

NEWS IN BRIEF

540 INDIAN NATIONALS IN NEPAL PRISONS ABSCONDING SINCE GEN Z PROTESTS
Diary Times Desk :

Around 540 Indian nationals serving time in various prisons across Nepal have been absconding ever since the Gen Z protests, the Department of Prison Management said on Sunday.

More than 13,000 prisoners escaped from various jails of Nepal during the second day of anti-government Gen Z protests on September 9.

At least 5,000 Nepali citizens, convicted in various crimes, are still absconding, followed by 540 Indian nationals and 108 prisoners of other nations, the data revealed.

The government has issued alerts across the country to look out for those who have escaped from jail in different parts of the country.

INDIA, EU CONCLUDE 14TH ROUND OF FTA TALKS IN BRUSSELS; EYE YEAR-END DEAL
Diary Times Desk :

Senior officials of India and the 27-nation European Union (EU) concluded the 14th round of talks for a proposed free trade agreement in Brussels, an official said.

The five-day talks began on October 6 to iron out differences on different issues related to goods and services for the early conclusion of the negotiations, the official said.

The Indian negotiators were later joined by Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal in the closing days of the round for providing a push to the negotiations.

Agrawal held discussions with European Commission Director General for Trade Sabine Weyand during the visit.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently expressed hope that the two sides will sign the agreement soon. The minister is also expected to visit Brussels to meet his EU counterpart Maros Sefcovic to review the progress.

SUPREME COURT
KARUR STAMPEDE: SC TO PRONOUNCE ORDER ON MONDAY ON PETITIONS SEEKING INDEPENDENT PROBE


Madurai Bench and the other directing an SIR probe passed by the Principal Bench.

"We are unable to understand how this order was passed? How did the single bench in the Chennai Bench proceed with the matter when the division bench in Madurai was considering the matter?" the Bench had asked.

A total of 41 people died in the stampede, with police noting that the rally saw a turnout of 27,000, nearly three times the expected 10,000 participants.

The high court had also dismissed the BJP leader's plea seeking a CBI probe into the incident and directed her to approach the Madurai Bench. It had formed the SIT under senior IPS officer and Inspector General, North Zone, Asra Garg and pulled up the organisers of the event, the TVK leadership and the police over the stampede.

A total of 41 people died in the stampede, with police noting that the rally saw a turnout of 27,000, nearly three times the expected 10,000 participants.

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court will on Monday pronounce its verdict on petitions seeking an independent probe into a stampede at Velusampyapuram in Karur district of Tamil Nadu which claimed 41 lives on September 27 during a rally of actor and TVK leader Vijay.

A Bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice NV Anjaria will pronounce the verdict on October 13.

While reserving its verdict on appeals by TVK and others challenging the Madras High Court's October 3 order for an SIT probe, the Bench had expressed surprise over the manner in which it proceeded with the matter.

It had raised questions over the Madras High Court passing 'conflicting' orders — one declining plea for CBI probe passed by

IDOL GARG AND APPEALED
'I HAVE NO CASTE, NO RELIGION; WILL LIVE ONLY AS HUMAN'; YOUTH TEARS SACRED THREAD AT ZUBEEN GARG'S CREMATION SITE
**Diary Times Desk :**

In a rare gesture at singer Zubeen Garg's cremation site, a youth publicly tore off his sacred thread (lagun), traditionally worn by Brahmins, and declared he would live only as a human, rejecting caste and religion.

Sun Bhagawati, a youth in his early thirties, asserted that he was only following the ideals of his idol Garg and appealed to people to live only as humans by breaking the boundaries of caste-religion.

"By birth, my caste is Brahmin. But I have no caste, no religion. We must live as humans," Bhagawati told reporters, pulling out the thread from beneath his clothes and tearing it in front of the cameras.

"Jai Zubeen Da (elder brother). I will never wear it again. People should live as humans only, not as Hindu-Muslims. Here I throw it in the dustbin," Bhagawati said, while throwing away the symbol of Brahmanism.

Garg had proclaimed that he had no religion-caste and he was just a human. The singer, born as Jibon Borthakur into a Brahmin family, had on several occasions said he had once torn off his lagun to use it as a rope for tying a mosquito net.

Asked why he took the drastic step, Bhagawati said: "In the last few years, I have been seeing only Hindu-Muslim talks on social media. Within Hindu religion also, there are so many castes. If you are a Shudra, I cannot eat from your hand. I don't want to talk about those thousands of rules and regulations. That is why I finished everything here in front of Zubeen da," he said.

VIOLENCE AT FARMERS' RALLY ORGANISED BY AAP IN GUJARAT; 3 COPS HURT, TEARGAS SHELLS FIRED

Diary Times Desk : Stones were hurled at police at a 'mahapanchayat' organised by AAP for farmers in Botad district on Sunday, prompting cops to fire teargas shells, officials said, adding that at least three policemen were injured.

Police claimed no permission was taken for organising the rally in Haddad village in the evening.

"The 'mahapanchayat' was organised illegally. These people gathered in the village with the intention of causing damage to the market yard. When police asked them to disperse, they threw stones at us, which damaged a police vehicle," said Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Sharma.

He said police used force and fired teargas shells to disperse the mob.

"Three policemen were injured and are currently undergoing treatment.

Around 20 persons have been detained, but the final count may rise as police are conducting combing operations," he said, adding that the situation is under control now.


WOMEN JOURNALISTS ATTEND AFGHAN FM MUTTAQI'S SECOND MEDIA BRIEFING AFTER BACKLASH OVER EXCLUSION


Diary Times Desk : Putting to rest a controversy over the absence of women journalists at his media interaction two days back, Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Sunday said there was no intention behind it.

Muttaqi said this during a second press conference in three days in New Delhi that was attended by several women journalists.

The Afghan Foreign Minister came under severe attack from India's opposition parties and journalists for "excluding" women press persons from his media interaction on Friday.

Interestingly, a large flag of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (as called by Taliban) was placed behind Muttaqi's chair at the Afghan embassy's conference room, while a smaller one was put on the front.

Muttaqi faced a volley of questions on the controversy over the absence of women journalists at his previous press conference. "With regards to the press conference, it was organised on short notice. A small list of journalists was finalised. It was more of a technical issue," he said.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY POLLS: OPPOSITION SEAT-SHARING, JOINT MANIFESTO LIKELY THIS WEEK


Diary Times Desk : The opposition 'Mahagathbandhan' alliance in Bihar is likely to finalise its seat-sharing in the next few days and may announce its candidates along with a joint manifesto this week.

Top sources said talks between the RJD and Congress are under way, and their leadership may meet on Monday as RJD's Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Yadav are in the national capital.

"The Congress president has been speaking to all the coalition partners in Bihar, and the final discussion is on for deciding candidates in a few seats where the Congress and some other parties feel they are strong. The Congress president is talking to all political leaders for the last two days in Bihar," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said.

He said the talks between the leaderships of RJD and Congress are also on and the leaders of the two main parties may also meet by Monday.

On the delay in seat-sharing announcement, Ramesh said, "We have to adjust some new partners in the 'Mahagathbandhan' and we have to adjust them too in seat-sharing." "In the next two-three days, we expect all the seats to be finalised and declared," he said.

20 YEARS OF RTI: CONGRESS TEARS INTO MODI GOVT FOR 'SYSTEMATICALLY KILLING' ACT, 'HOLLOWING OUT' DEMOCRACY


Diary Times Desk : The Congress on Sunday accused the Modi government of "systematically killing" and "weakening" the Right to Information Act, which was brought by its UPA government two decades ago with an aim to bring in transparency and accountability in governance.

On the 20th anniversary of Right to Information (RTI) Act, the Congress alleged that for the BJP, RTI means "Right to Intimidate", and claimed that the ruling dispensation also made the Central Information Commission a "toothless" body with its top post as well as the posts of seven information commissioners lying vacant for a long time.

"For the BJP, RTI means Right to Intimidate," AICC general secretary (communications), Jairam Ramesh, said at a press conference on the 20th anniversary of the Act, which was introduced on October 12, 2005.

OBC MAN MADE TO WASH BRAHMIN'S FEET, DRINK WATER
TO "ATONE" FOR INSULT

Diary Times Desk : In a shocking incident of caste-based discrimination, a young man in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district was allegedly forced to wash the feet of a Brahmin man and drink the water as a punishment for "insulting" him. A now-viral video of the act has sparked outrage in the region. Both parties, however, have downplayed the issue and slammed attempts to "politicise" it.



A police case has been registered under several sections, including one relating to an act that prejudices harmony between different communities. This FIR is based on a complaint filed by a member of the Kushwaha community. Parshottam Kushwaha, from an Other Backward Classes (OBC) community, was made to wash the feet of Annu Pandey, a Brahmin, and drink the water in front of the villagers. He was also fined Rs 5,100 and made to apologise to the Brahmin community.

It started with a village-level dispute. Sataria village, where Parshottam Kushwaha and Annu Pandey live, has declared a liquor ban. Despite this, Annu Pandey allegedly continued to sell alcohol. When caught, the villagers punished him by making him publicly apologise and pay a fine of Rs 2,100, a resolution Pandey accepted. But the matter took a different turn when Parshottam allegedly created and shared an AI-generated image of Annu wearing a garland of shoes. Though he deleted the post within minutes and apologised, some saw the act as an insult to the Brahmin community, adding a caste twist to a village dispute.

TOP COURT TO RULE ON PLEAS
SEEKING INDEPENDENT PROBE
INTO KARUR STAMPEDE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its order on October 13 on a batch of pleas seeking an independent investigation into the Karur stampede incident in which 41 people lost their lives.

A bench of Justices J K Maheshwari and N V Anjaria will pronounce the verdict on the pleas. On Friday, the top court, while reserving its orders, had questioned the Madras High Court for constituting a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the stampede and wondered how it had proceeded with the matter.



AFGHAN MINISTER CLARIFIES AFTER OUTRAGE OVER NO
WOMEN JOURNALISTS AT PRESSER

Diary Times Desk : Afghanistan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on Sunday justified the absence of female journalists from his earlier press conference as a "technical issue", days after the incident sparked a major controversy for "insulting women".

"Regarding the press conference, it was organised on a short notice. (There was) a short list of journalists that were invited. It was more of a technical issue but there was no other problem. Our colleagues had decided to send the invitation to a specific list of journalists. There were no other intentions other than that," the visiting Afghan minister said, as he held his second press conference two days after the first presser at the Afghanistan Embassy triggered the row.

"We have 10 million students in schools and institutes, including over 2.8 million women and girls. In madrasas, education continues up to graduation. Some limits exist, but we've never declared women's education religiously 'haram', it's only postponed until further order," he added.

The interaction was held hours after Muttaqi held wide-ranging talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Ahead of the presser, NDTV had raised the issue of the absence of women journalists at the first press meet with Embassy officials and security staff.

CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANITA IN DELHI TO RESET TIES,
PUSH STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH INDIA



Diary Times Desk : Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand arrived in New Delhi on Sunday, marking a key step in efforts to reset bilateral relations and build a framework for deeper strategic cooperation between India and Canada. Anand, who is on her first official visit to India since assuming office, will hold talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. The discussions are expected to focus on trade diversification, energy transformation, investment, and security cooperation. She is also scheduled to travel to Mumbai to meet Canadian and Indian business leaders to strengthen partnerships aimed at creating jobs and expanding economic opportunities in both countries.

OVER 16 LAKH NAMES DELETED IN CLEANUP
OF ELECTORAL ROLLS AHEAD OF ELECTIONS

Diary Times Desk : The latest update to Bihar's electoral roll has revealed significant deletions and adjustments with 1,672,513 names removed, marking an overall increase of 1.60% in the voters' list compared to that of 2020.

The final voter list following the SIR was officially published on September 30 by the Election Commission. In response to concerns raised by parties and civil society groups, the Supreme Court had earlier directed the EC to provide detailed information about the deletions. The Court's order emphasised transparency in the revision process. Consequently, the EC allowed voters to file appeals if they believe their names were unjustly removed.

A total of 30,98,228 claims were filed through Form 6, which is used to add new names to the list. Of these, 28,95,191 claims were accepted, meaning 93.4% of the applications for inclusion were approved.

BIHAR MAN WANTED TO MARRY
GIRLFRIEND, SO HE SET SECOND WIFE
ABLAZE



Diary Times Desk : A man in Bihar wanted to marry his girlfriend, but his second wife objected. Angered by this, he doused her in petrol, released LPG from a cylinder, and set her ablaze, officials said on Saturday.

Vikas Kumar, from a village in Nalanda district, had married Sunita Devi (25) five years ago. Sunita's father said it was only after the wedding that they realised Kumar had already been married once and had not divorced his first wife.

Kumar's family managed to convince Sunita to live with them, and she had two children, both of whom died shortly after they were born. Kumar then began talking about marrying his girlfriend and this led to frequent arguments between him and Sunita, who then left to live with her parents.

NDA'S BIHAR SEAT SHARE
PLAN: BJP, JDU TO
CONTEST 101 EACH, CHIRAG
PASWAN GETS 29

Diary Times Desk :
The NDA has finally inked the deal on Bihar seats after weeks of back-and-forth. The break-up was posted on X, formerly Twitter, by Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Under the deal, the BJP and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United will contest 101 each of the state's 243 assembly seats.
The Rashtriya Lok Morcha of Upendra Kushwaha and Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustan Awam Morcha or HAM will get six seats each, posted Mr Pradhan, who is also the BJP's in-charge for the state's assembly polls. Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) - for which the deal was held up for long -- will get 29 seats. The regional ally of the BJP had been playing hardball, demanding 40-45 seats, while the BJP was ready to allocate only 25 seats. The leaders of the party had even indicated that they would not rule out a tie up with Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party.

'P CHIDAMBARAM'S
REMARK ON OP BLUE STAR
IS HIS OPINION': CONGRESS
LEADER

Diary Times Desk : Maharashtra Congress President Harshwardhan Sapkal said on Saturday that senior party leader P Chidambaram's remark on the 1984 Operation Blue Star reflected his personal opinion. "Terrorism had increased in the country during that period, and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had to lose her life because of the same. Whatever Chidambaram said must be considered his personal view," Sapkal added.
What Did P Chidambaram Say On Op Blue Star?
On Saturday, P Chidambaram criticised Operation Blue Star under the Indira Gandhi-led government in 1984, describing it as "the wrong way," and said that the former prime minister paid with her life for the "mistake."
Speaking at the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival 2025 on Saturday, Chidambaram, the former Union home and finance minister, said that Operation Black Thunder was the right way to retrieve the Golden Temple, by keeping the Army out of the Sikh worship place.
"No disrespect to any military officers here, but that (Blue Star) was the wrong way to retrieve the Golden Temple. A few years later, we showed the right way to retrieve the Golden Temple by keeping out the army," Chidambaram said.
"Mrs Gandhi (former PM Indira Gandhi) paid with her life for that mistake. It was a cumulative decision of the Army.

'GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE OUT AT NIGHT':
MAMATA'S SHOCKING REMARK ON DURGAPUR
GANGRAPE; CM SAYS COMMENTS TAKEN OUT
OF CONTEXT



Diary Times Desk : Reacting to the gangrape of a medical student in West Bengal's Durgapur, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday made a controversial remark suggesting that girls "should not be allowed" to go outside college at night.

Banerjee, however, later alleged that her comments were taken out of context.

Speaking to reporters at Kolkata airport, Mamata called the incident "shocking" and said no accused would be spared. "This is a shocking incident...We have zero tolerance for such crimes. Three accused have been arrested and police are conducting search for others.

MADHYA PRADESH COURT DENIES BAIL
TO DOCTOR ARRESTED FOR COUGH
SYRUP DEATHS

Diary Times Desk : A court in Madhya Pradesh has denied bail to a doctor recently arrested for prescribing Coldrif cough syrup that led to the death of several children in Chhindwara district.

Additional Sessions Judge Goutam Kumar Gujre, posted at Parasia Civil Court, took note of the prosecution submission that the pediatrician Dr. Praveen Soni had prescribed the medicine to children below the age of four years in violation of the guidelines issued by Directorate General of Health Sciences.

In the order passed on October 8, the Court also said that the probe into the deaths is still incomplete and the allegations against the accused are of serious nature. Therefore, it refused to grant regular bail to Soni. At least 24 children died after allegedly consuming the cough syrup in Madhya Pradesh, according to media reports.

AVIATION BODY SEEKS REPORT AFTER AIR INDIA PLANE DEPLOYED
EMERGENCY TURBINE

Diary Times Desk : India's aviation regulator, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has asked Boeing for a detailed report on the uncommanded deployment of the Ram Air Turbine (RAT) on Air India flight AI-117 at Birmingham earlier this month and is advising Air India to reinspect the RAT stowage on all affected aircraft, particularly those with recently replaced power conditioning modules (PCMs).
A senior DGCA official said, "Boeing has been requested to submit a comprehensive report outlining the preventive measures to be implemented in respect of the uncommanded RAT deployment incident, global data on similar incidents reported in the Boeing 787 fleet, as cited in the company's Fleet Team Digest, and details of any service difficulty reports from operators worldwide following Power Control Module (PCM) changes." Additionally, the DGCA has instructed Air India to review the "D" Check work package to ensure that all required actions related to the PCM module replacement have been properly implemented.

HARYANA: DALIT IPS
OFFICER'S DEATH SPARKS
POLITICAL STORM,
MAHAPANCHAYAT GIVES 48-
HOUR ULTIMATUM TO BJP
GOVT

Diary Times Desk : The alleged suicide by senior IPS officer Y. Puran Kumar on October 7 - after he accused his superiors of caste-based discrimination and humiliation - has triggered a political storm not just in Haryana but across the country.

The echo of the incident has reached as far as Bihar, where elections are due next month.

The death of a senior police officer has shaken up the system, raising serious questions over persistence of caste discrimination even within high echelons of bureaucracy. But what's more surprising is the lack of prompt action by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Haryana.

The party's cautious and guarded response so far has only intensified the controversy.

KERALA ON ALERT AS BRAIN-EATING
AMOEBA CLAIMS 23 LIVES: HOW THE
STATE IS BATTLING A RARE DISEASE

Diary Times Desk : Kerala is on high alert after a surge in cases of cases of amoebic encephalitis (brain fever) - popularly called the "brain-eating amoeba." So far, the state has reported a total of 104 cases of amoebic encephalitis (brain fever), News18 reported.

State health minister Veena George said 23 patients have so far died due to the infection. Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram districts are among the most affected areas, with Kozhikode and Malappuram also reporting a surge in cases.
"Following the Nipah outbreak in Kozhikode in 2023, it was decided and directed that all cases of encephalitis (brain fever) must be mandatorily reported and that the causes behind such cases should be identified. As a result, from 2024 onwards, encephalitis cases began to be officially reported, and some of them were found to be amoebic encephalitis.



DIANE KEATON, OSCAR-WINNING
STAR OF 'ANNIE HALL', DIES AT 79

Diary Times Desk :
Diane Keaton, the Oscar-winning star of 'Annie Hall', 'The Godfather' films and 'Father of the Bride', whose quirky, vibrant manner and depth made her one of the most singular actors of a generation, has died. She was 79.

People Magazine reported on Saturday that she died in California with loved ones, citing a family spokesperson. No other details were immediately available, and representatives for Keaton did not immediately respond to enquiries from The Associated Press.

The unexpected news was met with shock around the world.

"She was hilarious, a complete original, and completely without guile, or any of the competitiveness one would have expected from such a star. What you saw was who she was...oh, la, la la!" Bette Midler said in a post on Instagram.

HELICOPTER SPIRALS OUT OF
CONTROL, CRASHES INTO PALM
TREES AT CALIFORNIA BEACH; 5
INJURED

Diary Times Desk : A helicopter that was coasting above a popular Southern California beach Saturday suddenly lost control and began spiralling in midair, eventually losing altitude and slamming into a row of palms as stunned sunbathers and beachgoers looked on.

Multiple videos posted online show the aircraft twirling clockwise above Huntington Beach, then plunging toward the edge of the beach, where it becomes wedged between palms and a staircase near Pacific coast Highway. The Huntington Beach Fire Department said five people were hospitalised, including two who were in the helicopter and were "safely pulled from the wreckage." Three other people on the street were injured. Details on their injuries were not immediately available. The department said the helicopter was associated with an annual "Cars 'N Copters" fundraising event planned for Sunday.

AFGHAN FORCES LAUNCH RETALIATORY
STRIKES ON PAKISTANI POSTS AFTER
AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS



Diary Times Desk : The Armed Forces of Afghanistan conducted retaliatory strikes against Pakistani military positions along the Durand Line on Saturday night, following repeated violations of Afghanistan's sovereignty and recent airstrikes on its territory, the Afghan Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

In a post on X, the ministry stated, "Tonight, our armed forces conducted a successful retaliatory operation against the centres of Pakistani forces along the Durand Line in response to the repeated violations of Afghanistan's sovereignty by the Pakistani military and airstrikes on Afghanistan's territory. The operation concluded around midnight."

5.8 KG OF JOY! TENNESSEE MOM
WELCOMES RECORD-BREAKING BABY
BOY

Diary Times Desk : In a delivery that has left the Internet in awe, Shelby Martin, a Tennessee mom, has given birth to a baby boy named Cassian who weighed an astonishing 12 pounds, 14 ounces (5.8 kg) at birth. Cassian's arrival not only broke the hospital record at TriStar Centennial Women's Hospital, but also captured the hearts of millions worldwide.

Cassian's birth was a moment of wonder, with doctors and nurses marvelling at his size.

Shelby, a first-time mom, joked about her baby's size in a viral TikTok post: "When people talk about having a big baby, like I don't know ball. But trust me... I know ball."

BEAR-LY BELIEVABLE!
HOMEOWNER BUILDS
CUSTOM SWING FOR FURRY
FRIEND

Diary Times Desk : In a heartwarming tale of kindness and creativity, a homeowner went above and beyond to help a visiting bear enjoy its favourite pastime — swinging! After noticing the bear struggling to climb onto the existing swing in their garden, the homeowner decided to build a larger swing to accommodate the furry friend.

The bear, whose identity remains unknown, had been visiting the garden daily to play on the swing. However, its small size and weight made it difficult to climb onto the existing swing. The homeowner, determined to help, installed a new, larger swing that would be perfect for the bear.

PAKISTAN, AFGHAN TROOPS
TRADE HEAVY FIRE ALONG
BORDER AFTER AIR STRIKES

Diary Times Desk : Clashes broke out between the Pakistan Army and Afghan forces following firing at multiple locations along the Pak-Afghan border in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, Dawn reported.

The violent exchange began after Taliban forces allegedly opened fire at several Pakistani border posts late Saturday night.

"In a prompt and intense response, Pakistani forces effectively targeted several Afghan border posts," security officials were quoted as saying by Dawn. They added that there were reports of notable damage inflicted on multiple Afghan posts and militant formations.

The firing took place at several key posts, including Angoor Adda, Bajaur, Kurram, Dir, Chitral in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Baramcha in Balochistan, The Express Tribune reported. Security sources said that the firing was aimed at facilitating the illegal entry of Khwarij—the state-designated term for the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) -- into Pakistani territory, as reported by The Express Tribune.



FLOODS, LANDSLIDES KILL AT LEAST 41 IN MEXICO AFTER DAYS OF HEAVY
RAIN

Diary Times Desk : Some people in the low-lying working-class neighbourhoods of Poza Rica heard the wall of water before they saw it. The loudest sound was from the cars crashing together as they were swept along by the water that had escaped from the banks of the Cazonces River and flooded the streets with more than 12 feet (4 metres) of water at dawn Friday. On Saturday, much of that water had flowed away. What was left was pure destruction, and the sometimes head-scratching combinations made when nature collides with the man-made: like cars hung in treetops and even a dead horse wedged inside the cabin of a pickup truck. The death toll from landslides and floods set off by incessant rainfall in central and southeastern Mexico rose to 41 people on Saturday, authorities said, a sharp increase as thousands of soldiers cleared blocked roads to rescue the missing.



DOZENS KILLED IN PAKISTAN–AFGHANISTAN CLASHES, BORDER CLOSED



Diary Times Desk : Dozens of fighters were killed in overnight border clashes between Pakistan and Afghanistan, both sides said on Sunday, in the most serious fighting between the neighbours since the Taliban came to power in Kabul.

The Pakistan military said that 23 of its soldiers were killed in the clashes. The Taliban said nine on its side were killed. Tensions have risen after Islamabad demanded the Taliban take action against militants who have stepped up attacks in Pakistan, saying they operate from havens in Afghanistan. The Taliban, which came to power in 2021, denies that Pakistani militants are present on its soil.

Each side said it inflicted far higher casualties on the other side, without providing evidence. Pakistan said it had killed more than 200 Afghan Taliban and allied fighters, while Afghanistan said that it had killed 58 Pakistani soldiers.

AFGHANISTAN WILL NOT TOLERATE
EXTERNAL AGGRESSION: FOREIGN
MINISTER MUTTAQI IN DELHI

Diary Times Desk : Afghanistan wants a peaceful resolution of its ongoing conflict with Pakistan but if the peace efforts don't succeed, then it has "other means", Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi said on Sunday, asserting that his country is fiercely united in confronting any "external invasion".

As fresh fighting between the two sides broke out following Pakistani air strike in Kabul on Thursday, Muttaqi, currently on a six-day visit to India, said the overall situation is under control and that his country will not tolerate any violation of its sovereignty.

UKRAINE'S POWER GRID ATTACKED AS
MOSCOW WORRIES OVER US
TOMAHAWKS

Diary Times Desk : Russia attacked Ukraine's power grid overnight into Sunday, part of an ongoing campaign to cripple Ukrainian energy infrastructure before winter. This came as Moscow expressed "extreme concern" over the United States potentially providing Tomahawk cruise missiles to Ukraine. Kyiv regional Governor Mykola Kalashnyk said two employees of Ukraine's largest private energy company, DTEK, were wounded in Russian strikes on a substation in the region. The Ukraine's Energy Ministry said that energy infrastructure was also attacked in the regions of Donetsk, Odesa, and Chernihiv.

AT 92, WORLD'S OLDEST PRESIDENT SEEKS TO EXTEND RULE AS CAMEROON HOLDS
ELECTION



Diary Times Desk : Cameroonians began voting on Sunday in a presidential election where incumbent Paul Biya, the world's oldest ruler at 92, is widely expected to maintain his 43-year grip on power despite an energized opposition pushing for change.

Biya's opponents include former government spokesperson Issa Tchiroma, 76, who has drawn large crowds demanding an end to the veteran leader's long tenure. Tchiroma's bid has drawn endorsements from a platform of some opposition parties and civic groups.

However, analysts say that Biya, in power since 1982, is likely to be re-elected given his firm control of state machinery and the fragmented nature of the opposition.

In the capital, Yaounde, voters trickled in amid tight security at a polling station in the upscale Bastos neighbourhood near the presidential palace, where Biya was expected to cast his ballot.

FORMER NEPAL SPEAKER
KRISHNA MAHARA
ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF
GOLD SMUGGLING

Diary Times Desk : Former Nepal speaker Krishna Bahadur Mahara was arrested on Sunday for his alleged involvement in gold smuggling.

The 67-year-old vice-chair of the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre was arrested by the Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) from his residence at Lalitpur Metropolitan City, according to a statement issued by Nepal Police.

The former Speaker of the House of Representatives was arrested for his involvement in selling gold pieces amounting to Nepalese Rs 85.52 million, which were stored at the Tribhuvan International Airport three years ago, police said.

A Chinese national coming from Dubai was arrested three years ago from the Kathmandu airport for smuggling the gold pieces hidden inside electronic cigarettes. Mahara was found to be allegedly involved in assisting criminal gangs and some airport officials to sell the gold in the market at that time.

PREPARATIONS BEGIN TO
RAMP UP AID IN GAZA AS
CEASEFIRE BRINGS HOPE
FOR END TO 2-YEAR WAR

Diary Times Desk : Preparations were underway Sunday for a ramp-up of aid entering the war-battered Gaza Strip under a new ceasefire deal that many are hoping will signal an end to the devastating 2-year-long war.

The Israeli defence body in charge of humanitarian aid in Gaza, COGAT, said that the amount of aid entering Gaza Strip is expected to ramp up on Sunday to around 600 trucks per day, as stipulated in the agreement.

Egypt said it is sending 400 trucks carrying aid into Gaza Sunday. The trucks will have to be inspected by Israeli forces before being allowed in.

The Egyptian Red Crescent said the trucks include medical supplies, tents, blankets, food and fuel. The trucks will head to the inspection area in the Kerem Shalom crossing for screening by Israeli troops. In recent months, the UN and its partners have been able to deliver only 20 per cent of the aid needed in Gaza because of the fighting, border closures and Israeli restrictions on what enters.

ISRAELI MAN SETS SELF ON FIRE, DIES. HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS KILLED BY HAMAS

Diary Times Desk : An Israeli man who survived the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on a music festival in Israel has died by suicide, days after the second anniversary of the attack.

Roei Shalev, 28, lost his girlfriend, 25-year-old Mapal Adam, and his friend, Hili Solomon, to the attack two years ago.

On Friday, Shalev was found dead in a burning car on a highway exit near Netanya, The Jerusalem Post reported. CCTV footage captured Shalev at a gas station filling a fuel canister shortly before his body was discovered, according to the report.

Before his death, Shalev shared a message on Instagram. "I'm truly sorry. I can't bear this pain any longer," he wrote. "I'm burning inside, and I can't contain it anymore. Never in my life have I felt such pain and suffering - deep, burning, eating me from within."



NOBEL WINNERS ABHIJIT BANERJEE, ESTHER DUFLO TO LEAVE US AMID FUNDING ROW

Diary Times Desk : US-based Nobel laureates Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee will soon join the University of Zurich, where they will establish a new centre for development economics, the institution said Friday.

The University of Zurich (UZH) said the married couple, who currently work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), would join its economics faculty from July next year.

The statement made no mention why the pair -- who won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize alongside Michael Kremer for their "experimental approach to alleviating global poverty" -- had decided to leave.

But they will be moving to Switzerland at a time when experts are warning US President Donald Trump's cuts to research funding and attacks on universities' academic freedoms could lead to a brain drain, with some countries trying to attract US scientists.

INVESTIGATORS TREAD CAREFULLY AT CHARRED TENNESSEE EXPLOSIVES PLANT AS FAMILIES OF 16 BLAST VICTIMS LEARN OF THEIR LOSS

Diary Times Desk : The families of 16 victims killed in a devastating blast at a Tennessee explosives plant have been notified of their loss, as investigators methodically work to clear the scene and gather evidence to determine what caused the tragedy in the tight-knit community.

In the coming days, authorities will slowly work their way through the debris-ridden plant "foot by foot," ensuring each area of the site, approximately half a square mile, is safe for those at the scene.

"Due to the constraints that we have here ... we're literally having to take one foot at a time," said Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis.

SHERRY SINGH BECOMES THE FIRST INDIAN TO WIN THE MRS UNIVERSE 2025 CROWN IN 48 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : Sherry Singh has etched her name in the history books by becoming the first ever Indian to win the Mrs Universe 2025 crown in 48 years. She competed against over 120 women from across the globe at the 48th edition of the pageant, held at Okada, Manila, Philippines.

Sherry Singh, who has been married for nine years and is a mother to a young son, said after the win, "This victory is not just mine, it belongs to every woman who has ever dared to dream beyond limits. I wanted to show the world that strength, kindness, and resilience define true beauty," according to Women Fitness India. In videos shared online, she was visibly emotional as her name was announced, with confetti raining down the stage.

Sherry Singh's mentor, Urmimala Boruah, National Director of UMB Pageants, praised Sherry's journey, saying, "We always believed in Sherry's potential. Her historic win has made India proud and has set a new benchmark for every woman who wishes to represent her country with dignity and confidence."

Sherry has a growing social media presence, with close to 25,000 followers on Instagram, where she shares fashion looks, fitness tips, and glimpses of her personal and spiritual life. A devoted follower of Lord Krishna, she frequently shares insights into her spiritual journey.



'TRUMP: TEHELKA MACHA DOONGA; NOBEL BODY: MACHADO': CONGRESS MP'S "POOR JOKE"

Diary Times Desk : In a self-proclaimed "poor joke", senior Congress leader and eminent lawyer Abhishek Singhvi has come up with a witty wordplay on Venezuelan leader Maria Corina Machado winning the Nobel Peace Prize. The Rajya Sabha MP took a swipe at US President Donald Trump, whose supporters had been claiming that he was a frontrunner for the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

"In a lighter vein... with appropriate "poor joke PJ" forewarning... but concededly witty...", Singhvi declared before following it up with his joke.

"Trump: Agar mujhe Nobel Peace Prize nahi diya, toh main duniya mein tehelka macha doonga... Nobel Committee: Machado," he wrote. The joke plays on the Hindi phrase, "Macha doonga" and ties it with the Venezuelan leader's name. And Singhvi's wordplay, though a self-proclaimed "poor joke", will undoubtedly crack many up.

HAMAS WON'T TAKE PART IN POST-WAR GAZA GOVERNANCE: SOURCE CLOSE TO GROUP

Diary Times Desk : A Hamas source close to the group's negotiating committee told AFP on Sunday that it will not participate in post-war Gaza governance, as world leaders prepare to converge on Egypt for a Gaza peace summit.

The source's comments come days after an Israel-Hamas ceasefire came into effect, and as both sides discuss implementing US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan to end the war, which calls for Hamas' disarmament and for the group not to be involved in running post-war Gaza.

"For Hamas, the governance of the Gaza Strip is a closed issue. Hamas will not participate at all in the transitional phase, which means it has relinquished control of the Strip, but it remains a fundamental part of the Palestinian fabric," the source told AFP, requesting anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

But where there appears to be no division among top members is on the question of disarmament, which the group has long described as a red line.

"Hamas agrees to a long-term truce, and for its weapons not to be used at all during this period, except in the event of an Israeli attack on Gaza," the source said.

Another Hamas official who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive topics had earlier told AFP that Hamas' disarmament was "out of the question".

PAKISTANI, AFGHAN FORCES EXCHANGE DEADLY BORDER FIRE: WHAT'S NEXT?



Diary Times Desk : Pakistani and Afghan forces have exchanged deadly fire at multiple locations along their border, and the two sides claim to have captured and destroyed border posts in one of the worst border clashes in recent years. The Taliban administration's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said at least 58 Pakistani soldiers were killed in "retaliatory" attacks on Saturday night, two days after blasts were reported in the Afghan capital, Kabul, and the southeastern province of Paktika. The Pakistani military admitted 23 of its soldiers were dead while claiming to have killed 200 Taliban and affiliated "terrorists". Pakistan's interior minister called the Afghan attacks "unprovoked firing". The Taliban government has accused Pakistan of carrying out Thursday's bombings. Pakistan has neither confirmed nor denied the allegations. Pakistan was accused of backing Taliban fighters during their rebellion against the United States.

TRUMP'S DEALMAKING DIPLOMACY GROWS FRAGILE AS CHINA FIRES BACK



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MODI TO SKIP GAZA PEACE SUMMIT HOSTED BY TRUMP, SISI. MOS KIRTI VARDHAN TO REPRESENT INDIA

Diary Times Desk : India is set to be represented by Kirti Vardhan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, at the Sharm el-Sheikh Gaza peace summit being hosted by US President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi Monday. Singh will travel for the peace conference after Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a last-minute invite from both Trump and Sisi. The conference will be jointly chaired by the two presidents, as the ceasefire negotiated by the US between Israel and Hamas came into effect Friday. The two-year war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas is moving towards a conclusion. Hamas has agreed to release the remaining hostages held captive, while Israeli forces are withdrawing to agreed areas under Trump's ceasefire plan announced last month. Hamas will start releasing hostages Monday morning, ahead of Trump's visit to Egypt to jointly chair the peace summit, according to news reports. In exchange for releasing the remaining captives, Israel is expected to free around 250 Palestinian prisoners and 1,700 detainees from Gaza, while more aid will be allowed into the besieged Strip. The war between Israel and Hamas began on 7 October 2023 after Hamas fighters killed nearly 1,200 Israelis and took about 250 hostages. Israel's response has seen over 67,000 Palestinians killed in Gaza.



SHOCKING VIDEO SHOWS MAN URINATING ON SACRED ALTAR AT ST PETER'S BASILICA DURING MASS

Diary Times Desk : In an absolutely shocking incident, a man appeared to urinate on the Altar of Confession at St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on Friday (October 10) in front of hundreds of worshippers and tourists, Fox News reported. The video of the bizarre incident, which happened during a 9:00 am Holy Mass, went viral on social media platforms, with some users calling it "disgusting" and "disgraceful".

As per the report, the man climbed the altar steps, dropped his pants, and urinated on the sacred site. The Vatican gendarmes intervened immediately and took him away. However, it's now certain whether he was arrested or charged.

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MADAGASCAR ARMY UNIT TAKES CONTROL OF MILITARY, JOINS GENZ PROTESTS

Diary Times Desk : A mutinied army unit declared Sunday that it was taking control of all Madagascar military forces as President Andry Rajoelina said an "attempt to seize power illegally" was under way. The CAPSAT contingent of administrative and technical officers joined thousands of protesters in the city centre on Saturday in a major shift in a more than two-week anti-government protest movement. The unit had earlier declared that it would "refuse orders to shoot" and criticised the gendarmerie, who have been accused of using heavy-handed tactics against protesters, causing several deaths. But Sunday the CAPSAT officers claimed in a video statement that "from now on, all orders of the Malagasy army -- whether land, air or the navy -- will originate from CAPSAT headquarters".

INSIDE TRUMP'S 'DEAD CAT DIPLOMACY' IN ISRAEL-HAMAS CEASEFIRE PUSH

Diary Times Desk : When Donald Trump called Benjamin Netanyahu on October 4 to tell him that Hamas had agreed to at least some of his 20-point ceasefire plan, the Israeli prime minister's equivocal response was he saw "nothing to celebrate, and that it doesn't mean anything". According to reports, the US president fired back: "I don't know why you're always so fucking negative. This is a win. Take it."

Trump's visceral response is less important than the fact that it became public only hours after this private conversation. By comparison, although Joe Biden's frequent excoriations of Netanyahu were well documented, they were never made public immediately after he uttered them.

Trump's scolding of the Israeli leader, on the other hand, was intentionally leaked to publicly paint Netanyahu as the intransigent party should negotiations over ending the war collapse. Unencumbered by nuance or subtlety, Trump's "dead cat diplomacy" in recent weeks has proven to be his single most effective leverage in bringing Israel and Hamas to this agreement. The practice of dead cat diplomacy was first articulated by former US secretary of state (1989-1992) James Baker, during his incessant diplomatic efforts to coax the Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian teams to attend the historic 1991 Madrid peace conference.

EXPERTS ON HOW TO RAISE THE COST OF WAR FOR RUSSIA: 'BE CLEVERER'

Diary Times Desk :

Three and a half years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, with a US-led peace process on ice and a stalemate on the battlefield, Kyiv's allies are calling for renewed economic pressure on Moscow. The aim: to raise the cost of war for the Kremlin to a level that forces it to change course.

Eighteen packages of European Union sanctions and dozens more from the United States, United Kingdom and others have weakened Russia's economy – but not its resolve to carry on fighting.

What's needed, then, is not just more but smarter penalties, experts say.

"We just need to be cleverer," said Timothy Ash, a Russia researcher at the UK-based Chatham House think tank who has advised a number of governments on the impact of sanctions against Moscow.

THE NEXT ERA OF SOCIAL MEDIA IS COMING. AND IT'S MESSY SO FAR

Diary Times Desk : A baby running from a T-Rex with Lady Gaga playing in the background. Cats dancing on their hind legs dressed in streetwear. Bodycam footage of police arresting a pile of macaroni and cheese.

Big Tech wants to give social media an AI makeover – and so far, it's a bit of a mess.

ChatGPT's Sora app, where some of those scenes popped up last week, is just the latest entrant into the AI social media sphere. Meta's AI app has a TikTok-like video feed called Vibes. You can chat with AI personas on Instagram in your direct messages. And TikTok's AI Alive tool turns images into videos with just a simple command. The moves are part of a high-stakes race that could shape the next era of the internet. Winning that race is critical for tech giants as they figure out how to make money from AI amid fears of a bubble. Efforts to push AI into our social feeds have raised sweeping concerns across the web, from whether these tools violate copyright laws to how they might contribute to the rampant spread of fake content.

WHY AMERICA JUST BAILED OUT ARGENTINA WITH A \$20 BILLION LIFELINE

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration is bailing out Argentina in a move critics are saying has more to do with politics than economics or American interests.

That means \$20 billion US taxpayer dollars will be used to bail out a country led by a close ally of President Donald Trump: chainsaw-wielding, libertarian Javier Milei.

"Argentina faces a moment of acute illiquidity," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent wrote on X Thursday. "The US Treasury is prepared, immediately, to take whatever exceptional measures are warranted to provide stability to markets."

Meanwhile, the US federal government is nearing two weeks of being shut down and US businesses and industries continue to reel from Trump's ongoing trade war.

Here are some key details about the administration's extraordinary financial rescue of Argentina.

What's the problem?

Argentina is at risk of a financial collapse.

The country's currency fell sharply after President Milei's party suffered a significant defeat in elections last month. The losses shook investors' confidence in Milei's ability to see through his economic reforms.



CHINA WARNS US OF COUNTERMEASURES IF TRUMP DOESN'T WALK BACK 100% TARIFF THREAT

Diary Times Desk : Beijing has vowed countermeasures against Washington if US President Donald Trump makes good on his threat to impose new 100% tariffs on Chinese imports.

Trump's latest threat came after China unleashed a raft of export restrictions on rare earth minerals last week. The escalating tensions threaten to derail months of progress in trade talks.

"Resorting to threats of high tariffs is not the right way to engage with China," a Ministry of Commerce spokesperson said Sunday, in Beijing's first comments on the threat.

"If the US persists in acting unilaterally, China will resolutely take corresponding measures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," the spokesperson added. "Our position on a tariff war remains consistent – we do not want one, but we are not afraid of one."



TRUMP'S NEW 100% TARIFFS ON CHINA TRIGGERED AN \$18 BILLION CRYPTO SELL-OFF

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump's threat to impose an additional 100% tariff on imports from China sparked a massive cryptocurrency sell-off late Friday that exposed risky leverage in the space.

Digital currencies bitcoin, ether and solana were among the most affected cryptocurrencies, bringing total liquidations to \$18.28 billion as of 3:47 p.m. ET, according to data analysis platform CoinGlass. The losses for cryptocurrencies come amid a broad sell-off, as the Nasdaq and S&P 500 on Friday saw their steepest declines in six months.

In the past 24 hours, roughly \$5 billion of bitcoin has been liquidated, along with about \$4 billion of ether and about \$2 billion of solana, according to CoinGlass.

It's the "largest liquidation event in crypto history," CoinGlass said in a post on X.

Bitcoin is down almost 10% in the last five days and was trading at \$111,616.20 as of 3:45 p.m. ET, a jump from when it dropped to \$103,000 at 5:15 p.m. ET on Friday.



TRUMP'S DEALMAKING
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President Donald Trump's preference to cut one-to-one deals with allies and adversaries has been the hallmark of his self-proclaimed dealmaking magic, but with the China trade truce seemingly teetering on collapse, the fragility of such an approach has been laid bare. China's Ministry of Commerce late Wednesday night New York time unveiled broad new export controls of rare earths and other critical materials that are key to US defense and technologies applications. The news sparked shock across those specific groups, but wasn't met with similar reaction across broader markets. That is until Trump's nearly 500-word Truth Social post published around 11 a.m. in New York on Friday threatened a "massive increase" of tariffs on goods from China. The move sent major US indexes into a day-long free-fall. Hours later, Trump said he'd hit China with an additional 100% tariff from Nov. 1 - threatening to push rates near what both sides warned earlier this year would represent an effective decoupling. He also announced plans for export controls on critical software.

GOLD EXTENDS BULLISH
MOMENTUM AS TRADE
TENSIONS ESCALATE
AND GROWTH
WEAKENS

Diary Times Desk : Gold (XAU) prices continue to increase without any correction at the resistance levels due to increasing global tensions. The renewed U.S.-China trade war has shaken markets and driven investors toward safe-haven assets. China's expansion of export controls on rare earth materials and the U.S. decision to impose new tariffs have intensified fears of an economic showdown. Moreover, stubborn inflation and slowing global growth increase the demand for precious metals. The gold price has hit the target of \$4,000 and shows positive consolidation, which indicates continued bullish momentum. This article presents the fundamental drivers, market risks, and long-term technical outlook for gold amid the escalating trade conflict.

SILVER (XAG) FORECAST: BULLISH PRICE PREDICTION AS PHYSICAL
SQUEEZE FUELS SILVER RALLY



Diary Times Desk : Spot silver surged 2.2% to close at \$50.21 per ounce on Friday, buoyed by safe-haven demand and strong fundamentals echoing gold's bullish run. The rally comes just a day after prices briefly touched a record \$51.22, with traders now watching the \$51.24 breakout level for a possible run to \$52.00 and beyond.

Silver has gained an impressive 70% year-to-date, driven by a combination of geopolitical risk, central bank accommodation, and tight physical market conditions. Friday's price action remained within Thursday's range, signaling investor indecision—but also setting the stage for increased volatility.

Silver is riding the same macro tailwinds lifting gold. Former President Trump's threat of massive new tariffs on Chinese imports roiled global markets and reignited safe-haven demand. Meanwhile, traders are now pricing in two Federal Reserve rate cuts this year, pulling Treasury yields and the U.S. Dollar Index lower.

SBI MUTUAL FUND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS FRESH LUMP SUM
INVESTMENTS IN SILVER ETF FOF AMID SUPPLY CONSTRAINTS



Diary Times Desk : SBI Mutual Fund has announced a temporary suspension of fresh lumpsum investments in its SBI Silver ETF Fund of Fund (FoF), effective October 13, 2025, in response to a sharp surge in silver demand and constrained physical supply.

In an official notice, the fund house cited global macroeconomic factors and growing investor interest in commodities as key reasons behind the recent spike in silver prices. However, the limited availability of physical silver has restricted the creation of new ETF units at indicative net asset value (INAV), prompting a move to safeguard investor interests.

The SBI Silver ETF FoF is an open-ended fund-of-fund scheme that invests in the SBI Silver ETF, which in turn tracks domestic silver prices. "The premium in domestic silver prices directly impacts the valuation of the Scheme," the notice stated.

The suspension applies to all fresh subscriptions via lumpsum mode, including additional purchases and switch-ins. However, existing investments through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs), Systematic Transfer Plans (STPs), redemptions, and switch-outs will continue as usual, in line with the Scheme Information Document.

SBI Mutual Fund clarified that the suspension is temporary and will remain in effect until further notice. All other terms and conditions of the scheme remain unchanged.

The notice was issued from Mumbai on October 11, 2025, and signed by Nand Kishore, Managing Director & CEO of SBI Funds Management Limited.

Investors are advised to take note of the update and read all scheme-related documents carefully before making investment decisions. Earlier today, UTI Mutual Fund announced a temporary suspension of fresh subscriptions in its Silver ETF Fund of Fund (FoF), effective October 13, 2025.

**SONIA GANDHI ARRIVES
IN SHIMLA; CM SUKHU
INSPECTS
PREPARATIONS FOR
UNVEILING OF
VIRBHADRA SINGH'S
STATUE**

Diary Times Desk : Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi arrived in Shimla on Sunday afternoon. She will attend the unveiling of the statue of Virbhadra Singh, who served as Himachal Pradesh's Chief Minister six times, at Daulat Singh Park on the historic Ridge on Monday.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Public Works Minister Virbhadra Singh's son Vikramaditya Singh, along with other dignitaries, welcomed Gandhi at Annadale Ground here.

Earlier in the day, the CM inspected the preparations for the statue unveiling and issued necessary directives to ensure security arrangements for the event, a statement said.

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the chief minister, the deputy chief minister, the state party in-charge Rajni Patil, and HPCC president Pratibha Singh are expected to attend the event.

Virbhadra Singh first took office as Chief Minister on April 8, 1983, and served for nearly 23 years and 300 days. The statue's unveiling was initially planned for his birth anniversary on June 23, but was postponed due to the pre-occupation of central leaders.

SOLDIER DIES IN ROAD ACCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : An Army man was killed in a road accident at Dargela village of Shahpur Assembly constituency in Sangra on Friday. Deceased Sumit Kumar (30), son of Uttam Chand, was serving in Jammu and Kashmir and had come home on leave to celebrate the Karva Chauth festival with family.

The police said Sumit's lost control over his motorcycle at a sharp turn. He was declared declared dead on arrival Shahpur hospital.

'WAR AGAINST DRUGS' THROUGH SPORTS: FOOTBALL CLUB INSPIRES NEW GENERATION IN PUNJAB'S NAWANSHAHR

Diary Times Desk : The players associated with 'Daily Morning Football Club' in Punjab's Nawanshahr district are making efforts to guide the younger generation towards sports and away from drugs.

One of the club's senior players and coach, Raghvinder Pal Singh, a retired SDO from BSNL, has been playing a pivotal role post-retirement. He not only supports the club's activities in Nawanshahr, but also dedicates his mornings to coaching children in his native village Babbar Mazara, before they leave for school.

His goal is to mentor these young players like his own children and help shape them into successful footballers and responsible citizens, bringing pride to the club and the nation. Similarly, Praveen Kumar, ASI with Punjab Police, is contributing both at the club in Nawanshahr and by training budding players in his village Sloh, after fulfilling his official duties.



AFTER ADVERSE REACTION REPORTS, GOVT HOSPITALS TOLD NOT TO USE 8 DRUGS

Diary Times Desk : Following reports of “adverse reaction”, the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare has ordered to immediately discontinue in all government health facilities across the state the procurement and use of eight drugs manufactured by three firms.

The directions were issued on Friday. Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh said the decision was taken following reports of adverse reaction of the drugs after being administered to patients at some government hospitals.

"We have also sent samples of these for further checks and strict action will be taken against firms if found on the wrong side. We cannot allow anyone to play with innocent lives," he said. The discontinued medicines include normal saline (sodium chloride injection IP 0.9%), dextrose injection IP 5% ciprofloxacin injections 200 mg, DNS 0.9%, NI2 + dextrose 5% IV fluid and bupivacaine HCL with dextrose injection.

'OP BLUESTAR WAS A MISTAKE, INDIRA GANDHI PAID WITH HER LIFE': CHIDAMBARAM

Diary Times Desk : Congress leader P Chidambaram said Operation Bluestar was not the right way to capture militants holed up in the Golden Temple in 1984, due to which the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, "paid with her life".

"There was a way to retrieve and capture all militants, but Operation Bluestar was the wrong way and I agree that Mrs Gandhi paid with her life for the mistake, but the mistake was cumulative decision of the Army, intelligence, police and civil defence and you cannot completely blame Mrs Gandhi," the former home minister said during a book launch in Himachal Pradesh's Kasauli on Saturday.

Chidambaram made the remarks during a conversation with journalist and author Harinder Baweja on her book 'They Will Shoot You Madam: My Life Through Conflict' at the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Aries

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

Taurus

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

Gemini

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

Cancer

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

Leo

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

Virgo

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

Libra

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

Scorpio

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

Sagittarius

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

Capricorn

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

Agurius

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

Pisces

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

ROHTAK SP
TRANSFERRED AS
HARYANA CM SAINI
VOWS JUSTICE; IPS
OFFICER'S KIN SLAM
SHIFTING OF BODY

Diary Times Desk : Amid outrage over the suicide of Haryana IPS officer Y Puran Kumar, Rohtak SP Narendra Bijarniya was transferred on Saturday as Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini assured the family of justice. The officer's family has sought the arrest of Haryana DGP Shatrujeet Kapur and Bijarniya.

This came as a controversy erupted on Saturday morning over the shifting of the IPS officer's body from a hospital in Sector 16 here to the PGIMER mortuary for post-mortem "without the family's consent".

Kumar, a 2001-batch IPS officer, had allegedly shot himself at his Sector 11 residence here on Tuesday afternoon, leaving behind an eight-page "final note" accusing senior IPS and IAS officers of caste-based harassment and humiliation.

According to an official order issued on Saturday, IPS officer Surinder Singh Bhorla was appointed as the new Rohtak SP. It said the posting order of Bijarniya would be issued separately. Apart from this, the Chandigarh Police also added Section 3(2) (v) of the SC/ST Act as its first step in the investigation headed by IGP Pushpendra Kumar after an SIT was formed on Friday. It was one of the demands in the complaint forwarded to the UT SSP on Friday morning by IPS officer's wife Amneet P Kumar regarding the amendments required in the FIR.

'DEEPLY HURT': KHARGE
WRITES TO WIFE OF LATE
HARYANA IPS OFFICER,
EXTENDS SUPPORT

Diary Times Desk : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has written to the wife of Haryana IPS officer Y Puran Kumar, who committed suicide alleging harassment by his seniors, extending support in her fight for justice as he said the Haryana officer ended his life "battling social prejudices and disparities".

4 KILLED AS CAR HITS ROAD-ROLLER NEAR GOHANA IN HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : Four people were killed in an accident near Rukhi Toll Plaza on the Delhi-Jammu highway close to Gohana on Saturday after their car hit a road-roller parked along the roadside.

One of the victims died on the spot, while three others succumbed to their injuries during treatment.

The deceased have been identified as Ankit, Lokesh, Dipankar and Sombir, all residents of Ghilaur village in Rohtak district. Sombir was the son of Balwan Ranga, district president of the Congress, Rohtak (Rural).

Following the incident, police reached the spot and initiated an inquiry.

The bodies have been sent to the Civil Hospital in Gohana for post-mortem.

Family members and villagers gathered at the hospital after receiving information.



HARYANA IPS OFFICER'S DEATH:
CAPT AJAY YADAV DEMANDS HC-
MONITORED PROBE

Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader and former Haryana minister Capt Ajay Singh Yadav on Sunday demanded a high court-monitored inquiry into the suicide of senior IPS officer Y Puran Kumar.

He also called for full acceptance of the demands made by the officer's family and strict action to curb rising atrocities against the Dalit community.

Speaking to the media, Yadav said, "The suicide of a senior Dalit IPS officer has exposed serious cracks in the state's administrative framework. If the government fails to deliver justice in such a high-profile case, it sets a dangerous precedent for ordinary citizens and honest officers."

Calling the incident deeply disturbing, Yadav said it has shaken the conscience of the state and raised serious questions about the integrity of governance and the safety of upright officers across the country.

STRINGENT SC/ST ACT SECTION
INVOKED IN HARYANA IGP
SUICIDE CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Chandigarh Police on Saturday invoked Section 3(2)(v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act in the case registered in connection with senior IPS officer Y Puran Kumar's death by suicide, marking the first major step in the ongoing probe. The move followed a complaint by the deceased's wife, IAS officer Amneet P Kumar, to the SSP on Friday morning, demanding the inclusion of stringent provisions of the SC/ST Act to the case to ensure accountability.

Yesterday, a six-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted under Inspector General of Police (IGP) Pushpendra Kumar to investigate the case. The SIT formation followed a detailed meeting between Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi, IAS D. Suresh and the late officer's brother Vikram Kumar with UT DGP Sagar Preet Hooda on Friday afternoon. The team will conduct a "time-bound and impartial" inquiry into the circumstances that led to the senior officer's death.

PM'S DHAN-DHANYA YOJANA TO BOOST RURAL ECONOMY IN NUH: CM

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has said the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Dalhan Atmanirbharta Mission will play a pivotal role in strengthening and making agriculture self-reliant, thereby transforming the lives of farmers.

He said the Pradhan Mantri yojana had been launched in 100 districts across the country, including Nuh district. Addressing a state-level function at Panchkula today, he paid tributes to Jayaprakash Narayan on his birth anniversary.

During the programme, Saini, along with Cabinet ministers, MLAs, and farmers, watched the live address of PM Narendra Modi through video conferencing. Modi launched the two schemes at the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for more than 1,100 agriculture projects worth Rs 42,000 crore under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Food Processing sectors. Saini said the state government's primary objective was to ensure that Nuh district availed maximum benefits under the scheme, thereby giving a strong boost to the rural economy.



‘My brother was murdered by greed’: Inside Brazil’s methanol poisoning crisis

When Marcelo Lombardi, 45, complained he was feeling sleepy on a Friday, his family didn’t think much of it. Lombardi often put in long hours running his family’s 17-year-old real estate business in São Paulo, Brazil, working alongside two of his older sisters. A well-known attorney, he was a beloved figure in Sacomã, the southeastern neighborhood where he had lived for more than 35 years. Fernanda Lombardi, one of his sisters, recalled their life being “perfect” until that day, September 26. “Earlier in the week, he came home with some groceries, which included a bottle of vodka,” she told CNN. “It was his favorite liquor.”

On Saturday, Marcelo woke up blind. “He told his wife he couldn’t see anything but a big bright light,” Fernanda said. Upon arriving at the hospital, no one could tell the family what was wrong with Marcelo. “It took them about five hours to tell us that my brother had been poisoned,” Fernanda said. “By then, all of his organs were shutting

down. He looked me in the eye and said, ‘I’m not leaving this place.’” Marcelo died the following day.

The family later learned from health officials that the sips of the vodka cocktail he had casually enjoyed at home days before were laced with an invisible killer – industrial methanol. The colorless liquid is now responsible for an ongoing health crisis that has triggered a nationwide panic affecting about 100 million people across six states in Brazil, according to health authorities. Methanol is a clear, odorless, highly flammable liquid found in antifreeze, varnish and fuel. Ingesting just a few milliliters can cause blindness or death.

Federal authorities are investigating several fronts to determine how industrial methanol entered Brazil’s consumer alcohol supply. In Brazil, methanol commerce is regulated by the government, restricted to industrial uses such as biodiesel production, solvents, and laboratory applications. Its sale is legal but strictly controlled, and every transaction must be registered. One main line of investigation is that methanol, cheaper than ethanol, may have been intentionally used by counterfeiters to cut liquor production costs. Federal police are examining whether the chemical used by clandestine factories was purchased from gas stations and later diverted to illicit alcohol production. At least one gas station in São Paulo has been identified as a common supplier in several cases.

Investigators are also probing whether smuggled or diverted industrial methanol entered Brazil’s black market and if it has been used for bottle washing or sterilization by underground distilleries, contaminating drinks later sold illegally. Federal investigators have uncovered a massive black-market supply chain flooding bars, venues and homes with counterfeit liquor. So far, authorities have seized hundreds of thousands of fake labels, more than 100,000 of them just in the city of São Paulo.



Alessandra Freitas
As a precaution, health and trade associations are urging consumers and bars to destroy or properly dispose of empty bottles to prevent counterfeiters from reusing them in the production of fake liquor.

Gas Shortages Economic Pain

UKRAINE AND RUSSIA’S INTENSIFYING ENERGY WAR



Tim Lister
Ukraine is currently negotiating with its international partners to increase natural gas imports by about 30% as the winter approaches, according to energy minister Svitlana Grynchuk.

Almost 900 miles from Ukraine’s borders, a fire erupted at a Russian oil refinery on Saturday. The blaze – a result of a strike by Ukrainian long-range drones, according to sources in the country’s security services – was the third at the facility in the last month alone.

It was just the latest episode in an intensifying energy war between Ukraine and Russia.

Video from the area around the Ufa refinery in Bashkortostan, a Russian region in the southern Ural Mountains, showed a column of dark smoke rising from the plant following the attack. The refinery is one of the country’s largest.

This was at least the fourth Ukrainian attack on Russian oil facilities in the last week, continuing a campaign that accelerated over the summer and has led to gasoline shortages in parts of Russia.

Overnight on Thursday, according to the Ukrainian military, a gas processing facility and pumping station in the Volgograd region of southern Russia were also hit. Ukraine’s special forces claimed that the pumping station has an annual capacity of 50 million tons.



Friday’s attack was “one of the largest concentrated strikes specifically against energy facilities,” according to Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko. “Unfortunately, there is significant damage to the energy infrastructure.”

But the energy war is a two-way street. Recent barrages of Russian missiles and drones have seriously damaged Ukrainian gas production and caused extensive power cuts across the country. Ukrainian officials say they’ll have to turn to expensive imports of European gas to make up the shortfall.

The latest Russian strikes on Ukraine left more than 240,000 homes in the southwestern Odesa region without power on Saturday, according to officials. Ukraine’s energy ministry said more than 800,000 customers in Kyiv lost power for a time.

Ukraine’s extended reach Kyiv’s growing ability to strike refineries well over 1,000 kilometers inside Russian territory is down to an increasing arsenal of locally-made drones and missiles.

Last week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Russia’s gasoline shortage is “up to around 20% of (its) needs.” Kyiv had begun using two home-made cruise missiles in recent strikes, he said.

Ukraine struck Russia 70 times in September, according to Ukrainian commander-in-chief, Oleksandr Syrskyi.

“We are destroying the aggressor country’s production of fuel and lubricants, explosives, and other components of the Russian military-industrial complex,” Syrskyi said in a Telegram post on Friday. Winter shortages

Ukrainian officials acknowledge, however, that Ukraine’s gas and other infrastructure is itself under heavy pressure from Russian attacks.

“There are 203 key facilities in Ukraine that we need to protect with air defense systems,” Zelensky said, while renewing his appeal for more Western systems.

The Ukrainian leader said he had discussed the Russian attacks in a call with US President Donald Trump Saturday as well as “opportunities to bolster our air defense.”

According to Syrskyi, Ukrainian air defenses are “about 74% effective,” but further efforts are needed to protect energy facilities.

The last week has seen several mass attacks by a combination of missiles and drones on Ukrainian energy infrastructure. Moscow launched more than 50 missiles and nearly 500 drones on October 5, and then 465 drones.

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Stepped Back The Spotlight

AFTER YEARS OF PROGRESS ON GENDER, THE MALE GAZE IS BACK

This summer, I got cultural whiplash.

As a child of the ‘90s and early 2000s, I grew up with my mother’s and grandmother’s generations’ fight for legal and workplace equality helping shed social misogyny.

In the past decade in particular, I saw the evidence of progress in my media diet. The movies, shows, books and advertisements I consumed were increasingly giving women a seat at the table. Heroin chic fell away, and body positivity entered the fashion world. Stories about a woman stealing your man were traded for celebration of the “girl’s girl” who resisted the competition for men’s attention.

And when my husband and I got married earlier this year, our vision of what our life could be included wide-ranging possibilities, influenced in part by the movies and shows we grew up with. We saw, read and listened to stories of involved fathers, successful mothers and well-matched partners who supported one another. It seemed like women were taking a deeper breath without such heavy cultural restrictions. How had these discarded ideas made their way back into circulation? Didn’t we all agree

we were through with them? Back to the male perspective The male gaze came roaring back this summer.

American Eagle — whose partner brand Aerie has been known for marketing underwear to women with imagery that celebrated stretch marks, cellulite and a range of body sizes — ran a controversial ad campaign starting in July. The ads sell jeans to women featuring actor Sydney Sweeney, who many men see as a sex symbol, insinuating the clothing would make men find them more attractive.

Then there was e.l.f. Beauty’s campaign led by a comedian infamous for domestic violence jokes and disdain of a primarily female audience. And this year saw viral content around an OnlyFans star’s attempt to break the world record for most sexual partners in one day — a lucrative career move made even more viral by her bashing the wives and girlfriends of her sexual partners and suggesting men cheating is the fault of the women who aren’t available enough for sex.

“Most typically, the male gaze is about representing women in media solely to satisfy heterosexual men,” said Dr. Linda Tuncay Zayer, professor of

marketing and John F. Smith, Jr. Chair in Business Administration at the Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago.

In the eye of the beholder If you are observing women in movies, TV, fashion, social media and marketing and they don’t feel as fully materialized as their male counterparts, that is the male gaze. “The woman’s value is reduced in so far as existing for pleasure or basically an object,” Zayer said.

It’s Bond girls. And a long, lingering shot panning up a woman’s body in an advertisement for soda. It’s when an action movie accessory is running through explosions in tiny shorts and flowing curled hair before collapsing helplessly in the hero’s arms. And a social media star making a recipe while all dolled up and explaining her steps in a soft, sultry voice.



Madeline Holcombe

It may even be hard to recognize when media is coming from the male gaze because it is so pervasive, Zayer said. “We’re kind of a goldfish in the water where this is part of our culture,” she added.

COLLECTING GUIDE: KEY THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PRINTS AND MULTIPLES

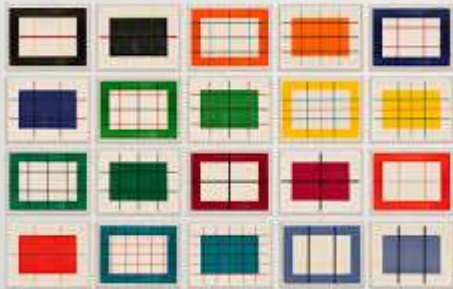
Diary Times Desk : What is a print?
A print is any work of art made in multiple iterations, created through a transfer process. There are many different types of prints, and the process is constantly evolving, but the four best-known techniques are etching, lithography, screenprint and woodcut.

Etching: Using an etching needle, an artist scratches an image onto a metal plate covered with wax. This plate is then submerged in acid, which eats into the metal exposed by the scratched lines. The longer the plate is left in the acid, the deeper and darker the line will be. The plate is cleaned, inked, and cleaned again, leaving only the incised lines filled with ink. Dampened paper and a protective cloth are placed over the plate, which is squeezed through an etching press – the pressure forcing the paper into the etched lines to pick up the ink. The image is printed in reverse, and an indentation, known as the ‘plate mark’, is left by the plate’s edges.

Etching has often been used to achieve extremely delicate black and white images, from the Old Master period through to modern times. Rembrandt famously used this technique to achieve atmospheric effects, and Lucian Freud continued the tradition into the 21st century.

Lithography: The artist draws onto stone using a grease-based medium – normally special lithographic crayons, or greasy ink known as tusche. The stone is then treated with a chemical solution that ensures the image will attract printing ink, and that blank areas repel ink and attract water. A solvent ‘fixes’ the image, and the surface is dampened with water. Oil-based ink is then applied to the stone with a roller, adhering only to the image. Finally, the stone is placed on a lithographic press and covered with damp paper and board – a pressure bar ensuring force is evenly applied across the image. The image is printed in reverse, with separate stones used for complex images of multiple colours.

Lithography opened up printmaking to artists otherwise reluctant to learn the technical skills needed to create woodcuts or etchings, since many of the same tools, such as brushes and pencils, can be used. Lithography was first made famous by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec in the 19th century, but has been embraced by many of the major artists of the Post-War period, including Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, David Hockney and Jasper Johns.



COLLECTING GUIDE: ANCIENT GREEK HELMETS

Diary Times Desk : Helmets give you unique access to the past
Ancient Greek helmets are a source of fascination for the modern audience as they provide a glimpse into this ancient culture and how their warriors functioned. Primarily, helmets were physical protection, worn in battles beginning in the Archaic period, together with greaves, breast-plates, back-plates and shields in many cases.

Helmets were also often symbols of status, with more ornate examples worn by an elite group. ‘Many buyers are looking to understand the ancient world through physical objects,’ says Hannah Solomon, Head of Department, Ancient Art & Antiquities, at Christie’s in New York. Ancient helmets are just one example from which to do so.

There are many types of helmets to look out for
The Illyrian helmet, one of two helmets to appear in the early 7th century BC, is the most common type. It is recognisable by its square face guard and pointed non-hinged cheek pieces, as well as the smooth dome featuring raised parallel ridges to which a crest made from horsehair, wood or leather would be pinned in place by a rivet at the crown.

The Corinthian helmet is the other 7th century helmet, with its characteristic almond-shaped eyes and rounded nose guard. ‘I think that the eyes are especially beautiful,’ says Solomon. ‘It’s an immediately recognisable shape: the domed head, the slightly flaring neck guard, the elongated eye openings. Aesthetically, it’s a beautiful form that has a lyrical nature.’

The Pilos helmet, a later variation that emerged during the Hellenistic period, is one of the most varied forms. Many examples are simple, featuring a conical dome with a recessed band along the lower edge, most likely mirroring a felt or animal-skin cap worn by herdsmen. It is a lighter helmet, with hinged cheek-pieces, and more versatile for the warrior, allowing for more flexibility in battle. Other Pilos helmets are some of the most ornate in the canon and feature modelled decorations and other adjuncts.

You can use them to track developments in society
Helmets also teach the modern viewer about ancient craftsmanship and technological advancement in bronzemaking. What began with one or two helmet prototypes evolved to encompass shapes and sizes designed for increased efficiency and functionality.



PSG DEFENDER WAS OFFERED TO BARCELONA LAST SUMMER:
HERE'S WHY TALKS DIDN'T TAKE PLACE



Diary Times Desk : Inigo Martinez's summer exit from Barcelona has turned out to be more damaging than it was initially thought, with the club struggling to find a proper replacement for the veteran centre-back.

This has been evident in Barcelona's lack of defensive organisation this season, which has prompted the need for reinforcements at the back.

Barcelona had the chance to sign Beraldo. According to Mundo Deportivo, Barcelona were handed the opportunity to sign PSG defender Beraldo in the summer. The 21-year-old is regarded as one of Brazil's most promising centre-backs, who has impressed onlookers with his technical quality. A left-footed centre-back who can play out from the back, Beraldo is rated highly even at PSG, having already featured in 67 competitive matches since joining the club in 2024.

BARCELONA CAPTAIN'S NEW DEAL WILL
PUT HIM ALONGSIDE CLUB'S TOP
EARNERS – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : According to La Vanguardia, Frenkie de Jong's new gross salary after signing his contract renewal will now be in line with Raphinha and Pedri, estimated between €18 and €20 million per season.

Notably, the agreement, which will officially be completed on October 15th, extends the Dutch midfielder's stay at the club until June 2029.

It must be noted that Barcelona have clarified that De Jong's new deal will not include any deferred payments.

The player has already received the pending amounts from his previous contract, meaning his new agreement will begin with a clean slate.

This move marks the end of a long-running issue surrounding his salary adjustments, which stemmed from his contract renewal back in 2020.

The club and De Jong have maintained a strong relationship for several months, with both parties satisfied with how discussions have progressed.

DECISION MADE – BARCELONA WILL NOT
RENEW VETERAN'S CONTRACT DUE TO
PHYSICAL DECLINE

Diary Times Desk : According to a recent report from SPORT, it has been learned that Barcelona have decided not to renew Robert Lewandowski's contract.

The outlet affirms that the club is concerned about his declining physical performance and his inability to press at the same pace as his teammates.

Regarding the 2026/27 season, Barcelona believe they cannot rely on Lewandowski as a starting striker and need a backup who can maintain the team's intensity on the pitch.

For that matter, instead of pursuing big-name replacements like Julian Alvarez, Barcelona are turning their attention to younger talents who can compete alongside Ferran Torres.

One of the leading candidates is Levante striker Etta Eyong, who has been on Barcelona's radar for some time. The club sees these emerging players as a better long-term fit for the squad, capable of matching the energy and tactical demands required under Hansi Flick.

HANSI FLICK RECONSIDERING 23-YEAR-OLD BARCELONA DEFENDER AS LEFT CENTRE-
BACK OPTION

Diary Times Desk : According to a recent update from Javier Gascon in Mundo Deportivo, it has come to light that Barcelona manager Hansi Flick is revisiting an option he explored during the summer friendlies, which is to deploy Gerard Martin as a left centre-back.

This consideration comes following Alejandro Balde's return to full fitness, giving Flick more flexibility in defensive options.

It must be noted that Balde could start at left-back against Girona, having come off the bench in the previous matches against PSG and Sevilla.

His recovery has reopened the possibility of repositioning Martin, who was already tested in the centre-back role during pre-season.

Notably, when Inigo Martinez left for Al-Nassr, Barcelona found themselves without a left-footed centre-back, prompting Flick to try Martin in that position.



REPORT: BARCELONA
SATISFIED WITH €30M-RATED
STAR'S PERFORMANCE, OPEN
TO PERMANENT DEAL

Diary Times Desk : According to SPORT, Barcelona are increasingly excited about what they describe as the "Rashford bargain."

It must be noted that Barcelona could sign the English forward permanently for a fee of around €30 million, a figure that is considered a major opportunity given his recent form.

So far, Rashford has impressed the coaching staff and management with his attitude and performances, having scored three goals and five assists.

As such, the player himself is understood to be very happy in Barcelona and does not wish to return to Manchester United.

Barça weighing options. For what it is worth, club officials are not rushing into a decision.

DECO'S MASTER STRATEGY
HAS PUT BARCELONA IN A
GREAT POSITION TO BRING
BACK LA MASIA ACE

Diary Times Desk : Jan Virgili was one of many Barcelona academy products who left the club in search of more opportunities elsewhere.

Although Barcelona weren't too keen on offloading Virgili, the club's hands were tied, and the youngster eventually joined Mallorca in a €3.5 million deal.

Since then, the young attacker has established himself quite well, notably registering an assist in three league matches.

The youngster has clearly shown he has the maturity to play at the highest level and is poised to make a big breakthrough in La Liga this season.

Barcelona's masterstroke in Virgili deal. However, as revealed by Diario SPORT, Barcelona sporting director Deco had played a masterstroke in the deal to sell Virgili this summer.

Despite being forced to sell the youngster, the Barça sporting director was keen on extracting at least €4 million from Mallorca in the summer.

But knowing Mallorca were not in a position to pay such an amount, Deco sensed an opportunity to add a buyback clause in the deal. Sure enough, Mallorca were only offering half the amount initially, which eventually rose to €3.5 million. In exchange, Barcelona were able to retain half the player's transfer rights.