

NEWS IN BRIEF

MANIPUR TAPES: NFSU TELLS SUPREME COURT 'NOT POSSIBLE' TO OFFER OPINION ON 'BIREN SINGH' AUDIO CLIP

Diary Times Desk : The National Forensic Science University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, informed the Supreme Court of India on November 3 that the audio recordings said to be implicating former Manipur chief minister N. Biren Singh in the 2023 ethnic violence were scientifically not fit for voice comparison, LiveLaw reported November 3.

The tapes, according to NFSU, were found to be "tampered" and could therefore not be used to verify the voice of the speaker.

This revelation came in response to a petition filed by the Kuki Organisation for Human Rights (KOHUR) Trust, which has sought a court-monitored

investigation into the alleged involvement of political figures in the violence that ravaged the state in 2023.

In September 2024, in public interest, The Wire had published those tapes after they were accepted by the judicial commission on the Manipur violence set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

BENGALURU DOMESTIC WORKER SLAMS PET DOG TO DEATH IN APARTMENT LIFT

Diary Times Desk : A domestic worker was arrested after she was caught on CCTV slamming a pet dog to death inside the lift of a Bengaluru apartment. The incident, which took place on Friday, was reported from Bagalur area, a locality in north Bengaluru. As the lift's door closes, shows the CCTV, the domestic worker, Pushpalatha, pulls the leash of one of the dogs and slams it on the floor. When the lift's door opens, the other dog can be seen walking out, while Pushpalatha drags the body of the lifeless dog outside the lift.

According to the FIR, the dog's owner had hired Pushpalatha on September 11 to take care of her four-year-old pet dog for a monthly salary of Rs 23,000. After learning about the death of the dog, the owner questioned Pushpalatha, who denied responsibility.

ACTOR CELINA JAITLEY**BROTHER DETAINED IN UAE, ACTOR CELINA JAITLEY'S "RAY OF HOPE" POST AFTER COURT HEARING**

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court today heard a petition by actor Celina Jaitley, who sought its intervention to secure assistance for her brother - Indian Army Major (retired) Vikrant Kumar Jaitley - who has been allegedly detained in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) since September 2024. Jaitley, who has been in the UAE since 2016, was allegedly detained over national security concerns, the court was informed today.

The court has asked the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to ensure contact between the actor and her brother. It has also been asked to facilitate communication between Vikrant Jaitley and his wife, who is in the UAE. It has also sought a status report on efforts by the MEA.

The actor was present in the court during the hearing. She wrote a long post on Instagram describing the High Court's direction as a "ray of hope".

Jaitley's counsel said that since he is an Indian national, the government should provide legal assistance to him. It also said that Celina Jaitley is the only blood relative of Vikrant Jaitley.

The plea stated that despite over a year of representations to the Indian Embassy, Consulate, and the Minister of External Affairs, the family has received no substantive information about Jaitley's condition or legal status.

The matter was being heard by Justice Sachin Datta. The next hearing is on December 4. Celina Jaitley, after the hearing, shared a post on Instagram from the "gates of the Delhi High Court": "...After an arduous 14 months, I have finally reached the light at the end of the dark tunnel. I have just exited the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, where my writ petition regarding my brother was heard."

She claimed her brother has been "a victim of enforced disappearance for nine months, followed by detainment".

"You fought for us, bhai, now it's time for us to stand behind you," she said, calling the court's direction a "ray of hope".

Urging the government to help and protect the "defenders" of the nation, she said, "For one year, I have searched for answers for you. Now, I continue my prayers to our respected government to fight for you, to bring you back safely. My government, the only entity I trust, is the Government of India, & I know they will do everything to protect this 4th-generation soldier, son, grandson & great-grandson of war veterans, who has given his everything, his entire youth, in the service of our nation."

EXCLUSIVE: "YOU KNOW SRK?" SUDAN REBELS, GUNS IN HAND, ASK KIDNAPPED INDIAN

Diary Times Desk : An Indian national has been kidnapped by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia in Sudan, a country that has seen violent clashes erupt since 2023 between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF. Sudan's capital, Khartoum, has been at the heart of this devastating conflict that has displaced over 13 million people.

A video sent to NDTV shows an Indian man, identified as Adarsh Behera from Odisha's Jagatsinghpur district, sitting between two RSF soldiers one of whom asks him, "Do you know Shah Ruikh Khan?"

Another soldier in his rear prompts him to tell the camera, "Dagalo good." 'Dagalo,' of course, is in reference to Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, or "Hemetti," the dreaded leader of the RSF.

Sources told NDTV that Behera, 36, was kidnapped from the city of Al Fashir, roughly 1,000 km from Khartoum. From there, he is most likely taken to the city of Nyala, an RSF stronghold and the capital of South Darfur in southwest Sudan, roughly 1,200 km from Khartoum.

NDTV reached out to Behera's family in Odisha, who shared that the 36-year-old has been working in Sudan since 2022 for a company called Sukarati Plastic Factory. Behera's wife, Susmita, told NDTV that the couple are parents to two boys, eight and three years old.

**"HIGH TIME INDIA TRADED DYNASTY FOR MERITOCRACY": SHASHI THAROOR**

Diary Times Desk : The promise of democracy - government of the people, by the people, for the people - cannot be fully realised as long as Indian politics continue to remain a family enterprise, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said.

The MP, who contested unsuccessfully for the Congress party chief's post, said it is about time that India traded dynasty for meritocracy, and called for fundamental reforms.

"It is high time India traded dynasty for meritocracy. This would require fundamental reforms, from imposing legally mandated term limits to requiring meaningful internal party elections, together with a concerted effort to educate and empower the electorate to choose leaders based on merit," Tharoor said.

This is the latest in a series of comments that have discomfited the Congress leadership and have upset many of Tharoor's colleagues, especially at a time the ruling BJP has repeatedly targeted the Gandhis.

The Thiruvananthapuram MP, who served as a minister under the UPA government, said that dynastic politics across the political spectrum poses a "grave threat" to Indian democracy. "When political power is determined by lineage rather than ability, commitment or grassroots engagement, the quality of governance suffers. Drawing from a smaller talent pool is never advantageous, but it is especially problematic when candidates'.

COLLEGE STUDENT ASSAULTED NEAR COIMBATORE AIRPORT; POLICE FORM SEVEN TEAMS TO NAB ATTACKERS

Diary Times Desk : A college student was sexually assaulted by three men near the Coimbatore international airport, police said on Monday.

The unidentified miscreants attacked and chased away the male friend of the 19-year-old student and allegedly sexually assaulted her on November 2 night, police said.

The incident near the high security area sent shock waves across the city. Police said seven special teams have been formed to trace out and nab the culprits.

Both the student and her friend have been admitted to hospital.

Expressing shock over the incident, BJP leader K Annamalai claimed that since the DMK came to power in Tamil Nadu, incidents such as these have shown that anti-social elements no longer fear the law or the police.

"From DMK ministers to police officials, there has been a disturbing pattern of shielding sexual offenders instead of ensuring justice.

The DMK government has utterly failed in both preventing sexual crimes and providing safety for women," he alleged in a post on the social media platform 'X'.

TOXIC LIQUOR CASE

JAGAN REDDY'S PARTY LEADER ARRESTED IN TOXIC LIQUOR CASE, SPARKS WAR OF WORDS

Diary Times Desk : A fierce political showdown has erupted over the arrest of YSRCP leader and former minister Jogi Ramesh in an adulterated liquor case, with the party alleging vendetta by the ruling TDP government led by Chandrababu Naidu.

Ramesh was arrested by a joint team of the Excise department, SIT, and local police on Sunday and produced in court in the late evening. It is alleged that Ramesh and his associates are linked to the spurious liquor manufacturing and distribution racket. In this case, earlier, the main suspect, Janatdhan Rao, was arrested, and he reportedly revealed the name of Ramesh.

However, the YSRCP, as well as Ramesh, have denied the allegation and alleged that he has been "maliciously framed" in the case, only to "harass him and target the YSRCP". The party called the arrest a "blatant act of political revenge" and "abuse of power by the coalition government".

"TDP leaders were caught red-handed. To cover up their crime, they have manufactured a fake narrative and dragged Jogi Ramesh into it," the party said.

The Jagan Reddy-led party asserted that Ramesh had sought a CBI inquiry and even approached the High Court. Despite this, he was arrested, "indicating a deliberate conspiracy".

The TDP denied all allegations and said that the law will take its own course, and the party has nothing to do with the arrest.

Ramesh is also being investigated over the attack on Chandrababu Naidu's residence at Undavalli in 2021.

BENGALURU WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH BY FRIEND IN PUBLIC; ACCUSED ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A 43-year-old private firm employee was arrested on Saturday for allegedly stabbing his friend to death in public near a government school in Pillanna Garden, KG Halli police limits.

The crime happened on Friday. The accused, Kutti, who is married, was in an illicit relationship with the deceased,

Renuka, a domestic worker separated from her husband and mother of a child. Police said Renuka had been pressuring Kutti to marry her.

On Friday, Kutti called her to discuss the issue, and a heated argument ensued. In a fit of rage, he allegedly stabbed her over six times and fled.

Residents rushed her to a nearby hospital, where she was declared dead. KG Halli police registered a murder case and arrested the accused on Saturday.

CITES FLAGS VANTARA'S 'EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH' CARE
STANDARDS AFTER INDIA VISIT



Diary Times Desk : CITES, the international body that oversees trade in endangered species, has praised the animal-care standards at Vantara and the strength of India's regulatory framework, following a Secretariat visit to the country in September ahead of the 79th Standing Committee meeting in Uzbekistan.

The Secretariat's report, prepared for the standing committee, CITES's top policy guidance body, highlights advanced infrastructure, veterinary capabilities, and a conservation-first mandate at Vantara's two facilities: the Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (GZRRRC) and the Radha Krishna Temple Elephant Welfare Trust (RKTEWT).

In on-site observations, the Secretariat found both centres operate "in accordance with exceptionally high standards" with "advanced facilities."

THREE KARNATAKA PHARMACY
STUDENTS DROWNED TO DEATH
IN KANNUR

Diary Times Desk : Three pharmacy students from Karnataka who were on a leisure trip to Kannur drowned near Payyambalam beach on Sunday. The deceased are Afnan Ahmed, 26, from Hole Narsipur in Hassan district, Mohammed Rehanuddin, 26, from Bidar, and Mohammed Afroz, 25, from Hiriuri in Chitradurga district.

They were among eight DPharm students from Al Ameen Pharmacy College in Bengaluru, who were in the state for the weekend. The students first went to Wayanad, and reached Kannur on Saturday night where they stayed in a resort at Payyambalam. Around 11am on Sunday, they decided to venture into the sea.

Sources in the police said the trio entered the sea first, and the rest followed. One of the deceased did not swim and started drowning. The other two rushed to help him but were swept away. The remaining five raised an alarm, following which fishermen in the area and lifeguards on the beach rushed to rescue them.

CHILDLESS WOMAN ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING FOUR-YEAR-
OLD BOY IN BENGALURU

Diary Times Desk : A 43-year-old woman has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping a four-year-old boy in northern Bengaluru, police said on Sunday.

The accused, identified as Hemavathi, who had been married three times but had no children, allegedly abducted the child from near his home in Hunasemaranahalli on October 25 with the help of her friend, Khurshid alias Kamala, as reported by Deccan Herald.

Hemavathi, who had separated from all her husbands and longed for a child, sought Khurshid's assistance in planning the abduction.

The boy's father, Amariah, 25, an autorickshaw driver, lodged a complaint after his son went missing.

A police investigation was launched, and CCTV footage from the area showed a woman picking up the child.

Based on the footage and further inquiry, police tracked down and arrested both women.

RAHUL GANDHI RIPPLES IN A POND: CONGRESS MP JOINS
FISHERMEN IN MUDDY WATERS, PARTY FLAGS CONTRAST
WITH MODI

Diary Times Desk : Rahul Gandhi may believe that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would dance on stage to please voters, but the Congress leader himself prefers a more literal way of making a splash.

The Rae Bareilly MP on Sunday jumped into a muddy village pond in Begusarai, Bihar, wearing his trademark white T-shirt and cargo pants, and joined fishermen in their efforts to catch fish.

His party was quick to flag the supposed contrast with Modi, whom Rahul had accused of manufacturing a sanitised pool to perform Chhath rituals instead of wading into the polluted Yamuna. (Modi eventually did neither.)

The Congress shared a video of Rahul's adventure, with the quip: "This is a real pond."



KTR URGES GATED COMMUNITY VOTERS TO
CAST BALLOTS, WARNS OF CONGRESS
FRAUD

Diary Times Desk : BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Sunday cautioned the voters in the gated communities to cast their vote or the Congress would take the opportunity to cast illegal votes in their names.

The BRS working president had meetings in the two gated communities, Satya and Aditya Impress, in Shaikpet Mandal on Sunday. Rama Rao said that their government had taken up many welfare programmes for the poor and developed Hyderabad, and all should come out to vote to teach a lesson to the Congress which has not done anything for the city. "Even if one of you does not go and vote there is a risk of Congress voting fraudulently. Congress, which has not done anything in two years, wants to buy votes by giving money. If anyone here threatens us, we will support you. After you vote, post a photo in your WhatsApp group. If you do not vote, you will lose the right to ask questions," said Rama Rao.

'SHOCKING, WILL DEAL WITH IRON HAND',
SAYS SC ON OVER RS 3000 CRORE BEING
EXTORTED IN DIGITAL ARREST CASES

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday said it needs to deal with digital arrest cases with an iron hand as it expressed shock over the scale of such cybercrime cases in the country, with over Rs 3000 crore allegedly extorted from victims, including senior citizens.

Digital arrest is a growing form of cybercrime in which fraudsters pose as law enforcement or court officials or personnel from government agencies to intimidate victims through audio and video calls. They hold the victims hostage and put pressure on them to pay money.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and Joymalya Bagchi, which appointed an amicus curiae to assist the court in the matter, perused two sealed cover reports submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

"It is shocking that over Rs 3000 crore have been collected from the victims, including senior citizens, across the country. If we don't pass stringent and harsh orders, this problem will magnify.

"We have to strengthen the hands of our agencies through judicial orders. We are determined to deal with these crimes with iron hands," the bench observed.

The top court posted the matter for hearing on November 10 and said that it will pass certain directions based on the suggestions from the amicus.

DMK MOVES SUPREME COURT AGAINST SIR OF TAMIL NADU ELECTORAL ROLLS, CALLS IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL & "DE FACTO NRC" EXERCISE

Diary Times Desk : Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, has approached the Supreme Court challenging the Election Commission of India's (ECI) decision to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu, terming it a case of "constitutional overreach" and a move that could lead to large-scale disenfranchisement of voters. The petition, filed under Article 32, challenges the ECI's orders dated June 24, 2025 and October 27, 2025, which directed the conduct of SIR.

According to the petition, a Special Summary Revision (SSR) had already been conducted in Tamil Nadu between October 2024 and January 6, 2025, during which the electoral roll was updated to reflect changes such as migration.

14 KILLED AFTER SPEEDING DUMPER TRUCK RAMS SEVERAL VEHICLES IN JAIPUR

Diary Times Desk : At least fourteen people were killed and several injured on Monday when a speeding dumper truck rammed several vehicles in Jaipur.

The incident took place around 1 pm in Jaipur's busy Loha Mandi area. The dumper truck reportedly sped out of control and crashed into several vehicles, including cars and two-wheelers.

The truck overturned after hitting a divider, crushing several vehicles beneath it.

The death count from the accident as of now is thirteen, Rajasthan Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar told NDTV. Some of the injured were taken to the local Kanwatia Hospital for treatment. People with serious injuries are being taken to Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital.

According to witnesses, bystanders caught the driver after the truck overturned. A police team rescued the driver from the crowd and took him to a police station.

Following the collision, the area was left with damaged vehicles and bodies lying around the wreckage. Police cordoned off the area, and traffic was diverted to alternate routes.

The accident comes hours after at least 15 people were killed and three injured after a tempo traveller bus rammed a parked trailer nearly 400 km from Jaipur, near Matoda village on the Bharat Mala Highway.

'TEJASHWI YADAV TRYING TO HIDE FATHER'S SINS': PM MODI'S SALVO AT RJD POSTERS



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday claimed that the INDIA bloc's CM candidate Tejashwi Yadav was trying to "hide the sins" of his father Lalu Prasad, relegating his pictures to the corner of RJD's poll posters.

The PM made the remark at a rally in Katihar district, where he did not mention the father-son duo by their names but used the expression "jungle raj ke yuvraaj" (crown prince of lawlessness) to point towards Yadav.

"What is sin he is hiding by not having the pictures of his own father, whom you claim to be such a tall leader and was a CM for years, on RJD posters? Perhaps it is because he has become aware that the big leader carries the baggage of jungle raj," he alleged.

'GRAVE MENACE': SUPREME COURT TO ISSUE INTERIM DIRECTIONS ON DOG BITE ISSUE ON NOVEMBER 7

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday said it will pass interim directions on November 7 to tackle the issue of "grave menace" owing to dog bites in institutional areas, where employees feed and encourage stray dogs.

A three-judge special bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and N V Anjaria said this while hearing the stray dogs case in which the chief secretaries of over 30 states and Union territories appeared in the apex court.

"We have considered the issue of grave menace owing to dog bites in institutional areas. We shall issue interim directions to tackle the said issue on the next date. List for orders on November 7," the bench said. During the hearing, the bench observed it will issue directions with respect to the stray dogs menace being faced in institutions, including government and public sector ones, where the employees are supporting.

24 KILLED AS TRUCK RAMS INTO PASSENGER BUS IN TELANGANA'S RANGA REDDY, PM MODI ANNOUNCES COMPENSATION

Diary Times Desk : At least 24 people were killed and several others injured in a horrific road accident in Ranga Reddy district on Monday morning. The accident occurred at 6.15 am at Indirareddy nagar, near Chevella.

The mishap occurred when a speeding lorry carrying a heavy load collided with a Telangana Road Transport Corporation (RTC) Tandur-Hyderabad bus coming from the opposite direction.

The impact was so severe that the front portion of the bus was completely mangled.

Both the RTC bus driver and the tipper lorry driver died on the spot, along with several passengers.

As gravel fell onto the bus, many passengers were trapped inside, and officials carried out relief operations using earthmovers.

According to RTC sources, the approximate number of passengers in the RTC bus was 70.



'ONLY 9 DELHI AQI POSTS WORKED ON DIWALI': TOP COURT TOLD OF 'MISSING DATA'

Diary Times Desk : Only nine of Delhi's 37 air quality monitoring stations were functioning on Diwali – when the city was smothered by a toxic smog of chemicals from 'green' firecrackers, dust and vehicular pollution, and hazardous particulate matter from farm fires – the Supreme Court was told Monday, in another round of the now-annual bickering over air pollution in the city.

The court's amicus curiae, Aparjita Singh, demanded to know how the Commission for Air Quality Management, a statutory body tasked with improving Delhi's AQI, could fulfil its mandate without critical data on air pollution levels in various parts of the city.

"We don't even know when to implement GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan). That is the severe situation," Singh said, "... let them (i.e., the CAQM) answer this question – 'what is the situation of monitoring stations?'

"A STEP ONCE UNTHINKABLE": MINISTER ON RS 1 LAKH CRORE FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT IN TECH

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh hailed the government's major effort to transform India's research and development ecosystem while speaking at the Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) in New Delhi on Monday.

"The government has allocated Rs 1 lakh crore for research and development in the technology sector," Dr Singh told NDTV, explaining that the initiative aims to incentivise and track private sector investment in technology and innovation. He said sectors like space and nuclear energy, which were once considered out of reach for private participation, have now been opened up. This reform is "a step once unthinkable", he said.

Dr Singh pointed to a shift in India's innovation landscape, observing that 49 per cent of new innovators now come from tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

PAK REJECTS AFGHAN TALIBAN'S ALLEGATIONS THAT US DRONES TO CARRIED OUT ATTACKS FROM ITS SOIL

Diary Times Desk :

Pakistan Monday rejected the Afghan Taliban's allegations that the US drones were allowed to carry out attacks in Afghanistan from its soil.

"This allegation is false," said Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, the Director-General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the military.

During an interaction with a group of senior journalists, the military spokesperson briefed them about the status of Pakistan-Afghanistan talks, cross-border attacks, counterterrorism operations, financial hubs of the terrorists, and other issues.

Chaudhry said that Pakistan and the US have no such agreement which allows the latter to attack Afghanistan, Geo News reported.

He also claimed that India may stage a false military operation on the sea frontier and tell the international community that it "foiled an attempt by terrorists to launch an attack against India".

MEXICAN MAYOR KILLED DURING DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATIONS

Diary Times Desk : A mayor in Mexico's western state of Michoacan was shot dead in a plaza in front of dozens of people who had gathered for Day of the Dead festivities, authorities said. Local politicians in Mexico are frequently victims of political and organised crime violence.

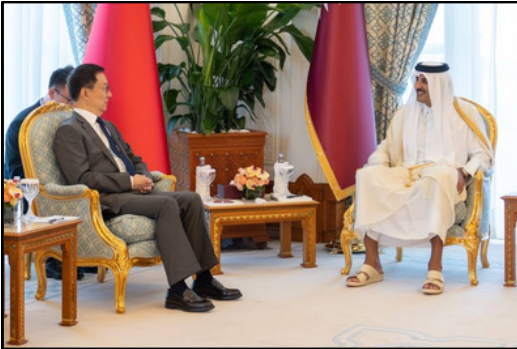
The mayor of the Uruapan municipality, Carlos Alberto Manzo Rodriguez, was gunned down on Saturday night in the town's historic centre. He was rushed to a hospital, where he later died, according to state prosecutor Carlos Torres Pina. A city council member and a bodyguard were also injured in the attack.

The attacker was killed at the scene, Federal Security Secretary Omar Garcia Harfuch told journalists on Sunday.

The attack on the mayor was carried out by an unidentified man who shot him seven times, Garcia Harfuch said. The weapon was linked to two armed clashes between rival criminal groups operating in the region, he added.

"No line of investigation is being ruled out to clarify this cowardly act that took the life of the mayor," Garcia Harfuch said.

AMIR MEETS VICE PRESIDENT OF CHINA



Diary Times Desk : His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani met on Monday morning at the Amiri Diwan with Vice President of the People's Republic of China Han Zheng and his accompanying delegation, who are currently visiting Qatar to participate in the Second World Summit for Social Development, scheduled to be held in Doha from November 4 to 6.

The meeting discussed bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and ways to strengthen and develop them across various fields.

The two sides also reviewed key regional and international developments, in addition to several topics of common interest.

The meeting was attended by His Excellency Chief of the Amiri Diwan Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khulaifi, His Excellency Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al Khulaifi, and a number of Their Excellencies ministers and senior officials.

"ACCOMPLISHED DAUGHTER OF IMMIGRANTS": US CONGRESSMAN RO KHANNA BACKS USHA VANCE AMID ROW

Diary Times Desk : Amid a controversy over US Vice President JD Vance's comments about his wife's religion, Indian-origin Congressman Ro Khanna has come out in support of Second Lady Usha Vance, and called her an "accomplished daughter of immigrants."

The controversy began after JD Vance said that he would like it if his Indian-origin, Hindu-raised wife converted to Christianity. The Republican leader added that Usha joins him and their children at church, as they are being raised as Christians.

The remark drew criticism, prompting Vance to clarify that his wife "is not a Christian and does not plan to convert."

"CAMERAS ANALYSING MY EVERY MOVE": ERIKA KIRK AMID ROW OVER HUG WITH JD VANCE

Diary Times Desk : Erika Kirk, the widow of the late conservative activist Charlie Kirk, has spoken about "cameras analysing" her every move as she made her first public remarks since a video of her hugging US Vice President JD Vance at an event went viral.

In an interview with Fox News at Turning Point USA headquarters, Erika addressed the controversy while also calling for transparency in the upcoming court proceedings involving Tyler Robinson, the man accused of murdering her husband.

"There were cameras all over my husband when he was murdered," she told Watters. "There have been cameras all over my friends and family, mourning. There have been cameras all over me. Analysing my every move, analysing my every smile, my every tear. We deserve to have cameras in there."

"Why not be transparent?" she continued. "There's nothing to hide. I know there's not, because I've seen what the case is built on. Let everyone see what true evil is. This is something that could impact a generation and generations to come."

WORST WEEKEND FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER STAFFING SINCE START OF SHUTDOWN

Diary Times Desk : Flight delays linked to the ongoing federal government shutdown continue, with this past weekend marking the worst for air traffic control staffing shortages since the shutdown began,

according to a CNN analysis of Federal Aviation Administration operations plans.

Between Friday morning and Sunday night, there were 98 "staffing trigger" reports at FAA facilities, meaning air traffic controllers had to alter operations to keep the airspace safe with fewer people working.

The alterations can include rerouting planes or delaying flights when there are not enough controllers to handle the normal workload.

Air traffic controllers are considered essential staff and must work during the government shutdown, despite not getting paid.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said some controllers have called in sick in protest while others are taking time off to work other jobs.



GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN COULD BECOME LONGEST EVER AS TRUMP SAYS HE 'WON'T BE EXTORTED' BY DEMOCRATS

Diary Times Desk : The government shutdown is poised to become the longest ever this week as the impasse between Democrats and Republicans has dragged into a new month. Millions of people stand to lose food aid benefits, health care subsidies are set to expire and there are few real talks between the parties over how to end it.

President Donald Trump said in an interview aired on Sunday that he "won't be extorted" by Democrats who are demanding negotiations to extend the expiring Affordable Care Act subsidies. Echoing congressional Republicans, the president said on CBS' "60 Minutes" he'll negotiate only when the government is reopened.

Trump said Democrats "have lost their way" and predicted they'll capitulate to Republicans.

CIA ORCHESTRATED SHEIKH HASINA’S OUSTER, ARMY CHIEF WAKER WAS ‘ON THEIR PAYROLL’: EX-BANGLADESH MINISTER



Diary Times Desk : Rumours of an impending army coup in Bangladesh have intensified after explosive claims surfaced in a new book that accuses the United States’ CIA of orchestrating Sheikh Hasina’s downfall and her own army chief of betrayal. According to a report by CNN-News18, former Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has alleged that the power transfer which ousted Hasina was a “perfect CIA plot” executed with the help of General Waker-Uz-Zaman, who he claims was “in its pockets.” The claims, published in the soon-to-be-released book Inshallah Bangladesh: The Story of an Unfinished Revolution by Deep Halder, Jaideep Mazumdar and Sahidul Hasan Khokon, are already creating a storm in Dhaka. Waker ‘in CIA’s pockets’

Kamal, one of Hasina’s closest aides, made the sensational remarks during a conversation at a Delhi hotel in June. “It was a perfect CIA [Central Intelligence Agency] plot hatched over a long period of time to overthrow Hasina. We did not know the CIA had Waker in its pocket,” he said, as quoted in the book.

SUDAN SLAMS RSF ‘WAR CRIMES’ IN EL-FASHER AS SURVIVORS RECOUNT KILLINGS

Diary Times Desk : A senior Sudanese diplomat has accused the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) of committing war crimes in the country’s North Darfur state, as survivors who escaped the city of el-Fasher recounted mass killings and sexual assault by the paramilitary troops. Sudan’s ambassador to Egypt, Imadeldin Mustafa Adawi, made the allegations on Sunday as he accused the United Arab Emirates (UAE) of helping the RSF paramilitary group in the ongoing civil war.

Adawi’s remarks followed an earlier statement by Sudanese Prime Minister Kamil Idris, who told the Swiss newspaper Blick that the RSF should be tried in the international courts.

“DISGUSTINGLY BASELESS”: KASH PATEL ON GIRLFRIEND BEING CALLED ISRAELI SPY

Diary Times Desk : FBI Director Kash Patel has dismissed allegations that he used a government jet to attend his girlfriend Alexis Wilkins’ singing performance, calling the attacks on her “cowardly” and “a total disgrace.” The controversy began after former FBI agent and conservative commentator Kyle Seraphin claimed on his podcast that Patel used a \$60 million FBI jet to travel to Nashville on October 25 to watch Wilkins perform at a wrestling event.

Seraphin further alleged that Wilkins was a “honeypot” spy working for Israeli intelligence, a claim that Patel has vehemently denied.

TRUMP WAS ASKED WHO’S “TOUGHER” TO DEAL WITH BETWEEN PUTIN, XI. HIS REPLY

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump was all praise for his Russian and Chinese counterparts, Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping, when asked who among the two global leaders was tougher to deal with. The American commander-in-chief acknowledged that both leaders were strong and intelligent men who shouldn’t be trifled with. Talking to CBS, Trump also doubled down on his claim of solving eight wars, saying the only conflict he hasn’t been able to stop was the one in Ukraine, but “that’ll happen”. What Trump said “Before the ninth month, I stopped eight wars. The only one I haven’t been successful yet in, and- and that’ll happen- is Russia Ukraine, which I thought actually would be the easiest one because I have a very good relationship with President Putin,” he said during an interview with CBS’ 60 Minutes.

“HEZBOLLAH PLAYING WITH FIRE”: ISRAEL AS IT WARNS OF INTENSIFYING ATTACKS

Diary Times Desk : Israel on Sunday signalled it could intensify operations in Lebanon against Hezbollah, which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused of rearming, urging Beirut to disarm the Iran-backed group. Despite a November 2024 ceasefire with the Lebanese militant group, Israel maintains troops in five areas in southern Lebanon and has kept up regular strikes. “Hezbollah is playing with fire, and the president of Lebanon is dragging his feet,” Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a statement. “The Lebanese government’s commitment to disarm Hezbollah and remove it from southern Lebanon must be implemented. Maximum enforcement will continue and even intensify -- we will not allow any threat to the residents of the north.” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Hezbollah was attempting to “rearm” itself.



RUSSIA SAYS PM MISHUSTIN VISITING CHINA FOR ‘VERY IMPORTANT’ VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin departed for a two-day visit to China on Monday, which the Kremlin says is significant, including planned talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Russian government and state media said.

Mishustin is scheduled for a regular heads of government meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang in the city of Hangzhou on Monday, and will travel to Beijing on Tuesday for talks with Xi, TASS agency reported, citing the Russian government’s press service.

The Kremlin attached ‘very great’ importance to the visit, spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday, while declining to say whether President Vladimir Putin would send a message to Xi via Mishustin, Interfax agency reported.

Putin and Xi signed a ‘no limits’ partnership in February 2022, just before Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Since then, Moscow has turned to Beijing to mitigate the impact of Western sanctions, highlighting record bilateral trade, increased settlements in yuan and deepening energy cooperation.



XI KNOWS THE 'CONSEQUENCES': TRUMP'S CRYPTIC WARNING ON TAIWAN INVASION

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump said Xi Jinping understands the consequences if China invades Taiwan, while refusing to specifically say the United States would defend the island, according to an extract of a CBS News interview broadcast Sunday.

Trump said Taiwan "never even came up as a subject" when he met the Chinese president in South Korea on Thursday for their first face-to-face meeting in six years.

Asked on CBS's "60 Minutes" whether he would order US forces into action if China moved militarily on Taiwan, Trump said: "You'll find out if it happens, and he understands the answer to that."

But Trump declined to spell out what he meant in the interview conducted Friday at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, adding: "I can't give away my secrets. The other side knows."

**THE BUSAN CONSENSUS: IS 'CHIMERICA' DAWNING?**

Diary Times Desk : The recent meeting between US President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the APEC Summit in Busan, South Korea, was, by all accounts, a significant event. Hailed as "amazing" and a "12 out of 10" by President Trump, the summit appears to have yielded a crucial, if tactical, trade truce - and perhaps something more.

Trump's use of the term "G2" to frame the gathering - implying a global co-management role for Washington and Beijing - has raised profound questions about the future architecture of international relations. Does it mark the dawning of "Chimerica", a powerful, bilateral condominium carving up the world?

Trump, who tweeted (in his usual CAPSLOCK style) that "THE G2 WILL BE CONVENING SHORTLY!" before his meeting with Xi, enthusiastically posted after it: "Just wrapped up a HISTORIC G2 meeting with President Xi in Busan. 12/10. Tariffs down, soybeans up, fentanyl flow STOPPED."

'US WILL BECOME A THIRD WORLD NATION IF...': DONALD TRUMP'S STARK WARNING

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump insisted on Monday that the US would become 'almost a third-world nation' if his expansive global tariffs were deemed illegal by the Supreme Court. The POTUS insisted that the levies had brought "great wealth and national security" during his nine-month tenure - noting the use of tariffs to negotiate with China and other countries. The Trump administration will be facing off against a slew of small businesses and several states that contend most of the tariffs are illegal and should be struck down.

"If a President is not allowed to use Tariffs, we will be at a major disadvantage against all other Countries throughout the World, especially the 'Majors.' In a true sense, we would be defenseless! Tariffs have brought us Great Wealth and National Security in the nine months that I have had the Honor to serve as President. The Stock Market has hit all-time highs many times during my short time in Office, with virtually No Inflation, and National Security that is second to none," Trump insisted via Truth Social.

He opined that the case - slated to begin on Wednesday - would be one of the most important in American history. Trump explained that he would not be going to court ensure that nothing distracted from the "importance of this decision".

TRUMP SAYS HE DOUBTS US WILL GO TO WAR WITH VENEZUELA

Diary Times Desk :

Donald Trump has played down the possibility of a US war with Venezuela, but suggested Nicolás Maduro's days as the country's president were numbered.

Asked if the US was going to war against Venezuela, the US president told CBS' 60 Minutes: "I doubt it. I don't think so. But they've been treating us very badly."

For two months, the US military has been building up a force of warships, fighter jets, bombers, marines, drones and spy planes in the Caribbean Sea. It is the largest deployment there for decades. The US continues to launch strikes on alleged drug-smuggling boats in the Caribbean. The Trump administration says the strikes are necessary to stem the flow of drugs into the US. Trump rejected suggestions that the US action was not about stopping narcotics, but aimed at ousting Maduro.

**PAKISTAN PRESIDENT TO OUTLINE SOCIAL PROTECTION, GREEN JOBS PLAN AT DOHA UN SUMMIT**

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari will outline his country's plan to expand social protection and promote green employment at the Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha this week, state broadcaster Radio Pakistan reported on Monday.

The three-day summit from Nov. 4-6, organized under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly, brings together world leaders and policymakers to discuss strategies for advancing social development, promoting decent work, and strengthening inclusive safety nets.

Pakistan's participation highlights its efforts to align domestic initiatives like the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), the country's flagship cash-transfer initiative for low-income households, with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as the country seeks to integrate employment and climate considerations into its social protection agenda.

"The President will underscore Pakistan's commitment to inclusive growth and social protection, with the Benazir Income Support Program at the center of efforts to reduce poverty and build resilience among vulnerable groups," Radio Pakistan reported.

NEW YORK MAYOR ELECTION: ZOHRAN MAMDANI LEADS CONTEST OVER ANDREW CUOMO AS 7,35,000 PEOPLE CAST VOTE

Diary Times Desk : Around 735,000 people have cast votes as the New York mayoral election is underway, according to the city's Board of Elections. The rise in early voting suggests increased interest among voters - particularly young voters. A Democratic socialist, Zohran Mamdani is the frontrunner in surveys and has a comfortable lead over his rivals - Andrew Cuomo and Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa.

As per the recent AtlasIntel poll, conducted between October 25 and 30, Mamdani leads with 41% support, followed by Cuomo at 34%, and Republican Curtis Sliwa at 24%. The survey that was polled with around 1,500 voters, gave Mamdani a lead of 6.6 percentage points, this is his narrowest since July, according to the New York Post report.

Other earlier polls suggested a more comfortable margin for Mamdani.

HEARTBREAKING VIDEOS SHOW CHILD'S BODY DUG OUT OF RUBBLE AFTER AFGHAN QUAKE



Diary Times Desk : At least 20 people, including women and children, were killed, and over 320 others were injured after a powerful 6.3 magnitude earthquake shook northern Afghanistan before dawn on Monday. Most of the deaths and injuries were recorded in the Balkh and Samangan provinces, which suffered maximum damage in the midnight quake, according to Afghanistan's health ministry spokesperson, Sharafat Zaman. Heartbreaking visuals released by Afghanistan's Ministry of Defence showed emergency workers and locals digging out the bodies of victims from the rubble as rescue and relief efforts continued in the affected areas. A video also emerged showing damage to Afghanistan's shrine of Mazar-e-Sharif, also known as the Blue Mosque -- a 15th-century landmark famed for its vibrant tiles. The footage showed that several bricks had fallen from the walls, but the mosque remained intact.

ISRAELI MILITARY'S EX-TOP LAWYER ARRESTED OVER LEAK OF VIDEO ALLEGEDLY SHOWING PALESTINIAN DETAINEE ABUSE

Diary Times Desk : The former top lawyer in the Israeli military has been arrested, as a political showdown deepens over the leaking of a video that allegedly shows severe abuse of a Palestinian detainee by Israeli soldiers. Maj Gen Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi resigned as the Military Advocate General of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) last week, saying that she took full responsibility for the leak. On Sunday, the story took a darker turn when she was reported as missing, with police mounting an hours-long search for her on a beach north of Tel Aviv. She was subsequently found alive and well, police said, but was then taken into custody.

ISRAEL CONFIRMS HAMAS RETURNED BODIES OF THREE SOLDIERS HELD HOSTAGE

Diary Times Desk : Israel has confirmed the identities of three deceased hostages whose bodies it received from Hamas via the Red Cross in Gaza on Sunday. Forensic tests showed the remains were those of Israeli soldiers Col Asaf Hamami, 40, Capt Omer Neutra, 21, and Staff Sgt Oz Daniel, 19, the prime minister's office said. The confirmation means eight dead Israeli and foreign hostages are still in Gaza. Under the first phase of the US-brokered ceasefire deal with Israel that started more than three weeks ago, Hamas agreed to return all 20 living and 28 dead hostages it was holding. Israel has accused Hamas of deliberately delaying the recovery of the dead hostages' bodies, while Hamas has insisted it is struggling to find them under rubble. The slow progress has meant there has been no advance on any of the substantive issues in the second phase of the ceasefire deal.

'PAKISTAN IS TESTING NUKES, US ALSO NEEDS TO': TRUMP ON NEED FOR NUCLEAR ORDER

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan is among the countries that are actively testing nuclear weapons, according to US President Donald Trump. The Republican leader's remarks came amid buzz of the US resuming the testing of its nuclear weapons. Trump noted the move was necessary as several nations, including Russia, China, North Korea, and Pakistan, are conducting nuclear tests, and it's also 'appropriate that the US also does it'.

"Russia's testing and China's testing, but they don't talk about it. We're an open society.

We're different. We talk about it. We have to talk about it because otherwise you people are going to report. They don't have reporters that are going to be writing about it," Trump said while talking to CBS News.

TRUMP THREATENS MILITARY OPERATION IN NIGERIA OVER 'CHRISTIAN KILLINGS'

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has repeated his threat of a military operation in Nigeria over the killings of Christians, and that it could be ground or air attacks. As claims of Christian "persecution" in Africa's most populous country have found traction online among the US and European right, experts say Nigeria's myriad conflicts kill both Christians and Muslims without distinction. Trump's remarks came after the Nigerian presidency suggested a meeting between the two leaders to resolve the issue. Asked by an AFP reporter aboard Air Force One if he was considering US troops on the ground in Nigeria or air strikes, Trump replied: "Could be, I mean, a lot of things -- I envisage a lot of things." "They're killing the Christians and killing them in very large numbers. We're not going to allow that to happen," he said Sunday. Nigeria's government denies that Christians are especially targeted. In an explosive post on his Truth Social platform Saturday, Trump said that he asked the Pentagon to map out a possible plan of attack in Nigeria, one day after warning that Christianity was "facing an existential threat" in the West African nation.



TRUMP SAYS IT WOULD BE 'HARD FOR ME' TO FUND NEW YORK CITY IF MAMDANI BECOMES MAYOR

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has said he would be reluctant to send federal funding to his hometown of New York City if left-wing front-runner Zohran Mamdani is elected mayor of America's biggest city this week. "It's gonna be hard for me as the president to give a lot of money to New York, because if you have a Communist running New York, all you're doing is wasting the money you're sending there," Trump said in a television interview. The Trump administration has repeatedly tried to cut federal grants and funding for projects primarily located in Democratic-run areas. Opinion polls indicate Mamdani is ahead of his main rival, former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, on the eve of Tuesday's vote.

Trump did not elaborate on his remark about funding should Mamdani win. New York City received \$7.4bn (£5.7bn) in federal funding this fiscal year.

In a wide-ranging interview with CBS programme 60 Minutes on Sunday, Trump said that a Mayor Mamdani would make left-wing former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio "look great".

"I got to see de Blasio, how bad a mayor he was, and this man will do a worse job than de Blasio by far," the president said of Mamdani.

Trump, who grew up in the New York borough of Queens, also effectively endorsed Cuomo, a Democrat, in the interview.

FORMER CRYPTO
MOGUL SAM
BANKMAN-FRIED IS
MAKING A PLAY FOR
REDEMPTION. UNDER
TRUMP, IT'S NOT SO
FAR-FETCHED

Diary Times Desk :
Sam Bankman-Fried is trying to rewrite the story of one of the biggest white-collar crimes in American history.

It's a redemption effort that might have appeared far-fetched two years ago, when a jury found Bankman-Fried guilty of stealing billions of dollars from customers of his now-bankrupt crypto exchange, FTX.

Under the Trump administration, though — with its accommodating stance toward crypto and the president's penchant for pardoning white-collar criminals — Bankman-Fried may have a better shot than most.

Oral arguments for Bankman-Fried's appeal are set to begin in Manhattan on Tuesday, nearly two years to the day since he was convicted on seven counts of fraud and conspiracy that led to his 25-year prison sentence.

TRADE DEALS AND \$90
BILLION IN TARIFF
REVENUE: WHAT'S
RIDING ON THE
LANDMARK SUPREME
COURT CASE KICKING
OFF THIS WEEK

Diary Times Desk :
In just a few days, the Supreme Court will start hearing arguments in what President Donald Trump is calling "one of the most important cases in the history of our country."

With the bulk of his tariffs — arguably the cornerstone of his entire economic agenda — in jeopardy, he has floated an unprecedented appearance at the nation's highest court.

The case will consider whether Trump had the legal authority to impose tariffs by citing a law known as the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

Trump used those powers to push import tax rates as high as 50% on key trading partners including India and Brazil and as high as 145% on China earlier this year.

FRANCE THREATENS TO BAN SHEIN OVER 'CHILDLIKE SEX DOLLS'

Diary Times Desk : France has threatened to cut off Shein's access to the French market after the Chinese e-commerce platform was accused by French authorities of selling "sex dolls with a childlike appearance."

Until 4 a.m. local time Monday, the dolls were available for purchase on the French version of Shein's platform, according to CNN affiliate BFMTV, prompting a stark warning from French finance minister Roland Lescure.

"I want to be very clear: If these behaviors are repeated, we will be entitled to... ban access to the French market for the Shein platform," he told BFMTV Monday. "These horrible objects are illegal," he added.

France's anti-fraud office, the DGCCRF, accused Shein Saturday of selling the childlike sex dolls, saying in a statement: "Their description and their categorization on the site make it difficult to doubt the pedopornographic nature of the content."

"We take this situation extremely seriously," Quentin Ruffat, a spokesperson for Shein, told BFMTV. "This type of content is completely unacceptable and goes against all the values we stand for. We are taking immediate corrective action and strengthening our internal mechanisms to prevent such a situation from happening again."



CHINA BACKS OFF CHIP EXPORT BAN THAT COULD HAVE SHUT
DOWN GLOBAL AUTO PLANTS

Diary Times Desk : China has agreed to allow the export of chips critical to auto production, averting widespread shutdowns that had been predicted by the industry.

The chips are provided by Nexperia, a Chinese-owned chipmaker based in the Netherlands. It's a critical supplier for the global auto industry, providing 40% of the automotive chips in the market segment that includes transistors and diodes, according to research firm TechInsights.

After the Dutch government took control of Nexperia several weeks ago and removed its Chinese CEO, citing national security concerns, Beijing suspended shipments from China.

Auto industry trade groups in the United States and Europe both feared the trade dispute would lead them to run out of the chips they needed. That could drive up car prices, as happened in the years following the pandemic.



TYLENOL'S PARENT COMPANY WILL COMBINE WITH THE MAKER OF
HUGGIES IN A \$48.7 BILLION MEGA-DEAL

Diary Times Desk : Huggies maker Kimberly-Clark announced Monday it will buy Tylenol's parent company Kenvue in a nearly \$50 billion deal, creating a massive consumer products conglomerate.

The acquisition comes a few weeks after President Donald Trump made unfounded claims linking autism to Tylenol use during pregnancy, sending Kenvue's stock sharply lower. The company has staunchly pushed back against his administration's accusations.

The companies said that the combined business will bring together 10 billion-dollar brands and will drive annual revenue of \$32 billion.

The new company will make products that "touch nearly half the global population through every stage of life," including Johnson's baby products, Clean & Clear skin care, Kleenex, Listerine mouthwash, and Depends adult diapers, the companies said in a statement.



STREAMING AND
TEXTING ON THE MOON:
NOKIA AND NASA ARE
TAKING 4G INTO SPACE

Diary Times Desk :
Texting on the Moon? Streaming on Mars? It may not be as far away as you think. That's the shared vision of NASA and Nokia, who have partnered to set up a cellular network on the Moon to help lay the building blocks for long-term human presence on other planets. A SpaceX rocket is due to launch this year — the exact date has yet to be confirmed — carrying a simple 4G network to the Moon. The lander will install the system at the Moon's south pole and then it will be remotely controlled from Earth.

"The first challenge to getting a network up and running is having a space-qualified cellular equipment that meets the appropriate size, weight, and power requirements, as well as being deployed without a technician," Walt Englund, deputy associate administrator for programs at NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate, told CNN. No less of a challenge, it will need to operate in the harsh lunar environment of extreme temperatures and radiation.

THE ELECTRIC CAR
REVOLUTION IS ON
TRACK, SAYS IEA



Diary Times Desk :
Global electric vehicle sales are set to rise by more than a fifth to reach 17 million this year, powered by drivers in China, according to the International Energy Agency. In a report Tuesday, the IEA projected that "surging demand" for EVs over the next decade was set "to remake the global auto industry and significantly reduce oil consumption for road transport." It expects half of all cars sold globally to be electric by 2035, up from more than one in five this year, provided charging infrastructure keeps pace. The IEA includes battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles in its definition of EVs.

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



Diary Times Desk : Money can be a fraught issue for most couples.

"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.

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."

APPLE JUST PROVIDED ITS FIRST GLIMPSE AT HOW IPHONE 17 SALES
ARE GOING



Diary Times Desk : Apple reported fourth-quarter earnings on Thursday that provided an early glimpse into how the iPhone 17 lineup may be catching on so far. Apple's earnings for the quarter that ended in September met analysts' expectations on revenue but slightly missed on iPhone sales. iPhone sales in the fourth quarter were \$49 billion, up from \$46.2 billion compared to the same period a year ago but slightly lower than the \$50.1 billion Wall Street was expecting. Overall revenue was \$102.5 billion, an increase from \$94.9 billion a year ago. Apple says both revenue and iPhone sales numbers represent a record for the fourth quarter. Services revenue, another closely watched metric, also hit an all-time record at \$28.8 billion, an increase from roughly \$25 billion a year ago. During Apple's earnings call on Thursday, CEO Tim Cook said the company expects the December quarter's revenue "to be the best ever for the company and the best ever for the iPhone," suggesting strong iPhone 17 sales. Apple shares were up around 3% in after-hours trading. Wall Street is looking for assurance that Apple's biggest revenue driver is still growing despite concerns that the company is behind in the AI race. Analysts had estimated strong demand for the iPhone 17 lineup, which Apple launched in late September. However, overall sales in China shrunk compared to a year ago, with the company generating \$14.5 billion in revenue in the region. In 2024, Apple earned \$15 billion during the same period. Cook said on Thursday that he expects iPhone revenue to return to growth in China in the current quarter based on how the iPhone 17 is being received. Thursday's results paint an early picture of iPhone sales since its fourth quarter ended on September 27, eight days after the iPhone 17 launch. Still, it's possible that sales slowed in the July and August months as consumers waited for the iPhone 17.

HIMACHAL BRACES FOR
FRESH SNOW, RAIN;
YELLOW WARNING
ISSUED FOR NOVEMBER

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Diary Times Desk : The higher hills of Himachal Pradesh are set to witness fresh snowfall, while the rest of the state will experience light rainfall on November 4 and 5, as a fresh western disturbance is likely to affect the Western Himalayan region. The State Meteorological Department has issued a yellow weather warning for Mandi, Kangra, Chamba, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, and Una districts for November 4, resulting in thunderstorms and lightning in isolated areas of these districts over the next 24 hours.

According to the department, light snowfall is likely to occur in Kinnaur, Lahaul, and Spiti, as well as in the higher reaches of Shimla, Mandi, Kullu, Kangra, and Chamba districts. Light rainfall is also expected in many parts of the state over the next 48 hours.

PRIVATE BUS
OPERATORS' STRIKE
OVER HRTC DEMANDS
CAUSES COMMUTER
WOES IN SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : Thousands of people in Shimla faced huge inconvenience due to the indefinite strike by private bus operators in the state capital. The strike was over their demand to restrict the entry and exit of HRTC buses in Shimla that are coming from more than 40 km away, along with other demands.

Hundreds of private buses were parked outside the RTO in Shimla by the private bus operators in protest of the non-fulfilment of their demands. The private bus operators also raised slogans against the HRTC over their demands. As a result of the strike, people in the town were seen struggling to commute to their destinations.

While many used their private vehicles and taxis to reach their destinations, the majority of the people, including school children and college and university students, waited for government buses. Hundreds of people were seen heading to their destinations on foot.

HARJINDER DHAMI ELECTED SGPC PRESIDENT FOR 5TH CONSECUTIVE TERM

Diary Times Desk : Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami was re-elected as the president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for the fifth consecutive term for the 2025-26 session.

In the election held on Monday, a total of 136 votes were polled, out of which Dhami secured 117 votes, while his opponent, Mithu Singh Kahneke, received 18 votes. One vote was declared invalid. Along with Dhami's re-election, other key office-bearers were also chosen.

Raghujit Singh Virk was elected as the senior vice president, Baldev Singh Kalyan as the junior vice president, and Sher Singh Mandwala as the general secretary. The SGPC also announced the names of interim committee members, which include Surjit Singh Garhi, Surjit Singh Tugalwala, Surjit Singh Kang, Gurpreet Singh Jhabbar, Diljeet Singh Bhindar, Harjinder Kaur, Baldev Singh Kaimpuri, Major Singh Dhillon, Mangwinder Singh Khaparkhedhi, Jungbahadur Singh Rai, and Mithu Singh Kahneke.



HIGH COURT RESTRAINS PUNJAB
MANDI BOARD FROM
CONSTRUCTION ON 22 ACRES OF
LAND IN PATIALA

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed Punjab Mandi Board not to make any construction on 22 acres (96 bighas) of land in village Mehmadpur, tehsil and district Patiala, until the next date of hearing of the case. The order was passed on a petition filed by Panchayat of Mehmadpur. The panchayat, in its petition, alleged that it is seeking the intervention of the court against the illegal acquisition and commercial exploitation of village common land by Punjab Mandi Board, in gross violation of constitutional, statutory, and defence regulations. The petitioner panchayat is the lawful custodian of approximately 22 acres (96 bighas) of village common land in Mehmadpur. Despite statutory prohibition and repeated objections from the panchayat and Department of Town and Country Planning, Punjab Mandi Board allegedly induced the petitioner panchayat to transfer the land under the garb of "development" for establishing a vegetable market. The Board represented that two-thirds of the shops developed thereon would be allotted to the village community free of cost.

HC SAYS LIMITING EFFECT OF
JUDGMENTS DEFEATS EQUALITY;
CALLS OUT PUNJAB FOR FAILING
TO ACT AS 'MODEL EMPLOYER'

Diary Times Desk : Holding that narrowing the application of court decisions undermines equality before law and burdens the justice system, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has emphasised that once relief is granted to one set of employees, other similarly placed employees should not be compelled to repeatedly move the courts for identical benefits. Condemning the practice of compelling similarly situated employees to repeatedly litigate matters settled by clear and consistent judicial pronouncements, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar observed that the State, as a model employer, was under a constitutional obligation to act fairly, promptly, and in good faith. The bench also questioned Punjab Litigation Policy's purpose as settled issues keep returning to courts despite clear judicial pronouncements. The bench added that administrative indifference and inertia in implementing court directions had emerged as a recurring concern; "one that erodes public trust and burdens the justice delivery system". Justice Brar also referred to the principle of stare decisis.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

HC RAPS HARYANA FOR 'DISTURBING PATTERN' OF ADMINISTRATIVE APATHY; ORDERS NOTIONAL PROMOTION FROM 1995

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has rapped the State of Haryana for "disturbing pattern of administrative apathy and procedural impropriety" in denying promotion to a revenue official nearly three decades ago despite his clear eligibility.

Holding that the official had been "unjustifiably denied promotion to the post of Kanungo at the time when his juniors were promoted on April 24, 1995," Justice Sandeep Moudgil directed that he be treated as promoted to the post of Kanungo with effect from that date, along with consequential benefits of seniority, arrears, and pensionary entitlements.

The order came in a petition filed in 1996, challenging the State's decision to withhold promotion despite the petitioner's eligibility and satisfactory record. The High Court directed that the entire exercise of granting benefits be completed within three months.

3 J&K MEN KILLED, 5 INJURED AS VEHICLE COLLIDES WITH STATIONARY TRAILER IN KURUKSHETRA

Diary Times Desk : Three men were killed and five others injured after the vehicle they were travelling in rammed into a stationary trailer on the Pehowa-Kurukshetra road near Lohar Majra village early Monday morning.

The victims, all from Jammu and Kashmir, worked as catering staff. They were among nearly 14 people travelling in the vehicle and were returning after working at a function at a local banquet.

The deceased have been identified as Sanjeev (40), Pawan Kumar (47), and Pawan (40). The injured include Mehram, Naresh, Saurav, Vishal, Faisal, and Ankush Kumar. Officials said the victims were returning to Punjab after working at a function and the matter is under investigation.

SWEETS, DRUMS & CRACKERS: ROHTAK CELEBRATES SHAFALI VERMA'S STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FINAL

Diary Times Desk : Jubilant celebrations broke out in Rohtak, the hometown of Indian cricketer Shafali Verma, the star performer in the Women's World Cup final, after India clinched the trophy by defeating South Africa in Navi Mumbai late on Sunday night.

Despite the midnight hour, people thronged Shafali's residence in the Ghanipura locality to congratulate her family and join in the festivities. Locals distributed sweets, danced to the beat of drums, and set off crackers as celebrations continued into the early hours of Monday.

The Verma family and relatives are now eagerly waiting for Shafali's return home to accord her a grand welcome. They were confident that Shafali and the Indian team would deliver something special in the final, hence had already arranged crackers in anticipation of the win, and when India lifted the trophy, they burst them with pride.



SAMPAT SINGH QUILTS CONGRESS, TARGETS BHUPINDER HOODA OVER 'FAMILY RULE'

Diary Times Desk : In a fresh setback to the Congress in Haryana, senior leader and six-time MLA Prof Sampat Singh has quit the party, raising questions over its state leadership. Singh, a former Cabinet Minister, said he had "lost faith in the ability of the Congress to represent the interests of the people of Haryana."

In a letter addressed to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Singh launched a veiled attack on former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda — without naming him — accusing the party's state leadership of turning a "national party into a regional family enterprise."

Referring to the nomination of "the son of the Leader" for Rajya Sabha in 2020, instead of a deserving Scheduled or Backward Caste member, Singh wrote that this reflected the capture of the party machinery by a select few. His remarks were an unmistakable reference to Deepender Singh Hooda, who was nominated to the Rajya Sabha after losing the 2019 Lok Sabha election from Rohtak.

CANCER SCARE IN NUH: NINE VILLAGES UNDER LENS, DC ORDERS HEALTH SURVEY

Diary Times Desk : In what has set off alarm bells for state health authorities, nine villages in Nuh district have reported a worrying surge in cancer cases and deaths. Following reports of over 20 deaths in just one village over the past two years, the Nuh administration has ordered a detailed health survey across the affected areas. "We have directed local health authorities to survey the nine villages and collect exact data on cancer cases and deaths. The complaints of villagers are being taken seriously and we are investigating all possible causes," said Nuh Deputy Commissioner Akhil Pilani.

Among the worst-affected areas is Falendi village in the Punhana block, where residents have listed 25 people who reportedly died of cancer in the past two years. With a population of around 8,000, villagers claim that "every second household" is now battling the disease — something unheard of until recently.

"Nobody had heard of cancer four years ago, and now we're losing men as young as 27," said Asgar, sarpanch of Falendi. "Every second home in the village is affected. People are forced to seek treatment in Gurugram, Jaipur or Faridabad, which is financially crippling. We believe the adjoining drain is contaminating our groundwater."

POLICE SEEK RICE MILL, CCTV RECORDS TO TRACE PADDY IRREGULARITIES IN KARNAL

Diary Times Desk : Amid allegations of a paddy procurement scam in Karnal district, the police have launched a probe into suspected irregularities during the ongoing procurement season. Investigators have sought records related to the physical verification of rice mills, allotment of paddy to millers and issuance of gate passes from procurement agencies.

The police have also written to the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB) to provide CCTV footage from grain markets to trace possible discrepancies in the movement and storage of paddy.

The probe was triggered after officials detected a shortfall of over 13,000 quintals of paddy during physical verification at several rice mills in the district. Preliminary findings have pointed towards possible cases of 'proxy procurement', allegedly carried out using fake gate passes to adjust paddy transported from Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring states, as well as PDS rice from Bihar and other regions.



Louvre Heist Suspects Are Local Petty Criminals, Paris Prosecutor Says

Four suspects in custody in relation to their alleged involvement in the spectacular heist at the Louvre museum last month are local petty criminals with no association with organized crime, according to investigators.

Paris prosecutor Laure Beccau said the quartet, comprising three men and one woman, were living in or around Seine-Saint-Denis, a suburb to the north of the French capital.

One of the men is a 37-year-old with 11 previous convictions, 10 of which were for robbery, Beccau said in an interview on the FranceInfo radio station Sunday.

The man has "a varied criminal record but not one which would normally suggest involvement with organized crime," she said. Another of the suspects has 15 previous convictions, two of which are for robberies, Beccau added.

The two men were also convicted over their involvement in the same robbery in Paris in 2015, she said.

One of the men is in a long-term relationship with the

38-year-old woman who has been detained. "They are clearly local people," said Beccau. Asked whether she found the profile of the suspects unusual, Beccau replied: "I don't find it that surprising. What we are seeing now is that people with no significant association with organized crime are progressing relatively quickly to committing extremely serious crimes."

The thieves raided the Apollo Gallery on the Louvre's upper floor, which houses the French crown jewels, on October 19.

They used a truck-mounted ladder to gain access to the gallery, one of the most ornate rooms in the museum, through a window. They broke into two high-security display cases and made off with nine items, including a diamond and sapphire jewelry set worn by Queen Marie-Amélie and Queen Hortense. The comments came two weeks after a group of thieves parked a stolen truck outside the Louvre, used a furniture lift to reach the first floor, and broke into one of the museum's most ornate rooms.

Within minutes, they fled on scooters with royal jewels, including an emerald and diamond necklace once given by Napoleon I to his wife Marie Louise, and a diadem belonging to Empress Eugénie, the wife of Napoleon III. Beccau confirmed that at least one individual remains at large. Four people have been charged so far, including a 37-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman whose DNA was reportedly found on the lift used in the heist. The man has been charged with organized theft and criminal conspiracy, while the woman faces charges of complicity in organized theft. The prosecutor described them as a couple with children who "denied any involvement." The woman appeared in court on Saturday in Paris and expressed concern for her family's safety. Two other men, aged 34 and 39, were arrested earlier and charged with theft and criminal conspiracy. Both had previous convictions for theft, and the prosecutor said they had "partially admitted" their involvement.



Jack Guy

"This is not quite everyday delinquency, but it is a type of delinquency that we do not generally associate with the upper echelons of organized crime," she said.

Under Trump It's Not So Far-Fetched

FORMER CRYPTO MOGUL SAM BANKMAN-FRIED IS MAKING

Sam Bankman-Fried is trying to rewrite the story of one of the biggest white-collar crimes in American history.

It's a redemption effort that might have appeared far-fetched two years ago, when a jury found Bankman-Fried guilty of stealing billions of dollars from customers of his now-bankrupt crypto exchange, FTX.



Allison Morrow

That rebound may help Bankman-Fried bolster the argument that no loss actually occurred, though plenty of critics have pushed back on that argument: Just because customers got their money back, doesn't mean there wasn't a crime.

Under the Trump administration, though — with its accommodating stance toward crypto and the president's penchant for pardoning white-collar criminals — Bankman-Fried may have a better shot than most.

Oral arguments for Bankman-Fried's appeal are set to begin in Manhattan on Tuesday, nearly two years to the day since he was convicted on seven counts of fraud and conspiracy that led to his 25-year prison sentence.



To be sure, Bankman-Fried's redemption campaign is still a long shot. Criminal appeals are notoriously hard to win, presidential pardons are historically rare, and Bankman-Fried is not beloved in the crypto industry.

The appeal is likely to center on two key issues: First, the question of FTX's solvency. Bankman-Fried's lawyers have said that the exchange "was never insolvent," an argument echoed Thursday in a document posted on Bankman-Fried's X account. (The account bio says it is "SBF's words" that are "shared by a friend.")

In short: Bankman-Fried argues he wasn't allowed to sufficiently defend himself from prosecutors' charges that he stole money from customers to make high-risk bets through his crypto hedge fund, Alameda. He has repeatedly argued that FTX was solvent when it experienced the equivalent of a run on the bank in November 2022 but that he was not able to make his solvency case in front of the jury.

Second, alleged errors by the trial judge. Bankman-Fried's lawyers say he was presumed guilty, leaving the jury and the public with only a partial picture of the defense. "In many ways, Bankman-Fried was sort of forced to fight with one hand tied behind his back," Michael Bloch, a criminal defense and civil rights attorney who is not involved in Bankman-Fried's case, said in an interview.

At the same time, Bankman-Fried and his supporters appear to be preparing for a Hail Mary effort in case he loses his appeal — a pardon from President Donald Trump.

According to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, Bankman-Fried's parents, both Stanford law professors, have sought advice from an attorney who worked on Trump's 2016 campaign.

And from behind bars, Bankman-Fried himself has been making the media rounds, giving a phone interview to the New York Sun in February and appearing on "The Tucker Carlson Show" in March. In media appearances and on X, the former crypto billionaire and Democratic donor has projected a much more conservative bent, expressing support for the Republican Party and Trump in particular.

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Risking Everything To Do It

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TRAVELING THE WORLD FOR FREE

As she scrolled through videos of travelers doing volunteer work in exchange for free accommodation, digital nomad Naiara Saiz Bilbao thought she'd hit the jackpot.

She went to one of the most popular volunteer travel platforms, searched for something similar, and came across a listing for a role at a hostel in Costa Rica.

The tag line, "Do you like nature and dream of living by the sea?" piqued her interest immediately.

As she read on, Saiz Bilbao, originally from Spain, learned that the volunteer position would involve completing social media tasks for a couple of hours a day, five days a week, in exchange for a free stay at a sleek hostel in a popular seaside town, surrounded by lush jungle and complete with a pristine pool. A seasoned traveler who'd fallen hard for the Central American country after visiting several times, Saiz Bilbao was excited by the opportunity and quickly signed up.

It seemed like a dream come true, and to Saiz Bilbao, a solo female traveler, the role also seemed secure.

"At least I'm going to feel safe," she recalls thinking. "With a volunteer program organized through a paid platform, you feel sure the place you're going to will take care of you."

Unfortunately, things didn't turn out as she expected. Earlier this year, Saiz Bilbao arrived at a dilapidated building still under construction, its entrance via a seemingly endless stretch of stairs that led to a window-less hostel.

"It was a disaster," Saiz Bilbao says. "It looked like a jail." She later found that the unappealing appearance of the hostel was the least of her problems.

Exploding industry Saiz Bilbao is one of countless travelers to be lured by a volunteering opportunity abroad.

Travel volunteering — exchanging skills for accommodation and sometimes food or other benefits — has long been a pillar of the backpacking community.

"The idea goes back to the time of Jesus Christ," says Shay Gleeson, the founder of Helpstay, an online platform which connects volunteers with hosts across more than 100 countries.

"It's essentially bartering. In return for a free stay, you help out. You pitch in."

Millennia on from the biblical age, travel volunteering has exploded with popularity, largely thanks to the internet.

More than seven million people from 140 countries are members

of Worldpackers, the online platform claims, making it the biggest player in the industry. Its main competitor, Workaway, offers 50,000 experiences, while ecological farming-focused volunteering platform Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) says it's attracted more than 100,000 members.

Volunteering opportunities across each of these platforms are as vast and varied as any other form of travel, from hostels seeking receptionists, cleaners and party promoters, to surf schools in need of teachers, to local families looking for childcare workers.

There are even opportunities for live musicians to play gigs or artists to decorate buildings.

Worldpackers says nearly half of its hosts are non-profit organizations that credit volunteers as being essential to their operations.

The online platform also stresses that these exchanges are not jobs, but rather cultural experiences, adding that a new, separate "jobs" category will be launching on the site soon.

It's not just digital nomads like Saiz Bilbao who are looking for volunteering opportunities and are willing to pay the platforms' subscription fees.



Georgiana Ralphs

Traveler Jenna Pollard, originally from South Dakota, had her first international volunteering experience at a family peanut farm near Pai, in northern Thailand, when she was 28.

SILSILA: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DALLOUL COLLECTION — A NARRATIVE OF HERITAGE, TRANSMISSION AND RENEWAL

Diary Times Desk : When Dr Basel Dalloul inherited his parents' art collection in 2011, he was confronted with a monumental task. 'I was born and raised in the US, and while I knew quite a bit about Western art, I knew virtually nothing about Arab art. It was a daunting prospect,' says the tech entrepreneur and founder of IT consultants, Noor Group.

Formed over the course of 55 years by Dr Ramzi Dalloul and his wife Saeda El Hussein Dalloul, the Dalloul Collection is one of the most significant and comprehensive assemblages of Arab modern and contemporary art in the world today, with approximately 3,000 works.

After successful auctions in 2023 and 2024, Christie's is honoured to continue its partnership with Dr Basel Dalloul. On 6 November 2025, 21 works from the collection, including paintings, sculpture and works on paper, will be offered in Silsila: Highlights from the Dalloul Collection including Modern and Contemporary Middle Eastern Art.

Silsila is more than an auction: it is a narrative of heritage, transmission and renewal — an unbroken chain connecting generations of artists, collectors and institutions across the Arab world. The works presented reveal the diversity, mastery and freedom of artistic expression that flourished across Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt, countries whose histories resonate deeply with the collecting vision of both Dr Ramzi and Dr Basel Dalloul.

The Dalloul Collection works in the sale are led by the Alexandrian painter Mahmoud Said's *The Girl with the Green Eyes* (replica) (1932) and the ethereal 1998 mixed-media panel *Long Live Freedom* by Lebanese artist Huguette Caland. Other highlights include works by pioneering female abstract artist Samia Halaby, the Lebanese modernists Paul Guiragossian and Aref El Rayess, and the Iraqi painter and sculptor Dia Al-Azzawi. Also represented is Farid Belkahlia, a key figure in the Casablanca Art School of post-independence Moroccan modernism, and Marwan Kassab-Bachi, who brought the perspective of an Arab émigré to post-war Germany's Neo-Expressionist art scene.

On taking responsibility for the collection, Dalloul's first priority was to produce an exhaustive database. 'I was aware of how little knowledge was out there,' he explains. 'We needed to educate people about Arab art, and we also needed to do research and establish the authenticity of some of the works.'



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 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.



BARCELONA ON-LOAN ACE ALREADY OUTPERFORMS FORMER STAR WHO JOINED CLUB UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES



Diary Times Desk : In football, fans are often warned never to fall in love with a loan player. The logic is simple because once the spell ends, the heartbreak begins.

Yet, Marcus Rashford seems determined to make Barcelona supporters ignore that age-old advice.

Since joining on loan from Manchester United, the English forward has been nothing short of spectacular.

In just 14 appearances across La Liga and the UEFA Champions League, Rashford has already contributed six goals and five assists, emerging as one of Barcelona's most decisive attacking forces this season.

What makes Rashford's form even more impressive is how it compares to Joao Felix, another high-profile loanee who joined Barcelona in 2023. Much like Rashford, Felix began his stint in electrifying fashion, scoring and assisting freely during his first few outings.

BARCELONA WILL START MANAGING RISING STAR'S MINUTES MORE CAREFULLY AMID FITNESS CONCERNS

Diary Times Desk : Lamine Yamal returned to the scoresheet in Barcelona's 3-1 victory over Elche last night, delivering another reminder of his natural brilliance.

Yet, despite his goal, it became clear that the youngster is still not operating at full physical strength, a concern confirmed by manager Hansi Flick after the match.

Providing an honest update on the teenager's condition, Flick explained,

"His injury needs to be managed. He has to train, have treatment... I can't say the injury is over; it comes and goes. And he has to manage it."

So what now?

According to MARCA, this situation has prompted Barcelona to adopt a cautious approach.

The coaching staff and medical team have decided that Yamal will no longer be playing the full 90 minutes in every match, as he did so frequently last season.

The report adds that the plan is to allow Yamal to continue playing regularly, but in moderation.

THE LOVE RUNS DEEP – LIONEL MESSI'S SON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH FC BARCELONA-THEMED PARTY

Diary Times Desk : Even though Lionel Messi has moved to the other side of the world, his heart clearly still beats for FC Barcelona.

That connection came to light once again during his son Thiago's 13th birthday celebration, a party which was filled with symbols of Barça pride.

The birthday of the eldest son of arguably the greatest footballer in history was themed entirely around FC Barcelona.

Antonela Rocuzzo, Messi's wife, shared a series of photos on her social media platform, showing just how deeply rooted the club remains in their family's life.

Barcelona through and through

The images revealed decorations drenched in Barcelona's iconic blue and red colours.

In the backdrop, there was a striking Camp Nou setup in the club's theme, with the famous slogan "Més que un club" (More than a club) proudly displayed.

HANSI FLICK MAKES SUBTLE BUT SIGNIFICANT TRAINING CHANGE BEFORE CLUB BRUGGE VS BARCELONA

Diary Times Desk : According to a report from Mundo Deportivo, Barcelona manager Hansi Flick has made a subtle yet significant change in the team's training schedule ahead of their upcoming UEFA Champions League encounter with Club Brugge.

The adjustment, though small, is part of Flick's minute attention to detail and his desire to maintain rhythm and control in the build-up to a crucial European fixture.

Instead of following the traditional format of conducting their final training session at the opposition's stadium, Barcelona will hold their last session at the Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper before flying out.

The outlet mentions that the team will train in Sant Joan Despi on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m., at Camp Tito Vilanova, where they usually work daily.

This means the players will not train in Bruges on Tuesday afternoon, breaking slightly from the norm.



FLICK WANTS TO KEEP 19-YEAR-OLD BARCELONA WINGER AMID IMPORTANT OFFERS FOR JANUARY

Diary Times Desk : According to a fresh report from SPORT, a sensational development could be on the horizon as Harry Kane is repRoony Bardghji was a personal bet from FC Barcelona sporting director Deco, with the winger arriving as one of only three summer signings this year.

The Blaugrana signed the 19-year-old winger from FC Copenhagen for a fee of around €2.5 million and incorporated him into the first-team dynamics, even though he has a reserve team number.

However, minutes have not been entirely forthcoming for the Swedish international in the first half of the season.

Debate over Bardghji's future

As such, SPORT reports that Bardghji's reduced involvement in the Barcelona first-team setup has sparked an internal debate about his future, as he needs regular playing time.

The publication states that there are 'several important loan offers' on the table for the winger for January, but no decision has been made yet.

Stuttgart and FC Porto are closely monitoring his situation and would be willing to cover his full salary. However, for now, Barça manager Hansi Flick is in favour of keeping him at the club.

HANSI FLICK SERIOUSLY IMPRESSED BY 18-YEAR-OLD BARCELONA DEFENSIVE TALENT

Diary Times Desk : Following their 3-1 win over Elche on Sunday, FC Barcelona started preparations for the upcoming UEFA Champions League clash against Club Brugge.

The session at Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper saw Barça welcome Andreas Christensen back to group training today after the defender missed the last three matches.

Meanwhile, Hansi Flick once again called up teenage defender Xavi Espotar from Barça Athletic to train with the senior setup.

Xavi Espotar impressing Flick

Now, according to SPORT, Flick is said to have grown very fond of Xavi Espotar, who has made a big impression on the Barcelona head coach.

The 18-year-old right-back has become a regular presence in first-team training since last month and has been constantly included in the squad lists by the manager.