUPREME COURT'S 6-MONTH DEADLINE FOR STATES ON ROAD SAFETY

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday set a six-month deadline for all States and Union Territories (UTs) to frame and notify rules to strengthen road safety measures under the Motor Vehicles Act, while observing that now everything depends on the implementation of guidelines on the ground. The top court in this latest order has also directed the state governments to bring in standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of roads other than National Highways.

The bench headed by Justice JB Pardiwalah today passed a detailed order issuing specific directions to states and UTs including the direction to regulate the movement and safety of pedestrians and non-mechanically propelled vehicles in public places and on National Highways.

Under this latest order, all States and Union Territories have to frame and notify rules under Sections 128(1)(A) and 210(B) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, within six months to strengthen road safety measures and regulate non-mechanically propelled vehicles in a time-bound manner.



CEASEFIRE DECLARED BETWEEN SYRIAN FORCES, KURDISH FIGHTERS AFTER ONE KILLED

Diary Times Desk : Syria's government has declared a ceasefire between its security forces and Kurdish fighters in the northern city of Aleppo, after at least one person was killed and four people were injured in overnight violence. Murhaf Abu Qasra, Syria's minister of defence, announced the ceasefire on Tuesday after meeting with Mazloum Abdi, the commander of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), saying the two sides had "agreed on a comprehensive ceasefire across all fronts and military positions in northern and northeastern Syria". "The implementation of this agreement will begin immediately," the government minister added.

The Syrian army and the United States-backed SDF clashed after SDF fighters reportedly targeted checkpoints in the city, according to the state-run news agency SANA.

SDF forces allegedly fired into residential areas in the Sheikh Maqsoud and Achrafieh neighbourhoods of Aleppo "with mortar shells and heavy machine guns", SANA reported, adding there were civilian casualties.

SPACEX LAUNCHES STARLINK 10-59 MISSION FROM CAPE CANAVERAL SPACE FORCE STATION IN FLORIDA



Diary Times Desk : Launch of a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on Starlink Mission 10-59. The rocket launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station Launch Complex 40 at 2:46 a.m. EDT Tuesday, October 7. At 2:43 a.m. a heavy downpour drenched Shepard Park, with the rain stopping about a minute after launch.

BRITISH PM STARMER JOINS HIS BUSINESS DELEGATION FOR A PHOTO AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT AHEAD OF INDIA VISIT

Diary Times Desk : In a special gesture, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer stood with his business delegation for a photo at London's Heathrow Airport before departing for India on a two-day visit, which will have economic ties as a key focus area. During the visit, on October 9 in Mumbai, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Prime Ministers will take stock of progress in diverse aspects of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in line with 'Vision 2035', a focused and time bound 10-year Roadmap of programmes and initiatives in key pillars of trade and investment, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate and energy, health, education and people to people relations.

SAUDI-PAKISTAN PACT HIGHLIGHTS INDIAN ISOLATION



Diary Times Desk : The recent defence pact signed between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan has generated a certain unease in Indian circles, and has been followed by analysis that largely ignores the history of West Asian states. The national perspective may be valid, but without understanding the deeper and long-term historical issues underpinning them, Indians run the risk of profoundly misunderstanding what is happening in the world and what we can or should be doing about it. A couple of decades ago, Chas Freeman, one of the few US policy professionals to take a relatively independent stand on issues like West Asia and China, gave a talk on Saudi policy. Unlike much of Asia, Freeman said, Saudi Arabia had not been colonised, and then, just after the end of the World War II, it gained a huge access to wealth through oil, which it used to build itself. The Saudi worldview, therefore, was that there were two types of peoples, Saudis, and those that the Saudis paid to do their work. For those who have lived in the Gulf Arab countries or worked there, this will resonate.

FRENCH INFLUENCER JAILED FOR 6 MONTHS OVER FAKE SYRINGE ATTACK PRANK VIDEOS

Diary Times Desk : A French social media influencer has been jailed for his 'syringe prank' videos that triggered massive outrage across the country. Ilan M., who goes by the online moniker 'Amine Mojito', has been sentenced to 12 months in prison, six of which were suspended, for "violence with a weapon that did not result in incapacity for work". He has also been fined Rs 1.56 lakh (\$1,759.95) and handed a three-year ban on owning or carrying a weapon. In the viral clips, shared just before the Fete de la Musique (World Music Day) in June, Mojito pretended to inject unsuspecting public members with an empty syringe and filmed their horrified reactions. His video went viral at the same time when France was gripped by panic over reports of needle attacks at student parties and festivals, according to a report in New York Post.

A BEAUTY PAGEANT FOR BUFFALOES IN THAILAND RAISES STATUS OF THE HUMBLE ANIMAL



Diary Times Desk : It was 5-year-old Tod's first time competing in a beauty pageant and the bright red interior of his ears turned out and popped against his black fur. The main stud for his owner, food vendor and farmer Thawatchai Daeng-Ngam, Tod was one of the competitors Monday at the annual water buffalo racing festival in Chonburi, a city about an hour drive from Bangkok. Formerly considered humble draft animals, water buffaloes have become prized show animals in Thailand. They are celebrated at the festival, held at the end of the 11th lunar month to celebrate the beginning of the harvest season and put a spotlight on the animals that once were vital to Thai agriculture. These days tractors have replaced buffaloes, once prized for their strength and ability to plow fields and transport heavy loads. If the animals are not competing in shows, they are sold for meat.

CALL FOR COMPASSION CRICKETER GRACE O'MALLEY-KUMAR

Diary Times Desk : The 19-year-old Grace O'Malley-Kumar intervened when her friend Barnaby Webber, also 19, was attacked while they walked home from a night out in 2023 in Nottingham. The medical student was posthumously awarded the George Medal, a medal recognising acts of bravery, and has been called a "true patriot" by her father. Dr Sanjoy Humar said Grace had "placed friendship over fear". Speaking at a press conference in London on Monday, he said: "She was 19 and she valiantly fought a 30-year-old armed with a large hunting knife. "Grace was an athlete, she could have easily run away, even to seek help, but her instinct was to stand by her friend, to intervene, to fight, to stop a sustained attack on her friend. "She paid the ultimate price for her courage because she was the type to never abandon her friend."

Grace represented England in youth hockey and played county cricket for Essex.



US SHUTDOWN TO CONTINUE AFTER FUNDING MEASURES FAIL AGAIN IN SENATE

Diary Times Desk : The US Senate failed for a fifth time on Monday to pass spending measures that would reopen the government.

Competing proposals by Democrats and Republicans were both shot down, failing to meet the 60-vote threshold required.

Donald Trump had reiterated threats of mass layoffs if another vote failed earlier in the day. Thousands of federal employees were furloughed or ordered to work without pay when funding for their agencies ended five days ago.

But the US president hinted that he was open to trying to end the impasse and possibly strike a deal with Democrats who are sticking to demands that the legislation address healthcare. Republicans are pressing for a "clean" funding bill.

The Democratic-led bill to extend the government's funding failed first on Monday with a 45-50 vote. Its Republican counterpart then fell short at 52-42.

Soon after the vote, Trump took to social media to blame Democrats for shutting down the government. "I am happy to work with the Democrats on their Failed Healthcare Policies, or anything else, but first they must allow our Government to re-open. In fact, they should open our Government tonight!" he posted on his Truth Social platform.

Democrats have held out on supporting the Republican-led proposal because they say it undercuts medical access for lower-income Americans.

They want any funding bill to ensure health insurance subsidies for lower-income Americans do not expire and to reverse the Trump administration's cuts to the Medicaid health programme.



ONE IPHONE LED POLICE TO GANG SUSPECTED OF SENDING UP TO 40,000 STOLEN UK PHONES TO CHINA

Diary Times Desk : Police say they have dismantled an international gang suspected of smuggling up to 40,000 stolen mobile phones from the UK to China in the past year.

In what the Metropolitan Police says is the UK's largest ever operation against phone thefts, 18 suspects have been arrested and more than 2,000 stolen devices discovered.

Police believe the gang could be responsible for exporting up to half of all phones stolen in London, where most mobiles are taken in the UK.

BBC News has been given access to the operation, including details of the suspects, their methods, and to raids on 28 properties in London and Hertfordshire.

TRUMP CONFIRMS SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS ASKED HIM FOR A PARDON

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has confirmed that Sean "Diddy" Combs has requested a presidential pardon in connection with his federal criminal case. While speaking with CNN's Kaitlan Collins on Monday regarding a potential pardon for Jeffrey Epstein's former girlfriend Ghislaine Maxwell, Trump mentioned that "a lot of people have asked me for pardons," including Combs, who was sentenced Friday to more than four years in prison for his conviction on two counts of transportation to engage in prostitution.

In August, a member of Combs' defense team told CNN that the music mogul's camp had reached out to the Trump administration about a potential pardon.

CHILE MAN PAID 330 TIMES HIS SALARY BY MISTAKE, QUILTS INSTANTLY, THEN WINS CASE TO KEEP IT ALL

Diary Times Desk : A Chilean man who was accidentally paid 300 times his monthly salary has won a legal battle allowing him to keep the funds, according to The Metro.

The employee, an office assistant at the food company Dan Consorcio Industrial de Alimentos de Chile, typically earned 386 pounds (Rs 46162) per month.

However, in May 2022, due to a payroll error, he received 127,000 pounds (Rs 1,51,883) in his account, as per the news report.

Initially, the man reportedly agreed to return the money. But within three days, he submitted his resignation and stopped responding to his employer. The company then filed a legal complaint, accusing him of theft.

After a lengthy legal battle spanning three years, a judge in Santiago ruled that the incident did not amount to theft but instead classified it as an "unauthorised collection." As a result, the case could not proceed as a criminal prosecution.

H-1B VISA: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ISSUES WARNING TO STAFF

Diary Times Desk :

University of Southern California has issued an advisory urging faculty and staff on H-1B work visas to postpone any international travel due to potential disruptions caused by the Trump administration's latest immigration policy changes.

The warning comes after the White House introduced a new proclamation and fee structure that could significantly impact foreign workers in the US.

INDIANS LEAD DROP IN US UNIVERSITY VISAS



Diary Times Desk : The United States issued nearly one-fifth fewer student visas in August following a crackdown by President Donald Trump, led by a steep drop for India which was overtaken by China as top country of origin, data showed Monday.

The United States issued 313,138 student visas in August, the most common start month for US universities, a drop of 19.1 percent from the same month in 2024, according to the International Trade Commission. India, which last year was the top source of foreign students to the United States, saw the most dramatic drop with 44.5 percent fewer student visas issued than a year earlier.

Visa issuance also dropped for Chinese students but not nearly at the same rate. The United States issued 86,647 visas to students from mainland China in August, more than double the number issued to Indians.

The statistics do not reflect overall numbers of US-based students, many of whom remain on previously issued visas. Trump has put a top priority since returning to the White House both on curbing immigration and on weakening universities, which his administration sees as a key power base of the left.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio briefly suspended processing of student visas in June, a peak month, as he issued orders that US embassies vet applicants' social media.

Rubio has revoked thousands of student visas, often due to criticism of Israel, on the grounds that he can refuse entry to people who go against US foreign policy interests.

In rules that affect Indians in particular, the Trump administration has made it more difficult for applicants to apply for visas outside jurisdictions of the US consulates in their home countries, even if there are backlogs.



ISRAEL IS FRACTURED, ISOLATED AFTER TWO YEARS OF ITS WAR ON GAZA: ANALYSTS

Diary Times Desk : Two years into its war on Gaza, having killed more than 67,000 people, forced a famine upon countless others and attacked its neighbours repeatedly, Israel stands isolated on the world stage and divided at home, analysts say. Taking the podium at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in late September, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faced an audience of backs as delegate after delegate walked out in protest over what many call Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

Internationally, Israel is arguably more isolated and more reliant on the absolute support of the United States than ever as allies like the United Kingdom, France and even Germany condemn its war on Gaza. At home, two years of war have shattered the image of what observers long described as a progressive liberal democracy.



TIKTOK STAR AURELIEN FONTENOY HOPS UP EIFFEL TOWER ON CYCLE IN 12 MINUTES, SETS WORLD RECORD

Diary Times Desk : A French cyclist and social media influencer has set a new world record, cycling up the Eiffel Tower's 686 steps in 12 minutes and 30 seconds. With this, Aurelien Fontenoy became the fastest athlete ever to climb to the second floor of the massive structure on an all-terrain bike. He smashed the previous record set by Hugues Richard in 2002 by nearly seven minutes.

In an interview with CNN Sports, Fontenoy explained the gruelling nature of the attempt. He said, "For this challenge, I brake my brake, and I just have to compress my tyre because I don't have suspension or anything, it's just a rigid bike, so we just have to pump with the brake and jump, jump, jump a lot!" Fontenoy further revealed how he trained for months to complete the challenge. In preparation for the climb, he focused on intense gym workouts and jump rope training to build his strength and endurance.

'PASNI' OFFER PROVES PAK CAN BETRAY ANYONE - EVEN CHINA - FOR A DEAL

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's reported proposal to grant the United States a development and management role at Pasni Port, as revealed by the Financial Times, marks one of the most consequential geopolitical developments in recent years. Situated along the Arabian Sea, just 70 miles from China-operated Gwadar Port, 100 miles from Iran, and approximately 178 miles from India's Chabahar Port, Pasni's geostrategic position places it at the intersection of major regional rivalries involving China, India, Iran, the United States, and other key actors such as Saudi Arabia and Gulf investors. The port's location also has implications for Afghanistan, Central Asia, and broader maritime security in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean.

The development follows the meeting between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Army Chief General Asim Munir, and US President Donald Trump.

'WHAT I SAID WAS VERY EFFECTIVE, THEY STOPPED': PRESIDENT TRUMP AGAIN CLAIMS HE ENDED INDIA-PAKISTAN CONFLICT

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has once again claimed credit for halting a potential war between India and Pakistan, stating that his use of tariffs and trade pressure was instrumental in stopping the conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbours earlier this year.

Speaking from the Oval Office on Monday, Trump said, "Tariffs are very important for the United States. Not only do we make hundreds of billions of dollars, but we're a peacekeeper because of tariffs. I use tariffs to stop wars."

Trump further said, "If you look at India and Pakistan, they were ready to go at it. Seven planes were shot down. They are nuclear powers. I don't want to say exactly what I said, but what I said was very effective. They stopped. And that was based on tariffs. It was based on trade."

However, India has firmly denied any third-party mediation.



'IRAN IS DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR MISSILE TO HIT THE US,' NETANYAHU WARNS IN BEN SHAPIRO INTERVIEW

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Monday that Iran is developing intercontinental ballistic missiles that could "put New York City, Boston, Washington, or Miami under their atomic guns," during an interview with Ben Shapiro.

"Iran can blackmail any American city," Netanyahu explained, and added, "People don't believe it. Iran is developing intercontinental missiles with a range of 8,000 kilometers; add another 3,000 and they can get to the East Coast of the US."

He warned, "That's a really big danger. You don't want to be under the nuclear gun of these people, who are not necessarily rational and chant 'death to America.' I think Israel is doing a great work at keeping that away."

3 SCIENTISTS GET NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS FOR WORK IN QUANTUM MECHANICS



Diary Times Desk : Scientists John Clarke, Michel Devoret and John Martinis won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics for "the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit", the award-giving body said on Tuesday.

"This year's Nobel Prize in Physics has provided opportunities for developing the next generation of quantum technology, including quantum cryptography, quantum computers, and quantum sensors," the prize-awarding body said in a statement.

All three winners are based in the United States.

The Nobel physics prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and includes a prize sum totalling 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.2 million) that is shared among the winners if there are several, as is often the case.

The Nobel Prizes were established through the will of Alfred Nobel, who amassed a fortune from his invention of dynamite. Since 1901, with occasional interruptions, the prizes have annually recognised achievements in science, literature, and peace. Economics was a later addition.

PERFUME IN CAR MISTAKEN FOR OPIUM; INDIAN MAN ARRESTED IN US, VISA REVOKED, FACES DEPORTATION



Diary Times Desk : An Indian-origin man in Arkansas is fighting to restore his US visa after a shocking case of mistaken identity led to his arrest and possible deportation, all over a bottle of perfume.

Mistaken for opium

Kapil Raghu, who was living legally in the US and married to an American citizen, was pulled over by Benton police on May 3 for a minor traffic violation while making a food delivery. During the stop, officers found a small bottle labelled "Opium" in his vehicle's center console.

Despite Raghu's insistence that the bottle was simply designer perfume, not narcotics, police assumed it was an illegal substance and arrested him for drug possession. Bodycam footage reportedly shows officers saying, "You got a vial of opium that was in your centre console."

GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS ALLEGE BEATINGS, SLEEP DEPRIVATION, HUMILIATION IN ISRAELI DETENTION

Diary Times Desk : Israeli forces intercepted a humanitarian flotilla attempting to reach Gaza last week, detaining more than 400 activists, including Greta Thunberg, who now allege abuse, from physical beatings to verbal insults and forced humiliation. The Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) was stopped as it sought to challenge Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza. Most detainees were held at Ketziot, a high-security prison in the Negev desert, typically used for Palestinians accused of involvement in terrorist activities. Turkish activist Ersin Celik told Anadolu news agency, "They (Israeli forces) severely tortured Greta [Thunberg] before our eyes," Celik said. "They persecuted her -- Greta is just a little child. They made her crawl and made her kiss the Israeli flag. They did exactly what the Nazis did once," he said. A Swedish foreign ministry email confirmed that Thunberg had been forced "to hold flags" and "detained in a cell infested with bedbugs, with too little food and water."

MACRON SHOULD STEP DOWN EARLY, SAYS HIS FIRST PM

Diary Times Desk : Emmanuel Macron should name a prime minister to push through a budget and then call early presidential elections to solve France's political crisis, his first prime minister has said. Édouard Philippe's comments come after France's third prime minister in a year, Sébastien Lecornu, resigned on Monday after his bid to form a government fell apart. Macron has asked him to make a last-ditch plan for stability by the end of Wednesday - but support for the French president appears to be waning even among his allies. Philippe, who was prime minister from 2017-20 and now leads the centrist Horizons party, said he was "not in favour of his immediate and abrupt resignation", but that it was up to the president to live up to his mandate. Meanwhile, Gabriel Attal - who leads Macron's Renaissance party and was prime minister for six months in 2024 - went on national TV on Monday.

SANAE TAKAICHI, POISED TO BE JAPAN'S FIRST FEMALE PM, FACES CHALLENGES

Diary Times Desk : Japan's embattled governing party has a new leader: former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi, a hard-line conservative who is poised to become the country's first female prime minister. Takaichi, 64, immediately needs to seek ways for her long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party to stay in power and regain public support by delivering measures to address inflation and diplomatic challenges such as U.S. President Donald Trump. A staunch supporter of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's conservative vision, Takaichi is on the verge of losing her party's long-time coalition partner, the Buddhist-backed centrist party Komeito, because of her ultra-conservative politics. Those include a revisionist view of Japan's wartime history and regular visits to the Yasukuni Shrine, seen as a symbol of militarism, both of which could strain Tokyo's relations with Beijing and Seoul. She faces a dilemma between sticking to her ideology and losing her coalition partner, or shifting to the center at the risk of driving away fans of her hawkish politics. The LDP and opposition parties are currently considering convening the parliament in mid-October to formally elect a new prime minister. Takaichi is likely to be Japan's leader because the LDP, even without a majority in either house of parliament following consecutive election losses, is still by far the largest in the lower house, which decides the national leader, and because opposition groups are highly splintered.



THE RECOGNITION OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE IS A JOKE. SO IS TRUMP'S PEACE PLAN

Diary Times Desk : Making good on his February 2025 promise of turning Gaza into the 'Riviera of the Middle East', real estate magnate-turned-US president Donald Trump unveiled his 20-point peace plan on September 30, 2025. Encompassing military, political and humanitarian aspects, Trump's plan hinges entirely on Hamas' total compliance. Described in one sentence, the plan seeks to bring to Gaza the same demilitarised status as West Bank, without the pretence of limited self-governance, which will be provided by an international consortium with chairman Trump at the helm. The plan makes no demands on Israel's government, which is regarded as reactive (to Hamas' terrorism), but reasonable.

The failure of the plan is written in its conception because it refuses to recognise that as more powerful of the two antagonists - Benjamin Netanyahu's government and Hamas - conflict and peace depend entirely on the former. Moreover, Trump and his advisors, either seem to believe or deliberately want to project to their audience that Palestinians of Gaza are different from those in the West Bank.

PAKISTAN TRAIN HEADED TO BALOCHISTAN TARGETED AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH IED BLAST

Diary Times Desk : Several were injured in a powerful explosion on the Jaffar Express in the Balochistan province of Pakistan. The Quetta-bound Jaffar Express was targeted near the Sultankot area, close to the Sindh-Balochistan border in Pakistan on Tuesday, the latest in a series of attacks that have targeted this train since March this year.

The blast was reportedly caused by an improvised explosive device (IED) planted on the tracks, derailing at least six coaches of the Quetta-bound passenger train.

The Baloch rebel group, Baloch Republic Guards, has claimed responsibility for the attack, claiming it was targeted because personnel of the Pakistani Army were travelling in the train.

"The train was attacked at a time when personnel of the occupying Pakistani Army were travelling on board. As a result of the explosion, several soldiers were killed and injured, and six coaches of the train derailed," the Baloch Republican Guards said in a statement.

OPENAI WANTS TO
BUILD THE NEXT ERA OF
THE WEB, AND IT'S
SHELLING OUT BILLIONS
TO DO IT

Diary Times Desk :
OpenAI was an artificial intelligence research lab little known outside of Silicon Valley before ChatGPT debuted in November 2022.

Three years later, OpenAI has become synonymous with the AI boom, making it the envy of its tech peers and thrusting CEO Sam Altman into President Donald Trump's orbit. ChatGPT writes apps, plans trips and browses the web on users' behalf. And OpenAI is making inroads into shopping, entertainment, education and government services — laying out plans to become more like a platform than a basic app in its developer conference on Monday.

As its software spills into more areas of online life, OpenAI is shelling out billions to become a leading player in the physical infrastructure for the AI future. With its latest major investment, announced on Monday, OpenAI will invest in 6 gigawatts of data center capacity powered by AMD chips. That deal follows similar agreements with Nvidia and Oracle.

'I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M
GOING TO FEED MY
KIDS': SHUTDOWN HITS
FEDERAL
CONTRACTORS HARD

Diary Times Desk : Audrey Murray is losing sleep over the government shutdown that could soon derail her paychecks.

Murray, 65, has worked as a cleaner at the Smithsonian Museum of American History for nearly three decades. Now she is among the hundreds of thousands of federal government contractors whose livelihoods are being threatened by the political dysfunction in Washington, DC.

"It's so sad that they think they can play with people's lives," Murray told CNN while fighting back tears. "Stop this. Stop messing with people. We have families who depend on us." The Smithsonian Institution, which includes all the Smithsonian museums, plans to go dark after Saturday.

GOLD HITS \$4,000 AN OUNCE FOR THE FIRST TIME

Diary Times Desk : Gold prices hit \$4,000 per ounce Tuesday for the very first time, driven by strong investment demand amid broader geopolitical and economic uncertainty, along with expectations of further interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.

Gold has climbed 51% so far this year on sizable central bank buying, increased demand for gold-backed exchange-traded funds, a weaker dollar and growing interest from retail investors seeking to hedge amid rising trade and geopolitical tensions. During the first quarter of the year, gold posted its strongest quarterly return since 1986.

Gold thrives in a low interest rate environment and during economic uncertainty. It is considered a resilient investment and a hedge against inflation, with investors betting it will retain its value when prices rise.

The government shutdown has left traders and policymakers without any federal data, including the crucial monthly jobs report. Key inflation figures for the month of September are due next week. That has forced investors to rely on secondary, non-government data to gauge the timing and extent of Fed rate cuts.



TRILOGY METALS SHARES SURGE AS US ACQUIRES 10% STAKE

Diary Times Desk : Shares of Trilogy Metals tripled their gains in premarket trading on Tuesday after the White House said it would acquire a 10% stake in the Vancouver-based miner.

US-listed shares (TMQ) were at \$5.69, valuing the company just shy of a \$1 billion market capitalization.

Washington has been taking equity stakes in industries it considers essential to national security, including critical minerals and semiconductor companies, as part of President Donald Trump's wider policy to reduce reliance on China. The US government announced a \$35.6 million investment in Trilogy on Monday after markets closed and said it had received warrants to purchase an additional 7.5% stake. Trump also signed an executive order directing his administration to permit construction of an access road to Alaska's Ambler mining district, an area that could also yield deposits of rare earths. The order overturns the Biden administration's 2024 decision blocking a 211-mile road over concerns that mining could threaten caribou and fish vital to dozens of Native subsistence communities.



HERE'S WHY THE HOUSING SLOWDOWN ISN'T LOWERING HOME PRICES

Diary Times Desk :

Yasmin Asberry thought selling her home in a Dallas suburb would be simple. Instead, after months of little interest, she dropped the price twice and was on the verge of pulling the listing when she finally got an offer she liked.

"When we first listed it, we were under the impression that people were still excited to buy homes and that they were getting snapped up pretty quickly," she said. "But we didn't get very many hits."

Asberry's experience reflects a housing market caught in a stalemate.

Just a few years out from the pandemic-era housing boom, the market is stumbling. Many homeowners, anchored to pandemic-era expectations even as the housing market tilts in favor of buyers, would rather pull their listings or let deals fall through than cut asking prices too far or agree to costly concessions. Buyers, meanwhile, are now increasingly willing to walk away.

The result: Sales are stalling, while home prices keep climbing. In September, 80% of markets saw price increases, the highest share in nine months, led by cities in the Northeast and Midwest, according to data released Monday by financial services company Intercontinental Exchange.



HE USED TO WORK FOR X. HERE'S WHAT HE SAYS IS WRONG ABOUT MUSK'S STANCE ON THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA.

Diary Times Desk : "You are the media now." Elon Musk's repeated refrain on his popular social media platform X has been his way of urging his followers to ignore traditional journalism in favor of what he calls "citizen journalism."

"I think the media is a driver of misinformation much more than the media would like to admit that they are," Musk said in an interview with the BBC in 2023. "In a lot of cases, it is the average citizen that knows more than the journalist."

A former communications chief for X thinks otherwise. He is speaking out for the first time in an exclusive interview with CNN and with a stern warning: Social media is not a replacement for journalism.

"The rhetoric around social platforms replacing journalism is not accurate or positive," said Dave Heinzinger, who worked as the communications chief at X from December 2024 through March 2025. He said he left X for personal reasons and returned to his previous role as president of PR firm Haymaker.

THE FUTURE FOR EVS IN AMERICA LOOKS GRIM. BUT THE AUTO INDUSTRY ISN'T GIVING UP

Diary Times Desk : Just a couple of years ago, America's auto industry had visions of an all-electric future. It has since abandoned that talk after the Trump administration eliminated the federal government's incentives for the technology.

The near future isn't looking too pretty. The end of the \$7,500 federal tax credit for EVs is expected to send sales plunging in the coming quarters and perhaps years.

But the global auto industry hasn't given up entirely on EVs. Automakers are continuing to invest in an electric future — even if it's not all-electric, as they had expected. The auto industry remains uncertain about the regulatory future of gas-powered cars in large parts of the United States as well as other markets around the globe. And they don't want to fall too far behind China's massive EV surge.

They have softened their stance on an all-EV future.

CANADA'S ECONOMY IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. NOW MARK CARNEY IS COMING TO WASHINGTON TO TALK TARIFFS



Diary Times Desk : The status quo is not going to cut it for Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney at his Tuesday meeting with President Donald Trump in Washington.

With an unemployment rate of 7.1%, the highest level in nine years and half a percentage point higher since the start of this year, Canada's economy is faltering.

Steep tariffs Trump slapped on cars, steel and aluminum — key Canadian exports to the United States — are making matters worse.

And Carney's meeting is happening just as Trump is prepared to deal another blow to the Canadian economy: tariffs on softwood and lumber, among the top goods the United States imports from its northern neighbors.

"It makes a difference to have face-to-face time with Trump," said Inu Manak, a senior fellow for international trade at the Council on Foreign Relations. The pressure is on Carney to leverage it.

YET ANOTHER OPENAI FINANCIAL ENTANGLEMENT IS RENEWING FEARS OF A REPEAT OF THE DOT-COM ERA



Diary Times Desk : The rat's nest of AI partnerships just got a bit more tangled. And for those who suspect the whole thing is a bubble, well, the latest entanglement is another thing to fret about.

ICYMI: OpenAI just struck a deal with AMD, a chip designer that directly competes with Nvidia, which itself announced a \$100 billion investment in OpenAI less than a week ago. Nvidia, the world's biggest company by market value, also competes with Oracle, which last month became the hot AI stock when it also reportedly struck a \$300 billion deal with, you guessed it, OpenAI.

OpenAI, reportedly the biggest private company on the planet, with a half-trillion-dollar valuation, is also deeply financially connected to Microsoft and Google (the second- and fourth-most valuable publicly traded companies, respectively).

If it looks as if the industry is mostly a small handful of large companies sort of just trading money and services back and forth, congratulations: You understand the AI financing machine.

Under the deal announced Monday, which sent the chip designer's shares (AMD) up 23%, AMD is effectively subsidizing demand by issuing OpenAI warrants for up to 160 million shares, investor Paul Kedrosky noted Monday. "That makes OpenAI a 10% shareholder: part customer, part financier — a risk transfer from cash to stock, as well as making OpenAI the largest and thus controlling AMD shareholder," Kedrosky said. As I wrote here last week, intertwined setups, including some known as "vendor financing," are common in the frothy world of artificial intelligence. But the many layers of overlap, concentrated among the companies whose stocks have been propping up the US stock market, have made it hard to disentangle how much demand for AI is authentic hunger from customers and investors and how much of it is just capital being recycled to keep up the appearance of progress.

Frisces 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.

HC RAPS HARYANA FOR
'HALF-A-CENTURY'
DELAY IN DECIDING
LAND ALLOTMENT CASE;
SAYS TENANT DIED
WAITING FOR DECISION

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has castigated the State of Haryana for its failure to take a decision for more than 50 years in a matter involving 100 kanals originally belonging to the Provincial Government but allotted to a tenant who cultivated the land until its transfer to him on 1973 for Rs 500.

The land was allotted to Nanak under the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act of 1953. He became owner in possession, but the revenue record was never corrected from tenancy to ownership. The State and other defendants, relying on erroneous revenue entries in their favour, sought to auction the land, compelling the filing of a suit seeking declaration of ownership and protection against illegal alienation."

UNSEASONAL RAIN
DAMAGES CROPS,
GRAIN STOCK IN
HARYANA; FARMERS
SEEK RELIEF

Diary Times Desk : Unseasonal rain lashed several parts of Haryana on Monday and Tuesday, causing significant damage to standing crops and uncovered grain stock in markets.

AcMeanwhile, Opposition leaders have demanded immediate relief and compensation for affected farmers.

cording to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Narnaul recorded the highest rainfall at 41 mm, followed by Mahendragarh (33 mm), Ambala (26.8 mm), Palwal (26.5 mm), Hisar (19.2 mm), Gurugram (18.5 mm), Sirsa (16.5 mm), Karnal (14.8 mm), Kaithal (12 mm), Rohtak (10 mm), Panipat (5 mm), and Mewat (4 mm).

Farmers expressed serious concern over the losses, stating that the rain arrived at a critical time during the harvesting season.

"Our crops were almost ready for sale, but now they are lying flattened and soaked. We fear huge losses," said Vikram, a farmer.

HARYANA-CADRE IPS OFFICER Y PURAN KUMAR FOUND DEAD AT CHANDIGARH
RESIDENCE WITH GUNSHOT WOUND

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Inspector General of Police (IGP) Y Puran Kumar allegedly shot himself on Tuesday at his house in Sector 11, Chandigarh.

He allegedly used his service revolver to take his life. The incident reportedly occurred earlier in the day. Police teams and forensic experts were dispatched to the scene, and an investigation is currently under way.

"An information regarding a reported suicide was received from House No 116, Sector 11, Chandigarh, around 1.30 pm," SSP Kanwardeep Kaur said, adding, "The deceased has been identified as Puran Kumar, IPS (2001 batch), Haryana cadre. The CFSL team is at the spot, and further investigation is under way."

The police have taken custody of Kumar's mobile phones and other documents from the spot.

At the time of the incident, Kumar's wife, Amneet P Kumar — a senior IAS officer — was not at home. She is currently in Japan as part of an official delegation led by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini.



RAIN, STRONG WINDS FLATTEN
PADDY CROP ACROSS HISAR REGION

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain accompanied by strong winds lashed parts of Hisar, Bhiwani, Jind, Fatehabad and Sirsa districts on Sunday night and Monday morning, leaving a trail of damage to standing kharif crops, especially paddy. The unseasonal weather, coupled with hailstorms at a few places, has deepened farmers' distress across the region.

Hisar recorded 47 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours, with hail reported in Hansi and Narnaund, leading to a sharp drop in temperature and waterlogging in several low-lying areas of the town. The minimum temperature in Hisar dipped to 18.4°C, the lowest in the state on Monday.

According to weather experts, rainfall may continue in parts of Haryana on Tuesday as well. The strong winds and showers that began Sunday night have flattened large swathes of standing paddy, leaving farmers worried about harvesting delays and higher input costs.

"The strong winds and rain have badly hit the paddy crops, which are now flattened on the ground," said Jaiveer Singh, a farmer. "Heavy rain earlier in August had already damaged our crops significantly. Now, the rains along with strong wind and hail have inflicted a heavy blow, which is unlikely to leave the crop suitable for harvesting," he added.

HC RIPS INTO PUNJAB, HARYANA
FOR 'POLICY TO CIRCUMVENT
COURT RULINGS ON
REGULARISATION'

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has come down heavily on the "policy of circumvention" by the states of Punjab and Haryana in matters of regularising long-serving temporary and contractual employees.

Justice Harpreet Singh Brar observed that both states "tend to formulate policies in order to circumvent implementation of judgments rendered by the constitutional courts," thereby keeping employees "in limbo unnecessarily".

The bench warned that the practice of keeping workers on ad-hoc or daily-wage rolls for decades while extracting regular work was "unconstitutional and violative of equality and dignity".

Justice Brar asserted: "More often than not, the claim for regularisation is neither accepted nor denied and the applicant is kept in limbo unnecessarily. The extended ad hocism of keeping daily wage workers or contractual employees on temporary rolls for decades while extracting regular work is not only unconstitutional but undermines equality and dignity."

RAIN DEEPENS HARYANA FARMERS' MISERY AS SOAKED PADDY, SLOW
PROCUREMENT TRIGGER CRISIS

Diary Times Desk : The rainfall that lashed Karnal on Monday has compounded the woes of paddy farmers already struggling with sluggish procurement. The heavy downpour drenched thousands of tonnes of paddy lying uncovered in grain markets, sparking widespread anger among farmers and exposing the marketing board's poor preparedness.

With soaked grains now facing rejection due to high moisture content, procurement has slowed further, leaving farmers anxious about mounting losses.

"Most of the heaps were lying uncovered when it rained. The millers are not coming forward and the procurement agencies are citing high moisture. The rainfall has added to our woes. We demand that the government compensate the farming community," said Nirmal Singh, a farmer.

Another farmer, Yashpal, expressed frustration over the prolonged wait for procurement. "I have been camping here in the grain market for the past three days, but no rice miller has purchased my crop. Procurement agencies and millers come and reject it, claiming high moisture content. Today's rainfall has exposed all the claims of the Karnal Market Committee authorities — our grains were soaked," he said.



Climate Pollution From Inhalers Has The Impact

The people who are most vulnerable to the hard-to-breathe air that comes with climate change may inadvertently be adding to the problem, new research finds.

About 34 million Americans have a chronic lung disease, including 28 million who have asthma, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America – and the number is expected to grow as higher temperatures bring more weather phenomena that trigger breathing issues like droughts, floods and wildfires.

To treat conditions like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, millions of Americans use what doctors often call metered dose inhalers, small boot-shaped devices that spray set doses of medication into the lungs in a quick burst using propellants called hydrofluoroalkanes, or HFAs.

"It's really on all of us toAnd insurance doesn't often try to do our part in reducing emissions," Feldman said.

Studies published Monday in the journal JAMA found that medication inhalers are "substantial" contributors to planet-warming pollution. It's not the medicine itself that's the problem; rather, it's the HFAs.

When released into the air, HFAs trap heat in the atmosphere and have a global warming potential thousands of times more powerful than carbon dioxide, meaning even a small amount of HFA can cause problems, studies show.

In one year alone, one of the new studies says, planet-warming pollution from inhalers were the equivalent of driving more than half a million cars, or the same as electricity requirements for 470,000 homes, the study said.

Metered-dose inhalers were responsible for 98% of the climate pollution from inhalers, the study found. People with lung conditions can't live without them, but the researchers noted some might be able to switch to an alternative inhaler that emits fewer problematic propellants.

"They are these tiny little products, and it's hard to imagine that they can be such contributors, but it's an eminently fixable problem with other products available and other products coming.

So it feels like a kind of low-hanging fruit to address the emissions issue," said study co-author Dr. William Feldman, a pulmonologist and health services researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles.



In one of the new studies, researchers found that pharmacists dispensed 1.6 billion inhalers in the US from 2014 to 2024, generating 24.9 million metric tons of annual carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO2e).

Annual emissions increased 24% from 1.9 million to 2.3 million metric tons of CO2e over that decade.

The other study published Monday shows that concerted efforts to reduce traditional inhaler use can make a difference.



Jen Christensen

There can also be a price barrier with dry-powder inhalers, since many of the versions that use HFAs are generic and less expensive.

And insurance doesn't often cover the dry-powder kind.



Miquel Ros

Recent years have seen efforts to reconnect the three Tabarchine communities after years apart. In 2024, some 75 representatives gathered in Pegli, near Genoa, their ancestors' home.

There is even talk of nominating the Tabarchine saga for UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.



Briana Waxman

Hurricanes Gabrielle and Humberto also rapidly intensified like Erin. Gabrielle exploded into a strong Category 4, while Humberto became the season's second Category 5.

More Cats Than People

The Mediterranean Island That Tourism Didn't Swallow Whole

Spain's Mediterranean islands have come to represent an ideal of lifestyle and leisure.

Chances are you're familiar with the Balearic archipelago. Every year, millions flock every year to the islands of Majorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera to wander whitewashed towns, soak up pristine beaches, embrace the laidback vibes — and, for some, indulge in a bit of partying.

A little farther south lies another Spanish island that captures much of this Mediterranean magic while remaining almost entirely unknown.

Look at a map of Spain, zoom in on its southeast corner and, if you pay attention, you'll spot an elongated speck of land just off the city of Alicante.

The flat, tiny island of Nueva Tabarca stretches 1,800 meters — just over a mile — and spans only 400 meters at its widest point. Around 50 people live on the island year-round, making it Spain's smallest permanently inhabited island.

What Tabarca lacks in size, it more than makes up for in natural and cultural heritage. Its insularity has shielded it from the reckless overdevelopment that has scarred much of the nearby Costa Blanca.

Yet Tabarca is far from remote. Officially part of Alicante, it lies just a couple of miles offshore.



Toward the end of his address before the movie, a voice from the crowd shouted to Curry, "We love you." It didn't go unnoticed by Curry.

Several times a day, glass-bottomed ferries shuttle visitors across the narrow stretch of water from the mainland fishing port of Santa Pola.

Even this minimal degree of geographical separation has given Tabarca a personality all its own.

Its distinct character owes much to a remarkable 18th century. The island's inhabitants trace their roots not to nearby shores but hundreds of miles away — in a historical saga connecting Tabarca to Italy and North Africa.

From Old to New Tabarca

The Nueva in its name hints at the story.

Between 1500 and 1800, red coral from what was then the island of Tabarka, on Tunisia's northern coast, was a prized commodity.

In the 16th century, the Genoese Lomellini family secured a concession from the local rulers to harvest coral there. By the mid-18th century, the settlement numbered around 2,000, most of Genoese origin.

Then the Ottoman Bey of Tunis, ruler of what is present day Tunisia, had other plans.

In 1741, his forces overran Tabarka, enslaving many residents and sending shockwaves throughout the western Mediterranean. Kings of Spain and Sardinia offered sanctuary to those who escaped and paid ransoms to free those still captive.

Those who reached Spain were offered a place to rebuild their lives — on a small, barren island. Then known as Illa Plana, or flat island, it was renamed Nueva Tabarca in remembrance of their previous home.

The new settlement wasn't improvised. In line with enlightened ideas of the time, military engineers were assigned to lay out a precise urban grid which is still visible today. Broad, straight streets intersect at right angles, converging on a central square. A fortified perimeter protected the community from the Barbary pirates who regularly raided the Spanish coast. Meanwhile, not all Tabarkians made it to Spain. Some found refuge in Sardinia, where King Carlo Emanuele III of Savoy resettled them on the islands of San Pietro and Sant'Antioco, founding the villages of Carloforte and Calasetta. Their descendants still speak the "Tabarchino" dialect and maintain a distinct culture.

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Where It's Headed

TROPICAL STORM JERRY HAS FORMED AND SHOULD STRENGTHEN INTO THE ATLANTIC'S

Tropical Storm Jerry formed over the central Atlantic Ocean Tuesday and is expected to strengthen into a hurricane by Wednesday.

Jerry is the 10th named storm of a late-blooming season that has produced three hurricanes in just over two weeks.

Tropical Storm Jerry has sustained winds of 45 mph as of 11 a.m. ET Tuesday. The storm was about 1,300 miles east-southeast of the northern Leeward Islands and was moving west.

The storm is likely to track near or north of the northern Leeward islands by later this week as a Category 1 hurricane, according to the National Hurricane Center. Jerry could bring rain and wind to these islands, depending on its exact track. Tropical storm watches could be issued for parts of the islands by Tuesday night. Jerry is not expected to be a threat to the mainland United States because a cold front will sweep off the East Coast and help deflect it out to sea.

East Coast cold fronts like these become more common in October, so more worrisome for the US are late-season storms that often form in the Gulf and Caribbean. Since these regions are closer to land, any storms that form have a greater chance to cause dangerous impacts.

There is a low chance a system

could try to develop in the southwest Gulf later this week, but of greater interest is a storm-spawning weather pattern that might develop by mid-October. A broad area of stormy weather is likely to form around that time and rotate around the western Caribbean region, according to an outlook issued last week by Phil Klotzbach, a hurricane expert and research scientist at Colorado State University. Known as the Central American Gyre, this area of stormy weather and spin is notorious for generating late-season storms. It's too early to know if this weather pattern will produce a storm this October, but forecasters will be monitoring the region deeper into the month.

Boom or bust to finish the season?

Four named storms typically form in October and November, but some hurricane seasons can have a stronger finish while others mostly shut off.

The last few years illustrate this year-to-year ebb and flow. Seven storms formed during October and November last season, but just two formed during the same time in 2023.

While there are usually fewer storms at the tail end of the season, recent years show how destructive they can still be.

Hurricane Michael in 2018 was the latest in the season a Category 5 has made landfall in the US after it roared into the Florida Panhandle on October 10. Two years earlier, Hurricane Matthew caused October destruction from the Caribbean to the Carolinas. And maybe most notorious of all: Hurricane Sandy morphed into a hybrid superstorm in late-October 2012 and walloped the East Coast.

Last year's late-season run began in late-September when Hurricane Helene ravaged the Southeast with its catastrophic flooding and winds. It was punctuated by Hurricane Milton's exceptional burst to Category 5 strength before weakening as it struck the Florida Peninsula in early October. A similar ramp up of activity in late-September has happened this year after the Atlantic shed the hostile-for-hurricane conditions it had earlier in the month.



ULAE, TAMARIND AND THE COLLECTORS WHO CHAMPIONED THE PRINTMAKING REVOLUTION ACROSS TWO COASTS

Diary Times Desk : The 1960s launched a printmaking renaissance that drastically changed the artistic landscape of the United States, driven by pioneering studios such as Universal Limited Art Editions (ULAE) in New York and the Tamarind Lithography Workshop in Los Angeles. At a time when many believed fine art lithography in the United States to be obsolete, these workshops revitalised the medium and made it a site for bold experimentation.

As Lindsay Griffith, head of Christie's New York Prints and Multiples department, observes: 'Printmaking is rarely a solitary exercise. Working with a printer inherently involves community, and many artists — Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and Ed Ruscha famously among them — have been drawn to the collaborative spirit of the print studio.'

As the medium gained new prominence, the studios became nexuses of creative exchange among artists, printers, and patrons, reshaping the culture around print collecting. Two figures — Dr. James D. Fleck, an entrepreneur and cultural philanthropist who engaged with studios such as ULAE, and Donald Kelley, an artist and master printer at Tamarind — exemplify the personal bonds and distinctive collecting practices that grew out of the print revolution. On 23 and 24 October, Christie's is honoured to present their respective collections, Property from the Collection of Dr. James D. Fleck and Art from Stone: the Collection of Donald and Maggie Tomshany Kelley, in the New York Prints and Multiples sale.

Dr. Fleck met the collector John Powers at a Young Presidents' Organization event in 1973, and the two quickly bonded over shared interests, including art. Powers and his wife, Kimiko, were already well known in international circles for their pioneering Pop art collection — widely considered one of the finest in private hands. As Fleck's own interests deepened, Powers played an important role in cultivating his eye, ultimately introducing him to Tatyana Grosman, the visionary founder of ULAE.

When Dr. Fleck began visiting the Long Island studio, often with the Powers, he found more than a print workshop. ULAE was a gathering place, part professional press, part creative community.



10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT KAWS

Diary Times Desk : KAWS is not his real name

Brian Donnelly (b. 1974) studied illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York. Before he achieved success as an artist, he worked as a background painter on animated series such as Disney's 101 Dalmatians, and cult shows Daria and Doug.

KAWS started out as a graffiti artist

From an early age, Donnelly was known for marking buildings in New Jersey and Manhattan with 'KAWS', a tag he chose because he liked the way the letters looked together. He soon moved on from this simple tag, however, and developed a unique style that involved adding cartoon-like figures to bus-shelter advertisements.

Later, he would replicate these early works of 'subvertising' in a series of screenprint lithographs. These included a mock Calvin Klein ad, featuring supermodel Christy Turlington being embraced by a green figure.

His origins in graffiti brought his work to a diverse audience, many of whom had nothing to do with the art world. Unlike most artists, KAWS did not start out with a gallery; he was fully aware of the benefits of showing his work in the street and mass-producing pieces in order to build a following. This following became so big that it attracted the attention of collectors and critics.

Speaking of his early days, Donnelly has said, 'When I was doing graffiti, my whole thought was, "I just want to exist." I want to exist with this visual language in the world... It meant nothing to me to make paintings if I wasn't reaching people.'

KAWS made his name with toys

In 1999, after being approached by Bounty Hunter, a cult toy and streetwear brand, KAWS visited Japan and created his first toy, 'COMPANION'. Like a dystopian Mickey Mouse, it has a skull and crossbones for a head, and crosses for eyes.

In March 2019, a 121ft-long inflatable version of KAWS's COMPANION was installed in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour during Art Basel. Anchored by a 40-ton weight, versions of the piece — dubbed HOLIDAY — had previously been on view in Seoul and Taipei. The installation marked a high point in the artist's meteoric rise to fame.

Although KAWS was successful in the 2000s, the 2019 Artnet Intelligence Report reports that in 2017 his average sale price almost doubled, from \$42,272 to \$82,063. The following year, demand continued to climb — in November 2018, five KAWS pieces sold for more than \$1 million, and across the entire year his work realised over \$33.8 million at auction. More recently, 2019 remains the peak for total sale value at auction (nearing \$40m), with 2022 a standout for most lots offered at auction.

KAWS's success on social media has been a big factor in his surge to the forefront of the contemporary art world. At the time of writing, more than 1.8 million posts bearing the hashtag #kaws had been posted on Instagram, compared to 468,000 for Jeff Koons and 315,000 for Damien Hirst.



BARCELONA COULD FACE REAL MADRID, BAYERN COMPETITION FOR €40 MILLION-RATED BUNDESLIGA STAR

Diary Times Desk : Having lost Inigo Martinez during the summer transfer window, FC Barcelona are exploring the idea of signing a new left-footed centre-back next summer.

It is one of sporting director Deco's main priorities, along with the acquisition of a new full-back as well as a top striker to succeed Robert Lewandowski.

As has already been reported, one of the names that Barcelona are looking at as an option for the left-footed centre-back position happens to be Nico Schlotterbeck of Borussia Dortmund.

The German defender's age, ball-playing abilities, and the fact that he is left-footed make him a very appealing target for Barça. Not to forget his contract situation, as he will have only one year left on his deal in 2026.

BARCELONA CENTRE-BACK TARGET SET TO SPARK BATTLE BETWEEN 5-6 TOP CLUBS – ROMANO

Diary Times Desk : As reported earlier this week, FC Barcelona have set their sights on a potential move for Crystal Palace and England defender Marc Guehi.

The former Chelsea star has a contract that expires at the end of the season, and he will not renew it.

As such, he will be available for free, alerting Barça to a potential market opportunity for the summer of 2026.

A 'crazy battle' incoming for Marc Guehi
However, signing Marc Guehi in the summer will not be an easy task, as Fabrizio Romano reports that there will be a 'crazy battle' for his services.

Indeed, the transfer expert states that at least 5-6 top clubs across Europe will be vying to sign the England international.

As already mentioned, Barcelona are interested in the centre-back, but arch-rivals Real Madrid are also said to be keeping an eye on the 25-year-old.

BARCELONA DIRECTOR DELIVERS HONEST ASSESSMENT AFTER CONSECUTIVE LOSSES – 'WE'RE NOT AS MAGNIFICENT AS LAST SEASON'

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona sporting director Deco has offered a candid reflection following the team's recent setbacks, a 1-4 defeat against Sevilla in La Liga and the Champions League loss to Paris Saint-Germain.

Speaking to Catalunya Radio's Tot Costa programme (h/t Mundo Deportivo), Deco's remarks captured the mood inside the Camp Nou: determined but self-critical.

"We're not as magnificent or as lush as people painted us last season," Deco admitted.

"Yes, we are a great team when we work, when we all work together, but not when we are not able to sacrifice ourselves for our teammates, which often happens."

The sporting director's honesty reflects what many inside the club already recognise. Barcelona have been punished in the final moments of matches not because of a lack of talent, but due to lapses in intensity and teamwork. The defeats against PSG and Sevilla are now being seen as wake-up calls for Hansi Flick's squad, who must rediscover the unity and collective hunger that defined their best performances earlier this season.

BARCELONA'S DRESSING ROOM ANALYSIS: ATTACKERS' EFFORT UNDER SCRUTINY AFTER LATEST DEFEATS

Diary Times Desk : Heading into the October international break, Hansi Flick is facing growing frustration with Barcelona's performances, reports El Pais. His concerns stem from both tactical issues and player attitudes.

This comes after Barcelona suffered back-to-back losses against PSG and Sevilla, leading up to the international break.

Attackers at blame

As per the report, Flick's reaction after the Sevilla loss was not as strong as his outburst at the players after the 1-1 draw vs Rayo Vallecano in late August.

After the loss, the manager said the problem was missed chances and poor finishing, but urged the team to stay positive.

However, the defence has come under scrutiny for the defeat, particularly Ronald Araujo, who was substituted at halftime, not for his foul leading to Sevilla's first goal but because he has struggled to adapt to Flick's system.

JUST IN: BARCELONA VS GIRONA TO BE PLAYED AT MONTJUIC, NOT SPOTIFY CAMP NOU

Diary Times Desk : Just when it was starting to look like FC Barcelona would finally return to the Spotify Camp Nou, it appears that there will be another delay.

Recent reports had suggested that the Blaugrana will receive the necessary First Occupancy Licence in time to host the next home game against Girona, on 18 October, at the club's redeveloped home stadium.

No Camp Nou return vs Girona
However, according to the latest update from SPORT, it will not be the case. Instead, Barcelona have decided to host Girona at Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys in Montjuic, meaning a return to Camp Nou will have to wait.

The Caalans had been awaiting the First Occupancy Licence from the Barcelona City Council in order to return to the Spotify Camp Nou, but those permits have not yet been granted.

At the same time, there is an economic factor to consider. The potential return would take place during the first construction phase, with a very limited capacity of 27,000 seats.

CHELSEA, ARSENAL WEIGHING UP JANUARY MOVE FOR BARCELONA HOMEGROWN MIDFIELDER – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : According to an update from Caught Offside, Barcelona midfielder Marc Casado has become the latest name to draw serious interest from the Premier League, with both Arsenal and Chelsea reportedly exploring the possibility of signing him in January.

Sources suggest that Barcelona could consider offers in the range of €30-35 million, but as things stand, the Catalan club remains calm and fully in control of Casado's future.

The current sentiment inside the Camp Nou is that the club will only entertain negotiations if the offer genuinely benefits their long-term sporting project.

Chelsea have admired Casado
It is believed that Chelsea have shown stronger intent so far, especially after they had already discussed Casado's name during their failed attempt to sign Fermin Lopez earlier this summer.

