

NEWS IN BRIEF

"I JOIN BAR'S SENTIMENTS":

DELHI HIGH COURT CJ DK UPADHYAYA ON TRANSFERS OF JUSTICES TARA GANJU AND ARUN MONGA

Diary Times Desk :

Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya said on Monday that he joined the Bar's sentiments on the transfers of Justices Tara Vitasta Ganju and Arun Monga.

"Let me, first of all, state before you that I respect the sentiments of members of the Bar on the transfer of our colleagues from this court... I would again express all my good wishes to both my colleagues and I join the Bar in their sentiment expressed through the President today," the Chief Justice said.

Justice Upadhyaya was speaking at the farewell ceremony organised by the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA) for Justices Monga and Ganju.

LAKHIMPUR KHERI RERUN IN MADHYA PRADESH: FARMER KILLED IN GUNA, BJP LEADER BOOKED

Diary Times Desk :

A 55-year-old farmer, Ram Swaroop Dhakad, was killed in Ganeshpura village of Guna district, Madhya Pradesh, after a local BJP leader and his associates allegedly broke his limbs and ran him over with a Thar jeep on Sunday.

The attack, which also left his daughters assaulted and his wife injured, has revived memories of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri case, where the son of a Union minister was accused of mowing down protesting farmers.

According to police, the incident occurred under the Fatehgarh police station area when Dhakad and his wife were walking to their field on Sunday morning. The FIR names BJP leader Mahendra Nagar, three women from his family, and 14 others as accused.

"On the way, Nagar and his aides surrounded Dhakad, attacked him with sticks and rods, and later ran a Thar jeep over his body," the police report stated. Dhakad's family alleged that Nagar had been threatening small farmers in the area to sell their land at low prices. Dhakad's refusal, they said, led to the fatal assault.

RAJYA SABHA ELECTIONS**UPROAR IN J&K ASSEMBLY AS NC ACCUSES BJP OF 'VOTE CHORI' IN RAJYA SABHA POLLS**

Diary Times Desk : The controversy over the Rajya Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir reached the assembly on Monday (October 27) where the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) faced accusations of 'vote chori' (vote theft) on Monday (October 27) after its J&K president Sat Sharma secured a berth in the parliament.

The term 'vote chori' gained traction in the country after Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi alleged earlier this year that the BJP had committed systematic voter fraud and electoral irregularities in the 2024 Lok Sabha election for Bengaluru Central seat.

The saffron party defied the electoral arithmetic in J&K assembly complex last week during the election to the Upper House of the parliament by winning one Rajya Sabha seat while the ruling National Conference (NC) bagged the remaining three seats.

Besides the BJP's Sharma, the NC's Sajad Kichloo, Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan and Gurwinder Singh Oberoi were elected to the Rajya Sabha.

Even though the BJP has only 28 seats in the assembly, its J&K president Sharma polled 32 votes in the final leg of the election. The discrepancy had sparked allegations of horse trading, cross-voting and polling manipulation with the Peoples Conference president Sajad Lone alleging that the surprise win was a "fixed match" between the NC and the BJP. Fresh uproar broke out in J&K assembly on Monday after the deputy chief minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary stood up to respond to a question when he entered into an argument with the BJP legislator Rajiv Jasrotia over some issue. A day earlier, Choudhary had said that the victory of the BJP candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls had vindicated the allegations of 'vote chori' against the saffron party.

"Yesterday you stole four votes (in Rajya Sabha polls). If I speak out, no one will remain seated here. Let secret remain a secret," Choudhary warned Jasrotia, triggering some saffron party legislators who pointed fingers and shouted at the treasury benches.

Soon, some ruling party legislators seated behind Choudhary joined the verbal spat, hurling 'vote chor' (vote thieves) allegations at the opposition benches while ignoring the Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather's repeated pleas for calm, which caused pandemonium in the House.

In the meantime, Peoples Conference president who abstained from the Rajya Sabha polls accused both the parties of complicity saying that the election was a "fixed match" between the NC and the BJP.

MADRAS HIGH COURT TO HEAR 7 PETITIONS IN KARUR STAMPEDE CASE, INCLUDING BAIL PLEAS

Diary Times Desk : The Madras High Court will today hear seven petitions related to the Karur stampede tragedy that claimed 41 lives - including several women and children - exactly a month ago during a rally organised by the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK).

A Bench comprising Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G Arul Murugan will take up the cases, which include a public interest litigation seeking the framing of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting political rallies in Tamil Nadu. The court will also hear anticipatory bail pleas filed by TVK's second-in-command Bussy Anand and Deputy General Secretary Nirmal Kumar - both of whose names figure in the FIR registered in connection with the tragedy. Among the petitions is one filed by TVK leader Aadhav Arjuna, who has sought to quash the FIR registered against him for a controversial social media post. Police have termed the post "inflammatory," alleging it suggested a youth-led revolution akin to those seen in Nepal and Sri Lanka. Aadhav has denied the charges, claiming the post - which he later deleted - was misinterpreted.

The hearings come in the backdrop of the Supreme Court's direction ordering a CBI probe into the Karur tragedy. The top court has constituted a three-member committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge to monitor the investigation.

The developments coincide with TVK chief and actor Vijay meeting the families of the stampede victims at a hotel in Mamallapuram, near Chennai. Police had earlier attributed the stampede to a delay in the arrival of Vijay, which they said led to a surge in the crowd and several safety violations. The TVK, however, denied the allegations, alleging that the tragedy was part of a political conspiracy by the ruling DMK - a charge the party has strongly refuted.

**TRIBAL GROUPS RUBBISH KERALA GOVERNMENT'S 'EXTREME POVERTY-FREE' CLAIM**

Diary Times Desk : Even as the state government is gearing up to declare Kerala 'extreme poverty-free', majority of tribals are "continuing their struggles against hunger, unemployment and landlessness".

The state government is set to make the declaration - hailed as a historic milestone - on November 1 with a state-studded event to be attended by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and film icons Mohanlal, Mammooty and Kamal Haasan. But tribal communities say the celebration mocks their continued struggle for survival. They allege that the campaign has failed to touch the poorest and most marginalised.

Wayanad, home to one of Kerala's largest tribal populations, was declared 'extreme poverty-free' on October 25 by Minister for Welfare of SC-ST OR Kulu. But, according to tribal activists, the official narrative hides harsh realities of hunger and homelessness.

"Isn't Keluvettan from a tribal community in Wayanad? Anyone living here knows our villages are still trapped in hunger and deprivation," said tribal activist Manikkuttan Paniyan, referring to the minister. "How can the government claim to have eradicated extreme poverty when the people here can't even afford one proper meal a day," asked Manikkuttan.

"At the Manikkuni tribal settlement near Sultan Bathery, around 60 families live in miserable conditions," K Ammini, leader of the Adivasi Vanitha Prasthanam.

INDIGO RESUMES DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN KOLKATA AND GUANGZHOU AFTER FIVE-YEAR GAP

Diary Times Desk : IndiGo has restarted direct flights between Kolkata and Guangzhou, marking the return of passenger air connectivity between India and China after more than five years.

The first flight, operated with an Airbus A320 aircraft, departed from Kolkata at around 10 pm (IST) on Sunday and landed in Guangzhou at 4:05 am local time. The return flight arrived in Kolkata at around 7:50 am (IST) on Monday. The airline said the service will operate daily.

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers said the airline is the first Indian carrier to resume non-stop flights between the two cities, describing Guangzhou as "a major commercial hub."

"It opens doors for Chinese travellers and investors to explore the rich culture and growing markets of India. This strategic move will enhance bilateral ties, support MSMEs, and boost tourism, education, and healthcare in both countries," Elbers said in a statement.

A ceremony was held at Kolkata airport before the inaugural flight, attended by Airport Director Pravat Ranjan Beuria, senior IndiGo officials, and Chinese Deputy Consul General Qin Yong, who lit a ceremonial lamp.

IndiGo will also expand its China network by launching flights between Delhi and Guangzhou from November 10, the airline announced.

DEFAMATION CASE

'REGRET THE MISUNDERSTANDING': KANGANA RANAUT ON FARMERS PROTESTS' TWEET

Diary Times Desk : Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut on Monday appeared before a court here in a defamation case and said there was a "misunderstanding" about her 2021 tweet and that every 'mata' (mother) is respectable to her.

The court had last September directed the BJP MP from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh to be present in person and rejected her plea to appear via video conference.

Security was increased in and around the Bathinda court complex ahead of the actor's appearance.

The defamation case stems from the actor's retweet with her own comment on 73-year-old complainant, Mahinder Kaur of Bahadurgarh Jandian village in Punjab's Bathinda district.

The comment was made during the 2020-21 farmer protests against the now-repealed farm laws.

Ranaut, who wore a saree and was sporting sunglasses, reached the court complex around 2 pm.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, she asserted that she had made no comments against any individual.

"Whatever misunderstanding happened with the family of Mahinder (Kaur) ji, I gave a message to 'mata ji' to her husband about how she was the victim of a misunderstanding," she said.

Mahinder Kaur was not present in the court, but her husband was.

Ranaut said, "Never in my dreams could I imagine this... Every 'mata', be she from Punjab or Himachal, is respectable to me." Asked whether she acknowledged that she committed a mistake knowingly or unknowingly, she replied that if one looked at the case properly, there was nothing from her side.

AMIT SHAH INAUGURATES DEEP-SEA FISHING VESSELS AT MAZAGON DOCK IN MUMBAI

Diary Times Desk : Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Monday inaugurated the India Maritime Week highlighting India's growing leadership in the global maritime ecosystem, drive strategic dialogues, and unlock transformative investment opportunities worth over USD 82 billion across the sector and distribute the state-of-the-art deep-sea fishing vessels underscoring the importance of blue economy.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, and Union Minister of State Murlidhar Mohol were present on the occasion.

The vessels are being provided under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, with each unit costing Rs 1.2 crore, according to an official statement. The initiative is jointly funded by the Maharashtra government, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), and the Union Department of Fisheries. The programme aims to modernise India's marine fisheries sector and enhance deep-sea fishing capacity through cooperative societies and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

SUPREME COURT REFUSES ACTION AGAINST LAWYER WHO THREW SHOE AT CHIEF JUSTICE



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday refused to initiate contempt of court case against Advocate Rakesh Kishore for attempting to throw shoe at Chief Justice of India, BR Gavai. However, the top court agreed that guidelines are required to deal with such instances.

The bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymala Bagchi today doubted if, under the current contempt law, any other judge other than the concerned judge can initiate contempt.

While refusing to issue notice to Rakesh Kishore, Justice Kant asked Supreme Court Bar Association president Vikas Singh, "Why give him so much importance?" Solicitor General Tushar Mehta also suggested that the court should not give more limelight to Kishore by issuing notice to him.

2 KILLED AFTER HEAVY RAIN IN KERALA, ORANGE ALERT ISSUED IN 5 DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain accompanied by strong winds lashed several districts across Kerala on Monday, causing waterlogging in low-lying areas, officials said. In Alappuzha district, a fisherman died after his boat capsized near the Arthunkal coast following a strong wind. He was identified as Paul Devasia, a native of Arthunkal.

He went out for fishing early in the morning, and though other fishermen rescued him from the water, he later died, police said. Meanwhile, a man from West Bengal died after being struck by lightning at Mukanoor near Angamaly. Police identified him as Kokhan Mithri (45), who worked at a workshop and was struck by lightning at his rented house in Mukanoor around 8.15 am.

S JAISHANKAR, MARCO RUBIO HOLD TALKS IN MALAYSIA AMID TARIFF TENSIONS

Diary Times Desk : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday held talks with his American counterpart Marco Rubio amid efforts by the two sides to reset bilateral ties that have come under severe strain over punitive US tariffs on Indian goods. Jaishankar and Rubio met in Kuala Lumpur on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). "Glad to meet @SecRubio this morning in Kuala Lumpur. Appreciated the discussion on our bilateral ties as well as regional and global issues," the external affairs minister said on social media. The relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe strain after Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on India, including an additional 25 per cent levies for its procurement of Russian crude oil.

It is understood that Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Rubio also broadly delved into the proposed trade pact between the two sides. However, there was no indication that the US side assured India of removing the 25 per cent tariff slapped for its energy ties with Russia.

FARIDABAD MAN BLACKMAILED WITH AI- GENERATED PICS OF 3 SISTERS. HE DIES BY SUICIDE

Diary Times Desk : A 19-year-old man died by suicide after he was allegedly blackmailed with his three sisters' (Artificial Intelligence) AI-generated obscene pictures and videos, demanding lakhs of rupees, in Haryana's Faridabad. Rahul Bharti, a second-year DAV College student, had been distressed over the past two weeks since someone hacked into his phone and used artificial intelligence to create nude photos and videos of Rahul and his sisters, his father, Manoj Bharti, said. He had not been eating well, and often stayed silent in his room, he added, Investigation revealed a chat between Rahul and a man named 'Sahil' who had sent the obscene visuals and demanded Rs 20,000. Screenshots of the WhatsApp conversation showed many audio and video calls between the two, with 'Sahil' sending him a location saying 'aja mere paas' (come to me).

DRUNK BIKER CAUSED KURNOOL BUS ACCIDENT, SAYS FORENSIC REPORT



Diary Times Desk : The Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) report has confirmed that the biker, identified as Shivashankar, was drunk and primarily responsible for triggering the Kurnool bus fire, which claimed 20 lives.

According to the forensic report, alcohol traces were found in the viscera samples of Shivashankar, establishing the fact that he was in an inebriated condition while riding the bike. The police had earlier found that the bike had met with an accident, before the arrival of the bus, causing the death of rider Shiva Shankar. The police have now concluded, based on the viscera sample of the rider, that the accident was caused by drunk driving.

"INDIA PORTRAYED IN BAD LIGHT": SUPREME COURT RAPS STATES ON STRAY DOGS CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court rapped state governments Monday for not filing affidavits to confirm compliance with its August order to catch, neuter, and release stray dogs across the country. An irate court observed multiple stray dog attacks had been reported since its order. Last month, for example, a child was attacked in Pune in Maharashtra and, days earlier, another young girl was attacked, this time by a pack of 20 dogs in the state's Bhandara district. And last week in Kerala, in an ironic twist, a man performing in a street play - about stray dogs - in Kannur district was attacked. Attacks have also been reported from Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow, where a family of three was bitten, and from Warangal in Telangana over the past 48 hours. "Yet no reply (has come) from state governments. Your country is being portrayed in a bad light internationally!" a furious top court said, "Two months granted... yet no response!" The court then sought an explanation from all state and union territory governments. "Don't you read newspapers? The order passed on August 22 was widely reported... all chief secretaries from all states to remain personally present in court and explain delay."



'HE CRIED, ASKED WHAT HE
COULD DO FOR US': ACTOR
VIJAY MEETS KIN OF KARUR
STAMPEDE VICTIMS 1
MONTH LATER

Diary Times Desk : "He broke down and cried while talking to me," said a parent who lost children in the Karur stampede a month ago. He was talking about a meeting with actor-turned-politician Vijay, who interacted with the bereaved families at a private resort in Mamallapuram in Chennai Monday. Family members of those who died in the stampede during Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam campaign, told ThePrint that Vijay apologised to them for the incident and for not being able to travel to Karur. "He offered to do anything for our family and offered to take care of my family.

TOP COURT SEEKS REPORT
ON VACANCIES AS PLEA
SAYS GOVERNMENT
'KILLING RTI'

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday said it will ensure full transparency in appointments to the Central and State Information Commissions. The Centre informed the court that the search committee has completed its process for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC), and that applications will be considered within three weeks. This came after the petitioners pointed out that the CIC is currently without a chief, and that eight of the 10 posts of the Information Commissioners are vacant. They also noted that the backlog of cases before the CIC is close to 3,00,000. The petitioners, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, alleged that the large number of vacancies showed a deliberate attempt by both the Centre and States to "kill RTI". While assuring that it will ensure transparency in the appointment of the CIC, the Supreme Court directed all state governments to file a status report on filling up vacancies by November 17. The Bench, headed by Justice Surya Kant, observed that it has no reason to believe that the Centre will not follow the Court's earlier guidelines on appointments to the post of CIC. Justice Kant added that if any ineligible person is appointed, the Court will examine the matter and ensure transparency. These observations came after Bhushan submitted that the names of applicants had not been made public, as required under a previous Supreme Court judgment, and alleged that appointments were being made in favour of individuals who praise the government.

IN DELHI ACID ATTACK CASE, "TOILET
CLEANER" TWIST AND A HUGE CONFESSION



Diary Times Desk : An acid attack that wasn't. A 20-year-old woman claimed yesterday that she suffered burn injuries while trying to protect her face in an alleged acid attack by a man, who had been stalking her for days, and his two accomplices, while she was on her way to attend an extra class in the national capital. The incident sparked massive outrage. However, 24 hours later, the story has taken a 180-degree turn. The woman's father, who was on the run, has now been caught by the Delhi Police, and he has confessed to having fabricated the acid story to frame the three men. And the woman had lied at the instance of her father, who wanted revenge against a harassment complaint filed by the wife of one of the accused. He revealed that the burn on her daughter's hands was from a toilet cleaner and not any acid. Khan said that his daughter was carrying the toilet cleaner from home, which she poured on her hands.

"TWISTING MY WORDS": PRIYANK
KHARGE ON HIMANTA SARMA OVER
SEMICONDUCTOR ROW

Diary Times Desk : Congress leader and Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge on Monday launched a sharp counterattack against Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, accusing him and the BJP of deliberately misrepresenting his remarks about semiconductor investments.

In a post on X, Kharge said, "As usual, the BJP and CM Himanta Biswa Sarma are twisting my words. My statement is clear and very specific; it was about how semiconductor companies were being pressured to set up in Gujarat and Assam, even when they had expressed a clear interest in Karnataka because of our engineering talent and established ecosystem." The Karnataka minister slammed CM Sarma for Assam's poor performance in key development indicators. He further accused the Chief Minister of corruption and neglecting the state's youth.

TOP COURT WANTS CBI TO PROBE
DIGITAL ARRESTS AS CENTRE FLAGS
THAILAND LINKS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday said it might ask the CBI to investigate the growing number of cyber fraud and 'digital arrest' cases - in which people are cheated of hard-earned money by gangs of criminals posing as government or police officers, or even members of the judiciary.

The court also noted a submission by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. Appearing for the Central Bureau of Investigation, Mehta said some cases originated from foreign locations like Myanmar and Thailand. The court then directed the CBI to come up with a plan to probe these cases.

"We need a uniform investigation into 'digital arrest' cases across India," a bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "We are inclined to entrust the matter to CBI... because the criminals may be operating across India... or maybe even from across the border."

"NO PAPER WORK": WHAT'S NEW IN SIR 2.0

Diary Times Desk : The Phase 2 of the nationwide rollout of the Special Intensive Revision or SIR of voter rolls would require no paperwork. The user-friendly format, sources said, has been among the tweaks made in the process because of the lessons from the SIR project in Bihar. While announcing the dates for the second phase of SIR this evening, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said within a month of filling out the enumeration form, if a voter's name doesn't match the old and new voter lists, they will only need to submit one of 12 documents - the 11 suggested during the Bihar SIR and now, Aadhaar. In contrast, voters in Bihar had to submit one of the 11 documents to prove eligibility along with their enumeration forms. The CEC said approximately 60 to 70 per cent of voters' names have been identified during the mapping of the old and new voter lists. Voters can also check their names themselves by visiting the Election Commission's website.





**FORMER MADAGASCAR PRESIDENT
ANDRY RAJOELINA STRIPPED OF
CITIZENSHIP AFTER MILITARY
TAKEOVER**

Diary Times Desk :

Former Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina has been stripped of his citizenship after he was ousted during a military takeover just over a week ago.

Rajoelina, whose whereabouts remain unknown after he fled the country following protests that demanded his resignation, also holds French citizenship.

The country's new Prime Minister, Herintsalama Rajaonarivelo, has signed a decree invoking laws which strip all Madagascans of their citizenship if they have citizenship of another country.

**AHEAD OF TRUMP-XI MEETING,
CHINA SAYS BOMBERS FLEW NEAR
TAIWAN**

Diary Times Desk : A group of Chinese H-6K bombers recently flew near Taiwan to practice "confrontation drills", Chinese state media reported late on Sunday, publicising the action just a few days before the U.S. and Chinese presidents are due to meet in South Korea.

Taiwan, which China views as its own territory, sends its combat aircraft and warships into the skies and waters around the island on a daily basis, though Taipei's defence ministry has not reported any unusual activity lately.

Chinese state television's military channel's Weibo account said that recently - it did not give a date - units from the Eastern Theatre Command had conducted combat-oriented training to test their capabilities in areas like air blockades and precision strikes.

"Several J-10 fighters flew in combat formation to a designated target airspace, and multiple H-6K bombers went to the waters and airspace around Taiwan island to carry out simulated confrontation drills," it added, without providing the location.

The H-6K is a strategic bomber that can carry nuclear weapons.

**HAMAS WILL NOT DISARM DESPITE GAZA AGREEMENT, SAY ISRAELI
OFFICIALS**

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli defence ministry did briefing media reporters of Israel's foreign affairs and defence officials on the refusal of Hamas to disarm. The officials said the working assumption is that Hamas will not give up its weapons." The statement referred to the group's refusal to comply with its pledge—signed by mediators as well—to both hand over its weapons and avoid taking part in the planned technocratic government in Gaza.

Sources also said that an international stabilization force is expected to enter the Gaza Strip as part of the agreement. The force, known as the ISF, is expected to include troops from Indonesia, Pakistan, and Azerbaijan. It will be tasked with maintaining internal security and policing in Gaza.



**INDIAN-ORIGIN WOMAN RAPED IN
'RACIALLY AGGRAVATED ATTACK' IN
UK, SUSPECT ARRESTED**



Diary Times Desk : A 20-year-old woman, identified as being of Indian heritage, was allegedly raped in what police believe was a "racially aggravated" attack in the West Midlands region of England over the weekend. The police said a 32-year-old man was arrested on Monday morning after a manhunt was launched in the wake of the attack on Saturday evening.

The West Midlands Police said they were called to the Park Hall area of Walsall following concerns for the welfare of a woman in distress in the street. Detective Superintendent (DS) Ronan Tyrer, who is overseeing the investigation for the force, described the arrest in the Perry Barr area of the region as a "significant development".

"Our investigation will progress today, and, as always, our priority is the woman who was the subject of this attack," said DS Tyrer.

**BIDEN CALLS THESE 'DARK DAYS' AS HE
URGES AMERICANS TO 'GET BACK UP'**

Diary Times Desk : Former President Joe Biden called these "dark days" as he urged Americans to stay optimistic and not to check out in response to what he said were attacks on free speech and tests on the limits of executive power by President Donald Trump.

"Since its founding, America served as a beacon for the most powerful idea ever in government in the history of the world," Biden said. "The idea is stronger than any army. We're more powerful than any dictator."

Biden, 82, speaking publicly for the first time since completing a round of radiation therapy for an aggressive form of prostate cancer, addressed an audience in Boston on Sunday night after receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Edward M. Kennedy Institute.

**TRUMP SAYS HE MIGHT
SIGN FINAL TIKTOK DEAL ON
THURSDAY**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump said he might sign a final deal on TikTok on Thursday and has obtained a "provisional approval" from China's President Xi Jinping, whom he is expected to meet later this week in South Korea during his Asia tour.

"Canada has been ripping us off for a long time and they're not going to do it anymore ... I don't want to meet with the Canadian Prime Minister," Trump also told reporters on Air Force One en route to Japan from Malaysia.



**RUBIO SAYS ISRAELI STRIKE
ON GAZA DIDN'T VIOLATE
CEASEFIRE**



Diary Times Desk : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Monday that Washington does not view a strike that Israel said targeted a member of a Palestinian militant group in Gaza as a violation of a US-backed ceasefire.

Israel said it struck a member of the Islamic Jihad group on Saturday, accusing the individual of planning to attack Israeli troops. Islamic Jihad denied it was planning an attack.

Speaking aboard President Donald Trump's plane during a trip to Asia, Rubio said: "We don't view that as a violation of the ceasefire."

The US top diplomat added that Israel has not surrendered its right to self-defence as part of the agreement brokered by Washington, Egypt and Qatar that saw the main militant faction in Gaza, Hamas, release the remaining living hostages held in Gaza this month. "They have the right if there's an imminent threat to Israel, and all the mediators agree with that," Rubio said.



MAN SHOUTS RACIST ABUSE AT INDIAN WORKER IN CANADA, "DISGUSTING" VIDEO GOES VIRAL



Diary Times Desk : Shocking footage showed a man shouting "disgusting" racist abuse at an Indian worker in Oakville, Canada, sparking an online debate about rising cases of racism in the nation. The video, which was captured in a McDonald's outlet, went viral on social media platforms.

The video shows the man hurling derogatory remarks at the worker, telling him to "Go back to your fu**king country, you st*****g as***le Indian." When a woman confronted him, he became aggressive and repeated the abuse.

Social media users have reacted strongly to the incident, with one user saying, "That's horrible. This is my hometown. No place for this in our society. Shame on them all. Congrats to the worker for standing up to them and making them famous."

IS FRANCE MAKING INDIAN RAFALE JETS OBSOLETE AGAINST PAKISTAN? SALE TO QATAR, UAE POSES STRATEGIC RISK FOR IAF

Diary Times Desk : India has shown its interest in the procurement of 26 Rafale-M (Marine) fighter jets for the Indian Navy, alongside a proposal from the Indian Air Force (IAF) to acquire 114 Rafale aircraft to be manufactured domestically under the "Make in India" initiative.

Notably, India's decision to expand its Rafale fighter fleet could face new strategic complications as recent reports suggest that France's export policies toward Gulf nations may be compromising sensitive military technology.

CHINA RACES AHEAD WITH AI-POWERED MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

Diary Times Desk : In February 2025, China's state-owned defense giant Norinco took center stage, unveiling a military vehicle capable of autonomously conducting combat-support operations at speeds up to 50 kilometers per hour. The Norinco P60, powered by DeepSeek's artificial intelligence (AI) models, was quickly touted by Communist Party officials as a sign of Beijing's accelerating progress in the global AI arms race—particularly against the United States. It's a showcase that's as much about technological prowess as it is about geopolitical posturing, and it's left many in the West scrambling to keep up.

According to Reuters, the Norinco P60's debut was just the tip of the iceberg.

EAST TIMOR JOINS ASEAN; THAILAND, CAMBODIA SIGN EXPANDED BORDER CEASEFIRE

Diary Times Desk : British commentator Sami Hamdi was detained on Sunday by federal immigration officers during a speaking tour in the United States, in what a Muslim advocacy group said was retaliation for his criticism of Israel.

The Trump administration said its decision to detain Hamdi and revoke his visa underscores that the US has no obligation to host foreigners "who support terrorism and actively undermine the safety of Americans."

But the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has called Hamdi's treatment a "blatant affront to free speech" and called for his release. Hamdi is a journalist and commentator who appears on British TV networks to analyze developments in the Middle East.



TRUMP DOES NOT RULE OUT SEEKING THIRD TERM - BUT SAYS HE WILL NOT USE VP LOOPHOLE

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has not ruled out the possibility of seeking a third term for the White House, saying he would "love to do it".

But Trump rejected the possibility of running for vice-president in 2028 - an idea floated by some supporters as a way for him to circumvent the US constitution that bars the president from running for a third term.

Speaking to reporters during his trip to Asia, Trump described the idea as "too cute" and said it "wouldn't be right". It is unclear what method he would use to run again. Last week, former Trump strategist Steve Bannon said that a "plan" was in place to secure the 79-year-old president another term.

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One on his way to Japan from Malaysia, Trump said that while he would "be allowed" to run again as vice-president, he had no plans to do so.

25 TERRORISTS, 5 SOLDIERS DEAD IN FRESH PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDER CLASHES

Diary Times Desk : Five Pakistani soldiers and 25 terrorists have died in clashes near the border with Afghanistan, the military said on Sunday, as delegations from both countries met to try to defuse tensions after the deadliest fighting in years.

The terrorists tried to cross over from Afghanistan on Friday and Saturday in Kurram and North Waziristan districts, rugged areas along Pakistan's northwestern frontier, the Pakistani military's media wing said.

It said the attempted infiltrations cast doubt on the intentions of the government in Afghanistan in "regard to addressing the issue of terrorism emanating from its soil".

In Afghanistan, the Taliban government's chief spokesman and the defence ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the reported attacks.

The Taliban denies accusations of sheltering terrorists and says Pakistan's military operations violate Afghan sovereignty.

Officials from both countries are meeting in Istanbul to prevent a relapse into conflict after clashes between their armies earlier this month - the worst border fighting since the Taliban's 2021 takeover of Kabul.

That fighting erupted after Pakistan demanded the Taliban rein in terrorists it says operate from Afghan sanctuaries, prompting heavy exchanges of fire and Pakistani airstrikes. Both sides reached a truce in Doha last Sunday.



AFGHANISTAN URGES "UNDERSTANDING" AS PAKISTAN TRUCE TALKS ENTER THIRD DAY

Diary Times Desk : Afghanistan and Pakistan entered a third day of negotiations Monday to secure a lasting ceasefire, with Kabul urging "dialogue and understanding" after Islamabad warned of war if talks collapse. Two weeks ago, Afghanistan launched a border offensive after explosions in Kabul the Taliban authorities blamed on Pakistan, sparking fierce clashes that left dozens dead on both sides, including civilians.

Islamabad responded with strikes against armed groups on Afghan soil, prompting further violence and a short-lived 48-hour ceasefire that collapsed soon after. A second truce emerged following talks in Doha, mediated by Qatar and Turkey, though its terms remain unclear.

The Istanbul round, which began Saturday, aims to establish mechanisms to uphold the fragile truce and prevent renewed fighting.



AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STAFFING PROBLEMS SPIKED OVER THE WEEKEND, RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT GROWING DISRUPTION

Diary Times Desk : Air traffic controller staffing shortages worsened over the weekend as the nation's government shutdown hit its fourth week, leading to delays and anxiety, and experts say it won't get better until air traffic controllers get paid. More than 50 staffing shortages have been reported since Friday morning, causing delays from Los Angeles to Washington, DC, according to an operations update. Controllers are considered essential workers, so they must work during the shutdown, but are not being paid. Flights for Los Angeles International Airport were temporarily halted Sunday because of a staffing shortage at the Southern California TRACON, which handles flights arriving or departing. At Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia, staffing issues caused a ground delay Sunday that was expected to last until midnight.

TRUMP DANCES WITH MALAYSIAN PERFORMERS, INTERNET PRAISES HIS ENERGETIC MOVES

Diary Times Desk : New York City mayoral hopeful Zohran Mamdani has received a shoutout from a former Donald Trump ally, and it's none other than billionaire Elon Musk, who considers the assemblyman the "future" of the Democratic Party. "Zohran is the future of the Democratic Party," Musk said Monday, responding to a video of New York Governor Kathy Hochul endorsing Mamdani at a rally in New York City. The 33-year-old is running a campaign focused on housing affordability, rent control, and taxing high-income earners. The clip Musk shared had Hochul urging supporters to vote for Mamdani to "take back America." "This is about this November's election," Hochul told the crowd. "But take that energy, that passion, and take it into 2026 so that we can take back the House of Representatives, take the Senate, and take back our country. With your help, we will. Elect Zohran and we take back America." The October 26 rally in New York City saw Hochul alongside progressives such as Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Bernie Sanders. Hochul, who first endorsed Mamdani in September through an opinion piece in The New York Times, praised his focus on affordability despite ideological differences. "I am confident that Mamdani has the courage, urgency, and optimism New York City needs," she wrote.



ARGENTINA'S MILEI WINS BIG IN MIDTERMS WITH 'CHAINSAW' AUSTERITY

Diary Times Desk : Argentina's President Javier Milei has led his party to a landslide victory in Sunday's midterm elections, after defining the first two years of his presidency with radical spending cuts and free-market reforms.

His party, La Libertad Avanza, won nearly 41% of the vote, taking 13 of 24 Senate seats and 64 of the 127 lower-house seats that were contested.

His gains will make it easier for Milei to push ahead with his programme to slash state spending and deregulate the economy.

President Donald Trump congratulated Milei on social media, saying: "He's making us all look good." Before the vote, Trump made it clear a \$40bn US lifeline for Argentina would depend on Milei keeping political momentum.

Milei's supporters welcomed that, though critics accused Trump of foreign interference in Argentina's elections.

ASEAN INDIA SUMMIT 2025: STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Diary Times Desk : The ASEAN India Summit 2025, held in Kuala Lumpur on October 26, marked the 22nd annual meeting between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who co-chaired the summit, stated that the India-ASEAN relationship is rooted in "values of friendship, trust, and shared interests."

The Indian Prime Minister addressed the summit virtually from New Delhi, announcing initiatives across security, economy, connectivity, and development that will shape bilateral relations through 2030. The summit welcomed Timor-Leste as ASEAN's 11th member state.

ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026-2030

Leaders endorsed implementation of the Plan of Action for 2026-2030, providing a roadmap for cooperation.

LOUVRE HEIST SUSPECT, TRYING TO FLY TO ALGERIA, WAS CAUGHT AT PARIS AIRPORT

Diary Times Desk : Two suspects, who were arrested in connection with the theft of precious crown jewels from the iconic Louvre Museum in Paris, are originally from the Seine-Saint-Denis suburb - which includes some of France's most deprived areas.

According to officials, one of the suspects was detained around 10 pm (2000 GMT) on Saturday at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport as he was about to board a plane to Algeria. The other suspect was arrested not long after in the Paris region.

While one of the suspects is a French national, another holds both French and Algerian citizenship, reported local media.

The two are reportedly in their 30s and were known to the French police.

The brazen heist at the Louvre, which is home to masterpieces like the Mona Lisa, took place on October 19.

The thieves broke into the museum using a crane to smash an upstairs window during opening hours and stole eight pieces of jewellery worth an estimated \$102 million from the Galerie d'Apollon, or Apollo Gallery - all in nearly seven minutes. They then escaped on motorbikes, prompting a massive search across France.



9 YEARS AFTER DHAKA ATTACK, WHY BANGLADESH IS WELCOMING ZAKIR NAIK NOW



Diary Times Desk : Following the 2016 Dhaka Holey Artisan Bakery terror attack, the Sheikh Hasina government had banned Zakir Naik's Peace TV. The decision was taken after one of the attackers had said that he and his associates were inspired by the rabid speeches made by Naik. Now, the Bangladesh government, led by Muhammad Yunus, is set to roll out the red carpet to Naik. This is yet another sign of how radical the country is becoming, following the ouster of Sheikh Hasina. The Yunus government has approved a month-long visit by Naik, which would begin on November 28 and end on December 20. During this period, Naik would travel across the country and deliver speeches. Naik is known for delivering rabid speeches. He has very often propagated for radical Islam and has even supported many terror groups openly. He is wanted in India in several cases filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) relating to hate speeches and inciting communal disharmony.

ROW AFTER BANGLADESH MAP ON YUNUS' GIFT TO PAK OFFICIAL SHOWS INDIAN REGIONS

Diary Times Desk : A gift from Bangladesh's Chief Advisor to the interim government to Pakistan's Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, has stirred a row with netizens pointing out that the gift, a coffee table book, carried a purported map which shows parts of India as parts of Bangladesh. The coffee table book titled 'Art of Triumph, Graffiti of Bangladesh's New Dawn' has what looks like a map of Bangladesh on the cover, but some Bangladeshi X handles have claimed that the image is not a map but a painting of Bangladesh's national flag, even though it resembles a map.

The book was presented by Muhammad Yunus to General Sahir Shamshad Mirza during their meeting in Dhaka on Saturday at the State Guest House in Dhaka. Bangladesh has not officially commented on the row over the image.

TRUMP WON'T MEET CANADA PM "FOR A WHILE" AS CARNEY OFFERS TO RESUME TALKS

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump said on Monday that he would not meet with Canada "for a while," as Prime Minister Mark Carney offered an olive branch to resume trade talks. Trump announced he would be hiking tariffs on Canadian goods by an additional 10 per cent and terminated all trade talks following what he called a "fake" anti-tariff ad campaign that featured the late ex-president Ronald Reagan. When asked whether he would meet with Carney at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit he told reporters on Air Force One: "I don't want to meet with him, no." "I'm not going to be meeting with him for a while... One of the most difficult countries to deal with has been Canada, as much as I love Canada itself and the people of Canada," Trump added. Trump did not confirm when the tariff hike is set to begin.

TRUMP GIVES 'TOOTHLESS' ASIAN SUMMIT ITS MOMENT IN THE SUN

Diary Times Desk : As US President Donald Trump boarded Air Force One in Kuala Lumpur, it was at the end of a busy 24 hours that, by the White House's account, included a flurry of deals that brought "peace and prosperity" to the region. The headlines will follow Trump as he flies to Japan and then South Korea, for a much-awaited meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. But getting him to the Asean Summit gave the grouping of South East Asian nations its biggest moment in the sun, at a time when many have been questioning its relevance. For Trump the biggest draw was that he got to preside over a "peace deal" between Thailand and Cambodia whose long standing border dispute erupted into open conflict in July. He wanted this in his ongoing quest to clinch a Nobel Peace Prize for resolving wars, although the Thais were reluctant to call it a "peace deal".

KEY FACTS ABOUT JAPAN'S IMPERIAL SYSTEM AS TRUMP MEETS EMPEROR

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump is set to meet Japanese Emperor Naruhito on Monday in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, six years after their previous meeting during the first Trump presidency. Here are some key facts about Japan's monarchy. Who Is Current Emperor Of Japan? Emperor Naruhito assumed the reign in 2019, three years after his father Akihito, then Emperor and now Emperor Emeritus, said he feared increasing age would make it hard to carry out his duties. It marked the first imperial abdication since Emperor Kokaku stepped down in 1817. Naruhito, 65, and Empress Masako, 61, both studied at Oxford University and attended British Queen Elizabeth's funeral in 2022. Akihito, born in 1933, made efforts throughout his reign to reconcile Japan with its former colonies in Asia and to help it project an image as a peace-loving nation. He and Empress Emerita Michiko modernised the royal family, bringing it closer to ordinary people. Naruhito's grandfather, Hirohito, known posthumously as the Emperor Showa, was treated as a god but renounced his divine status after Japan's World War Two defeat in 1945. Under the constitution, drafted by US occupation forces, the emperor became the "symbol of the state and the unity of the people."

INDIAN-ORIGIN WOMAN RAPED IN "RACIALLY AGGRAVATED" ATTACK IN UK: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The UK Police has issued an urgent appeal to trace a white male suspect after the "racially aggravated" rape of a woman, believed to be of Indian heritage, in northern England. The West Midlands Police said it was called to the Park Hall area of Walsall on Saturday evening following concerns for the welfare of a woman, in her 20s, in distress in the street. The force released CCTV camera footage of the suspect as part of a public appeal for information and confirmed that they are treating the crime "as a racially aggravated attack". "This was an absolutely appalling attack on a young woman, and we are doing absolutely everything we can to arrest the person responsible," Detective Superintendent (DS) Ronan Tyrer, who is overseeing the investigation for the West Midlands Police, said on Sunday. "We have teams of officers recovering evidence and building a profile of the attacker so that he can be brought into custody as soon as possible. While we are following multiple lines of enquiry right now, it's vital that we get to hear from anyone who saw a man acting suspiciously in the area at the time," he said. "It may be that you were driving through the area and have dashcam footage, or you have CCTV that we have not yet recovered. Your information could be the vital breakthrough that we need," he said.





THINK THE STOCK RALLY
IS OVER? IT MAY JUST
BE BEGINNING

Diary Times Desk :
The stock market rally has already defied expectations this year, shrugging off geopolitical strife, economic uncertainty and global trade tensions to reach fresh record highs. Some analysts say the rally might just be getting started.

The Dow closed above 47,000 points for the first time ever on Friday, buoyed by cooler-than-expected inflation data that supported hopes for interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.

The S&P 500 has rallied 36% in just over six months, boosted by strong corporate earnings and optimism about Fed rate cuts. Enthusiasm about artificial intelligence had stoked bubble concerns but also contributed to the market's ascent.

"Absent some truly surprising and unwelcome events, the current momentum in the stock market is likely to last through the end of the year," Emily Bowersock Hill, CEO at Bowersock Capital Partners, said in an email.

'THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE
GOING TO PAY
\$100,000': RURAL AND
UNDERSERVED
HOSPITALS HIT HARD BY
HEFTY H-1B FEES

Diary Times Desk : When the Trump administration announced last month that every new H-1B visa would come with a \$100,000 fee, the objective seemed straightforward: encourage companies, particularly tech companies that rely heavily on the program, to start hiring American workers and stop driving down American wages. But the health care industry is raising concerns that the price hike on the H-1B visa will threaten the ability of hospitals in rural and underserved areas to bring in foreign workers and fulfill a shortage of specialists needed to serve the community. "There's no way we're going to pay \$100,000," Carolynny Lundry, a residency program coordinator at St. Luke's Hospital in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, Missouri. "We pool from international graduates, and if we're going to take away the H-1Bs from that, it's going to shrink our pool of choices," said Lundry.

HYUNDAI HOPED TO RETURN SKILLED SOUTH KOREAN WORKERS TO
THE US AFTER THE ICE RAID. TRUMP JUST OPENED THE DOOR

Diary Times Desk : After ICE in September raided a still-under-construction Georgia Hyundai plant – and arrested and deported hundreds of South Korean workers – the automaker's CEO, José Muñoz, said he hoped for a resolution that could bring crucial foreign-worker expertise back to the United States.

President Donald Trump on Monday agreed, saying he was "very much opposed" to the raid carried out by members of his administration.

"In fact, before they got out... I said they could stay... and they're going to be coming back," he said. "When they come in, they're making very complex machinery, equipment, things.

They're going to have to bring some people in, at least at that initial phase."

Trump made his comments on Air Force One while on his way to Asia for a meeting with world leaders, including South Korean President Lee Jae Myung, who has expressed concern about the raid. As a result, Lee said he was skeptical about the future of South Korean investment in the United States.



HOW A TINY BUG SPIRALED INTO A MASSIVE OUTAGE THAT TOOK
DOWN THE INTERNET

Diary Times Desk : A massive AWS outage Monday that brought down some of the world's most popular apps and services all started with a glitch. The bug – which occurred when two automated systems were trying to update the same data simultaneously – snowballed into something significantly more serious that Amazon's engineers scrambled to fix, the company said Thursday in a postmortem assessment. The massive cloud service's outage meant people couldn't order food, communicate with hospital networks, access mobile banking, or connect with their security systems and smart home devices. Major global companies, including Netflix, Starbucks and United Airlines, were temporarily unable to give customers access to their online services. "We apologize for the impact this event caused our customers," Amazon said in a statement on the AWS website. "We know this event impacted many customers in significant ways. We will do everything we can to learn from this event and use it to improve our availability even further."



ASIA MARKETS AND US STOCK FUTURES RISE AFTER US AND CHINESE
OFFICIALS AGREE ON TRADE DEAL FRAMEWORK

Diary Times Desk : US stock futures rose Sunday after US and Chinese representatives agreed on a framework for a trade deal, potentially averting a tariff hike to 157% on Chinese goods and as investors expect another interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve.

Dow futures were up 0.65%, S&P 500 futures rose 0.74% and Nasdaq futures climbed 0.92%, as of 6:29 p.m. ET.

The Dow closed above 47,000 for the first time Friday after September's Consumer Price Index data showed annual inflation had heated up but less than expected. The news boosted expectations that the central bankers will cut interest rates at the policy meetings this week. It was a positive sign for the market, which sold off after trade tensions revved up between the two global superpowers earlier this month. In Asia, major stock markets also responded positively to the news. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 1.9% in early hours of trading on Monday. South Korea's Kospi jumped 2.4%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was also trading up 1.28% in early trading.





MARKETS ARE VOLATILE.
HERE'S WHAT TO DO
WITH YOUR MONEY

Diary Times Desk : It's been a whirlwind year for investors.

Stocks are hovering near record highs, but volatility is creeping back into markets as US-China trade tensions flare up. Gold and silver — safe havens during uncertain times — are soaring higher.

Investors are worried about trade wars, signs of an AI bubble and now credit market turmoil. With all the uncertainty, it can feel overwhelming. However, long-term investors are best off keeping calm, tuning out the noise and sticking to a consistent plan that aligns with their financial goals, experts say.

"Rather than trying to time the next downturn, the smarter move is to stick to fundamentals," said Jared Gagne, a wealth manager at Claro Advisors.

"Good investing is boring," he said.

Diversification is key US stocks have been on a record-breaking rally, rebounding sharply after tumbling in the spring over concerns about President Donald Trump's tariffs. And Wall Street strategists say stocks have more room to run, with better-than-expected corporate earnings and Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts supporting stocks.

US-CHINA TRADE
DISPUTE OVER A LITTLE-
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CHIPMAKER COULD
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HIGHER

Diary Times Desk : Few car buyers have heard of Nexperia. But this Dutch company makes chips that are essential for making cars — and now, it's at the center of a trade dispute that could shutter global auto plants and send already-record-level car prices even higher. The dispute is just one part of wider trade tensions between the United States and China. The Nexperia saga began in earnest this past December when the US Commerce Department put Nexperia's parent company.

FIGHTING OVER MONEY WITH YOUR PARTNER? THESE EXPERTS
HAVE SOME ADVICE



Diary Times Desk : Money can be a fraught issue for most couples. And no wonder. "We tend to have rule books around money. And we get upset when someone doesn't have the same game plan," said Thomas Faupl, a licensed family and marriage therapist who specializes in financial therapy.

Not to mention that everybody's money behaviors are influenced by their experiences around money growing up. But you can defuse your disagreements so that they are not perpetually difficult — or fatal — for your relationship. How? Start by recognizing that money fights are usually about something bigger. Then explore what those bigger issues are so that you each can better hear where the other is coming from. That's just some of the advice Heather and Douglas Boneparth — an attorney and certified financial planner, respectively — offer in their new book "Money Together: How to Find Fairness in Your Relationship and Become an Unstoppable Financial Team."

US AND CHINA HAVE REACHED A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON
TRADE AHEAD OF TRUMP-XI MEETING. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW



Diary Times Desk : US and Chinese officials have reached a framework agreement, averting a potentially ruinous 157% tariff on Chinese goods while paving the way for a potential trade deal to be discussed between President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping later this week.

The apparent progress came during the first leg of Trump's weeklong diplomacy tour in Asia, easing tensions between the world's two biggest economies after weeks escalatory actions they slapped on each other.

Asia markets and US stock futures reacted positively to the news. Here's what we know so far about the talks.

Positive signs in Malaysia

US and Chinese negotiators conducted their latest round of talks in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur, the first stop of Trump's whirlwind diplomatic tour of Asia.

And it was shortly after Trump touched down on Sunday that the first positive trade talk signs emerged. "I think we've reached a substantial framework for the two leaders who will meet next Thursday," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on ABC from Kuala Lumpur, where he and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer led the US delegation for the fifth round of in-person talks. He also told CBS news that the 100% tariffs on Chinese goods that Trump previously threatened were "effectively off the table."

The meeting, the first between the pair during Trump's second term, would happen on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO summit, where Trump is expected to deliver an address. Beijing has yet to confirm the sit down will take place, however that is not unusual given how China's government rarely does so until such talks are under way.

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.



50 YOUTHS DEPORTED
FROM US, MAXIMUM 16
FROM KARNAL DISTRICT

Diary Times Desk : Another group of nearly 50 youths has been deported from the United States for illegal entry. Among the deported youths, 16 belong to Karnal district, 14 to Kaithal five to Kurukshetra and three to Jind. They were brought to Karnal, Kaithal, Kurukshetra and Jind under police supervision and have been handed over to their family members after brief inquiry. Earlier this year between January and July, several youths of the state had been deported by the US.

As per the data available, most of the deported youths are between 25 and 40 years of age. However, the deported youths and their family members are in deep distress and aren't speaking to anyone. The families who had pinned hopes on a better future abroad are now heartbroken and speechless. Many had sold their land or taken heavy loans to finance their journey to the US.

Confirming the deportation of 16 youths of Karnal district, Superintendent of Police (SP) Ganga Ram Punia said that these deported youth were handed over to Karnal police in Gurugram and now, they have further been handed over to their family members.

EXCISE TEAM SEALS
LIQUOR VENDS IN
YAMUNANAGAR

Diary Times Desk : An enforcement team of the Excise and Taxation Department, Yamunanagar, has sealed a liquor vend and a liquor sub-vend in two villages of Yamunanagar district, following discrepancies.

The team, comprising Excise Inspectors Anil Kumar, Shekhar and Gurmeet, also issued challans to the operators of the vends.

Alok Passi, Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Yamunanagar, said the team had inspected some liquor vends and bars, after which it found that country liquor was being sold below the prescribed minimum rate at a vend in Khajuri village; and a sub-vend in Tugalpur village of the district — in violation of excise policy.

INDIVIDUAL LAPSE OF JUDGEMENT: HARYANA POLICE OFFICER ON VIDEO OF ACP
USING JCB TO REMOVE VENDORS

Diary Times Desk : Amid outrage over an ACP deploying a JCB machine to remove vendors from a road, a senior official of Haryana Police said the incident was an “individual lapse of judgement” and that the officer has been asked to remain cautious in future.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Dinesh Kumar, who is a former international boxer, is facing public outrage after he deployed the earth-mover to clear the road following complaints of road blockage.

Taking cognisance of the video, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Bahadurgarh, Mayank Mishra, called it “an individual lapse of judgement”.



19-YEAR-OLD DIES BY SUICIDE AFTER
BEING BLACKMAILED WITH AI-
GENERATED OBSCENE PHOTOS OF
SISTERS

Diary Times Desk : A 19-year-old college student committed suicide here after he was allegedly blackmailed with AI-generated obscene pictures and videos of his and his three sisters, police said on Monday.

According to the police, Rahul, a second-year BCom student at DAV College, lived with his family in Baselwa Colony.

Distressed by blackmailing, the student ended his life by consuming some poisonous substance on Saturday, they said. In the complaint, the family said that someone hacked Rahul's mobile phone about two weeks ago.

After hacking the phone, some people used artificial intelligence (AI) to create nude photos and videos of Rahul and his three sisters.

THREE JIND YOUTHS DEPORTED
FROM US FOR USING 'DONKEY
ROUTE'

Diary Times Desk : The Jind Police have safely received three youths from the deportation team who were among 50 youths deported from the US for using the 'donkey route' to travel illegally.

The youths, identified as Ajay from Bhairon Khera, Laabjot Singh from Nimnabad and Naveen from Pillukhera, were handed over to their families under the supervision of DSP Sandeep Kumar.

Superintendent of Police Kuldeep Singh warned that travelling abroad through illegal means not only puts one's life at risk, but also questions the dignity of society.

“Before applying for a visa, one should thoroughly verify the agent or organisation and never fall for false promises made by unknown people. Going abroad illegally is not only a waste of money, but also sends a negative message to society,” he stated.

CONTROVERSIAL SOCIAL MEDIA POST: ASHOKA UNIVERSITY TEACHER MOVES SC
FOR RELEASE OF PASSPORT

Diary Times Desk : Facing criminal prosecution for his controversial social media posts on ‘Operation Sindoor’, Ashoka University professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad has moved the Supreme Court seeking release of his passport ordered to be deposited as a condition for his release on bail.

A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said his plea for release of his passport would be taken up on November 18, even as Additional Solicitor General SV Raju submitted on behalf of the Haryana Government that if he wanted to travel abroad, he could do so after furnishing his itinerary.

"What is the use of keeping it (passport)? They should release the passport," senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Mahmudabad, said, adding the state should release it if it didn't have any objection. Noting that the accused was not going abroad tomorrow, the Bench said his plea for release of the passport would be heard on November 18.





In Colorful, Creative New Orleans, This Neighborhood Stands Out

If you meet a local to hang out in the Bywater, they might suggest a matcha latte at Petite Clouet Café. Or, a visit to Chance In Hell SnoBalls, where icy confections come in wild flavors like dill pickle, ube or root beer.

Petite Clouet is pale yellow. The SnoBall shop is painted electric pink. You can't escape color and creativity here, be it literal or figurative. In a colorful, creative city, the Bywater stands out.

This 120-block neighborhood, right on the river not far from the French Quarter, is home to an admirable art scene, dynamic menus, significant architecture and a linear river park.

It's home to growing pains, too. Like many cool districts, it got discovered. The working-class hideaway has been gentrified, in parts.

The Bywater was a predominantly African American, family neighborhood prior to Hurricane Katrina. Rents have since risen. Airbnb exploded here, for a time draining affordable houses for permanent residents before short-term rental restrictions arrived. There are major property developments



Jenny Adams
Preserving history is something New Orleansians, in particular, relish. On Bywater's eastern edge, at Kentucky Street, Lucullus Antiques is a must-visit.

now threatening to change this storied neighborhood — some argue for better; some for worse.

"In the early 1800s, the proximity to the river made this prime land, and there were a handful of small plantations," Waterman says of the neighborhood east of the French Quarter, just past the Marigny.

Two of the oldest structures she stops outside of are 631 Independence Street, part of the Macarty Plantation, and the restored Lombard House at Chartres and Bartholomew. Dating to 1826, the Lombard House is one of the finest examples of Norman trussing — an intricate type of roof structure — as well as West Indian architecture, which once flourished.

European immigrants, Spanish Creoles and Free People of Color were arriving by the mid 19th century.

"The Bywater was called Little Saxony, for the large number of Germans," Waterman continues. On city maps, it became the Ninth Ward in 1852, further designated as the Upper Ninth Ward in 1919, when an industrial canal arrived, separating it from the Lower Ninth.

During the Progressive Era of the early 1900s, industrial expansion brought more wharfs, rail lines and factories. After World War II, however, as more people moved to suburban areas, these industrial spaces lost manufacturing tenants. Many were left abandoned and by the 1970s, '80s and '90s, there was blight, particularly at the water's edge.

"The entire stretch along the river was abandoned, self-demolishing wharf land," says Amanda Rivera, senior associate/architect at Eskew Dumez Ripple, referring to the blighted riverfront where ships once dropped and collected cargo. The firm won the bid to reimagine the river frontage. Crescent Park opened in 2015 — a 2.2-mile linear green space.

Blight became jogging paths, a dog run, native foliage and event spaces — all with uninterrupted Mississippi River views.

One park access point is a massive bridge at Piety Street. "We used a naturally rusting material for it, symbolizing the industrial history here," Rivera says. "You see old timber posts in the water from the bridge. Those once supported the wharf sheds. We left them to preserve the past."



Visible Bruising

TRUMP SAYS HE RECEIVED AN MRI DURING TRIP TO WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER

President Donald Trump said that he received an MRI scan during a recent trip to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center — marking the first time he has provided a reason for his second medical exam this year and raising new questions about the president's health.



Betsy Klein
He deferred to his doctors when asked why he received the scan, noting there were medical professionals traveling through Asia with his team.

"I did. I got an MRI. It was perfect," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One Monday.

"I gave you the full results. We had an MRI, and the machine, you know, the whole thing, and it was perfect," he added.

Trump, who at 79 is one of the oldest presidents in US history, declined to say why he received the MRI during the Walter Reed visit earlier this month, telling reporters to "ask the doctors." The president claimed that his doctors offered reporters a "very conclusive" report of the



CVI occurs when veins in the legs are damaged, resulting in those veins being unable to manage blood flow as well as they should, according to Cleveland Clinic.

exam, but the White House has not previously disclosed the reason for his unusual second visit, a departure from the traditional presidential cadence of a single comprehensive exam per year.

"I think they gave you a very conclusive — nobody has ever given you reports like I gave you. And if I didn't think it was going to be good, either, I would let you know negatively, I wouldn't run. I'd do something. But the doctor said some of the best reports for the age, some of the best reports they've ever seen," he said.

This summer, the White House announced that Trump was examined for swelling in his legs and has been diagnosed with chronic venous insufficiency.

Symptoms can include swelling in the lower legs or ankles, aching or cramping in the legs, varicose veins, pain or skin changes. Treatment may involve medication or, in later stages, medical procedures.

Trump has also faced scrutiny over regular bruising on his right hand that he's appeared at times to cover up with heavy makeup. The White House physician, Dr. Sean Barbabella, has attributed it to a combination of "frequent handshaking" and aspirin use, which can increase bruising.

Earlier this year, the White House announced that Trump had been diagnosed with a medical condition in his veins called chronic venous insufficiency.

Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said Trump had noticed swelling in his legs, prompting a check-up with his doctor who diagnosed him with the condition.

Chronic venous insufficiency occurs when leg veins don't allow blood to flow back up to the heart, causing it to pool in the lower limbs. It is a "benign and common", in older individuals, according to a note from Barbabella.

Trump had also been recently photographed with patches of makeup on the back of his hand. The White House has said it is unrelated to the vein condition but is instead bruising as a result of frequent handshaking. INFA

Here's What's Giving Them Away

SOME SAY THAT AMERICANS WHO PRETEND TO BE CANADIAN ABROAD AREN'T FOOLING ANYONE.

Susanna Shankar was traveling solo around Spain this summer, when she was confronted by a fellow traveler who refused to believe she was Canadian.



Vivian Song
There is little academic research that examines the differences between American and Canadian tourists abroad, according to Kim Dae-young, professor of hospitality management at the University of Missouri.

Shankar was at her hotel when she got to talking with an elderly gentleman with a British accent. As travelers often do, he asked her where she was traveling from. But when she said she was from Vancouver, the conversation took an unexpected turn.

Immediately, the man eyed her with suspicion. He accused her of lying, to the horror of his daughter who urged him to stop giving Shankar the third-degree.

"He just didn't believe me when I said I was traveling from Canada," Shankar said. "So I was like, 'Do you want to see my passport? How do you want to do this?'"

Shankar, 37, is a dual US-Canadian citizen, who runs websites about regenerative and sustainable tourism. Her father is Canadian, her mother American. She grew up in Alaska and lived in the US until the age of 28, lived in Germany for six years, and then moved to Vancouver where she has been living the last four years. For political reasons, Shankar says she identifies less

as American and has taken to introducing herself as Canadian. But sometimes, her American West Coast accent can betray her.

"I do think his doubt did stem a little bit from a lot of Americans out there trying to pass themselves off as Canadians," she added.

Shankar is referring to a decades-old practice known as "flag jacking," in which some Americans pretend to be Canadian while traveling abroad to avoid anti-American sentiment. Flag-jacking Americans sew the maple leaf flag on their bags and lie about their nationality. It happened as far back as the 1960s and '70s during the unpopular Vietnam War, spiked again under George W. Bush's Iraq War in the early 2000s, and has been revived under the current Trump administration. Some Canadians, incensed at the trade war that just intensified with President Trump's 10% tariff increase on Canada and his earlier threats to annex the country, have been calling out the Americans who make light of pretending to be Canadian abroad, posting online comments calling it cowardly, entitled, and a form of cultural appropriation.

Moreover, one of the most common arguments online

against flag jacking is that they're not fooling anyone: Americans are easily distinguishable from Canadians, many say, no matter how many maple leaf flags they're wearing. But are they?

Aside from how people measure temperature (Celsius or Fahrenheit), heavy regional accents (French-Canadian or American Southern, for example), and answers to a flash quiz asking "What's the capital city of Canada?" (answer: Ottawa) and "How do you pronounce Toronto?" (Torontonians don't pronounce the second 't' — can the world really tell Americans and Canadians apart?)

Canadians are 'more subtle,' says one travel pro

Several European tour guides who work with Americans and Canadians responded with a resounding "yes."

"Stereotypes exist for a reason," says Londoner Denisa Podhradzka, who founded Let Me Show You London, which has been organizing private tours for affluent tourists since 2014.





A GUIDE TO BEN NICHOLSON: MASTER OF 'CLARITY AND THE GREAT ART OF OMISSION'

Diary Times Desk : To say that Ben Nicholson (1894-1982) had a complex relationship with his father would be an understatement. Both were artists, in Sir William Nicholson's case a successful landscapist and portrait painter, who depicted the likes of Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling. A man of Edwardian wit and flair, he was no fan of his son's avant-garde endeavours — and told him so. On visiting an exhibition of Ben's in 1935, William asked sneerily, 'Why don't you paint proper pictures?'

At the time, Nicholson fils was producing the white abstract reliefs that are today regarded as his great contribution to Modernism. One of the largest and finest of these, 1936 (white relief), sold for £1,842,000 at Christie's in London in March 2022.

The differences between the two men weren't just artistic. During the First World War, Ben had missed out on military action because of asthma — and, for the best part of a year, attended a health spa in California. While he was away, his beloved mother Mabel died from Spanish flu. To make matters worse, shortly after his return to England, Ben lost his girlfriend Edie, too — to his newly widowed father. The young couple had met while students together at the Slade School of Art in 1910, but Edie ended up deciding that the older Nicholson was the one for her. In the autumn of 1919, she and William married.

According to Ben's biographer, Sarah Jane Checkland, 'The initial shock of betrayal gradually hardened into hatred for his father. Not only was he now determined to succeed as an artist, but to do so by pursuing a course that diametrically opposed that of his father... Hence his commitment to abstraction.'

The truth was probably more nuanced than that. For a start, Ben spent his career moving seamlessly back and forth between the figurative and the abstract, rather than being devoted to the latter.

The inspiration for his art extended far beyond his own family, too. His first works were still lifes painted in a naturalistic fashion, but new influences soon brought themselves to bear — notably Cezanne and the Cubists.

The influence of Cubism and Alfred Wallis

Nicholson first encountered Cubism through the works of Picasso, on a visit to Paris in 1921. Thereafter he started rendering his repertoire of jugs, glasses and other table-top objects as flat shapes on the picture plane. A fine example, July 25-47 (still life — Odyssey 2), was sold at Christie's in 2021.



BARBARA HEPWORTH: THE RADICAL BRITISH SCULPTOR WHO COMBINED RIGOUR WITH SENSUALITY

Diary Times Desk : In 1946, the sculptor Barbara Hepworth wrote to her friend Philip James, director of art at the Arts Council of Great Britain. 'Many have spoken of the sensuality contained in my sculptures despite the outward classical and disciplined exterior,' she noted. 'All want to touch, and that is as it should be.'

For the previous two decades, the international modernist had pursued a singular vision: to create harmony out of the post-First World War rubble. Taking her inspiration from the landscape around her — first in Hampstead in north London, and then in Cornwall in the south-west of England — she carved smooth, undulating forms that echoed the natural world.

Today, her polished sculptures, with their complex interiors, are highly prized for their tension — between light and darkness, solidity and weightlessness — and she is celebrated for having revolutionised the possibilities of carving.

While studying at the Royal College of Art in London, Hepworth was shortlisted for the 1924 Prix de Rome art scholarship, which was won that year by the sculptor John Skeaping. Hepworth won a West Riding Travel Scholarship and went to Florence, where she and Skeaping married the following year before moving to Rome. In Italy, she studied Romanesque and Renaissance art and architecture, learned traditional carving techniques from the master marble-carver Giovanni Ardini, and visited the marble quarries in Carrara. Hepworth and Skeaping returned to London in 1926.

In 1932, three years after the birth of her first child, Hepworth pierced her first carving, thus introducing the 'hole' to British sculpture. The negative space — which Hepworth used to explore balance in forms — became a hallmark of her work, and is considered her most important contribution to abstract art.

From 1934 onwards, Hepworth's figurative sculptures gave way to pure abstraction, as she distilled her work to increasingly simple shapes. To create these abstracts, she employed a technique known as direct carving, in which the final form of the work is determined by the act of carving rather than through the creation of preparatory maquettes and models. Her contemporary Henry Moore was another advocate of the technique; the pair studied together at Leeds College of Art and the Royal College of Art in London, and shared a long, friendly rivalry.





BARCELONA RECEIVE INJURY BOOST AS 24-YEAR-OLD STAR
BACK IN CONTENTION TO FEATURE AGAINST ELCHE



Diary Times Desk : Barcelona have received another major boost ahead of their La Liga clash against Elche, as Mundo Deportivo reports that goalkeeper Joan Garcia's return is not being ruled out.

The summer signing from Espanyol, who suffered a tear in the internal meniscus of his left knee during a match against Real Oviedo in September, is showing faster-than-expected recovery progress, giving the club renewed optimism about his comeback.

Garcia underwent surgery on September 27, with an estimated recovery time of four to six weeks. However, the goalkeeper has made remarkable progress in his rehabilitation, and his condition will be reassessed once the team returns to training on Wednesday. Although Barcelona are unlikely to take unnecessary risks, his availability for the Elche fixture is not completely ruled out, which is a positive sign for Hansi Flick and his staff.

JUST IN: BARCELONA SUPERSTAR
REJOINS TEAM TRAINING AHEAD OF
ELCHE CLASH

Diary Times Desk : After a disappointing El Clasico defeat to Real Madrid, Barcelona have finally received some uplifting news.

According to a report from SPORT, star striker Robert Lewandowski has returned to full training with the group, offering Hansi Flick a much-needed boost ahead of the club's upcoming fixtures.

The 37-year-old forward took part in today's training session at the Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper, joining the rest of the squad for the first time since suffering a muscle tear during the October international break.

Now, nearly two weeks later, Lewandowski's return suggests that his recovery is progressing faster than expected.

The club's medical team is taking a cautious approach while carefully managing his workload and monitoring his fitness levels day by day. According to reports, Lewandowski's sensations are very positive, and he will continue to reintegrate gradually into the group dynamic before receiving full medical clearance.

CTA PRESIDENT DEFENDS REFEREEING DECISIONS IN EL CLASICO AMID
BARCELONA OUTRAGE – 'GOOD AND ACCURATE'

Diary Times Desk : The fallout from Sunday's El Clasico at the Santiago Bernabeu continues, with heated debate surrounding referee Cesar Soto Grado's decisions during Real Madrid's 2-1 win over Barcelona.

While many within the Barcelona community have voiced strong dissatisfaction with several key moments of officiating, the Technical Refereeing Committee (CTA) has come forward in full support of its referees, insisting that all major decisions were correct.

CTA president Fran Soto personally backed the refereeing team, stating that despite the pressure and controversy surrounding such a high-voltage fixture, the officials handled the match well.

"We believe that in the end, the decisions were correct. In general, we thought the refereeing was right," said Soto as quoted by Mundo Deportivo. The El Clasico was packed with contentious moments that tested both the officials and the technology assisting them.

MANCHESTER UNITED OWNERS REJECT
IDEA OF PURSUING OUT-OF-CONTRACT
BARCELONA STAR – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : According to a recent report from SPORT, Manchester United have decided to put an end to their interest in signing Barcelona forward Robert Lewandowski, marking the end of speculation linking the Polish forward with a move to Old Trafford.

Lewandowski's current deal with Barcelona runs until 2026, and reports suggest the veteran forward may not see out his contract.

With the Catalan club yet to open renewal talks, the 37-year-old could become a free agent next year.

As such, several clubs had shown interest in offering Lewandowski one final challenge before he considers moving to a lower-profile league, but no team has officially made a move yet.

What happened to Manchester United? Among those clubs, Manchester United were initially seen as serious contenders.

According to reports, Ruben Amorim had expressed admiration for Lewandowski's professionalism and experience.



BARCELONA SUPERSTAR
FORWARD PLAYED EL CLASICO
THROUGH PAIN

Diary Times Desk : Lamine Yamal's performance in El Clasico has come under serious criticism, not only because of the high standards he has set for himself but because of the player's pre-game statements that only served to up the stakes.

While the player has almost always delivered after making such open warnings, last night was a rare instance of when he failed to turn up completely.

In 90 minutes, he completed only 50% of his dribbles, had just 55 attempted passes and no accurate crosses.

Still unfit
As relayed by El Chiringuito TV in a recent report, Yamal is still not at 100% and has not completely recovered from his pubalgia that has ruled him out of action in recent weeks.

The outlet mentions that the teenager is still dealing with pain in the area and played El Clasico through the pain, explaining his struggles on the night.

It is, after all, very unlike the player to hesitate from jumping into dribbles and taking on his opponents head-on, but last night, he was not involved in the buildup even remotely close to usual and barely ever took Alvaro Carreras on.

BARCELONA PLAYERS
EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO
FANS AFTER DISAPPOINTING
LOSS TO REAL MADRID

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona's 2-1 defeat to Real Madrid on Sunday was not something the club were hoping for, as the loss will do a great deal to hamper the team's confidence.

It will also help Real Madrid extend their lead at the top of the league table. But despite the blow, Barcelona players did not forget to thank the supporters for their backing.

After the loss, several Barça players took to social media to share messages of unity, gratitude, and determination.

Barcelona players share gratitude on social media
Fermin Lopez, who scored Barcelona's only goal of the match to make it 1-1 in the first half, was among the first to post. The midfielder shared a picture of the team celebrating.

"Culers! Thank you for your support in the stadium and from all over the world! We gave everything, but this continues and there is a lot left. Now focused on the next matches. Very proud of the team's work! Força Barça Sempre!" he wrote.