

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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DECIMATED ANTI-  
DEMOCRACY  
FORCES, SAYS PM  
MODI; PREDICTS  
CONGRESS SPLIT  
OVER 'NEGATIVE  
POLITICS'****Diary Times Desk :**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday described the massive mandate for the ruling NDA in Bihar as a vote for development over dynasty and an answer to anti-democracy forces even as he predicted a possible Congress split citing 'negative politics' of the opposition party as the reason. Framing the BJP-led NDA ruling combine's sweep of the eastern state as an endorsement of the Election Commission's electoral roll revision exercise, the PM said the youth of Bihar had shown how seriously they took the purification of voter lists. "Bihar is the land that gave India the glorious honour of being the mother of democracy. Today, Bihar has decimated anti-democracy forces and voted for the integrity of electoral rolls. It's now the responsibility of every party to enable the purification of voter lists," Modi said in his victory speech at the BJP headquarters after the BJP and the JD(U) combine registered a landslide win in the state today.

**NATIONAL MEDICAL  
COUNCIL CANCELS  
REGISTRATION OF 4  
DOCTORS ACCUSED  
IN RED FORT BLAST****Diary Times Desk :**

Following the registration of FIRs under relevant Sections of UAPA owing to their involvement in the blast near the Red Fort the National Medical Commission on Friday has cancelled the registration of four doctors — Dr Muzaffar Ahmad, Dr Adeel Ahmad, Dr Muzamil Shakeel and Dr Shaheen Saeed.

Dr Muzaffar Ahmad, Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather and Dr Muzamil Shakeel were registered with the Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council.

The NMC in an order stated that the conduct of doctors is "prima facie inconsistent with the standards of ethical propriety, integrity and public trust expected of members of the medical profession..." under relevant clauses of the Indian Medical Council regulations.

**BIHAR  
ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS****BIHAR RESULTS: THE BIGGEST  
WINNERS AND LOSERS**

The outcome halts Tejashwi Yadav's efforts to position himself as Bihar's next leader. The "youth versus experience" contrast that dominated the opposition's pitch did not translate into votes.

2. Chirag Paswan

Chirag Paswan has staged one of the most notable comebacks of this election. After winning only one seat in 2020 but securing nearly 6 per cent of the vote, his Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) translated support into 22 of the 29 seats it contested.

The consolidation of the Paswan vote and Chirag's appeal among young voters and Dalit communities played a key role.

3. Asaduddin Owaisi and AIMIM

The Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) registered a strong performance in the Seemanchal region of Bihar.

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**ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS: CONGRESS WINS JUBILEE HILLS; BJP TAKES NUAPADA, NAGROTA; AAP TAKES TARAN**

**Diary Times Desk :** Trends from bypolls across seven states on Friday pointed to tight contests, heavy security deployment and brisk counting across multiple Assembly seats.

Over in Telangana's Jubilee Hills, the Indian National Congress candidate Naveen Kumar Yadav has won the assembly bypoll, securing 98,988 votes. He defeated Bharat Rashtra Samithi's Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, who received 74,259 votes, a margin of 24,729 votes.

BJP candidate Deepak Reddy Lankala trailed far behind with 17,061 votes.

Counting, conducted in 10 rounds with a 48.49% voter turnout, saw Yadav maintain a steady lead over BRS throughout, ensuring a decisive victory for the Congress in the constituency.

**Nuapada bypoll**

The BJP tightened its grip on the Nuapada Assembly bypoll as party candidate Jay Dholakia surged ahead, securing 123,869 votes after 29 rounds of counting, putting him 83,748 votes ahead of his nearest rival.

The real contest has shifted to the battle for second place, with Congress candidate Ghasi Ram Majhi trailing at 40,121 votes, just ahead of BJD's Snehangini Chhuria, who has 38,408 votes, a narrow gap of 1,713 votes separating the two.

The BJP's commanding lead underscores the constituency's strong tilt towards the saffron party, while Congress and BJD appear locked in a close fight for the runner-up position.

**PRASHANT KISHOR'S JAN SURAAJ PARTY IN  
BIHAR 2025 LOOKS A LOT LIKE CPM IN  
CONTEMPORARY BENGAL**

**Diary Times Desk :** Prashant Kishor long seemed to master the art of winning friends and influencing people better than Dale Carnegie himself. But on November 14, 2025, he appeared less the astute political strategist and more like Bengal's CPM. Loud in social media presence, rich in planning mass movements, but unable to convert it into electoral success. It could be argued that Kishor was the strategist who helped propel Narendra Modi to the Prime Minister's chair. He later joined forces with Rahul Gandhi—failing to return the Congress to power, but working on a campaign that sought to sharpen its national message. Rahul has since emerged as a leader who walks long distances, quite literally, to highlight the country's pressing issues. He worked with Jagan Mohan Reddy, who was already battling corruption charges, yet Jagan marched to a landslide. Then came Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, who were burdened by incumbency, corruption allegations, and a rising BJP. They turned to him for rescue. The TMC swept 2021, and today Abhishek Banerjee, once under agency scrutiny, seems more politically acceptable than other TMC leaders.

The man who professionalised long marches, revolutionised political vocabulary, and mainstreamed data-driven campaigning decided in 2024 that he no longer wanted to be the power behind the throne. On October 2, 2024, he launched the Jan Suraj Party, rejecting offers from national parties.

**Diary Times Desk :** The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is on course to secure one of its strongest mandates in two decades as the counting of votes cast in the Bihar Assembly elections continues. With the coalition crossing 200 seats in the 243-member Assembly, the result marks a consolidation of support for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and the BJP-led alliance, eclipsing its own 2010 performance.

Here is a look at the key figures, parties and voter groups that shaped the 2025 Bihar election -- and those who emerged diminished from it.

**WINNERS**

1. Nitish Kumar

After 20 years in office, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) not only countered anti-incumbency but registered a clear gain, leading in more than 80 seats. The NDA's combined tally above 200 seats ensures Kumar a fifth term as Chief Minister.

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**STARS SHINE AND FADE: BIHAR SUPERSTARS,  
SINGERS RECEIVE MIXED RESPONSE**

**Diary Times Desk :** A Bhojpuri superstar, another's wife, a young spiritual singer with over 11 million followers and a Bhojpuri singer-actor-model entered the Bihar poll contest. As the counting of votes propelled the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to a landslide, some registered a thumping political debut while other stars lost their sheen.

Khesari Lal Yadav

Nothing short of a sensation in the Bhojpuri cinema landscape, Khesari Lal Yadav contested the Bihar polls from Chhapra on a Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) ticket. As of 2.30 pm, he trailed behind BJP's Chhoti Kumari by almost 20,000 votes.

Yadav invited controversy ahead of the state polls with a statement on the Ram Mandir, "Will I become a teacher, professor, or officer after studying at the Ram Temple? No. The Ram Temple is a matter of faith, which is a different matter. But work must be done for education. The country runs on education," the 39-year-old had said.

He also came under fire for the songs he has performed in, with many calling his work vulgar. "Chhapra is not facing waterlogging due to my vulgar songs. Is the education system broken due to my vulgar songs? Is the condition of hospitals dismal because of my vulgar songs? This is a different subject, and my songs are a different subject," he had said.

Pandey, a singer, actor and model, set the record in 2020 for the most viewed Bhojpuri song when "Hello Kaun" received 1 billion views on YouTube. He has shared the big screen with renowned actors like Rani Chatterjee, Akshara Singh, Amrapali Dubey, and Kajal Raghvani.

**HIGH-VOLTAGE BIHAR ELECTION****FROM SINGLE LARGEST  
PARTY TO 2ND WORST  
PERFORMANCE: RJD'S BIG  
BIHAR ROUT**

**Diary Times Desk :** As the counting of votes cast in the high-voltage Bihar election is coming to an end, the main opposition RJD's score is a sorry sight. The Tejashwi Yadav-led party, which contested 143 seats, has now won only 20 seats and is leading in five seats. If these numbers hold, it would be a massive setback for RJD, which finished as the single largest party in the 2020 state polls.

Also, this would be the RJD's second-worst showing in a Bihar election. In the 2005 Assembly polls, when Nitish Kumar came to power in Bihar after a thumping NDA victory, the RJD had won 55 seats. At the time, Tejashwi Yadav's mother, Rabri Devi, was the Chief Minister, and RJD was facing mounting anti-incumbency in the hinterland state.

A resurgent Nitish Kumar had teamed up with the BJP and scored a thumping win, ending the RJD's rule in Bihar. The RJD's worst show came in the next election in 2010, when RJD managed just 22 seats.

Twenty years and Nitish Kumar's multiple flip-flops later, the BJP and JDU are together again and are set for another big win. They have won 52 seats and are leading in 22 in the 243-member Assembly.

The figures show that Tejashwi Yadav has led his party to its worst rout.

The 36-year-old has taken charge of the party, founded by his father and veteran politician Lalu Yadav. Lalu Yadav founded RJD in 1997 and led the party to its best poll victories.

**THE BIHAR ELECTION'S  
SCRIPT WAS ACTUALLY  
WRITTEN IN HARYANA.  
HERE'S HOW**

**Diary Times Desk :** This is unreal, unprecedented. The massive success of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar must have left the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-Congress alliance numb and shattered. This was an election in which it was believed that due to 20 years of anti-incumbency against Nitish, Mahagathbandhan might sail through. Alas, it lost, and lost very badly.

Unlike the 2020 assembly polls, this time, the RJD-Congress-led alliance seemed to be better prepared. Rahul Gandhi had gone on a two-week-long "Vote Adhikar Yatra", and it was evident that Congress workers in the state had felt re-energised after a long time. After Rahul, the RJD's Tejashwi Yadav also went for a yatra. Over the last five years, both leaders seemed to have grown better prepared to face the Nitish-Modi combination. Still, they failed miserably. The Signs Were There Already

Is it because the Congress was reluctant to project Tejashwi as the Mahagathbandhan's chief ministerial face and sent the wrong signal to voters - of two main parties fighting with each other? If that was the perception before elections, how could voters trust them as good governance partners?

BIHAR ASSEMBLY ELECTION: MAJOR WINNERS AND LOSERS



**Diary Times Desk :** Following is the list of the major winners and losers of BJP, JD(U) and RJD in the Bihar Assembly election.

**BJP:**  
Samrat Choudhary won Tarapur seat by a margin of 45,843 seats, defeating RJD's Arun Kumar. Choudhary polled 1,22,480 votes.  
Vijay Sinha won the Lakhisarai seat by a margin of 24,940 votes, defeating Congress' Amaresh Kumar. Sinha polled 1,22,408 votes.  
Maithili Thakur, first-time entrant, won Alinagar seat by a margin of 11,730 votes, defeating RJD's Binod Mishra. Thakur polled 84,915 votes.

Nitish Mishra won Jhanjharpur seat by a margin of 54,849 votes, defeating CPI's Ram Narayan Yadav. Mishra polled 1,07,958 votes. In 2020, votes polled 1,79,266, margin 41,788.

Mangal Pandey, first-time entrant, won Siwan seat by a margin of 9,370 votes, defeating RJD's sitting MLA Awadh Bihari Choudhary. Pandey polled 92,379 votes.

PRASHANT KISHOR'S JAN SURAAJ PARTY FAILS TO OPEN ACCOUNT IN BIHAR, MOST NOMINEES LOSE DEPOSIT

**Diary Times Desk :** Former poll strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj Party (JSP), dubbed the 'X factor' in the Bihar election, failed to open its account in the 243-member assembly, despite contesting in 238 seats.

According to the Election Commission, most of the JSP candidates have secured less than 10 per cent of the total votes polled and have their deposit forfeited.

So far, the party's best performance came from Naveen Kumar Singh, alias Abhay Singh, who secured the second spot from the Marhaura constituency. Jitendra Kumar Rai of the RJD won the seat by a margin of 27,928 votes.

BIHAR POLL RESULTS REFLECT 'VOTE CHORI ON GIGANTIC SCALE', CLAIMS CONGRESS; RAHUL VOWS IN-DEPTH REVIEW

**Diary Times Desk :** The Congress on Friday alleged that the election results in Bihar reflect "vote chori on a gigantic scale", with Rahul Gandhi vowing an in-depth review of the outcome and saying "we could not achieve victory in such an election that was not fair from the very beginning". Gandhi also said the Congress and the INDIA bloc will conduct an in-depth review of the poll results and make more effective efforts to save democracy.

"I express my heartfelt gratitude to those millions of voters in Bihar who expressed their trust in the Mahagathbandhan. This result in Bihar is truly surprising. We could not achieve victory in such an election that was not fair from the very beginning," Gandhi said in a post in Hindi on X.

"This fight is for the protection of the Constitution and democracy. The Congress party and the INDIA bloc will conduct an in-depth review of this result and make more effective efforts to save democracy," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

PM MODI SAYS VICTORY TURNED 'MY' FROM 'APPEASEMENT' TO 'MAHILA-YOUTH' FORMULA



**Diary Times Desk :** The NDA is set to sweep the Bihar assembly polls, surging ahead in close to 200 out of 243 seats on Friday with the BJP emerging as single largest party with nearly 95 per cent strike rate, reaffirming the popularity and campaign clout of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was the face of the ruling alliance through the poll battle in the highly sensitive political state. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Vijay Kumar Sinha won the Lakhisarai seat by 24,940 votes on Friday, defeating his nearest Congress rival Amaresh Kumar, according to the Election Commission. Bihar has proved that people defeat falsehoods and do not support those who are out on bail: PM Modi's jibe at Opposition. Bihar voters have given massive support to SIR, it is now duty of all parties to activate their workers to purify voter lists: PM Modi.

AFTER BIHAR SWEEP, BJP SOUNDS POLL BUGLE FOR BENGAL; TMC STANDS GROUND, SAYS 'BRING IT ON'

**Diary Times Desk :** A thumping verdict in Bihar on Friday turbocharged the BJP's engines and saw the party declare West Bengal as "next", drawing an unfazed TMC's sharp "bring it on" retort as it insisted that the state's political chemistry is distinct and predicted a bigger mandate for Mamata Banerjee in 2026.

The duel between the two sides exploded on X as the NDA swept Bihar, registering either a win or lead close to 200 of the 243 seats, with the BJP posting an astonishing 95 per cent strike rate and emerging as the single largest party, reaffirming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisive imprint on the campaign.

The Mahagathbandhan, comprising the RJD, Congress and three Left parties, was left struggling to cross the 35-seat threshold despite pre-poll projections favouring Tejashwi Yadav.

GUJARAT ATS NABS MAN WANTED IN PUNJAB FOR GRENADE, ARMS SMUGGLING FOR PAKISTAN-LINKED GANG

**Diary Times Desk :** The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has apprehended a man wanted by Punjab Police for his alleged involvement in smuggling arms for a gang working at the behest of Pakistan-based terrorist networks to carry out grenade attacks in the country, an official said on Friday.

An ATS release said Gurpreet Singh aka Gopi Billa was nabbed from Halol town in Panchmahal district based on a specific input shared by the Punjab Police.

"He will be handed over to Punjab Police. Recently, police in Punjab's Gurdaspur district registered a case against certain individuals for smuggling and detonating grenades and helping terrorist networks operating across the border," the release said.

"Preliminary probe revealed the main accused of the case, Manu Agwan and Maninder Billa, who are currently in Malaysia, were recruiting operatives in Punjab at the behest of handlers of Pakistan's ISI to carry out grenade attacks in densely populated areas of Punjab and other states to spread terror," the release added.



VICTORY OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, DEVELOPMENT: PM MODI ON NDA’S BIHAR WIN

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday termed the NDA’s landslide win in the Bihar assembly elections as a victory of good governance, development and the spirit of public welfare and social justice.

In a series of posts on X, Modi also congratulated the BJP’s alliance partners—Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, LJP-RV supremo Chirag Paswan, HAM leader Jitan Ram Manjhi and RLM chief Upendra Kushwaha.

“Deepest gratitude to my family members of Bihar, who have blessed the NDA with a historic and unprecedented victory in the 2025 assembly elections,” Modi said.

The Prime Minister said the resounding public mandate will empower the NDA to serve the people and work with new resolve for Bihar.

NDA’S WIN IN BIHAR ‘HISTORIC’; ‘SEAL OF TRUST’ FOR WELFARE POLICIES OF DOUBLE ENGINE GOVT: NADDA

**Diary Times Desk :** BJP president JP Nadda on Friday said the people gave a massive mandate like a “tsunami” to NDA in the Bihar election for good governance and development in the state, putting a “no entry” board for the ‘jungle raj’ that the state witnessed during the RJD rule in the past. Showing “unprecedented and unwavering trust and love” for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, people came out in large numbers to support NDA and gave a befitting reply to the opposition parties who insulted ‘Chhathi Maiyya’ and did not even spare Modi’s late mother during the election. “It is a massive mandate and the poll results show it’s a tsunami. People of Bihar have expressed unwavering faith and love for Modi and also put a seal on the progress that the country is making under his leadership,” Nadda said, while addressing an event organised at the BJP headquarters to celebrate NDA’s victory in the state polls.

Nadda said people of the country have been ensuring BJP’s massive victory in every election held after the party secured a “little lesser” number of seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

PURIFICATION OF VOTER LIST IS ‘ESSENTIAL’, SAYS AMIT SHAH; HAILS NDA’S ‘HISTORIC’ VICTORY



**Diary Times Desk :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday hailed the NDA’s landslide victory in Bihar, calling it a “public endorsement” of the alliance’s agenda of development, women’s safety and good governance.

In a series of posts on X, Shah congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and NDA workers for what he termed a “historic mandate”.

“My heartfelt salute to the people of Bihar, the protectors of knowledge, hard work and democracy,” Shah said, adding that over the past 11 years Modi had “worked generously” for the state, while Nitish Kumar “brought Bihar out of the darkness of jungle raj”. He said the verdict reflected the people’s aspiration for a developed Bihar and their trust in the NDA’s “commitment to service”.

RJD’S TEJASHWI YADAV RETAINS RAGHOPUR SEAT, DEFEATS BJP NOMINEE BY 14,532 VOTES

**Diary Times Desk :** RJD leader and INDIA bloc’s chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav on Friday retained Bihar’s Raghapur Assembly seat, defeating BJP’s Satish Kumar by 14,532 votes, according to the Election Commission.Yadav polled 1,18,597 votes, while Kumar bagged 1,04,065 votes. Independent candidate Baliram Singh came third with 3,086 votes.Yadav has been holding the Raghapur seat for the last 10 years, and had defeated Kumar in the 2015 and 2020 Assembly elections.



PRASHANT KISHOR: MAN BEHIND MANY LEADERS’ ELECTORAL SUCCESS BITES DUST IN OWN FIGHT

**Diary Times Desk :** Before launching into the Bihar Assembly election, the celebrated former poll strategist Prashant Kishor had made two predictions, one about his Jan Suraj Party and the other about the JD(U), of which he is a former national vice president.

His prediction of “arsh par ya farsh par” (either sky high or down to dust) for his own party has, much to his chagrin, come true, though JD(U) cadres, including its supreme leader Nitish Kumar, the Bihar Chief Minister, may ridicule him for the forecast that the party will win “not more than 25 seats”.

JD(U)’s tally seems tipped to cross 80, its best performance since 2010 when the party had crossed the three-digit mark, while contesting a much larger number of seats compared with the 101 it did this time.

POWER IN HANDS OF THOSE NOT IN TOUCH WITH GROUND REALITY: AHMED PATEL’S DAUGHTER ON CONGRESS DRUBBING

**Diary Times Desk :** After the Congress’ worst-ever drubbing in the Bihar election, party stalwart late Ahmed Patel’s daughter Mumtaz Patel on Friday alleged that the party’s failures are due to the concentration of power in the hands of a few leaders who are totally disconnected from the ground reality.

In a post on X, she said it is time to look within and accept the reality. She asked how long the loyal party workers have to wait to witness success.

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THAILAND RELAXES AFTERNOON ALCOHOL RULES AFTER TOURISM INDUSTRY PUSHBACK

**Diary Times Desk :** Travelling to Thailand soon? Visitors should be aware that the country's strict rules on afternoon drinking are being reconsidered, offering welcome news for those who enjoy a leisurely drink while exploring. Under recent changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, anyone caught drinking alcohol between 2 pm and 5 pm could face fines of up to 10,000 baht (more than Rs 27K). The regulation also targeted the advertising of alcoholic drinks (particularly using celebrities, influencers, or other promotional tactics) and placed the burden of compliance squarely on consumers, rather than just businesses.

ICELAND ON BRINK OF DISASTER AS OCEAN CURRENT COLLAPSE TRIGGERS ICE AGE THREAT

**Diary Times Desk :** Iceland is facing an existential threat as climate scientists warn of the rapid weakening of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC). This vital ocean current helps moderate temperatures and weather patterns across Northern Europe, including Iceland. If the AMOC collapses, it could trigger a new ice age and disrupt global climate systems. Iceland's government is already preparing for this dire scenario, but the implications stretch far beyond its borders. The AMOC: The Ocean Conveyor Under Threat The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) is a crucial component of Earth's climate system, acting as a massive ocean conveyor that transports warm water from the tropics to the North Atlantic. This current plays a significant role in regulating the climate of the Northern Hemisphere, keeping places like Iceland and the UK warmer than they would otherwise be. If the AMOC were to collapse, it could cause significant cooling in Northern Europe, potentially leading to conditions similar to a modern-day ice age.

The potential collapse of this current is becoming increasingly likely due to the rise in global temperatures, which causes the Arctic and Greenland ice sheets to melt at an accelerated pace. This influx of fresh, cold water into the ocean is disrupting the delicate balance that drives the AMOC, weakening the current's flow.

US DESIGNATES FOUR GROUPS IN GERMANY, ITALY AND GREECE AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** The United States is designating German-based Antifa Ost and three other groups in Italy and Greece as specially designated global terrorists, the U.S. Department of State said in a statement on Thursday. The State Department intends to designate all four groups, which include the Informal Anarchist Federation/International Revolutionary Front, Armed Proletarian Justice and Revolutionary Class Self-Defense, as foreign terrorist organizations, it said.

RESEARCHERS SAY THEY VERIFIED AND SEQUENCED HITLER'S DNA. WHAT THEY DISCOVERED IS A CONTROVERSIAL BOMBHELL

**Diary Times Desk :** Researchers have analyzed a sample of DNA believed to belong to Adolf Hitler, which they say reveals the dictator of Nazi Germany had a genetic marker for a rare disorder that can delay puberty, according to a new documentary.

The research, which took more than four years to complete, was led by geneticist Turi King, a professor at the UK's University of Bath who is known for identifying the remains of King Richard III. King said she verified that a piece of material taken from a couch in the bunker where Hitler shot himself in 1945 was soaked in the dictator's blood by comparing a DNA sample recovered from the blood with a confirmed relative of Hitler's.

In addition to suggesting the possibility that Hitler had a hormone-disrupting congenital condition called Kallmann syndrome, the documentary examined rumors that the dictator had Jewish ancestry and looked at whether he had a genetic predisposition to certain mental health conditions. Called "Hitler's DNA: Blueprint of a Dictator," the documentary premieres Saturday on Channel 4 in the UK.



CHINA'S "NEW STUFF" BOMBHELL: PLA TEASES WITH MYSTERY AIRCRAFT; FLAUNTS TROIKA OF STEALTH JET, UAV & EW FIGHTER

**Diary Times Desk :** China is bombarding "arch rival" the US with a tsunami of new defense systems, triggering a snowballing arms race that is overwhelming Washington and making it increasingly difficult to match Beijing's staggering pace of weapons innovation.

Hardly a week passes without Beijing revealing a new defense platform or showcasing new defense technology in areas as wide-ranging as aircraft carriers, tailless stealth fighter jets, long-range missiles, new age radars, and autonomous combat drones, from relatively small to extremely large.

The pace of China's unveiling of new defense platforms has been particularly striking since the Victory Day parade in September, and especially noticeable in the air combat arena.

In the last few months, China has unveiled two sixth-generation stealth fighters—the tailless Shenyang J-50 and the triple-engine, diamond-shaped Chengdu J-36—and their many iterations. It also flaunted multiple stealth drones, launched its stealth fighter jet, the J-35, from its latest aircraft carrier featuring electromagnetic catapults, the world's first twin-seat stealth fighter, the J-20S, the KJ-600 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Aircraft, and the Y-20 military transport aircraft.

CALIFORNIA REVOKES 17,000 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR IMMIGRANTS

**Diary Times Desk :** California plans to revoke 17,000 commercial driver's licenses given to immigrants after discovering the expiration dates went past when the drivers were legally allowed to be in the US, state officials said Wednesday.

The announcement follows harsh criticism from the Trump administration about California and other states granting licenses to people in the country illegally. The issue was thrust into the public's consciousness in August, when a tractor-trailer driver not authorized to be in the US made an illegal U-turn and caused a crash in Florida that killed three people. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Wednesday that California's action to revoke these licenses is an admission that the state acted improperly even though it previously defended its licensing standards. California launched its review of commercial driver's licenses it issued after Duffy raised concerns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: REAL TRICK TO USING CHATGPT EFFECTIVELY LIES IN CRAFTING THE RIGHT PROMPT

**Diary Times Desk :** Sir — The real trick to using ChatGPT effectively lies in crafting the right prompt. Pakistan's leading English daily, Dawn, had a howler recently when it accidentally published a story containing an AI-generated response to a prompt — despite its strict anti-AI policy. The slip understandably sparked debates over editorial oversight, prompting Dawn to issue an apology. Yet, one might ask: aren't governments, corporations, and businesses everywhere already relying on Artificial Intelligence to make their work easier? It seems most want to use the AI hack, but are the first to pull down anyone caught doing it.

Sir — The prime minister, Narendra Modi, has a penchant for blaming the Congress Party for every historical wrong. In the most recent instance, he alleged that the Congress's adoption of only the first two stanzas of the national song, "Vande Mataram", in 1937 sowed the seeds for "division" in India ("Modi reopens Vande Mataram Pandora's box", Nov 8). Such an accusation is malicious and condemnable.





RUSSIAN FIGHTER JET SU-30 CRASHES ON TRAINING FLIGHT, 2 DEAD



**Diary Times Desk :** A Russian Su-30 fighter aircraft crashed on a training flight in the northwestern region of Karelia, killing the two-member crew, news agencies quoted the Russian Defence Ministry as saying.

The governor of Karelia region, Artur Parfenchikov, said on Telegram the aircraft crashed in a forest. There were no casualties on the ground.

Parfenchikov said an investigation into the cause of the crash was underway.

“Today, at around 7.00 pm Moscow time, a Su-30 fighter jet crashed in Karelia while performing a scheduled training flight. The aircraft crashed in an uninhabited area. The flight was performed without ammunition. The crew of the aircraft was killed,” the Defence Ministry statement released by TASS said.

Officials in Russia’s northwestern republic of Karelia dispatched emergency teams to the likely crash location, regional Governor Artur Parfenchikov said.

“I have received information about the crash of a military jet in the Prionezhsky district. I have dispatched Karelia’s emergency services to the suspected crash site,” he wrote on his Telegram channel.

He later confirmed that no one on the ground was injured and no property was damaged, as the aircraft came down in a dense forested area.

US PRESSURES UN SECURTY COUNCIL TO ADOPT TRUMP’S GAZA PEACE PLAN

**Diary Times Desk :** The United States on Thursday called on the UN Security Council to unite and back its draft resolution aimed at bolstering President Donald Trump’s peace plan for Gaza, warning that Palestinians could otherwise suffer “grave” consequences. Attempts to sow discord now -- when agreement on this resolution is under active negotiation -- has grave, tangible, and entirely avoidable consequences for Palestinians in Gaza,” a spokesperson for the US mission to the UN said in a statement.

“The ceasefire is fragile and we urge the Council to unite and move forward to secure the peace that is desperately needed.”

UKRAINE ATTACKS KEY RUSSIAN OIL HUB AS DEADLY STRIKES POUND KYIV

**Diary Times Desk :** Ukraine struck a key oil terminal in the Russian port city of Novorossiysk overnight, causing infrastructure damage and igniting a blaze, as deadly overnight Russian strikes pounded Kyiv.

The depot, one of Russia’s largest oil export facilities, was targeted by Ukrainian forces in an attack acknowledged by officials from both countries that highlights Kyiv’s escalating efforts to target a key source of war revenue for Russia.

The Ukrainian General Staff said damage was caused to “valuable” infrastructure at the port and oil terminal, as well as a launcher from Russia’s S400 air defense system.

CHINESE ASTRONAUTS ARRIVE HOME AFTER SUSPECTED DEBRIS STRIKE DELAYS RETURN TO EARTH

**Diary Times Desk :** Three Chinese astronauts landed back on Earth on Friday more than a week later than their scheduled arrival, capping an extended stay in space after a suspected debris strike left their spaceship with a cracked window.

The crew of the Shenzhou-20 spaceflight had been due to finish their mission at China’s Tiangong space station last Wednesday; they’d even handed the keys to the space station to a new crew who had just arrived for their own six-month mission.

But instead, their journey home was postponed “due to a suspected impact from tiny space debris” to their ship, according to state-run news agency Xinhua.

After a nine-day wait, they finally headed home on the Shenzhou-21 spacecraft that transported the incoming crew, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).



PAKISTAN MINISTER ADMITS ISLAMABAD FAILED TO BENEFIT FROM CHINA’S ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

**Diary Times Desk :** A Pakistani minister has admitted that Islamabad failed to benefit from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) before political controversies under the previous Imran Khan government forced Chinese investors to flee. Speaking at a public event, Pakistan’s Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal noted that the South Asian nation’s economy missed many opportunities to take off and “dropped the catch of the game changer CPEC.”

Iqbal held former Prime Minister Imran Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) responsible for damaging the reputation of Chinese investments, which, according to him, led investors to withdraw from the country despite Beijing’s support in difficult times. The \$60 billion CPEC project -- connecting Xinjiang in China with Gwadar port in Pakistan’s Balochistan -- was a central piece in Chinese President Xi Jinping’s pet Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It was envisioned to transform Pakistan’s infrastructure and economy while furthering China’s influence globally with Chinese-funded infrastructure projects.

G20 "TOO BIG TO FAIL": SOUTH AFRICAN ENVOY SAYS SUMMIT WILL SUCCEED DESPITE TRUMP BOYCOTT

**Diary Times Desk :** South Africa on Friday stated the G20 has become “too big to fail” and will deliver a successful summit despite the United States boycotting the leaders’ meeting under President Donald Trump. Speaking to ANI, South African High Commissioner to India Anil Sooklal termed the US decision “unfortunate” but asserted that the forum no longer depends on any single nation.

“It will have an impact. I mean, the reality is the USA is the most powerful global nation, the largest global economy, and we must recall that in 2008, when we had the global financial crisis, it was under the leadership of the USA that the first summit of the G20 was conducted in Washington in November 2008. So the USA was a moving force in bringing us together, leaders from the global north and south as a collective and steering this process. It’s unfortunate that President Trump and the USA have decided not to attend the final summit in this first round of summits in South Africa. So even though the USA will not be present at the table, as has been stated by President Trump, the G20 has been established as a powerful global force. It’s not dependent any longer on any one country. So the G20 has become, I would say, it’s too big to fail,” Sooklal said.

PAKISTAN ARRESTS 4 FROM AN AFGHAN CELL OVER DEADLY ISLAMABAD BOMBING

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan has arrested four members of an Afghan cell over their alleged involvement in a deadly suicide bombing in its capital Islamabad earlier this week, as tensions heighten further between the neighbouring foes.

Tuesday's attack outside a district court was claimed by a faction of the Pakistani Taliban, known as the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Those arrested in connection with the bombing, which killed 12 people and wounded dozens, were linked to the Pakistan Taliban, according to Islamabad.

The network was handled and guided at every step by the ... high command based in Afghanistan," a Pakistani government statement said on Friday, adding that the cell's alleged commander and three other members were in custody.

"Investigations are continuing, and more revelations and arrests are expected," it said, identifying the bomber as Usman alias Qari, a resident of Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.



UN LAUNCHES DRIVE TO COMBAT RISING CLIMATE DISINFORMATION AT COP30 IN BRAZIL

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump calls climate change "a con job" and a gigantic hoax. Other leaders have been known to say that the climate hasn't changed, we have. The United Nations has now decided to fight such climate disinformation by populist leaders and vested interests like the oil and gas industry through a new initiative.

As the Amazon hosts the climate summit (COP30) this year, Brazilian President Lula has called it the "COP of truth," a pointed nod to a growing threat. While negotiators debate climate finance and fossil fuel phaseouts, false information is undermining the factual, scientific basis needed for any agreement to work. For India, where millions rely on social media for news, this struggle over accurate information may prove as important as negotiations over money or energy policy.

"BILL TO COMPLETE END H-1B VISA PROGRAMME SOON": US LAWMAKER

**Diary Times Desk :** Republicans continue to target the H-1B visa even after US President Donald Trump defended the non-immigrant programme that allows employers in the United States to hire foreign workers in specialty occupations. Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene said she is set to introduce a bill to "completely eliminate" the H-1B visa programme and take away the pathway to citizenship that it offers, "forcing" immigrants to "return home" when their visa expires. The H-1B visa programme paves a pathway to American citizenship through the Green Card route. Companies can apply for permanent residency for their H-1B employees, who can apply for US citizenship five years after receiving their green cards. If passed, Greene's bill will bode ill for Indian professionals, who are the biggest beneficiaries of the H-1B visa program, accounting for over 70 per cent of all approved applications in recent years.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HIRES 50,000 NEW FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, FOCUS ON ICE AND SECURITY ROLES

**Diary Times Desk :** The U.S. government has hired 50,000 employees since President Donald Trump took office, his top personnel official said, with the new staff largely in national security positions reflecting the administration's policy focus.

The bulk of the new hires, reported first by Reuters, work at Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said Scott Kupor, the federal government's human resources director, in an interview on Thursday night. The staff changes are part of Trump's campaign to recast the government while sharply cutting other federal jobs.

"It's about reshaping the workforce to focus on the priorities that we think are most important," Kupor said.

The administration brought on the new employees while freezing hiring and laying off workers in other parts of the government, such as the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The administration expects to shed about 300,000 workers this year, Kupor said in August.

Trump's administration dismissed employees charged with enforcing civil rights laws, collecting tax revenue and overseeing clean energy projects.



US TO REMOVE TARIFFS ON FOODS, OTHER IMPORTS FROM 4 LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** The United States said on Thursday it will remove tariffs on some foods and other imports from Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala and El Salvador under framework agreements that will give US firms greater access to those markets.

The agreements are expected to help lower prices for coffee, bananas and other foodstuffs, a senior Trump administration official told reporters, adding the administration expected US retailers to pass on the positive effects to American consumers.

The framework deals with most of the four countries should be finalized within the next two weeks, the official said, with additional agreements seen as possible before the end of the year.

GREY CHARTER: EDITORIAL ON BANGLADESH REFERENDUM THREATENING DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY

**Diary Times Desk :** Even as Bangladesh prepares for national elections in February, sections of its political class are demanding an urgent referendum on the so-called July National Charter of political reforms to make those legally binding.

The Jamaat-e-Islami, one of the country's major political forces, demanded this week that a referendum on the Charter should precede the elections. On Thursday, the country's interim leader, the Nobel laureate, Muhammad Yunus, promised that the referendum would be held alongside the election. Whether it takes place before or along with the election, the very idea of a critical referendum being held under the auspices of an unelected government should raise concerns among supporters of a strong democracy in Bangladesh. That is especially so because of the ongoing debate over just how inclusive the upcoming elections will be, with the Awami League, the party of the ousted prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, currently barred from participating in the polls. While it is undeniable that Bangladesh's security forces carried out human rights excesses under Ms Hasina's rule, especially during the protests against her government last year, it is also impossible to ignore that the Awami League represents the political choice of millions of Bangladeshis. A referendum and an election that ignore that fact will always lack legitimacy in the eyes of many in that country.



INDIAN-ORIGIN DOCTOR SAYS "COMPLETELY FORGOT" DEATHS LINKED TO HIS SURGERIES



**Diary Times Desk :** Nearly two decades after the Bundaberg scandal, Indian-origin surgeon Jayant Patel has brushed aside the events that once made him one of Australia's most infamous medical figures. Confronted in the United States by a reporter for The Australian, his first public comment since 2015, the 75-year-old responded with a striking level of detachment. "It was ages ago, and I completely forgot about it, and I'm beyond that," he told the journalist in Portland, Oregon. He added, "That's done, that's history ... I don't react to stupid criticisms, I'm (moved) on with my life. I'm fine." Patel was once at the centre of an explosive medical and legal storm. Staff at Bundaberg Base Hospital in Queensland, where he worked from 2003 to 2005, accused him of botched surgeries, misdiagnoses, and dangerously careless methods.

RUSSIAN DRONE SLAMS INTO BLOCK OF FLATS IN DEADLY WAVE OF STRIKES ACROSS KYIV

**Diary Times Desk :** A Russian drone has slammed into a block of flats in eastern Kyiv, killing six people and wounding dozens of others, during a wave of strikes throughout the Ukrainian capital. As emergency workers sifted through the wreckage in the Lisovyi area, one Kyiv resident called Vita described how the drone had pierced the building, exploding on the other side. Meanwhile, Ukraine stepped up its attacks on Russia's oil infrastructure, with drone strikes on one of its biggest export terminals in Novorossiysk, on the Black Sea coast. Fire broke out at the Sheskharis oil refinery, and a ship and a block of flats were hit, officials said. Krasnodar governor Veniamin Kondratyev said three crew members and another man were hurt in the attack which damaged the main oil depot and a container terminal.

BBC APOLOGISES TO TRUMP OVER PANORAMA EDIT BUT REFUSES TO PAY COMPENSATION

**Diary Times Desk :** The BBC has apologised to US President Donald Trump for a Panorama episode that spliced parts of his 6 January 2021 speech together, but rejected his demands for compensation. The corporation said the edit had given "the mistaken impression that President Trump had made a direct call for violent action" and said it would not show the 2024 programme again. Lawyers for Trump have threatened to sue the BBC for \$1bn (£759m) in damages unless the corporation issues a retraction, apologises and compensates him. Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy told BBC Breakfast she was confident the corporation was "gripping this with the seriousness that it demands", adding her role was to ensure "the highest standards are upheld".

IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS DRAGS MARSHALL ISLANDS TANKER INTO ITS WATERS, TRIGGERS FRESH STANDOFF IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ



**Diary Times Desk :** Iran has opened another front at sea. On Friday, Iranian forces seized a Marshall Islands-flagged tanker in the Strait of Hormuz and pulled it into their territorial waters, setting off alarms across military and shipping circles already stretched by months of regional conflict. A US defence official confirmed the seizure of the Talara, saying Iranian forces "turned the ship into Iranian territorial waters." The Talara was moving from Ajman to Singapore when Iranian boats closed in. Data analysed by the Associated Press showed a US Navy MQ-4C Triton drone circling overhead "for hours," watching the seizure unfold in real time. Private security firm Ambrey said the assault involved "three small boats approaching the Talara." UKMTO called it possible "state activity," confirming the vessel was forced off its route and into Iranian waters. The tanker's manager, Columbia Shipmanagement, said the crew stopped responding without warning.

ISRAEL RETURNS BODIES OF 15 PALESTINIANS: GAZA HEALTH OFFICIALS

**Diary Times Desk :** Israel returned the bodies of 15 Palestinians to Gaza on Friday, officials at Nasser hospital in Khan Younis said, in the latest step to fulfil the terms of the fragile US-brokered ceasefire agreement. The bodies were returned after Hamas late Thursday handed over the body of one of the last four remaining Israeli hostages taken during the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that launched the war in Gaza. Israel identified the returned body as that of Meny Godard, who was abducted from Kibbutz Be'eri in southern Israel. His wife, Ayelet, was killed during the attack. The armed wings of Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad said Godard's body was recovered in southern Gaza. The bodies of 25 hostages have been returned to Israel since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began on Oct. 10. There are still three more in Gaza that need to be recovered and handed over. Hamas returned 20 living hostages to Israel on Oct. 13.

PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT CALLS MEETING OF ALL JUDGES AFTER PARLIAMENT PASSES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan's top court called a meeting of all judges on Friday, after parliament passed a constitutional amendment this week that curbed its remit, prompting two judges to quit, saying the reform "stands as a grave assault on the constitution". Under the amendment, which the political Opposition says has undermined democracy, the Supreme Court will no longer hear constitutional cases. The changes also expand the powers of the country's and extend his term. In theory, the remaining Supreme Court judges can suspend the new law, but lawyers said that was unlikely. Before this week, the court had 24 judges. Pakistan's government has waged a sweeping crackdown on dissent and its main Opposition, which has included jailing former prime minister Imran Khan for over two years. Rights groups say the crackdown has been led by the powerful military and have routinely looked to the courts to safeguard democracy. The military has repeatedly denied interfering in politics. The administration of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said the changes would improve governance and reward the army chief for the military's performance in the conflict with India in May.

ANALYSIS: BBC SIGNALS IT WILL FIGHT, NOT FOLD UNDER TRUMP'S POLITICAL PRESSURE

**Diary Times Desk :** At least half a dozen major media companies have stared down legal threats from President Trump this year. Some have chosen to fight, others have opted to fold. The BBC is signaling that it will fight.

On Thursday, the British national broadcaster responded to a demand letter from Trump's lawyers by apologizing for an editing error but arguing that the president doesn't have a serious case.

The public response indicated that if Trump goes ahead and sues, the BBC will vigorously defend itself, rather than immediately seek to settle the matter out of court.

It's a pivotal moment in the ongoing tug-of-war between Trump and the news outlets that strive to report on him independently and confidently.

APPLE LAUNCHES \$229.95 IPHONE POCKET 'SOCK' TO WIDESPREAD BEMUSEMENT

**Diary Times Desk :**

Apple has built its reputation on cutting-edge devices and sleek design, but the company's latest product is decidedly more low-tech.

The iPhone Pocket is a knitted strap developed in conjunction with fashion label Issey Miyake, "born from the idea of creating an additional pocket," Apple (AAPL) announced in a statement Tuesday.

Designed to fit any iPhone, the Pocket will be released Friday and will be available in a range of colors.

"Apple and ISSEY MIYAKE share a design approach that celebrates craftsmanship, simplicity, and delight," Molly Anderson, Apple's vice president of industrial design, said in the statement.

"This clever extra pocket exemplifies those ideas and is a natural accompaniment to our products," she added. "Its recognizable silhouette offers a beautiful new way to carry your iPhone, AirPods, and favourite everyday items."

BBC APOLOGIZES TO TRUMP OVER EDITING BLUNDER, REJECTS DEFAMATION CLAIM

**Diary Times Desk :** The BBC apologized to US President Donald Trump on Thursday over a documentary that Trump's lawyers described as false and defamatory, seeking to defuse a row that has plunged the public broadcaster into its worst crisis in years.

A BBC spokesperson said that lawyers for the broadcaster had written to Trump's legal team in response to a letter received on Sunday.

"BBC chair Samir Shah has separately sent a personal letter to the White House making clear to President (Donald) Trump that he and the corporation are sorry for the edit of the president's speech on 6 January 2021, which featured in the program," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said the BBC has no plans to rebroadcast the documentary on any BBC platforms while rejecting that it was defamatory.

Rebuffing Trump's demands for compensation, the broadcaster said that "while the BBC sincerely regrets the manner in which the video clip was edited, we strongly disagree there is a basis for a defamation claim."

THE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS IS FORCING TRUMP TO RADICALLY RESHAPE HIS ECONOMIC PLAN ON THE FLY

**Diary Times Desk :** President Donald Trump swept into office with a bold plan to remake America's economy. But the realities of a persistent affordability crisis, low favorability ratings and biting election losses for his Republican party are forcing him to remake his plan on the fly.

Although still in the early stages, Trump's Plan B appears to be a spaghetti-on-the-wall strategy that includes \$2,000 tariff rebate checks, 50-year and portable mortgages and lower tariffs on common grocery items.

Each tactic comes with significant question marks – and some are so radical economists fear they could squeeze Americans' finances even more.

Trump's Plan A  
The original Trump economic plan was based on three bold assumptions:

America could bring in hundreds of billions of dollars – perhaps even trillions – through tariffs that would fill the country's coffers without causing inflation to rise.

INVEST IN CRYPTO? HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR 2025 TAXES

**Diary Times Desk :** When it comes to voluntarily paying taxes on time to the IRS, crypto investors may not have a great record. At least, not according to an IRS review from 2023, which showed "the potential for" a mere 25% compliance rate.

Translation: Only about a quarter of crypto investors are likely voluntarily complying with their tax obligations.

But that low rate is likely to rise, because 2025 is the first year that investors with accounts on centralized crypto exchanges are subject to third-party reporting.

If you sold or exchanged crypto this year and conducted those transactions on a centralized exchange such as Coinbase, the exchange is now required to report your sales and exchanges to the IRS on Form 1099-DA (Digital Assets). You'll get a copy too, and it should be sent to you by January 30, 2026 in time for you to file your 2025 tax return.

To be clear, that reporting does not create any new tax obligations for you. But it will make it easier for the IRS to know if you're shirking them.  
But there is something in it for you, too.





THE TRUMP  
ADMINISTRATION IS  
LOWERING ITS MEGA  
TARIFFS ON  
SWITZERLAND

Diary Times Desk :

The Trump administration plans to lower the United States' tariffs on goods from Switzerland, the Swiss government announced Friday following a meeting with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

The tariff rate the US charges on Swiss imports will fall to 15% from 39%, among the highest levies the United States charges for any country's goods. More details on the agreement are set to be released later Friday.

"They're going to send a lot of manufacturing here to United States – pharmaceuticals, gold smelting, railway equipment," Greer said in a CNBC interview on Friday, previewing details of the agreement.

Wristwatches, unsmelted gold and medical equipment are all among the top goods the United States buys from Switzerland. While gold had been excluded from the tariffs, wristwatches and medical equipment, as well as other Swiss exports, could get cheaper for Americans to buy.

HOW 30-YEAR-OLD  
EBAY IS MAKING A  
COMEBACK THANKS TO  
AI

Diary Times Desk :

When Jamie Iannone took over as eBay's chief executive in early 2020, the company had undergone a leadership shakeup and was in the process of shedding businesses under pressure from activist investors. One of the internet's original shopping sites, it had just lost its position as the second largest ecommerce platform to Walmart amid a decline in relevance. But it soon got a boost from the Covid-19 pandemic. And now, the company wants to build on that momentum by investing in artificial intelligence. This year alone, eBay has introduced five new AI features, including AI-backed shipping estimates and a shopping chatbot, as well as a partnership with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI.

Investors appear optimistic about the strategy. eBay's stock has surged 75% since 2020; this year, its shares are up more than those of tech heavyweights Microsoft, Meta and Amazon.

WALMART CEO DOUG MCMILLON IS STEPPING DOWN



**Diary Times Desk :** Doug McMillon, Walmart's CEO for just over a decade, is retiring next year, the retailer announced Friday.

McMillon will be succeeded by John Furner on February 1, 2026. Furner is currently the CEO and president of Walmart's US operations, the company's largest business unit. Both executives have been with the company for several decades in various leadership roles.

The transition comes amid a tumultuous time for retailers, as tariffs and sinking consumer sentiment has roiled the industry's bottom lines.

Yet Walmart under McMillon has overcome many of the issues that have plagued competitors – its supply-chain dominance and grocery prowess has allowed Walmart to offer rock-bottom prices on necessities, attracting customers across a wide range of income groups.

The company reported in its most recent earnings call that its fastest-growing customer segment includes households who earn more than \$100,000 a year.

WHY MARKETS ARE SUDDENLY ON EDGE



**Diary Times Desk :** For months, it felt like nothing could knock stocks off their steady ascent – but November has been a rough month on Wall Street.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite is down almost 4% this month and on track for its first losing month since March. The Nasdaq has shed roughly \$2 trillion in market value in two weeks as investors have dumped tech stocks.

Stocks were lower Friday but bounced off their lows as investors bought the dip: The Nasdaq was down 0.15% after briefly falling more than 1.6%. The S&P 500 fell 0.3%. The Dow was down 390 points, or 0.82%. Wall Street's fear gauge, the VIX, jumped 10%.

The benchmark S&P 500 is down almost 2% this month while the Dow is down 1.2%. The S&P 500 has shed more than \$1.3 trillion in market value in just over two weeks as it has retreated from a record high set in late October.

After months of gains, investors have outsized expectations, making them easier to disappoint. Tech stocks have become relatively pricey.

And after the government shutdown halted official data releases for weeks, investors are unsure what the new figures, as government releases resume, will show about the state of the world's biggest economy. That, in turn, is stoking uncertainty about whether the Federal Reserve will continue to cut interest rates in December, and adding to the Wall Street jitters.

"When the government was shut down, we could believe whatever we wanted to believe," Ed Yardeni, president of Yardeni Research, told CNN's Matt Egan. "Now we need to be data dependent, and that may not be as much fun."

Enthusiasm about artificial intelligence carried the market to new record highs this year. But now some investors are hitting pause, taking profits and reassessing whether those stocks will continue to produce superior returns.

HIMACHAL PRADESH  
ELECTION COMMISSION  
RELEASES FINAL VOTER  
LISTS FOR PANCHAYAT,  
ULB ELECTIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** Even as the government has directed all Deputy Commissioners to examine proposals for the reorganisation of gram panchayats, the State Election Commission has published the final voter lists for the upcoming elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies in the state.

According to the commission's spokesperson, voter lists have been prepared for 3,548 out of 3,577 gram panchayats and for 70 Urban Local Bodies. For the remaining 29 gram panchayats, the list will be ready by December1.

The spokesperson said that, based on the completed voter lists, there are a total of 55,19,709 registered voters in the state, including 27,26,548 women and 27,93,161 men. The voter lists are available on the commission's website (<https://sechimachal.nic.in>), where voters can check their names; names can also be checked on the Voter Saarthi app.

LACK OF REGULAR  
FLIGHTS FROM  
HIMACHAL'S AIRPORTS  
IRKS HP HIGH COURT

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh High Court has taken serious note of the lack of regular flight operations from the state's three airports – Shimla, Kullu, and Kangra – and has sought responses from both the Central and state governments.A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj passed these directions during the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) that was originally filed concerning the issue of bird menace at Kangra (Gaggal) airport. During the hearing, the court expanded the scope of the PIL to include the issue of irregular flight services across all airports in Himachal Pradesh.

The court was informed that despite having three airports in the state, the Union of India has not ensured adequate flight operations, causing grave inconvenience to residents and tourists.

TARN TARAN BYPOLL RESULTS: AAP CLEARS LITMUS TEST AS HARMEET SINGH  
SANDHU SECURES WIN BY 12,091 VOTES

**Diary Times Desk :** In Punjab's Tarn Taran Assembly bypoll, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party's candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu has been declared the winner after maintaining a steady lead through most of the counting process.

Other prominent candidates in the race were Independent candidate Mandeep Singh who had the support of the Akali Dal (Waris Punjab De), Karanbir Singh Burj of the Congress, and Harjit Singh Sandhu of the BJP.

A total of 15 candidates were vying for the MLA's post. The counting of votes for the Tarn Taran bypoll, which began at 8 am here today, was completed in 16 rounds. The counting centre was set up at the International College of Nursing, Piddi.

In the polling on Tuesday, a voter turnout of 60.95 per cent had been recorded. The Assembly seat had fallen vacant after the death of AAP MLA Kashmir Singh Sohal in June.



PUNJAB ALL SET TO BRING  
FARMHOUSE POLICY IN ECO-  
FRAGILE KANDI AREA

**Diary Times Desk :** Coming to the "rescue" of several influential people, including politicians and bureaucrats, the Punjab government is all set to bring a farmhouse policy for eco-fragile Kandi area in lower Shivalik Hills, stretching from Mohali district to Pathankot district.

The policy is likely to be tabled in Friday's cabinet meeting.

The farmhouse policy will apply to the land taken out of the purview of the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA), 1900. The biggest beneficiaries will be those having land or already-constructed farmhouses in the Chandigarh periphery.

The policy has been tailor-made to suit the landowners in Chandigarh's periphery, allowing a farmhouse on 4,000 sq yd (nearly one acre) of land. Anticipating the policy, a number of people had been buying land in the area, pushing the prices high.


ABOHAR'S FIRST GIRLS' HOSTEL,  
FOUNDED BY LALAJPAT RAI,  
SEALED OVER RS 2.25 LAKH  
PROPERTY TAX DEFAULT

**Diary Times Desk :** The staff of the Abohar Municipal Corporation has sealed several properties for defaulting on property tax payments, including the Lala Lajpat Rai Mahila Hostel.

The hostel was run by the Servants of the People Society, which was founded in 1921 by Lala Lajpat Rai in Lahore and inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi. After Partition, the Society moved its headquarters to Delhi, and it now operates from Lajpat Nagar.

IKGujral, former Prime Minister, and Krishan Kant, the 10th Vice President of India, were among the trustees of the Society.

To provide necessary shelter for girl students and a proper hostel facility, it was decided to build the hostel in Abohar. With the help of the local market committee, the Municipal Committee, and donations from public, the hostel was built in 1967 and named LalaLajpat Rai Mahila Hostel. It was inaugurated on September 24, 1967, by Lalita Shastri, wife of late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, who was also the President of the Servants of the People Society.



## YOUR HOROSCOPE

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**Aries**

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

**Taurus**

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

**Gemini**

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

**Cancer**

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

**Leo**

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

**Virgo**

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

**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.





89% ENGINEERS FLUNK  
DEPT EXAM IN  
HARYANA, BELIE GOVT’S  
JOB-ON-MERIT CLAIMS

**Diary Times Desk :** Days after the Red Fort car Passing departmental examinations continues to be government officials’ Achilles heel. In a development that raises a question mark over academic and professional competence of civil, electrical, mechanical and horticulture assistant engineers/sub divisional engineers (AEs/SDEs), nearly 89 per cent of them have failed in the departmental professional examination.

The results of the examination, conducted by the Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) in May this year, were notified by Anurag Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (Buildings and Roads) Department, recently.

HC RAPS HARYANA  
CHILD WELFARE  
OFFICERS FOR  
‘MECHANICAL’  
HANDLING OF MINOR’S  
CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab and Haryana High Court has come down heavily on Haryana’s Child Welfare Officers for acting in “complete deviation from the objectives” of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, their actions exposed a 17-year-old girl to potential danger despite her being declared a child in need of care and protection. Expressing strong dissatisfaction with the functioning of the officers, Justice Vinod S. Bhardwaj observed: “Their actions reflect a deviation from the objectives of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which mandates a sensitive and rationale assessment of child’s safety and welfare. Instead of adhering to the spirit and intent of the Act, their good judgment has seemingly been clouded over by lack of rationality and proper application of mind.”

The court directed that a copy of its order be sent to the Additional Chief Secretary, Women and Child Welfare Department, Haryana, for “appropriate action against the officials concerned of the Child Welfare Committee for failing to show the sensitivity required in the present matter .

GURUGRAM JAIL LANDLINE USED TO THREATEN WITNESS: HIGH COURT ORDERS  
PROBE

**Diary Times Desk :** Taking cognizance of allegations that a complainant in a criminal intimidation and rioting with a deadly weapon case received threatening calls from a landline installed inside Gurugram District Jail, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ordered a probe into the matter.

Justice Surya Partap Singh asserted that it was alleged during the hearing of a bail petition by the counsel for the complainant that he had been receiving threatening calls from the landline number installed on the District Jail premises, and screenshots showing eight calls were also placed on record. “If the allegations are true, it is a very serious matter, which requires a thorough probe. Hence, it is hereby ordered that a copy of this order be forwarded to the Director-General of Police (Prisons) with a direction to have the matter investigated by a senior, responsible officer, and take appropriate action against the erring officers/officials,” the Bench asserted.



FROM SCHOOL DROPOUT TO SCAM  
KINGPIN: HOW HISAR MAN BUILT A  
RS 3,000-CR EMPIRE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Hisar court’s rejection of bail to Radhey Shyam, CMD of Future Maker Life Care Pvt. Ltd., has exposed the scale of a massive multi-level marketing (MLM) scam that collected over Rs 3,000 crore from lakhs of investors across India between 2015 and 2018.

Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Rajeev, while dismissing the bail plea of Radhey Shyam and his co-accused Bansilal Sihag on November 10, observed: “The accused, who have cheated persons in lakhs and earned money more than Rs 3,000 crore and who, despite a penalty order against them, have not paid the ordered service tax of approximately Rs 55 crore, are not entitled for the concession of bail. The bail of such accused and in such matters will shake the confidence of the public at large in the law of the nation.”

The court ordered both accused to remain in judicial custody till November 24, 2025.

ARJUNA AWARDEE WRESTLER  
POOJA DHANDA TIES NUPTIAL  
KNOT

**Diary Times Desk :** Arjuna awardee wrestler Pooja Dhanda has tied the nuptial knot with the wedding ceremony held at a private resort here.

Pooja, a resident of Sunder Nagar in Hisar, married Abhishek Boora, a businessman from Ghirai village in the district, on Thursday.

A bronze medallist in the 57kg category at the 2018 World Championships in Budapest, Pooja also won silver at the 2010 Summer Youth Olympics and the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, besides a bronze at the 2014 Asian Wrestling Championships.

She is currently employed as a senior wrestling coach with the Haryana Sports Department at Mahavir Stadium, Hisar. Her father, Ajmer Dhanda, retired from the Haryana Animal Husbandry Centre in Hisar.

DELHI MARCH: WHICH ROUTES TO TAKE TODAY, WHICH TO AVOID



**Diary Times Desk :** The Ambala police have issued a traffic advisory for commuters travelling on the National Highway in view of the Delhi march call by the Quami Insaaf Morcha from Shambhu border tomorrow. The route diversions will come into force from 5 am.

DSP Ramesh Kumar said members of Punjab organisations would gather at the Shambhu border and march towards Delhi in support of their demands. For the convenience of the commuters, in the event of traffic disruptions on the Ambala-Rajpura road, traffic arrangements and route diversions have been prepared.

Vehicles from Delhi travelling to Punjab via Rajpura, Patiala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar can proceed to Patiala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar via Lalru on the left side of the Ambala-Chandigarh road.

New Photo Released To Mark King Charles III's 77th Birthday

Buckingham Palace has marked King Charles III's 77th birthday Friday with the release of a new photo of the monarch.

The image, taken in May by photographer Millie Pilkington, shows Charles in the gardens of Sandringham Estate in Norfolk, with the sprawling stately home behind him.

Other photos, seemingly taken at the same time, show him wandering Sandringham's gardens and tending to a maple sapling. They were published in the magazine Country Life on Wednesday to mark Charles' restoration of the historic gardens.

On Friday, the King and Queen Camilla traveled to a reception at Cyfarthfa Castle, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of the Welsh capital, Cardiff, where he cut into an enormous birthday cake shaped like the castle. He later officially opened the South Wales Metro Train Depot, briefly sitting in the driver's seat of one of the new tram-trains, and greeted members of the public who had waited outside in the rain for his arrival. Meanwhile in London, gun salutes were fired in Green Park and by Tower Bridge. It has been a difficult few weeks for Charles. At the end of October, he took the extraordinary step to strip his brother Andrew of his royal titles, in an attempt to quell the scandal over Andrew's links to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

That scandal overshadowed a historic moment earlier in October when Charles became the first British monarch to publicly pray with a pope in at least 500 years when he visited the Vatican and met Pope Leo XIV. Charles continues to balance his duties as monarch with ongoing cancer treatment, after he was diagnosed with an undisclosed form of the disease in early 2024.

Images and birthday wishes were also released for the King today. Buckingham Palace published a new photograph by Millie Pilkington showing the King at his Sandringham Estate. "77 today!," it read. "Thank you for the kind words and well wishes on His Majesty's birthday." Prince William and Kate's Instagram account also used the image to wish the King a happy birthday.

The Royal Collection Trust shared two historical black-and-white images. One showed a baby Charles with his mother Queen Elizabeth in 1949, and another showed him aged two with his grandfather King George VI. The Gazette, the UK's official public record, posted an image of the original announcement of Charles's birth in 1948. "Yesterday evening at fourteen minutes after nine o'clock Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, was safely delivered of a Prince at Buckingham Palace," it read.

At 77, King Charles is now among Britain's oldest ever monarchs despite the fact he has only been on the throne for just over three years. The longest-lived was Queen Elizabeth who died aged 96, and before that the record was held by Queen Victoria who was 81 when she died in 1901. The King's birthday today was marked by gun salutes being fired across the UK, including from Green Park near to Buckingham Palace where 41 guns were fired at midday.



Issy Ronald

The appearance of autumnal rain underscored why British monarchs often get two birthdays – one of which is "official" and marked by the Trooping the Colour parade.



Jessie Yeung

The new crew on board the Shenzhou-21 – who are now without a spaceship to return in – include China's youngest astronaut to be sent to space, 32-year-old Wu Fei.

# Delays Return To Earth

## CHINESE ASTRONAUTS ARRIVE HOME AFTER SUSPECTED DEBRIS STRIKE

Three Chinese astronauts landed back on Earth on Friday more than a week later than their scheduled arrival, capping an extended stay in space after a suspected debris strike left their spaceship with a cracked window.

The crew of the Shenzhou-20 spaceflight had been due to finish their mission at China's Tiangong space station last Wednesday; they'd even handed the keys to the space station to a new crew who had just arrived for their own six-month mission.

But instead, their journey home was postponed "due to a suspected impact from tiny space debris" to their ship, according to state-run news agency Xinhua.

After a nine-day wait, they finally headed home on the Shenzhou-21 spacecraft that transported the incoming crew, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).



"The path of humanity's exploration of space is not smooth," Chen Dong, one of the astronauts, told journalists in front of the capsule. "It is full of difficulties and challenges, and that is also why we choose to walk this path."

Medical teams found that the astronauts were in good physical condition, Chinese state media outlet CCTV reported.

The damaged Shenzhou-20 ship had "a slight crack" in the window of its return capsule, likely caused by debris impact, making it unsafe for the crew to return in, according to the CMSA. The ship will stay in orbit to carry out experiments instead, the agency said. During their extra week in space, the crew continued working and living alongside the newly arrived Shenzhou-21 astronauts, as the space station has enough capacity to support two crews in orbit, according to Xinhua. The Tiangong station is only one of two operating space stations, alongside the International Space Station.

Since it was completed in 2022, the biannual launches of China's Shenzhou program have been a source of national pride. Recent advances have seen China break an American-held record for the longest spacewalk, with a nine-hour sortie, and it's about to open the doors of the Tiangong to foreigners for the first time, with plans to welcome an astronaut from Pakistan next year.

The Shenzhou-22, due to launch sometime next year, will include one astronaut who stays more than a year for a "long-duration residency experiment," Xinhua reported.

China's rapid development in space exploration has raised alarm bells in Washington, which is racing to put an astronaut on the moon again. The Trump administration placed bans on Chinese citizens with US visas participating in NASA programs.

The US space agency is familiar with the difficulties of retrieving astronauts who have been left in limbo. NASA astronaut Frank Rubio, for example, spent 371 days on the ISS — a US record — after a tiny piece of space debris struck his Russian Soyuz spacecraft and forced a monthslong extension to his trip.

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## California Licenses That Remained Valid

### CALIFORNIA REVOKES 17,000 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR IMMIGRANTS

California plans to revoke 17,000 commercial driver's licenses given to immigrants after discovering the expiration dates went past when the drivers were legally allowed to be in the US, state officials said Wednesday.



Aaron Blake

Under the new rules, only 10,000 of the 200,000 noncitizens who have commercial licenses would qualify for them, which would only be available to drivers who have an H-2a, H-2b or E-2 visa.

The announcement follows harsh criticism from the Trump administration about California and other states granting licenses to people in the country illegally. The issue was thrust into the public's consciousness in August, when a tractor-trailer driver not authorized to be in the US made an illegal U-turn and caused a crash in Florida that killed three people.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Wednesday that California's action to revoke these licenses is an admission that the state acted improperly even though it previously defended its licensing standards. California launched its review of commercial driver's licenses it issued after Duffy raised concerns.

"After weeks of claiming they did nothing wrong, Gavin Newsom and California have been caught red-handed. Now that we've exposed their lies, 17,000 illegally issued trucking licenses are being revoked," Duffy said, referring to the state's governor.

"This is just the tip of iceberg. My team will continue to force California to prove they have removed every illegal immigrant from behind the wheel of semitrucks and school buses." Newsom's office said that every one of the drivers whose license is being revoked had valid work authorizations from the federal government.

At first, his office declined to disclose the exact reason for revoking the licenses, saying only they violated state law. Later, his office revealed the state law it was referring to was one that requires the licenses expire on or before a person's legal status to be in the United States ends, as reported to the DMV.

Still, Newsom's spokesperson Brandon Richards shot back at Duffy in a statement.

"Once again, the Sean 'Road Rules' Duffy fails to share the truth — spreading easily disproven falsehoods in a sad and desperate attempt to please his dear leader," Richards said. Fatal truck crashes in Texas and Alabama earlier this year also highlight questions about these licenses. A fiery California crash that killed three people last month involved a truck driver in the country illegally, only adding to the concerns.

Duffy previously imposed new restrictions on which immigrants

can qualify for commercial driver's licenses. He said earlier this fall that California and five other states had improperly issued commercial driver's licenses to noncitizens, but California is the only state Duffy has taken action against because it was the first one where an audit was completed.

The reviews in the other states have been delayed by the government shutdown, but the Transportation Department is urging all of them to tighten their standards.

Duffy revoked \$40 million in federal funding because he said California isn't enforcing English language requirements for truckers, and he reiterated Wednesday that he will take another \$160 million from the state over these improperly issued licenses if they don't invalidate every illegal license and address all the concerns.

But revoking these licenses is part of the state's effort to comply.





## COLLECTING GUIDE: THE MOST COVETED HERMÈS COLOURS

Diary Times Desk : Hermès is renowned for its fine leather and vast kaleidoscope of colours. Each colour palette is meticulously designed, epitomising timeless elegance and refined taste. The extensive range of colours offers fashion enthusiasts a wealth of choices. The diverse combinations of the materials and colours, spanning from delicate hues to vibrant shades, reflects the brand's ultimate quest for colour accuracy and its dedication to craftsmanship in the dyeing process. These shades can reflect different styles and have become an important tool for self-expression.

Each colour is assigned a unique Hermès colour code, consisting of numbers and letters. Drawing on years of experience, Christie's Handbags & Accessories specialists reveal an exquisite selection of the Hermès colours that are most sought after by collectors.

**5P Pink**

5P Pink is undisputedly the most iconic of all Hermès pink shades. It has been widely admired by collectors since its release and hailed as Hermès's best pink shade. While often seen on Epsom leathers, it becomes even more coveted among collectors when rendered in exotic skins. The recurring presence of Hermès 5P Pink handbags in pop culture underscores their significant influence and enduring value in the market.

**3Q Rose Sakura**

It is a delicate and refreshing shade of cherry blossom pink, inspired by the soft hues of cherry blossom petals and evoking the vitality and energy of spring. Hermès handbags in 3Q Rose Sakura have consistently achieved remarkable results at auctions, making this shade one of the most sought-after colours of Hermès handbags.

**J5 Rose Shéhérazade**

When collectors speak of luminous, captivating pinks, one shade invariably comes to mind: Hermès' enchanting Rose Shéhérazade, also known as 'Scheherazade Pink'. Its name draws inspiration from the literary classic One Thousand and One Nights, referencing the legendary queen Scheherazade, famed for her storytelling prowess. This association lends the color an aura of mystery and romance, imbued with a regal sophistication. The hue itself is a refined pink with balanced saturation and a subtle undertone of violet, creating depth and complexity. Reserved exclusively for the precious exotic leathers, Rose Shéhérazade underscores rarity and distinction. Its character is elegant yet mature, touched with a vintage sensibility reminiscent of shimmering rose quartz. Under varying light, the shade reveals delicate, nuanced shifts, offering a rich visual experience that collectors treasure.



## FROM JAR EARRINGS TO A LACLOCHE FRÈRES BRACELET: MAGNIFICENT JEWELS OFFERED IN GENEVA

Diary Times Desk : A 12.68-carat diamond pendant necklace

Among the most legendary of all diamonds are those that come from the Golconda mines in modern-day Hyderabad. For two millennia, these mines were the world's only source of fine diamonds, channelled to the West via caravans on the Silk Road. Many historic diamonds came from there, including the Koh-i-Noor, the Nassak Diamond, the blue Hope Diamond, the pink Daria-i-Noor and the Dresden Green Diamond. But by the middle of the 19th century, the mines had been exhausted.

Often large and with high clarity — thanks to a formula of pure carbon with no nitrogen — Golconda diamonds are generally graded Type IIa, a rare designation of quality that accounts for less than two per cent of all natural diamonds in existence.

Although it can't be proven, the central diamond in this necklace possesses all the defining traits of a Golconda stone: it's classified Type IIa, with extraordinary clarity and purity. The pear-shaped gem was mounted in this gold and platinum pendant around 1910.

'Old-cut diamonds have a timeless appeal — and this one is truly captivating,' says Althéa Hanshaw Haft, a Jewellery specialist at Christie's in Geneva. 'Its perfect balance of proportion, clarity and colour, together with an impressive weight of 12.68 carats, gives it a rare and irresistible charm. It's the kind of stone that speaks to the heart of every lover of antique gems.'

A Lacloche Frères Art Deco ruby, emerald, onyx and diamond bracelet

During the 1920s, as the Art Deco movement reverberated out from Paris across continental Europe, artists began to incorporate fashionable exotic motifs into the era's streamlined aesthetic, with chinoiserie and 'Japonisme' seeing a revival.

Made around 1925 — the year of the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in Paris, which gave us the term 'Art Deco' — this bracelet is decorated with scenes inspired by Japan. A sun sets between two mountains, its glowing colour reflected in rippling water; a red pagoda and bridge are surrounded by trees and flowering plants; and a sailing boat is greeted by a flock of birds.

The images are crafted from just three coloured gems: red rubies, green emeralds and black onyx. Set against a background of diamonds, the overall design resembles a tapestry draped around the wrist. This technique was pioneered by Lacloche Frères, one of the most acclaimed jewellers of the period.



BARCELONA AND RFEF PRESIDENTS TO MEET TO EASE TENSIONS  
OVER LAMINE YAMAL ISSUE



**Diary Times Desk :** The past few months have seen tensions rise between Barcelona and the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) over the handling of Lamine Yamal’s fitness.

The Blaugrana were unhappy that the 18-year-old was made to play during the September international break despite not being at 100% fit, which has given way to recurring pubalgia issues.

Lamine then missed the Spain call-up in October due to the discomfort resurfacing. And, while he was called up this month, he was forced to withdraw after undergoing treatment for pubalgia, much to the anger of Spain manager Luis de la Fuente and the RFEF.

Meeting between Barcelona and RFEF presidents  
As such, AS now reports that RFEF president Rafael Louzan is set to meet with Barcelona president Joan Laporta to resolve the matter.

BARCELONA DEFENDER REMAINS  
HOPEFUL OF A RENEWAL OFFER FROM  
CLUB – REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** “I don’t have a plan B,” Andreas Christensen said in an interview earlier this week when asked whether he had an alternative for his future if he did not renew his contract with FC Barcelona.

The Danish international’s current deal with the Blaugrana expires in June, and the club have not yet addressed a possible extension because they are not convinced about continuing with him.

Christensen remains hopeful  
However, according to MARCA, despite the current situation, Christensen remains hopeful of earning a renewal from Barcelona and believes that the door has not been closed yet.

After all, in recent windows, the Catalans seriously considered letting him go, yet the centre-back stayed put in the dressing room.

Christensen joined Barcelona in 2022 on a free transfer from Chelsea. He played a significant role in his first two seasons at the club under Xavi Hernandez: in 2022/23, he made 32 appearances, and in 2023/24, he played 42 matches, starting 38 of them.

THE TRANSFER FEE AND SALARY BARCELONA WILL HAVE TO SHELL OUT FOR  
PROLIFIC LEWANDOWSKI SUCCESSOR – REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** Barcelona’s search for a long-term replacement for Robert Lewandowski has once again turned the spotlight towards the European market, and one name that continues to be strongly linked with the club is Harry Kane.

Earlier today, it emerged that the Catalans are actively exploring options for a new number 9, especially with Lewandowski’s contract expiring at the end of the season.

Kane remains one of the standout candidates, but according to SPORT, neither the English striker nor Barcelona are rushing into a final decision.

Keys of potential transfer  
From Barcelona’s perspective, several factors make Kane an attractive choice.

The club is aware that the Bayern Munich forward would be open to leaving Germany if offered a long-term deal, and crucially, the operation comes with a predefined cost.

BARCELONA AMONG TOP CLUBS  
MONITORING TEENAGE MIDFIELD GEM  
LIKENED TO PEDRI

**Diary Times Desk :** Earlier this week, Netherlands manager Ronald Koeman made a huge statement about young Dutch midfielder Kees Smit, comparing him to Barcelona maestro Pedri.

The Oranje head coach, who handed Pedri his breakthrough at Barça, claimed that he saw similarities between the Spanish superstar and the up-and-coming 19-year-old Smit, who plays for AZ Alkmaar.

Barcelona watching Smit

Building on that, the Daily Mail in England reports that Barcelona are one of many clubs closely watching the development of Smit.

Apart from the Blaugrana, their bitter rivals, Real Madrid, are also interested in the teenage Dutch midfielder. German heavyweights Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund are also in the mix.

More recently, Premier League club Newcastle United have also entered the fray as potential suitors of Smit, with new director Ross Wilson keen on adding more young talent to the squad. Crystal Palace have also been touted as admirers.



LA LIGA FORWARD NAMES  
MESSI AND ETO’O AS HIS  
IDOLS AMID BARCELONA  
INTEREST

**Diary Times Desk :** Etta Eyong has emerged as one of the rising stars in La Liga, establishing himself as a leader of the Levante frontline.

The forward has already racked up six goals in 12 league games so far, which has put clubs like Barcelona on red alert as they look to find a long-term replacement for Robert Lewandowski.

Eyong fits the bill perfectly, given his age profile and knack for finding himself in goalscoring opportunities. And now, the player himself has been throwing hints about his desire to join Barcelona as well.

Eyong hits at Barcelona move  
In a recent interview with SportyTV (h/t Mundo Deportivo), the Cameroon international again revealed his strong preference for a move to Barcelona by referencing the club’s illustrious past and his childhood heroes.

TOTAL COMMITMENT –  
BARCELONA MIDFIELDER  
SHOWS UP TO TRAINING ON  
AN OFF DAY

**Diary Times Desk :** The majority of the Barcelona players right now are busy representing their nations in the ongoing November international break, while others are sidelined due to injury.

Coach Hansi Flick had initially scheduled days of training for players who are not part of the international break, after which a holiday was given today.

Marc Casado shows up to train  
However, as reported by SPORT, Marc Casado was seen showing up for training today, even on a day when all Barcelona players were given an off.

Casado voluntarily showed up to the Ciutat Esportiva at nine in the morning, choosing to dedicate the day to extra work rather than rest. He changed into his kit and went out onto the pitch to complete recovery and maintenance exercises.

Casado’s commitment is not surprising, as he has reportedly responded admirably to everything Hansi Flick has asked of him in recent weeks.

For the German coach, while respecting mandatory rest periods is essential, he greatly appreciates that players like Casado decide to train on their own initiative.

Casado, who could soon be up for a pay raise, was not entirely alone, however. Midfielders Gavi and Marc Bernal were also observed at the facilities this morning.