

NEWS IN BRIEF

FORMER PUNJAB & HARYANA AICC GENERAL

SECRETARY SHAKEEL AHMAD QUILTS CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : Former AICC general secretary and senior party leader Shakeel Ahmad on Tuesday tendered his resignation from primary membership of the Congress. Ahmad had raging differences with the Congress leadership in Bihar and had stayed away from the state Assembly poll campaigning as well.

Ahmad served as a powerful AICC general secretary in charge of Punjab and Haryana when the Congress was in power in both states under Chief Ministers Capt Amarinder Singh and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, respectively.

He hails from a dedicated Congress family in Bihar. His grandfather Ahmad Gafoor was elected MLA in 1937. After his grandfather's demise, Ahmad's father Shakoor Ahmad became MLA five times from 1952 to 1977.

"Following my father's death in 1981, I became MLA and MP on five occasions while representing the Congress.

BIHAR ELECTION 2025: RECORD 69% TURNOUT CAPS HIGH-STAKES POLLS

Diary Times Desk : Bihar on Tuesday witnessed a record-breaking turnout of nearly 69 per cent in the second and final phase of polling, wrapping up a nearly month-long exercise that saw the ruling NDA defend its "sushasan" pitch against the opposition's onslaught, promising "change".

The results, which will be declared on November 14, will decide whether Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) president and the longest serving Chief Minister, secures yet another tenure or his former deputy Tejashwi Yadav, who has likened the 20-year-old regime to a "rickety old car" (khataara), takes the wheel.

Briefing reporters, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinod Singh Gunjyal said the state recorded 68.79 per cent voter turnout, provisionally.

'WHITE-COLLAR' TERRORISM



in without raising suspicion.

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For me, the profile is disturbing, yes, but not surprising. I have reported on terror long enough to know that the middle classes are not immune. If anything, they often produce the most ideologically rigid foot-soldiers. Men who speak fluent English, quote philosophy, argue with you believing they are fighting for a just cause.

I remember one such encounter vividly. In 1994, I met Omar Saeed Sheikh in a private hospital in Ghaziabad. He was barely 18, recovering from a bullet wound after a shootout with the Saharanpur police. He looked gentle, soft-spoken, almost scholarly. He had studied at the London School of Economics and was a mathematics topper. He spoke to me of Bosnia, where he claimed to have gone earlier for 'jihad'. He had come to India, he said, to abduct foreign tourists in order to secure the release of Pakistani militants. He was wounded precisely during a daring abduction of a few foreign tourists whom he was taking to Kashmir. The moral clarity with which he justified his action came from conviction - though I told him his conviction was misplaced and that his action was terrorism. I told him he was brainwashed by the now-banned British outfit, Hizb ut Tahrir, often busy on campuses.

EXPERTS WARN OF LONG-TERM HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AS DELHI'S AIR QUALITY WORSENS

Diary Times Desk : Delhi's deteriorating air quality has health experts worried over the far-reaching and long-term health consequences of sustained exposure to polluted air. From increased cancer risk to weakening the body's immunity, the impact of air pollution extends far beyond respiratory ailments, they said.

The State of Global Air 2025 report warns that India recorded over two million deaths linked to toxic air in 2023. With PM2.5 concentrations in South Asia among the highest worldwide, experts describe it as a deepening environmental and human crisis.

Environment experts and policy-makers are of the view that India's pollution stems from multiple sources, with residential solid-fuel burning contributing around 30 per cent of the ambient PM2.5, with vehicles, coal-fired power plants, industrial emissions, and agricultural residue burning adding to the load.

In dense cities such as Delhi, traffic congestion and construction dust magnify exposure, they said.

"Delhi represents the sharp edge of India's air-pollution emergency," said Dr Rakesh K Chawla, the head of the department of respiratory medicine, sleep and interventional pulmonology at Jaipur Golden Hospital in Rohini.

He pointed out that each winter, particulate-matter levels soar to nearly 10 times the WHO safe limit. "After Diwali and crop-residue burning, the city sits under a lid of stagnant cold air that traps toxins." "This isn't just a seasonal inconvenience; it's a continuous assault on lungs that weakens immunity, worsens asthma, and accelerates chronic lung disease. Clean air must be treated as a basic right, not a luxury dependent on weather or wind," he said.



DELHI BLAST: AMIT SHAH INSTRUCTS FSL TO MATCH SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM BODIES IN CAR THAT EXPLODED



Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday instructed the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) to match the samples collected from the bodies in the car that exploded near Red Fort here, sources said.

He also directed the FSL to match and investigate the sample specimens collected from the spot of the Delhi blast and come up with the details of the incident at the earliest.

The directions were given following the second security review meeting chaired by Shah.

The meeting was attended by the director of the Forensic Science Services, and the chief director of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi, among others, sources said.

Shah has said that top investigating agencies were probing the blast, and will go in-depth into the incident.

The blast took place in a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station on Monday evening, killing 12 people, injuring 20 and gutting several vehicles.

'PHD' HANDLERS TO FARIDABAD 'DOCTORS', HOW 'WHITE-COLLAR' TERRORISM ISN'T NEW

Diary Times Desk : Doctors are meant to save lives, not take them, no matter what the cause is. That concept is supposed to be so basic that we rarely feel the need to articulate it. The detention of several doctors and the seizure of nearly 3,000 kilograms of explosive material from two houses in Faridabad, followed by a deadly car explosion near Red Fort that killed nine innocent people, has forced us to confront a far more unsettling reality. Many have started calling this a "white-collar" terrorism module. The shock comes not only from the scale of the plot but from the profile of those accused of planning it.

The first reaction is disbelief. We are conditioned to imagine terrorists as desperate youth, school dropouts, unemployed, with little education and no hope. But the blast in Delhi is a reminder that violent extremism does not always arrive wearing the faces we expect. Sometimes it is the physician who examined your child last month. Sometimes it is the engineer who tinkers with gadgets in the flat next door. Sometimes it is the software developer who smiles politely in the lift. They are our next door neighbours - the so-called "white-collar" neighbours who blend

NDA IN BIHAR

EXIT POLLS PREDICT BIG WIN FOR NDA IN BIHAR, DISAPPOINTING DEBUT FOR PRASHANT KISHOR'S JAN SURAAJ PARTY



Diary Times Desk : Exit Polls on Tuesday predicted a return of the NDA government in Bihar with a big victory over the Mahagathbandhan, and a disappointing show by Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj in its debut outing.

The Bihar polls were conducted in two phases on November 6 and 11, and the results will be announced on November 14.

While the Matriz Exit Poll forecast the NDA likely getting between 147-167 seats, the Mahagathbandhan 70-90, and the Jan Suraj between 0-2 seats, Dainik Bhaskar predicted 145-160 seats for the NDA and 73-91 for the Mahagathbandhan.

Two pollsters -- Axis My India and Today's Chanakya -- will release their exit polls on Wednesday. While the People's Insight predicted 133-148 seats for the NDA, 87-102 for the Mahagathbandhan and 0-2 for Jan Suraj, the People's Pulse gave 133-159 seats to the NDA, 75-101 to the Mahagathbandhan, and 0-5 to Prashant Kishore's party.

The JVC forecast 135-150 seats for the NDA and 88-103 for the Mahagathbandhan. The Polstrat predicted 133-148 seats for the NDA and 87-102 for the Mahagathbandhan.

WOMAN DOCTOR HELD IN BLAST CASE MARRIED MAHARASHTRA MAN, DIVORCED IN 2015: POLICE



Diary Times Desk : A woman doctor from Lucknow, who was among eight people arrested after the busting of an inter-state terror module, had married a man from Maharashtra, but the couple got divorced in 2015, a police official said here on Tuesday.

Citing initial information, the official said Dr Shaheen Sayeed, also named in Monday's Delhi car blast case, had married a Maharashtra resident named Zafar Hayat.

Their marriage did not work for long and in 2015, the couple parted ways, he said without providing more details.

After divorce, Sayeed, associated with Al Falah University in Haryana's Faridabad, was staying alone and there is a possibility that she may have been indoctrinated during this period, the official said. Earlier, the doctor's father admitted in Lucknow that his daughter had married a man from Maharashtra.

As more details emerge, investigating agencies may expand the scope of the probe and cover the state as well, the official said.

Eight people, including three doctors, were arrested on Monday, and 2,900 kg of explosives seized in Faridabad with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

AVIATION SECURITY WATCHDOG BCAS MAKES SECONDARY LADDER POINT CHECKS COMPULSORY FOR ALL FLIGHTS



Diary Times Desk : Secondary ladder point checking for all flights has been made compulsory at airports as part of enhanced security measures following the blast in the national capital on Monday.

Full search of aircraft and catering services of aircraft, strict monitoring of non-scheduled flight operations, including air ambulance, random checking of passengers' baggage are among the other security measures put in place by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

"In view of the recent blast in New Delhi and subsequent surcharged security scenario, it is necessary to enhance security measures at all the civil aviation installations like airports, airstrips, airfields, air force stations, helipads, flying schools, aviation training institutes etc.," the BCAS said in an advisory.

The enhanced security measures are to ensure that there are no untoward incidents, it said in the advisory, dated November 10.



'BEST MORNING TO SEND A MESSAGE': SC REFUSES BAIL TO
MAN 'LINKED' TO ISIS



Diary Times Desk : A day after a blast near Red Fort here killed at least 12 people, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the bail plea of a man accused under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for his alleged association with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) – a banned outfit.

“Best morning to send a message,” a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta said and dismissed the bail plea of accused Syed Mamoor Ali, pointing out that inflammatory material was recovered from the accused.

The top court’s comments came after senior counsel Siddharth Dave, at the very outset said, “Not the best morning to argue this case after the events of yesterday.” The Bench, however, directed the trial court to conclude the trial in the case in two years.

RED FORT BLAST: DELHI CM
ANNOUNCES RS 10 LAKH EX
GRATIA FOR DECEASED'S KIN

Diary Times Desk : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced an ex gratia of Rs 10 lakh for the families of each of those killed in the blast near the Red Fort on Monday that claimed 12 lives.

The chief minister also announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for those rendered permanently disabled and Rs 2 lakh for those who sustained serious injuries in the blast, which took place after a high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro station on Monday evening, officials said.

“The unfortunate incident in Delhi has left the entire city in shock. In this difficult time, the Delhi government extends its deepest condolences to all the families who have lost their loved ones and to those injured in the incident,” Gupta said in a post on X in Hindi.

FROM TATTOOS TO TORN CLOTHES — HOW FAMILIES PUT A
NAME ON LOVED ONES LOST IN RED FORT BLAST

Diary Times Desk : In the chaos that followed the Red Fort blast, tattoos, torn shirts and jackets were all that was left for families to identify the loved ones they lost in the ghastly tragedy that struck the capital city on Monday.

On the corridors of the LNJP Hospital, they clung to hope until it broke, when a familiar pattern of ink, a torn sleeve or a blue shirt confirmed their worst fears.

Among the victims was 34-year-old Amar Kataria, a pharmaceutical businessman from Chandni Chowk. His body was charred beyond recognition, but his family knew it was him when they saw the tattoos he had inked, each dedicated to his parents and wife.

What was once a gesture of love became the only proof of his identity. For some others, even clothing became the last link between the living and the dead.

STUBBLE-BURNING IN PUNJAB, HARYANA WORSENEA AIR
QUALITY IN DELHI-NCR, SC TOLD

Diary Times Desk : As Delhi recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 428 in the last 24 hours, the Supreme Court was on Tuesday told that stubble-burning in Punjab and Haryana has led to worsening of air pollution levels in Delhi-NCR.

Senior advocate Aprajita Singh, who is assisting the top court as amicus curiae, told a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai that stubble-burning has begun with impunity in Punjab and Haryana.

Singh urged the Bench -- which is scheduled to hear the air pollution matter on Wednesday -- to seek responses from the governments of Punjab and Haryana as NASA satellite images showed that stubble-burning in the two states was worsening to an already severe air pollution level in Delhi-NCR.

As she said the top court’s orders were being flouted with impunity, the CJI said, “We will pass some orders on Wednesday.”



WOMAN ROBS SOFTWARE ENGINEER IN
BENGALURU OF GOLD ORNAMENTS, CASH

Diary Times Desk : A 26-year-old software engineer was allegedly robbed of his gold ornaments and cash worth Rs 6.89 lakh by a woman he befriended on a dating app, police said on Tuesday.

The victim met the woman through a dating app about two months ago, and after chatting for a brief period, they met at an eatery in Indiranagar here on November 1, they said.

After spending time together and consuming alcohol at the eatery, she asked him to book a hotel room for the night on the pretext that it was too late for her to return to her paying guest accommodation, a senior police officer said.

After checking into the hotel, they ordered food online, and she allegedly gave him water laced with a sedative after which he fell unconscious, he said. Taking advantage of the situation, the complainant alleged that the woman robbed him of his gold ornaments and cash worth Rs 6.89 lakh, including a gold bracelet and chain, police said.

'REPORT GPS SPOOFING WITHIN 10
MINUTES OF OCCURRENCES': DGCA ASKS
PILOTS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS S OF
OCCURRENCES

Diary Times Desk : Aviation watchdog DGCA has asked airlines, pilots and air traffic controllers to report GPS spoofing incidents within 10 minutes of the occurrences, amid recent such incidents at the Delhi airport.

In recent days, incidents of GPS spoofing and interference have been reported in and around the national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), the country's busiest airport that handles over 1,500 flight movements daily.

Against this backdrop, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to put in place a system to ensure real time reporting of GPS interference and spoofing incidents. Global Positioning System (GPS)/ Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) spoofing and jamming refers to attempts to manipulate a user's navigation system by giving false signals.

RED FORT BLAST: VICTIMS' STORIES OF DREAMS, STRUGGLE, HEARTBREAK FROM SMALL TOWNS

Diary Times Desk : The powerful explosion near Red Fort not only shattered Delhi's calm but also tore through homes hundreds of kilometres away, where families are now struggling to come to terms with the sudden loss of their loved ones.

From the quiet lanes of Shravasti and Deoria to the bustling streets of Meerut, Amroha and Shamli, the victims of the deadly car blast were everyday people — drivers of taxi and e-rickshaw, cosmetic store owners, DTC bus conductors and all working to support their families, their dreams for better lives.

Among the victims was 32-year-old Dinesh Mishra of Ganeshpur village in Shravasti district, who had been working at a printing press in Delhi's Chawri Bazar to support his wife and three children.

PAN INDIA SIR: SC ISSUES NOTICE TO EC ON PETITIONS AGAINST SIR OF ELECTORAL ROLLS IN TN, PUDUCHERRY & WB

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Election Commission (EC) on petitions challenging the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal.

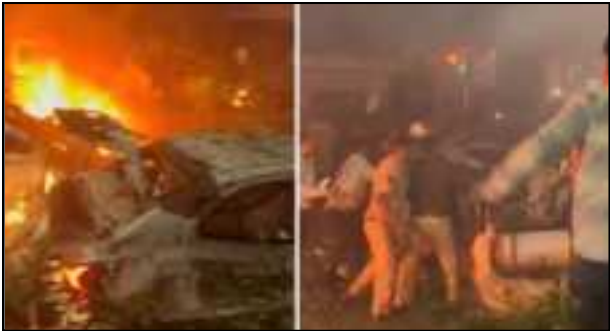
A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi asked the EC to respond to the petitions filed by the DMK, the CPI(M) and the West Bengal unit of the Congress and Trinamool Congress challenging the October 27 notification of the poll panel in this regard and posted the matter for further hearing on November 26.

The top court asked the Madras and Calcutta high courts to keep in abeyance proceedings on petitions challenging the SIR of the electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

It also agreed to hear an intervention application filed by the AIADMK in support of the SIR in Tamil Nadu as a "legitimate and necessary" exercise to uphold the sanctity of elections and prevent voter fraud.

On October 27, the EC announced the conduct of the second phase of the SIR exercise in 12 states and Union territories between November and February next year.

NEW VIDEO CAPTURES HORROR MOMENTS AFTER DELHI SUICIDE BLAST



Diary Times Desk : A powerful explosion near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday evening killed nine people and left 20 others injured. The blast occurred around 6:52 pm when a Hyundai i20 car exploded at a traffic stop near the Red Fort Metro Station.

A new video from the scene shows a vehicle engulfed in flames while nearby cars were left heavily damaged. Police personnel posted at the Red Fort outpost rushed to rescue those trapped inside an overturned vehicle. Eyewitnesses said they felt a strong shockwave that rattled nearby residential buildings. "A body was torn into pieces. I saw a hand on the road. I can't describe it in words; it was a very strong explosion," an eyewitness told NDTV in front of the Red Fort.

"It happened all of a sudden. I felt the explosion happened in more than just one car," another eyewitness told NDTV.

LUCKNOW HOME OF DOCTOR HELD IN DELHI BLAST CASE PROBED

Diary Times Desk : Security checks were stepped up across Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, a day after the Delhi car blast near the Red Fort that left at least 12 people dead and more than 20 injured, as anti-terror agencies and police teams carried out searches in several cities, including Lucknow.

In the state capital, a joint team of the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), Lucknow Police and other Central agencies conducted an extensive probe at the Muttaqipur residence of Dr. Shaheen Shahid, who was earlier arrested in connection with the Delhi blast case. Officials collected documents and questioned family members and neighbours to gather details about Shahid's background, sources said.

Her father, Syed Ahmad Ansari, told reporters that he was "shocked to hear of her alleged involvement".

CHANDIGARH UBER HORROR! WOMAN BLASTS COMPANY AS DRIVER ABANDONS DAUGHTER AFTER CRASH

Diary Times Desk : A mother from Chandigarh has gone public on social media, accusing Uber of gross negligence after its driver fled the scene of a violent accident, leaving her daughter trapped. The incident has sparked outrage and renewed calls for stricter safety regulations on ride-hailing platforms.

Shilpa Arora, co-founder and COO of Insurance Samadhan, detailed the harrowing sequence in a LinkedIn post titled "Where is Uber's Responsibility?". Her daughter boarded an Uber to college when the car met a severe crash near Mohali at 7:52 am.

The impact was so forceful that airbags deployed instantly, yet the driver emerged unscathed and simply walked away, abandoning the terrified passengers. Bystanders quickly rushed the injured girl to Fortis Mohali, while Uber allegedly made no contact, filed no FIR and offered no assistance.

ISRO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS MAIN PARACHUTES FOR GAGANYAAN'S CREW MODULE

Diary Times Desk : ISRO on Tuesday said it has successfully conducted an important test on main parachutes for the Gaganyaan Crew Module at the Babina Field Firing Range (BFFR) in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi on November 3.

The Indian space agency said this test is part of the ongoing series of Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Tests (IMAT) for the qualification of the parachute system for the Gaganyaan mission. The Gaganyaan mission is India's first human spaceflight programme, aiming to send a three-member crew on a three-day mission to space and return them safely to Earth. As part of the mission, ISRO is developing a human-rated launch vehicle, an orbital module, and a crew-escape system. The programme includes prior unmanned missions to test critical systems before the first manned flight.

BJP TO DISPLACE TEJASHWI YADAV'S RJD AS SINGLE LARGEST PARTY: EXIT POLLS

Diary Times Desk : The 2025 assembly election in Bihar could lead to a massive shift in Bihar, at least for the BJP, if exit polls have got it right. The party, exit polls predict, could emerge as the single largest party in the state, cementing its position as the "Big Brother" in the NDA.

The BJP will win between 67 and 70 seats, exit polls predict, way ahead of the 56-69 Lalu Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal — the single largest party in 2020 — can expect, the exit polls have concluded.

While this will make it the highest scorer, it is still way below the bar the RJD set last time with its 75 seats. But it would definitely be more than Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United can expect — 58 to 71 seats.

The average score for BJP is 69 seats and that of the JD(U) is 62 seats. The RJD could end up with 63 seats.



CHINESE MAN FIRED AFTER COMPANY FINDS HIM WALKING 16,000 STEPS ON SICK DAY LEAVE

Diary Times Desk :

A Chinese man was fired from his job after his boss discovered he had walked 16,000 steps while on sick leave for foot pain. The man, identified as Chen, worked at a company in eastern China's Jiangsu province in 2019 when he took the leave, leading to a long-drawn legal battle that culminated this month.

In February 2019, Chen twice applied for sick leave, owing to a back strain he suffered at work. He even provided a hospital diagnosis as evidence and managed to get his application approved, according to a report in South China Morning Post.

Having rested for a month, Chen returned to work but immediately applied for another round of sick leave after half a day, this time for pain in his right foot -- with a doctor's note advising him to rest for a week. After being diagnosed with a heel spur, Chen prolonged his sick leave for days.

HOW MANY TIMES HAS ISRAEL VIOLATED THE GAZA CEASEFIRE? HERE ARE THE NUMBERS



Diary Times Desk : One month into the declaration of a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, Israel has violated the agreement with near-daily attacks, killing hundreds of people.

Israel violated the ceasefire agreement at least 282 times from October 10 to November 10, through the continuation of attacks by air, artillery and direct shootings, the Government Media Office in Gaza reports.

The office said Israel shot at civilians 88 times, raided residential areas beyond the "yellow line" 12 times, bombed Gaza 124 times, and demolished people's properties on 52 occasions. It added that Israel also detained 23 Palestinians from Gaza over the past month.

HE WAS A US-BACKED DICTATOR WHO LED SWEEPING MASSACRES. WHY IS HE NOW BEING NAMED A NATIONAL HERO?

Diary Times Desk : For decades, he was a feared US-backed dictator whose regime oversaw bloody Cold War-era massacres, accused of diverting huge amounts of state money to propel his family into luxury and political power.

On Monday, he was posthumously named a national hero of Indonesia -- prompting protests from human rights groups and victims who decried the award as whitewashing a repressive regime that left hundreds of thousands dead, according to historians.

Former President Suharto was granted the title in a ceremony by Indonesia's current leader, Prabowo Subianto -- Suharto's former son-in-law, himself a divisive figure as a former general who faced his own allegations of human rights abuses while in uniform. But as the roiling controversy shows, that characterization is hotly debated -- and Suharto's legacy is anything but straightforward.



PAKISTAN FOILS A MILITANT ATTEMPT TO SEIZE CADETS AT AN ARMY-RUN COLLEGE

Diary Times Desk : A swift response by security forces foiled an attempt by Pakistani Taliban militants to take cadets hostage at an army-run college overnight when a suicide car bomber and five other attackers targeted the facility in northwestern Pakistan, police said Tuesday.

The attack began Monday evening when the bomber tried to storm the cadet college in Wana, a city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province near the Afghan border which until recent years served as a base for the Pakistani Taliban, Al-Qaeda and other foreign militants.

According to Alamgir Mahsud, the local police chief, two of the militants were quickly killed by troops Monday evening while three militants managed to enter the sprawling compound before being cornered in an administrative block. The army's commandoes were among the forces conducting a clearance operation and an intermittent exchange of fire is ongoing, Mahsud said.

The administrative block is away from the building housing hundreds of cadets and other staff.

MAN FIGHTS WITH TODDLER OVER PLANE'S WINDOW SHADE, VIRAL VIDEO SPARKS DEBATE ABOUT AIRLINE ETIQUETTE

Diary Times Desk : A social media user said he had to "fight" a four-year-old over a window shade in a plane, with video of the incident going viral online. Some users found the clip funny, but some called out the toddler's parents and criticised them. The video has sparked an online debate about airline etiquette.

The video shows the child reaching back and pushing the window shade up. The man who was watching Hocus Pocus 2, pulled the lid down immediately. Toddler opened it again, and the man responded the same way. "He had to fight a 4-year-old to keep his window down during the flight," read the caption of the video shared on X (formerly Twitter).



PLA SHOWS FIRST FOOTAGE OF CHINESE GJ-11 DRONE WORKING WITH CREWED J-20 FIGHTER

Diary Times Desk : The Chinese air force has released video of its GJ-11 stealth attack drone flying alongside and linked to the J-20 fighter jet in what is the first footage of the country's crewed and uncrewed aircraft working together.

The footage appeared in a promotional video released by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force on Tuesday to mark the 76th anniversary of its founding.

It shows the drone flying in formation with the J-20, China's most advanced fighter jet, as well as the J-16D fighter, a variant of the J-16 with a focus on electronic warfare. The GJ-11 was flying in front of the other two aircraft, highlighting its role in getting closer to targets than manned fighters.

The new drone in the promotional video is code-named Xuanlong 08. A fighter pilot in the video, code-named Weilong, says: "Weilong 01 received, already collaborating with Xuanlong."

Weilong is a nickname for China's J-20 fifth-generation fighter jet. The air force's social media post containing the footage was captioned "GJ-11 flight debut".

RARE GROUND PARROT REDISCOVERED IN TASMANIA AFTER DECADES IN HIDING

Diary Times Desk : A rare and elusive species has made an unexpected reappearance in Narawntapu National Park, on Tasmania's northern coast. For the first time in decades, the eastern ground parrot, known for its cryptic behavior and striking coloration, has been confirmed in this region. Experts are calling the rediscovery a "very good news story" -- but one that raises more questions than answers. As research and monitoring continue, scientists are revisiting long-held assumptions about the bird's true range and resilience.

What began with a single, vividly colored feather has turned into one of the most significant wildlife rediscoveries in recent Tasmanian conservation history. Fire crews from the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) were conducting routine monitoring in Narawntapu National Park when a firefighter came across a feather with "striking yellow banding" -- a hallmark of the eastern ground parrot (*Pezoporus wallicus*). Intrigued by the find, biologists installed sound recorders across the park. Weeks of audio captured unmistakable calls.

TRUMP PROPOSES \$2,000 TARIFF DIVIDEND FOR AMERICANS. WOULD THIS WORK?



Diary Times Desk :Over the weekend, United States President Donald Trump promised Americans \$2,000 each from the “trillions of dollars” in tariff revenue he said his administration has collected.

During his second term, Trump has imposed tariffs broadly on countries and on specific goods such as drugs, steel and cars.
“People that are against Tariffs are FOOLS!” Trump said in a November 9 Truth Social post. “We are taking in Trillions of Dollars and will soon begin paying down our ENORMOUS DEBT, \$37 Trillion. Record Investment in the USA, plants and factories going up all over the place. A dividend of at least \$2000 a person (not including high income people!) will be paid to everyone.”

How seriously should people take his pledge? Experts urged caution.
Tariffs are projected to generate well below “trillions” a year, making it harder to pay each person \$2,000. And the administration already said it would use the tariff revenue to either pay for existing tax cuts or to reduce the federal debt.

‘NO PAYMENT OR SEVERANCE OF ANY KIND’: TRUMP THREATENS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Diary Times Desk : In yet another fiery post, US President Donald Trump has given an ultimatum to all air traffic controllers (ATCs) to either resume work or risk getting “docked”. He has also offered a bonus of \$10,000 to all “patriots” who didn’t skip a single day of work amid the ongoing 41-day government shutdown.

“For those that did nothing but complain, and took time off, even though everyone knew they would be paid, IN FULL, shortly into the future, I am NOT HAPPY WITH YOU.

You didn’t step up to help the USA against the FAKE DEMOCRAT ATTACK,” Trump wrote on TruthSocial.

CHINA SAYS EXPECTS US TO JOINTLY SAFEGUARD FAIR MARITIME, SHIPBUILDING MARKETS

Diary Times Desk : China expects the United States to continue working with China in the same direction to maintain a fair competition environment in the international shipping and shipbuilding markets, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce said on Monday.

This will help add more certainty and stability to the China-US economic and trade cooperation, as well as the global economy, a spokesperson for the ministry said
when asked to comment on the US suspension, for one year, of the implementation of its Section 301 investigation measures aimed at China’s maritime, logistics and shipbuilding sectors.

TRUMP DEFENDS ENROLLING CHINESE STUDENTS AT US UNIVERSITIES — AND TAKES A SWIPE AT FRANCE

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump criticized the nation of France on Monday in a back-and-forth with a Fox News host as he defended the enrollment of Chinese students at universities in the United States.

“I actually think it’s good to have outside countries,” the president said when asked about enrolling Chinese nationals at American universities.

“They’re not the French. They’re the Chinese. They spy on us. They steal our intellectual property,” Fox News anchor Laura Ingraham responded.

“Do you think the French are better?” the president retorted.
“Yeah,” Ingraham said.
“I’m not so sure,” the president responded.

There has been some tension between Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron throughout Trump’s second term. Some of it has centered over Russia’s war in Ukraine, as well as the Israel-Hamas war.



BOMB BLASTS AND GUNFIRE HIT DHAKA AHEAD OF POLITICAL LOCKDOWN; SECURITY ON HIGH ALERT

Diary Times Desk : Several incidents of bomb blasts, gunfire, and arson in different parts of Dhaka have sparked major security concerns in the Bangladeshi capital ahead of next week’s political demonstrations.
According to police and local media reports, unidentified miscreants carried out a series of small crude bomb explosions late last night in areas including Motijheel, Paltan, and Mirpur, while reports of sporadic gunfire were also heard in parts of the city. Several vehicles and roadside shops were set on fire, prompting emergency responses from police and fire service personnel.

Law enforcement agencies have described the incidents as “acts of sabotage” aimed at creating panic ahead of the November 13 ‘Dhaka Lockdown’ programme announced by the banned Awami League. No casualties have been officially reported so far, though several areas witnessed temporary panic among residents.

A senior Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) official told reporters that security has been tightened across the capital, with checkpoints established at all major entry and exit points. He added that law enforcement agencies are on high alert amid fears of further unrest ahead of the November 13 ‘Dhaka Lockdown’ programme announced by the banned Awami League.

RUSSIAN CRYPTO TYCOON AND WIFE FOUND DISMEMBERED IN DUBAI DESERT, TRAIL LEADS TO REVENGE AND FRAUD: HERE’S WHAT HAPPENED

Diary Times Desk : The brutal killing of Russian crypto millionaire Roman Novak and his wife Anna has sent shockwaves across global business and cryptocurrency circles. Their dismembered bodies were discovered buried in a desert near Dubai, several weeks after the couple was reported missing. Bodies found in desert after weeks of search. According to investigators, the remains of Roman and Anna Novak were found in a remote stretch near the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve. The couple had last been seen over a month ago. Authorities confirmed that the victims’ bodies were dismembered before being buried in shallow graves. Preliminary findings suggest that the murders were directly linked to financial disputes within the volatile cryptocurrency market. Officials said the Novaks had been lured to a meeting with alleged investors in Hatta, close to the Oman border.

WHAT MAMDANI CAN TEACH THE CONGRESS – AND RAHUL GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : "The working people of New York have been told by the wealthy and the well-connected that power does not belong in their hands... And yet, over the last 12 months, you have dared to reach for something greater. Tonight, against all odds, we have grasped it. The future is in our hands. My friends, we have toppled a political dynasty." These words, by now, have been heard by millions across the globe. They have leapt out of newspapers, televisions, and, perhaps most potently, Instagram. All this has happened because Zohran Mamdani, a 34-year-old migrant Muslim, a self-declared democratic socialist of mixed parentage – a man who might easily have been consigned to the margins of contemporary political economy – has become the new mayor of New York City. Mamdani's success has signalled a system reset: a toppling of a political dynasty that sought legitimacy from the common people even as it worked to de-power them. Who was Mamdani fighting? On the road to New York's City Hall, he met with intense opposition from the business and financial community. Mamdani's progressive platform – freezing rent prices, taxing the city's wealthiest one per cent.



A COP EXPLAINER: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

Diary Times Desk : The 30th Conference of Parties, or COP30, began at Belém in Brazil on November 10.

This will be a COP of truth, Brazilian officials, including the country's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, said at the inaugural session of the COP.

But what are COPs and why are they important?

What are COPs?
The United Nations organises conferences of member parties for different conventions under it. Such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – so there is a CBD COP. Similarly there's a CITES COP – which meets every year to discuss matters related to the trade in endangered species.

The UN's Framework Convention on Climate Change also has its very own Conference of Parties – the acronym COP comes from this – every year. This Convention.

SYRIA TO JOIN US-LED COALITION TO DEFEAT IS GROUP AFTER TRUMP MEETING

Diary Times Desk : Syria will join the international coalition to combat the Islamic State group, marking a shift in US foreign policy in the Middle East, a senior Trump administration official has confirmed. The announcement came as President Donald Trump met Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa at the White House – the first such visit from a Syrian leader in the country's history. In an interview with Special Report on Fox News, al-Sharaa said the visit was part of a "new era" in which the country would co-operate with the US. Trump has expressed his support for al-Sharaa, who until recently was designated a terrorist by the US government. Syria will now be the 90th country to join the global coalition, which is aimed at eliminating remaining elements of the so-called Islamic State and stemming the flow of foreign militants to the Middle East.

INSIDE THE 'AMENDMENT' THAT MAY MAKE ASIM MUNIR PAK'S SUPREME AUTHORITY

Diary Times Desk : The 27th Constitutional Amendment Bill, tabled by Pakistan's federal government and passed by the Senate on November 10, is far from a routine procedural adjustment. It represents a structural reconfiguration of the Pakistani state. The provisions, now awaiting final approval from the National Assembly, will effectively formalise Pakistan's foundational transition from a de facto hybrid military system to a constitutional framework in which the military establishment holds a legally codified and dominant position. Among its key amendments pertaining to the judicial and security design, the bill critically proposes revisions to Article 243 of the Pakistani Constitution. Amendments to this article would establish the new position of Chief of Defence Forces while abolishing the existing office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC). This article defines the relationship between the prime minister, as head of government, and the President, as head of states in matters relating to the command and control of the defence forces. An alteration to this clause will trigger implications for civilian government in the country and a power shift to Pakistan's constitutional order.

NUMBER OF BATTLES ON THE FRONT LINE DECREASED BY A THIRD IN 24 HOURS: GENERAL STAFF MAP

Diary Times Desk : 170 battles took place on the front line over the past day, which is a third less compared to the day before, the hottest remains the Pokrovsk direction, the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reported in its morning summary on November 11, showing a map of hostilities, UNN writes.

Yesterday, the enemy launched one missile and 36 air strikes, used three missiles, and dropped 77 guided aerial bombs. In addition, it carried out 4,231 shellings, including 98 from multiple launch rocket systems, and used 4,286 kamikaze drones for attacks.

"Missile forces and artillery of the Defense Forces hit three areas of concentration of enemy personnel," the report says.

In the Northern-Slobozhansky and Kursk directions, 16 combat engagements were recorded over the past day. The enemy carried out 145 artillery shellings, including four from multiple launch rocket systems.

IMAGES SHOW MYANMAR SCAM HUB LARGELY STANDING DESPITE CRACKDOWN



Diary Times Desk : A declared military crackdown has left some destruction at a major scam compound in Myanmar, satellite images analysed by AFP show, but most buildings are still standing in pictures taken up to Sunday. One expert said the images were evidence that military raids were limited in order to preserve the hugely profitable illicit industry, but highly publicised to imply meaningful action had been taken. AFP analysis of satellite images of KK Park, one of the highest-profile scam centres in war-torn Myanmar's loosely governed border regions, showed recent damage to around 100 buildings. That amounted to about a quarter of the complex. An AFP investigation in October revealed construction at KK Park had continued apace following another much-publicised crackdown earlier this year, suggesting the black market business was still booming.

TURKISH MILITARY PLANE WITH 20 ON BOARD CRASHES IN GEORGIA



Diary Times Desk : A Turkish military cargo plane carrying 20 passengers and crew crashed in Georgia on its way home from Azerbaijan, the defence ministry said Tuesday.

"Our C-130 military cargo plane, which took off from Azerbaijan to return home, has crashed at the Georgia-Azerbaijan border," the ministry said in a statement, confirming there were "20 personnel on board, including the flight crew".

Search and rescue operations were ongoing, it added.

Dramatic footage circulating in Azerbaijani media appeared to show the plane spinning horizontally as it fell out of the sky, sending up a large cloud of black smoke after crashing. Footage said to be from the crash site purportedly showed the blackened wreckage burning as several bystanders watched in a field.

**TURKISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT
TUAF543 CRASHES IN
GEORGIA, NOVEMBER 11TH
2025**

Diary Times Desk : A Lockheed C-130E Hercules, a military transport class aircraft, belonging to the Turkish Air Force, has crashed in Georgia, close to the border of neighboring Azerbaijan. The crash has been confirmed by both Turkish and Georgian authorities.

The transport aircraft, using call-sign TUAF543, departed Ganja International Airport (GNJ/UBBG) in Azerbaijan at 10:19 UTC. After departure, it turned and positioned itself on a northeasterly track, passing the Mingchevir Reservoir beneath. While passing 15,000 feet, it again turned onto a northwesterly heading before turning west, passing the Georgian border at 10:37 UTC. It was in a continuous ascent until reaching its cruising altitude of 24,000 feet at 10:41 UTC.

The last ADS-B signal received by Flightradar24 occurred at 10:49:20 UTC.

Unconfirmed video material purportedly shows the aircraft spiraling down from the sky, amidst white smoke. A separate sizeable object most likely emanating from the aircraft can be seen falling towards the ground at a distance.

**IRAQIS HOLD LITTLE HOPE FOR
CHANGE AS THEY HEAD TO
THE POLLS**

Diary Times Desk : Polls have opened in Iraq for parliamentary elections that are marked by apathy and scepticism despite close geopolitical attention.

Polling started across the country at 7am (04:00 GMT) on Tuesday, in a vote that will be closely watched in Iran and the United States.

The sixth election since the US-led invasion toppled longtime ruler Saddam Hussein in 2003, voting takes place in a relatively stable country.

However, many Iraqis have lost hope that elections can bring meaningful change to their daily lives, feeling that the vote benefits only political elites and regional powers.

Nearly 21 million Iraqis are eligible to vote across 4,501 polling stations nationwide, reported the Iraqi News Agency (INA).

More than 7,750 candidates, nearly a third of them women, are running for 329 seats in parliament. Under the law, 25 percent of seats are reserved for women, while nine are allocated for religious minorities.

Under the electoral law that many believe favours larger parties, just 75 independent candidates are standing.

**PAKISTAN: 12 KILLED IN BLAST OUTSIDE
ISLAMABAD COURT, PAKISTANI TALIBAN
CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY**

Diary Times Desk : At least 12 people have been killed and 27 others were injured following a blast outside a district court building in Pakistan's capital city, Islamabad.

According to news agency AFP, the Pakistani Taliban (TTP) has claimed responsibility over the attack. "Judges, lawyers and officials who carried out rulings under Pakistan's un-Islamic laws were targeted," the terrorist organisation has said, threatening more attacks until Islamic law is implemented in the Muslim-majority country.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has strongly condemned the attack by the terrorists. In a post on X, he said, "The cowardly enemy once again tried to target an educational institution, which was foiled. The unwavering resolve of the security forces will thwart the nefarious designs of the terrorists."

**VIRAL VIDEO SHOWS VLADIMIR
PUTIN'S "SWOLLEN" HAND, SPARKS
HEALTH CONCERNS**

Diary Times Desk : Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent public appearance has reignited speculations about his health, with social media users pointing out his swollen and sore hand, Newsweek reported.

A viral video, reportedly captured last week, showed the 73-year-old leader's right hand wrinkled and with bulging veins. The Russian president looked uncomfortable and was seen clenching his hands into fists when he met with 22-year-old Yekaterina Leshchinskaya, who heads the Russian Healthy Fatherland movement, according to Express UK.

Anton Gerashchenko, ex-adviser to the Ukrainian interior ministry, shared the video on X (formerly Twitter). "What's with Putin's hands in this video?" Gerashchenko asked in the caption.

**PAKISTANI TALIBAN CLAIM SUICIDE BOMBING IN ISLAMABAD, THREATEN
MORE ATTACKS**



Diary Times Desk : The Pakistani Taliban (TTP) has claimed the suicide bombing in Islamabad that killed at least 12 people on Tuesday. "Our fighter attacked the judicial commission in Islamabad. Judges, lawyers and officials who carried out rulings under Pakistan's un-Islamic laws were targeted," the group said. They threatened of more attacks until Islamic law is implemented in the country.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said that people were killed after the assailant detonated explosives near a police vehicle.

Mohammed Shahzad Butt, a lawyer and eyewitness, told AFP, "Everyone started running inside out of panic. I have seen at least five dead bodies lying at the front gate." Another lawyer, Rustam Malik, said that he heard a "loud bang" at the gate as he was entering the complex. "It was complete chaos, lawyers and people were running inside the complex. I saw two dead bodies lying on the gate and several cars were on fire," he said.

The last suicide attack in Pakistan happened in December 2022. However, now the country is seeing a resurgence in attacks.

WHY THE BUZZIEST IPO IN HISTORY MAY NEVER HAPPEN

Diary Times Desk : It's a tad early for 2026 predictions, but given how the past few weeks have gone for OpenAI, I'll offer one of my own: OpenAI isn't going public. Not in 2026, anyway. Maybe not ever.

Reuters wrote on October 30 that OpenAI was laying the groundwork for an initial public offering in the latter half of 2026, citing people familiar with the matter. (CNN hasn't confirmed the report, and OpenAI declined to comment Monday. A spokesperson told Reuters that an IPO was "not our focus.")

An OpenAI market debut could be the biggest in history, valuing the company at \$1 trillion, according to Reuters. That'd make CEO Sam Altman, already a billionaire, even wealthier, while amplifying the pressure on him and his company to do the world-changing stuff they've been talking about for three years.

RUSSIAN OIL FIRM'S MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR ASSETS OVERSEAS AT RISK AS US SANCTIONS BEGIN TO BITE

Diary Times Desk :

The Iraqi government says it can no longer work with Russian oil company Lukoil – which has a huge stake in the country's oil fields – because of recently imposed US sanctions against the company.

Lukoil has told Iraq's state oil company SOMO that it is declaring force majeure – citing circumstances beyond its control for its inability to fulfill its contract – according to Oil Ministry spokesman Abdul Sahib Bazoun al-Hasnawi.

Lukoil has a 75% stake in the giant West Qurna-2 field in southern Iraq, which produces more than 400,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

Overall, its overseas assets are valued at more than \$20 billion.

Al-Hasnawi told CNN that Lukoil was unable to pay the salaries of hundreds of employees, most of them Iraqis,

due to the sanctions announced by US President Donald Trump on October 22.

WARREN BUFFETT: 'I'M GOING QUIET'

Diary Times Desk : Warren Buffett, in his annual message as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway to shareholders – a tradition dating back to 1965 – said that he will be "going quiet" after he steps down at the end of this year. But the 95-year-old is not going away just yet.

Buffett will no longer write the message atop the company's annual report, but he will continue to deliver an annual Thanksgiving message, and he will "step up" his philanthropy, giving away the \$149 billion in Berkshire Hathaway stock he continues to hold.

"The Oracle of Omaha" has become an investing icon, a billionaire who has cultivated a folksy image, particularly through his letters to shareholders. Although his market moves are closely followed by investors around the world, Buffett has also worked to present himself as a cheerleader for America and ordinary Americans – and for capitalism.

He is being replaced by Greg Abel next year. Abel, 63, is the vice chairman of non-insurance operations of Berkshire and was designated as Buffett's successor in 2021.

Buffett once again praised his successor, writing that he "has more than met the high expectations I had for him when I first thought he should be Berkshire's next CEO."



TESLA'S CHINA SALES FALL TO 3-YEAR LOW AMID TEPID DEMAND

Diary Times Desk : Tesla's (TSLA.O) sales in China dropped to 26,006 vehicles in October, their lowest in three years, as the US electric vehicle maker struggles with tepid demand in the hyper-competitive market.

Sales fell 35.8% from a year earlier, down from September's figure of 71,525 when Tesla began deliveries of the Model Y L, a longer-wheelbase and six-seat version of its best-selling Model Y SUV until now only available in China.

Its exports of China-made vehicles rose to a two-year high of 35,491 units last month, however, data from the China Passenger Car Association showed on Monday.

Tesla's share of China's EV market shrank to just 3.2% in October, down sharply from 8.7% the previous month and its lowest in more than three years. The company faces mounting pressure in China, its second-largest market after the United States in the third quarter.



TRUMP'S \$2,000 TARIFF DIVIDEND MAY BE A SMART POLITICAL MOVE. BUT IT WOULD BE A HUGE ECONOMIC GAMBLE

Diary Times Desk : One of the only things that polls worse than the Trump economy is the president's almost unprecedented use of tariffs.

The White House, in an apparent bid to turn sentiment around on both the economy and tariffs, is once again floating a bold idea: redeploying tariff revenue to fund \$2,000 dividend checks to lower- and middle-income Americans.

It's easy to see how these tariff rebate payments could win over skeptical voters and help people who are struggling financially. Yet beyond the political appeal, it's hard to make sense of the economic logic behind this idea.

Economists tell CNN that tariffs are unlikely to generate enough revenue to pay for dividend payments the size President Donald Trump has promised. If all the tariff revenue is blown on dividend payments, there would be nothing left to chip away at the \$38 trillion national debt – one of Trump's other promises. Depending on how they are structured, dividend payments could even add to America's mountain of debt.



HAS THE CASH-
STRAPPED AMERICAN
WORKER FALLEN OUT OF
LOVE WITH SLOP?

Diary Times Desk :
Purveyors of the so-called “slop bowl” just had another messy quarter.

What was once the lowly desk salad has since expanded to a mish-mosh of options in a bowl, ranging from proteins like carne asada and lamb meatballs to toppings like tzatziki or red chimichurri, and has become a staple of the American worker’s diet.

But the big three slop slingers — Cava, Chipotle and Sweetgreen — all reported similar problems in their recent earnings: Younger customers, particularly those aged between 25 to 35, are pinching pennies and choosing to forgo the \$15 (or \$20) warm bowls.

Instead, they are packing their lunches or gravitating toward fast food chains offering deep discounts, thus hurting the trio’s bottom lines.

TRUMP JUST FLOATED A
50-YEAR MORTGAGE. IS
THAT A GOOD IDEA?

Diary Times Desk :
Most first-time homebuyers in the United States take out 30-year mortgages. Under a new proposal from the Trump administration, they may soon have an even longer loan option.
This week, President Donald Trump introduced a new idea to tackle home affordability: a 50-year mortgage loan. Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte called the proposal “a complete game changer.”
While Trump’s proposal is light on details, administration officials say a 50-year mortgage would lower monthly payments, helping more Americans currently priced out of the market.
But many housing experts warn the plan could backfire, raising the cost of homeownership by stretching out payments, adding more interest over time and driving up home prices.

“This is not a good idea,” said Richard Green, a professor of finance and business economics at the University of Southern California’s Marshall School of Business. “The monthly payment savings would be really small.

HERE’S WHAT’S OPEN AND CLOSED ON VETERANS DAY



Diary Times Desk : Veterans Day, which commemorates all those who serve in the US military, has been a federal holiday since 1954 and has been observed in some form for over a century — it originally commemorated the end of World War I. Because the day is a federal holiday, many government offices are closed, though some were already affected by the government shutdown. Here’s what’s open or closed this Veterans Day:

Big stores
Major retailers like Walmart, Target, and Home Depot will be open on Veterans Day, though it’s always a good idea to look up the hours for a specific location. Likewise, quick-service restaurants such as McDonald’s and Wendy’s will be open as well. Some restaurants, like Chipotle, will even offer veterans free or discounted meals.

Government offices
Veterans Day is a state-level holiday in almost every part of the country (Wisconsin is an exception), so your local DMV and public schools will most likely be closed for the day. Many cities will also pause trash and recycling pickup today, but this varies across the country.

‘MAGA BACKLASH’: LAURA INGRAHAM CHALLENGED TRUMP IN A
WAY FEW FOX HOSTS EVER DO



Diary Times Desk : President Trump’s Fox News interviewers are sometimes so promotional and deferential that little gets challenged, and almost no news is ever made. However, Laura Ingraham was more strategic than that. On Monday, she sat down with Trump and scrutinized several of his policy proposals, channeling dissension within the pro-Trump ranks — and seemingly catching the president off guard.
Sounding skeptical of Trump’s “costs are way down” defensiveness, the conservative Fox host asked, “Are you saying voters are misperceiving how they feel?”
Ingraham also asked about his stance on the government shutdown, his demolition of the East Wing, and his understanding of Christianity.
After she brought up two issues of particular concern to her MAGA media allies, Trump said, “Don’t forget, MAGA was my idea. MAGA was nobody else’s idea. I know what MAGA wants better than anybody else, and MAGA wants to see our country thrive.”
Ingraham’s approach was in keeping with the tone of her nightly Fox show: She often tries to steer Trump in what she believes is a more productive, ultimately politically successful direction.
When Trump was elected in 2016, Ingraham held talks about becoming his press secretary, but she insisted on having a seat at the policymaking table as well. The transition team couldn’t agree on how to make room for her, and Sean Spicer was hired as press secretary instead.
During Monday’s interview, when Trump tried to downplay the impacts of recent air travel chaos, she interjected: “There are a lot of delays now, sir.”

CHURAH MLA FILES PRE-ARREST BAIL PLEA IN CHAMBA COURT

Diary Times Desk : Churah MLA Dr Hans Raj, booked in a sexual exploitation case filed by a woman, has moved an anticipatory bail application in the District and Sessions Court, Chamba. The court has sought the state and the police to file a reply on Tuesday before taking up the matter for hearing.

The third-term MLA and former Deputy Speaker of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, who is avoiding law enforcement agencies, filed the anticipatory bail application through his counsel.

A case has been registered against him under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The MLA has remained untraceable since November 7 soon after the woman lodged a complaint against him at the Women Police Station, Chamba, alleging that she was exploited by the MLA ever since she was a minor.

SHIMLA DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTORS TO MANAGE SNOWFALL

Diary Times Desk : Shimla has been divided into five sectors to manage snowfall, with a nodal officer appointed for each sector. Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap today chaired a meeting on preparations for the winter snowfall and directed all departments concerned to ensure active participation and prompt response so that residents do not face inconveniences during the season.

The DC emphasised the importance of a quick response to any emergency situation, noting effective coordination was crucial.

During the meeting, he instructed officials to remove vehicles parked on the National Highway-5 from Shoghi to Shimla, noting cars left on both sides of the road hinder snow removal. He also directed a trial run of snow clearance machines.

TARN TARAN BYPOLL: OVER 59% POLLING RECORDED TILL 5 PM

Diary Times Desk : A voter turnout of 59 per cent was recorded by 5 pm during the polling for the Tarn Taran Assembly by-election in Punjab on Tuesday. Polling began at 7 am and will continue till 6 pm, with strict security measures in place, according to officials. Vote counting is scheduled to take place on November 14. As of 1 pm, the voter turnout was 36.62 per cent. Of the total 1.92 lakh voters in the constituency, 23 per cent had cast their ballots till 11 am, officials said. The 46 micro observers appointed by the Election Commission are continuously making rounds of the polling stations. Poling remains peaceful, with no incidents of violence reported so far. Polling is underway peacefully in the assembly segment, with people making beelines at polling stations.



POLITICAL FLASHBACK: 1999 KHALSA TERCENTENARY ROW ECHOES IN GURU TEGH BAHADUR'S 350TH MARTYRDOM ANNIVERSARY

Diary Times Desk : As the Punjab government led by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) gears up to celebrate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, from November 20 to 26 at Anandpur Sahib, the event has become embroiled in a political controversy.

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has refused to allow the state government to use its gurdwara premises and infrastructure for the official functions, a move that has sparked a fresh round of political and religious tensions in the holy city.


In light of the current standoff, former Deputy Commissioner of Ropar, Kulbir Singh Sidhu, recalled how a similar political tussle unfolded more than two decades ago during the grand religious celebration of the tercentenary of the birth of the Khalsa in 1999, organised by the then Shiromani Akali Dal-Bharatiya Janata Party (SAD-BJP) government led by then Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

PHAGWARA AWAITS ITS HERO'S RECOVERY: THE TOWN THAT DHARMENDRA NEVER LEFT BEHIND

Diary Times Desk : A wave of concern swept through Phagwara on Tuesday as news broke that legendary actor Dharmendra has been admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital. In temples and gurdwaras across the city, his childhood friends and admirers offered ardent prayers for the recovery of the man they have always called their own.


For Phagwara, Dharmendra has never been just a film icon. He is the boy who once walked its dusty streets, the friend who never forgot his roots, and the superstar who returned every time the town called. His closest childhood companions — philanthropist Kuldip Sardana, Harjit Singh Parmar, Advocate Shiv Chopra and members of the Aman Committee — gathered at local temples and gurdwaras on Tuesday to pray for his swift recovery.

Many of them have stood by Dharmendra since the days when he was known simply as Dharam — the polite boy with dreams too big for a small town to contain.




Aries

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




Taurus

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




Gemini

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




Cancer

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




Leo

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




Virgo

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




Sagittarius

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




Capricorn

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



Aquarius

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



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.

STUBBLE-BURNING IN
PUNJAB, HARYANA
WORSENERED AIR QUALITY
IN DELHI-NCR, SC TOLD

Diary Times Desk : As Delhi recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 428 in the last 24 hours, the Supreme Court was on Tuesday told that stubble-burning in Punjab and Haryana has led to worsening of air pollution levels in Delhi-NCR.

Senior advocate Aprajita Singh, who is assisting the top court as amicus curiae, told a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India BR Gavai that stubble-burning has begun with impunity in Punjab and Haryana.

Singh urged the Bench -- which is scheduled to hear the air pollution matter on Wednesday -- to seek responses from the governments of Punjab and Haryana as NASA satellite images showed that stubble-burning in the two states was worsening to an already severe air pollution level in Delhi-NCR.

As she said the top court's orders were being flouted with impunity, the CJI said, "We will pass some orders on Wednesday."

DELHI BLAST: HIGH
ALERT SOUNDED IN
GURUGRAM,
FARIDABAD

Diary Times Desk : A high alert has been issued in Gurugram and Faridabad following the Delhi bombings.

Security has been tightened and barricades are being put up in border areas and internal districts, and vehicles are being checked.

In Gurugram, a control room has also been set up at the district headquarters for monitoring. DCP West Karan Goel has been given the responsibility of the control room. More than 4,000 police personnel have been deployed on the roads.

A barricade has been put up at the Delhi-Gurugram border. All vehicles passing through are being checked, especially those with licence plates from other states. The police are also checking the identity cards of drivers and passengers.

9 YEARS ON, HC REVIVES HEARING IN SUO MOTU JAT STIR VIOLENCE CASE

Diary Times Desk : Nearly a decade after taking suo motu cognisance of reports published in these columns on alleged lawlessness during the Jat agitation, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today virtually revived the matter by calling for a fresh status report on developments over the past six to seven years. The Bench headed by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu issued the direction after being informed that several issues raised earlier might have turned infructuous with the passage of time.

As the matter came up for resumed hearing, amicus curiae and senior advocate Anupam Gupta told the Bench that the high court had in August 2018 narrowed down the entire gamut of the case to four parts. "Due to the passage of time, a lot many issues and disputes may have become infructuous." The issues framed by the court then included monitoring of probe under senior IPS officer Amitabh Dhillon into cases of violence; to decide whether a CBI probe was required into alleged rape in Murthal.



SC AGREES TO HEAR LAWYER'S PLEA
CHALLENGING ARREST BY HARYANA
POLICE STF

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to take up advocate Vikram Singh's petition challenging his arrest by the Special Task Force (STF) of the Haryana Police.

"We will hear it on Wednesday," a Bench led by Chief Justice BR Gavai said after senior advocate Vikas Singh submitted on behalf of the arrested lawyer that he was merely representing a co-accused.

"The matter needs an urgent hearing as a lawyer has been implicated and arrested for performing his professional work," the senior counsel told the Bench.

The petitioner made Haryana and Delhi governments and the Bar Council of India as parties to the petition. The petitioner has sought his immediate release and a judicial probe into the alleged illegal actions of the STF, Gurugram, in Haryana. He has also sought a direction to quash "all criminal proceedings instituted against the petitioner in connection with FIR No...registered.

EX-AGNIVEERS GRANTED AGE
RELAXATION FOR DIRECT
RECRUITMENT IN HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : The Haryana Government has decided to grant relaxation in the upper age limit for ex-Agniveers, who are domiciles of the state, during direct recruitment after completing their military service.

A letter to this effect has been issued by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi. As per the government's decision, ex-Agniveers will be entitled to a relaxation of three years in the prescribed upper age limit for direct recruitment to Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts. Additionally, members of the first batch of ex-Agniveers will receive an age relaxation of five years.

All departments, boards, corporations, universities and field offices have been directed to ensure strict compliance with these instructions.



OVER 800 COPS ON EXTENSIVE COMBING AND SEARCHING OPERATION IN
FARIDABAD'S DHAUJ POLICE STATION AREA



Diary Times Desk : After a terror module was busted and explosives and weapons were recovered in Faridabad, the police have initiated an extensive combing and search operation, especially in Dhauj police station area. A senior police officer said that over 800 police personnel were on a search mission in the Dhauj police station area. Explosives and weapons were recovered from two rented rooms in two villages in the same area. The personnel are accompanied by a bomb disposal squad.

"Dr Muzamil's network and the mosque's imam are being questioned. Villagers have described Muzamil as someone with a calm demeanour. We are also examining the CCTV footage to trace the explosive's route," said a senior investigating officer.

Amid Tensions With US, High Inflation Is Back

On Venezuela's Streets

As Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro faces growing US military pressure and calls for his resignation, an old foe is returning to haunt him in his own backyard: Inflation, one of Venezuela's chronic economic maladies, is on the rise again.

"Prices are growing every day," said Yon Michael Hernandez, 25, a motorcycle taxi driver in the slum of Petare, east of Caracas.

"Corn flour is 220 bolivars today, it may be 240 tomorrow and 260 the day after, and the same package that might have cost you one dollar 15 days ago is worth three now," Hernandez told

CNN. He referred to the Venezuelan currency and to the pre-cooked flour used to make arepas, the ubiquitous corn pancakes that are a daily staple. In the three months since the Pentagon deployed warships and aircraft in a campaign that the White House said was aimed at drug traffickers from Venezuela, the bolivar has depreciated around 70% against the US dollar, according to data from the central bank, hemorrhaging one point every day.

In the illegal but widely used currency black market, the drop has been just as steep. At the official rate, the US dollar is pegged at about 231 Venezuelan bolivars. On the black market, a dollar is worth roughly a third more. The Venezuelan government prohibits publishing black market exchange rates. The surge in inflation is linked – although only partially – with the growing tensions between the Trump administration and the Maduro government, which has been under US Treasury Department sanctions for almost a decade.

Maduro has accused the United States of seeking to oust him after more than 12 years in power and one year after he controversially claimed to win a presidential election that many international observers accused him of stealing. While a military attack on Venezuelan soil may not materialize, the economic outlook is firmly in the red once again, after a change of policies gave the country a much-needed boost in the years immediately after the Covid-19 pandemic. Only last year, Maduro boasted about the results of those reforms, claiming his country's GDP was growing at 8% and that inflation was at the lowest rate in four decades. The autocratic leader no longer makes such claims.

According to the United Nations, Venezuela historically does not produce enough food to meet its needs, and many products must be imported from abroad and paid for in foreign currencies.

This also means the market is particularly exposed when the bolivar loses value. For many Venezuelans, still reeling from years of hyper-inflation before the pandemic lockdowns, the new price hikes revive a familiar nightmare.

"Not many people are purchasing these days. Those who can try to buy as little as possible," said Marjorie Yanez, 40, a street-food seller in Caracas. "Dollars get more expensive every day, and that is bad for retailers like us because we also must raise our prices every day." A typical breakfast of croissant and café con leche now can easily cost the equivalent of \$8 to \$10 at a bakery in Caracas, while the country's official minimum wage is less than a dollar a month.



Stefano Pozzebon

"I had to increase how much I send back to my parents every month, but even with that, it's not enough. They can barely make ends meet," said Diego Mejias, 35, an architect in neighboring Colombia who provides for his parents in Caracas.



Jordan Valinsky

Tesla's poor performance in the world's largest auto market follows dismal sales last month in European countries such as Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, and the Nordics, in the latest sign that it continues to struggle on the continent.



Amanda Davies

He knows that reaching the final with at least one round-robin win or sweeping his round-robin matches will guarantee that award for a second time.

A Tesla Model Y Car Is Seen

TESLA'S CHINA SALES FALL TO 3-YEAR LOW AMID TEPID DEMAND

Tesla's (TSLA.O) sales in China dropped to 26,006 vehicles in October, their lowest in three years, as the US electric vehicle maker struggles with tepid demand in the hyper-competitive market.



Xiaomi (1810.HK), opens new tab, with its Tesla challengers, the SU7 sedan and the YU7 SUV, posted record sales of 48,654 units last month, even as accidents involving its sedans stoked EV safety concerns.

Sales fell 35.8% from a year earlier, down from September's figure of 71,525 when Tesla began deliveries of the Model Y L, a longer-wheelbase and six-seat version of its best-selling Model Y SUV until now only available in China.

Its exports of China-made vehicles rose to a two-year high of 35,491 units last month, however, data from the China Passenger Car Association showed on Monday.

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expectedly in October, as consumer sentiment weakened amid diminished government subsidies and tax breaks. Its exports of China-made vehicles rose to a two-year high of 35,491 units last month, however, data from the China Passenger Car Association showed on Monday. Tesla's share of China's EV market shrank to just 3.2% in October, down sharply from 8.7% the previous month and its lowest in more than three years.

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The Latest Chapter Of The 'Sincaraz'

RIVALRY IN TURIN BRINGS CURTAIN DOWN ON YEAR OF DOMINANCE

What happens when the unstoppable force meets an immovable object?

Both are equally powerful, deemed indestructible and when they do meet, the laws of physics are pushed to their limits.

For two years now, Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz have been those dominant entities in tennis, redefining the boundaries of the game, carving up the Grand Slams between them and rewriting the record books.

It's apt then that in a year of fine margins, thrilling encounters and breathtaking athleticism, the gripping "Sincaraz" narrative boils down to one final chapter. The setting? Turin. The tournament? Nitto ATP Finals. The prize? To be crowned the year-end world number one. The stakes couldn't be higher.

Dominant duo

Just as in 2024, the seemingly inseparable duo have swept all four Grand Slam titles in 2025 with each encounter proving more tantalising than the last. After Sinner defended his Australian Open title in January – his final tournament before serving a suspension for failing two doping tests – what followed was a trilogy of finals of epic proportions.

A French Open for the ages saw Alcaraz prevail, a month later the Italian showed remarkable resilience to bounce back and

claim his maiden Wimbledon crown before the Spaniard produced a stunning display to secure a second US Open. Ten majors so far between them – six to Alcaraz; four to Sinner – leaving the rest of the tour reeling by a considerable margin. Still only 22 and 24, respectively, and scarily with still room to improve, the rivalry is set to endure.

But is that how they see it?

"I think the word rivalry takes on the professional part, in the tennis side," Alcaraz told CNN Sports.

"We're trying to find the weaknesses from each other on court but then when we shake hands and we are off the court, we're totally different. "We sometimes forgot about the rivalry we were getting on tour and we became persons and that's what it means, the word rivalry."

'I'm seeing him more than my mom'

That mutual humility, respect and admiration on and off the court has been ever present since their first meeting as teenagers in Alcaraz's professional debut in 2019.

While their on-court showdowns – characterized by breathtaking rallies and heavy hitting – have left audiences on the edge of their seats, off-court their ever-

growing friendship has equally captivated fans around the world. The duo took to the court for a practice session last week ahead of the main draw, which drew thousands of viewers to the tournament's live stream.

A post-practice selfie shortly followed, racking up plenty of social media attention. "You talk about family and life in general, sharing also some personal stuff."

"I don't think it's changed. It just has become better because we know each other better." "I said in the summer, I'm seeing him more than, than my mom actually. ... I never get tired of seeing him," Alcaraz jokes.

Race to the top

For this week, at least, that friendship will have to take a back seat as the two vie for the both the season-ending title and honor of finishing 2025 as the tour's top-ranked player.

Sinner may have taken the bragging rights last year – claiming both in a sensational 2024 – but this time around it's advantage Alcaraz.



GIFTED BY EMPEROR NICHOLAS II TO THE DOWAGER EMPRESS MARIA FEODOROVNA ON EASTER DAY, 1913: THE WINTER EGG

Diary Times Desk : The glittering fingers of frost on the glassy surface of the egg are beautiful, and so very realistic that you almost expect it to be cold to the touch. The egg rests on what appears to be shards of ice. It is almost formless, as if it had just been plucked out of the frozen River Neva, but somehow it gently and securely cradles the egg. Little silvered rivulets run down this ice-stalagmite, as if a thaw were on its way.

Beneath the frosted shapes that occlude the transparent shell, a hint of something white is visible. The egg opens like a locket to reveal its secret: a hanging basket filled with wood anemones. The first forest flowers to bloom when the snows recede, they are confirmation that the long, cold night of the Russian winter is over, and springtime is near.

This is the Winter Egg, commissioned by Emperor Nicholas II from the firm of Fabergé, and presented to his mother, the Dowager Empress Maria Feodorovna, on Easter Day, 1913. The gift of a Fabergé egg was a Romanov family tradition, inaugurated by Emperor Alexander III. He presented one to his wife — the same Maria Feodorovna — every year from 1885 on. Nicholas continued the custom after he came to the throne, in 1894 — and extended it by giving an egg to his wife, Empress Alexandra, as well as to his widowed mother.

For Fabergé, the imperial Easter eggs were a hugely prestigious commission, but also an annual headache. Work on next year's eggs began as soon as this year's were delivered. Emperor Nicholas's desire for two eggs naturally doubled the creative pressure on Carl Fabergé and his teams of jewellers, who now had to come up with a brace of original ideas that were both different from each other and from every egg that had gone before.

The royal client was not consulted at any time, as he too liked to be surprised. Nicholas never knew what he was paying for until the eggs were brought to him in Holy Week. So the pressure on Fabergé was enormous. What if the gifts were not finished on time? What if the emperor didn't like what he saw? 'The days before delivery were anxious,' wrote Franz Birbaum, Fabergé's chief designer. 'Everyone worried that something might happen to these objects at the last moment.' The Winter Egg of 1913 must have been an especially stressful undertaking, since it is so astonishingly delicate. The design is the work of a young woman named Alma Pihl. She had no training as a silversmith, but she was a fine artist, and she came from a family of jewellers from Finland. Several of her relatives were employed by Fabergé in St Petersburg and Moscow.



SURREALISM: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE RENEGADE ARTISTS WHO FUSED DREAM AND REALITY

Diary Times Desk : Endlessly influential on art history and culture at large, Surrealism has its roots in World War I. Disillusioned by the widespread carnage and destruction caused by the war, European artists sought something entirely new. Life no longer made sense, and as a result, art became the space within which to explore its contradictions and challenge the basis of assumed realities.

Founded in Paris during the 1920s, Surrealism upended how people perceived art and the world around them. The movement's leader, French poet and critic André Breton, wrote in his 1924 *Manifeste du surréalisme* that Surrealism's aim was 'to resolve the previously contradictory conditions of dream and reality into an absolute reality, a super-reality.'

Few could have predicted what was once an obscure countermovement could flourish into an everlasting aesthetic and approach to life. Surrealism unleashed the creative possibilities of art, blurring the boundaries between genres, subjects, media and geographies. Here, discover some of its most salient influences, contributors and milestones.

Like Dada, Surrealism prized the unexpected

Whereas Surrealism responded to the atrocities of war in their aftermath, Dadaists were producing art at its catastrophic peak. The movement began in Zurich, Switzerland in 1916, and expanded to Paris and beyond during the 1920s. Opposing nationalism, colonialism and the conformity of bourgeois life, Dada aimed to destroy all art forms and traditional hierarchies.

The radical movement's reliance on nonsensicality, humour and satire shook the art world, as did its controversial media. In addition to collage, photomontage and performance, everyday objects — none more famous than Marcel Duchamp's 'readymade' urinal, *Fountain* (1917), and shovel, *In Advance of the Broken Arm* (1915) — redefined the constructs of what fine art could be.

Growing out of Dada, Surrealism took a more introspective, intellectual approach, endeavouring to revolutionise the human experience. Inspired by cultural philosophies of the time, Surrealists also looked towards the writing of Karl Marx, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel and Walter Benjamin to establish the foundations of their movement. Philosophical methods, such as Hegel's dialectic — where ideas were viewed as reality itself — were explored, while Albert Einstein's theory of relativity helped shape their expressions of time and space.



BARCELONA KEEPING AN EYE ON FORMER DEFENDER'S
SITUATION AMID INTEREST FROM FIVE TOP CLUBS



Diary Times Desk : Barcelona's recent clash against Celta Vigo at Balaidos saw them line up against several familiar faces – ones who were in Catalonia not too long ago.

One such player who lined up for Celta Vigo on the night but has a history at Barcelona was Oscar Mingueza, the young, who was seemingly a mainstay under Ronald Koeman but was offloaded after Xavi Hernandez took over.

Since his move to Galicia, Mingueza has developed tremendously and has made himself a mainstay at right-back – so much so that he has generated serious attention on the transfer market front.

Five leading candidates

As relayed in a recent report by Mundo Deportivo, five top European clubs from three different countries are eyeing Mingueza's signature for the coming transfer windows.

BARCELONA FORWARD 20 GOALS AWAY
FROM BREAKING INTO CLUB'S ALL-TIME
TOP TEN GOALSCORERS LIST

Diary Times Desk : Robert Lewandowski was the star man for Barcelona as they secured a 4-2 victory over Celta Vigo on Sunday – a result that helped them bridge the gap to Real Madrid at the top of the league table.

The performance will be a major confidence booster for Lewandowski, who has endured a difficult start to the season, with his progress being marred by injuries.

The three goals against Celta Vigo take his tally for the season to just seven goals in all competitions. However, in total, Lewandowski has scored an impressive 108 goals for Barcelona.

Closing in on Barcelona's history books

A tally of 108 goals means Lewandowski is just 20 goals away from entering the top ten of Barcelona's all-time goalscorers' list.

It must be noted that Lewandowski has already surpassed the totals of other Barça legends like Neymar, Eulogio Martinez, and Evaristo, who each netted 105 goals.

RFEF PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON LAMINE
YAMAL CASE – 'WE'RE GOING TO TAKE
CARE OF HIM...'

Diary Times Desk : In the ongoing discussions surrounding Lamine Yamal's fitness and recovery, the president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), Rafael Louzan, has sought to diffuse any hint of tension between the Spanish national team and FC Barcelona.

In his recent public appearance, Louzan made it clear that the federation will not fuel any controversy over the handling of the young winger's recent medical treatment.

Louzan's comments come after Yamal was released from Spain's squad for the upcoming matches against Georgia and Turkey, following a decision made jointly by the medical teams of Barcelona and the player's representatives.

The 18-year-old has been dealing with pubic discomfort for several weeks and underwent an invasive radiofrequency procedure on November 10 to address the issue.

According to reports, this procedure was carried out without prior notification to the national team's medical staff, a detail that initially raised eyebrows within the federation.

BARCELONA INSIST RFEF WERE
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY
ABOUT LAMINE YAMAL'S
CONDITION AMID GROWING
RIFT

Diary Times Desk : Lamine Yamal's recovery remains a top priority for Barcelona, with the club's Medical Services maintaining constant coordination with the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) to ensure his rehabilitation is handled with absolute care and precision.

Despite his withdrawal from Spain's recent squad, both institutions are said to be working in harmony, focused solely on one shared goal, which is the player's full and safe recovery.

Notably, the 18-year-old winger has been dealing with pubic discomfort in recent weeks, a delicate condition that demands patience and expert handling.

To strengthen their approach, Barcelona enlisted the help of renowned Belgian doctor Ernest Schilders, widely regarded as one of the foremost international specialists in this area of sports medicine.

RFEF DIRECTOR MOVES TO
EASE TENSION BETWEEN
BARCELONA AND SPAIN OVER
LAMINE YAMAL – 'DONE FOR
THE BOY'S BENEFIT'

Diary Times Desk : Following speculation about a possible rift between Barcelona and the Spanish national team, the Royal Spanish Football Federation's sporting director, Aitor Karanka, has spoken publicly in an effort to calm the situation.

The tension emerged after Lamine Yamal was withdrawn from Spain's squad for the upcoming World Cup qualifiers, with reports suggesting frustration within the Federation and at the club level over how the situation was handled.

Karanka, however, has moved to clarify the matter, insisting that the decision was based purely on medical advice and mutual understanding between both parties.

Addressing the issue, he firmly rejected claims of any internal conflict. "Unrest? That's no longer my concern. It's a matter for the doctors," Karanka said as quoted by Mundo Deportivo.

He went on to emphasise the transparency between the Federation and Barcelona, particularly through open dialogue with sporting director Deco.

"I have always said, even yesterday, that communication with all the clubs has been fantastic.

BARCELONA SUPERSTAR IN FINAL PHASE OF RECOVERY, COULD RESUME
GROUP TRAINING SOON – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona have felt the absence of key winger and one of the club captains, Raphinha, over the past month quite heavily.

The 28-year-old superstar is one of Hansi Flick's most important players, and his being out injured for an extended period has come as a blow.

But, there is good news on the horizon for Barcelona fans as far as Raphinha's fitness condition is concerned.

Final phase of recovery

Indeed, according to Jijantes FC, Raphinha is now in the final phase of his recovery and could soon start training with the rest of the group.

The Brazilian international has been out since late September, when he suffered an injury during the game against Real Oviedo in La Liga. Expectations were that Raphinha could return in time for El Clasico, but a fresh setback in training put him back on the treatment tables.

