

NEWS IN BRIEF

**SC DIRECTS
JHARKHAND TO
NOTIFY 126
COMPARTMENTS AS
SARANDA WILDLIFE
SANCTUARY**

Diary Times Desk :
The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Jharkhand government to notify 126 compartments in the Saranda forest area as a wildlife sanctuary within three months, and prohibited any mining activity within a one-km radius of its boundary.

Observing that the state government cannot run away from its duty to declare the extent of 31,468.25 hectares as Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary, a Bench comprising Chief Justice of India BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran, however, excluded six compartments designated for mining.

"We direct that the state government shall notify the area comprising of 126 compartments as notified in 1968 notification, excluding six compartments i.e., compartment numbers KP-2, KP-10, KP-11, KP-12, KP-13 and KP-14, as a wildlife sanctuary within a period of three months from the date of this judgment," the Bench said.

**INDO-US NUCLEAR
DEAL ESTABLISHED
EX-PM MANMOHAN
SINGH KNEW HOW
TO DO POLITICS;
MONTEK
AHLUWALIA**

Diary Times Desk :
Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh established through the India-US nuclear deal that he knew how to do politics when it was really necessary,

even though the deal is still "not appropriately appreciated", his close aide Montek Singh Ahluwalia said on Thursday.

Delivering a lecture on 'The Life and Legacy of Dr Manmohan Singh' as part of the prime minister's lecture series organised by the Centre for Contemporary Studies of Prime Ministers Museum and Library, the former Planning Commission deputy chairman said the present cooperation in the fields of defence and security would not have been possible had the nuclear deal not been signed.

**DELHI
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potassium) fertiliser, approximately worth Rs 3 lakh, from suppliers in Gurugram, Nuh, and nearby towns. The fertiliser, mixed with other chemicals, is commonly used to manufacture Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). A senior police officer said a large bag — believed to have contained explosives — was placed on the back seat of the car driven by Dr Umar, as he travelled to Delhi ahead of the blast. The chilling hours of his journey from Haryana to the national capital have been pieced together bit by bit in a route-mapping exercise by police, showing how he halted for food at a roadside eatery and spent the night inside his car before entering the national capital the next morning.

According to police sources, Umar's movements indicate meticulous planning and deliberate attempts to avoid detection.

A police source said he started on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway on Sunday and then got off the expressway, reaching Firozpur Jhirka in Haryana's Nuh district. He reportedly stopped at a roadside dhaba there and spent the night inside his car.

"He appeared to be hiding but not in panic. He avoided major towns, preferring highways and small eateries," the police source said.

WOMAN INJURED AS LEOPARD PAWS THROUGH SAFARI BUS WINDOW IN BANNERGHATTA PARK

Diary Times Desk : A woman was injured after a leopard allegedly tried to attack her through the mesh window of a safari bus in Bannerghatta National Park here on Thursday, officials said.

The woman identified as Vahitha Banu (56), was immediately given first aid and later shifted to a private hospital for further treatment.

The incident occurred at around 1 pm during a leopard safari trip, they said.

A video of the incident, widely shared on social media, shows the leopard climbing on to the safari bus and pawing through the window in an attempt to attack the woman. According to officials, the safari buses in the park are fitted with metal wire mesh on their windows and openings to prevent animals from coming into direct contact with visitors, and that the leopard's paw had reached through a small gap in the mesh. "The woman received scratch injuries to her hand and was given first aid. She was shifted to a private hospital for treatment and is stated to be doing fine," an official said.

"However, the authorities are reviewing the incident and non-AC bus safari will be stopped indefinitely till further communication and the buses will be assessed for complete safety during the downtime. Inconvenience caused to visitors is regretted," it added.

**RED FORT BLAST: PROFESSOR, CARDIOLOGY
STUDENT HELD; MORE ATTACKS WERE
PLANNED IN 4 CITIES**

Diary Times Desk : A medical college professor and a cardiology student, both from Jammu and Kashmir, were detained in Uttar Pradesh in connection with the Delhi blast even as investigators said more attacks were planned in four cities across the country by an interstate 'white-collar terror' module.

Meanwhile, the government on Thursday ordered a forensic audit of all records of the Al Falah University, which is under the scanner following the Delhi blast, besides asking the ED and other financial investigative agencies to check the money trail of the Haryana-based institution, sources said.

The car blast near Red Fort on Monday night claimed 13 lives and injured several others.

In the evening, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) suspended the university's membership, saying it "does not appear to be in good standing".

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council had earlier issued a show-cause notice to Al Falah University for displaying false certification on its website.

**PLANNED JOURNEY, ZIGZAG ROUTES, SWISS APP: DETAILS
EMERGE OF DELHI BLAST SUSPECT'S MODUS OPERANDI**

Diary Times Desk : Using footage from more than 50 CCTV cameras, Delhi Police have reconstructed Dr Umar Nabi's last hours, right from leaving Faridabad the night before the Red Fort blast to driving an explosives-laden car slowly towards the metro station the next evening, seconds before it blew up.

Investigators have also found that the three suspects — Dr Umar Un Nabi, Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, and Dr Shaheen Shahid — allegedly used a Switzerland-based encrypted messaging app to plan and coordinate their activities related to the terror conspiracy.

Police said the four suspects had pooled more than Rs 26 lakh in cash, which was handed over to Umar for safekeeping and operational use.

Using the pooled money, the group had allegedly purchased around 26 quintals of NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus, and

MUMBAI-BENGALURU HIGHWAY**6 DEAD, 10 INJURED AS
CAR GETS CRUSHED
BETWEEN 2 CONTAINER
TRUCKS ENGULFED IN
FLAMES IN PUNE**

Diary Times Desk : Six people were killed as a car got crushed between two large container trucks that caught fire on a bridge along the Mumbai-Bengaluru Highway in Pune city on Thursday, police said.

Ten people were injured in the accident that took place on the Navale Bridge in the evening, they said.

"As per the preliminary information, a heavy container truck was going towards Mumbai on the highway. When it reached the bridge, its driver lost control over it due to a suspected brake failure. This large vehicle then hit another big container moving ahead. However, a car running between these two containers got crushed," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 1) Sambhaji Kadam said.

The accident triggered a huge fire and the vehicles got engulfed in it, he said. "Six people died in the accident and 10 others were injured," the official added. Efforts to pull the bodies out from the mangled remains were on, and the injured were rushed to hospital, he said. City Commissioner of Police Amitesh Kumar, who visited the spot, said, "The fire erupted due to the impact of the collision." In the videos that surfaced after the accident, the car is seen crushed between the two heavy vehicles that got engulfed in a huge fire.

**ED ATTACHES RS 61 CRORE
ASSETS OF BHUPESH
BAGHEL'S SON IN
CHHATTISGARH LIQUOR
SCAM**

Diary Times Desk : The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 61.20 crore belonging to Chaitanya Baghel, son of former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the ongoing investigation into the Chhattisgarh liquor scam.

The attached assets include immovable properties in the form of 364 residential plots and agricultural lands worth Rs 59.96 crore, and movable properties in the form of bank balances and fixed deposits worth Rs 1.24 crore. The ED initiated the investigation based on an FIR registered by the ACB/EOW, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, under various sections of the IPC, 1860, and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, regarding the liquor scam in Chhattisgarh.

The police investigation revealed that the Chhattisgarh liquor scam resulted in a massive loss to the State Exchequer and enriched the beneficiaries with more than Rs 2,500 crore of Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated by the commission of scheduled offenses.

**STRICTEST POSSIBLE PUNISHMENT FOR DELHI
BLAST PERPETRATORS; WILL SEND MESSAGE
TO WORLD: AMIT SHAH**

Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said the punishment for those behind the blast in Delhi will send a message to the world that no one should ever dare to even think of such an attack again.

Shah was speaking, through video link, at the inauguration of Shri Motibhai R Chaudhary Sagar Sainik School and Sagar Organic Plant at Boriyavi village in Gujarat's Mehsana district.

"All those who committed this cowardly act and those behind it will be brought before the law and given the strictest possible punishment. The Government of India and Ministry of Home Affairs are fully committed to ensuring this," he was quoted as saying in an official release.

He also expressed deep condolences for the families of the victims of the blast, it said.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to ensure strict punishment for all those responsible for this terrorist act will definitely be fulfilled," Shah said, as per the Press Information Bureau release.



UNIVERSITIES' BODY SUSPENDS AL FALAH'S MEMBERSHIP
AFTER RED FORT BLAST



Diary Times Desk : The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on Thursday suspended the membership of Al Falah University, which is under the scanner in connection with the Red Fort blast case, officials said.

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with membership of Indian universities. It provides a forum for administrators and academicians of member universities to exchange views and discuss matters of common concern.

"It is intimated that, as per the bye-laws of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), all universities shall be treated as members as long as they remain in good standing," said AIU Secretary General Pankaj Mittal.

"However, it has come to notice that Al Falah University, Faridabad, Haryana, does not appear to be in good standing. Accordingly, the membership of AIU that was accorded to Al Falah University, Faridabad.

MATERIALS USED TO PRODUCE
TOXIN RICIN FOUND AT
DOCTOR'S HOUSE IN
HYDERABAD

Diary Times Desk : A team from the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) conducted a raid in Hyderabad on Thursday, seizing highly incriminating materials linked to the production of ricin, one of the world's most potent biological toxins.

The raid targeted the residence of Dr Ahmed Mohiyuddin Saiyyad, who is among three people arrested by the Gujarat ATS.

The operation, which took place in the early hours of Wednesday, saw 10 to 12 ATS personnel confiscate several items critical for extracting the lethal substance.

The Gujarat ATS suspects the arrested individuals, including Dr Ahmed, were involved in a sinister plan to use ricin as a biological weapon. The seizure of precursor materials like castor pulp and extraction equipment strongly suggests an attempt to manufacture the toxin.

DAYS AFTER DELHI BLAST, LOUD BLAST-LIKE SOUND SPARKS
PANIC NEAR AIRPORT

Diary Times Desk : A loud blast-like sound in southwest Delhi's Mahipalpur this morning sparked panic among local residents, with police later clarifying that the source of the sound was a bus tyre burst.

The incident occurred at a time as the Capital is on high alert, after a high-intensity explosion in the heavily crowded Red Fort area on Monday evening claimed 13 lives. The tyre burst took place near the Radisson Hotel.

The Delhi Fire Services said they received a call at 9.19 am about a blast-like loud sound heard near Radisson in Mahipalpur. Three fire tenders were rushed to the spot, they said.

"The caller was contacted. He said that while he was on the way to Gurugram, a loud noise was heard. We checked everything and nothing was found," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Amit Goel said.

On Monday evening, a white Hyundai i20 exploded near Red Fort, injuring 20 people. The impact of the blast was so intense that several nearby vehicles were damaged. The area was immediately thrown into chaos as people scrambled to help the injured.

"DELHI BLAST CLEARLY A TERROR ATTACK": RUBIO LAUDS
INDIA'S "MEASURED" PROBE



Diary Times Desk : The United States has said that the car blast near the Red Fort in Delhi -- which claimed the lives of at least nine people -- was "clearly" a "terrorist attack". US Secretary of State Marco Rubio praised New Delhi's professionalism in handling the probe into the blast and said the country's actions have been measured and cautious.

"The Indians need to be commended. They've been very measured, cautious and very professional in how they're carrying out this investigation. That investigation continues. It clearly was a terrorist attack. It was a car loaded with highly explosive materials that detonated and killed a lot of people," Rubio said while addressing the media, responding to a query on India declaring the Delhi blast a "terror incident".

SUPREME COURT'S 'BAN LUXURY CARS' TIP
FOR PROMOTING ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Diary Times Desk : Phasing out luxury petrol and diesel cars could be the starting point for a proper implementation of the Centre's plans to promote Electric Vehicles (EVs), the Supreme Court said today.

The bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi was hearing a public interest litigation that seeks effective implementation of the government's EV promotion policies.

"One idea based on some experiences in dealing with cases ... now in electric vehicles also, there are very good bigger cars introduced in the market which can be as convenient as the other gas guzzlers which many VIPs and big companies are using," Justice Kant said.

"I am not naming anyone because I don't want to cause any prejudice. Just think of imposing a ban on the very high-end vehicles first of all. So it will not affect the common man. Because very small part of the Indian population can afford that," he added.

LT GENERAL'S CAR HIT BY VIP ESCORT ON
ZIRAKPUR FLYOVER

Diary Times Desk : A VIP escort vehicle hit the car of Lt General DS Hooda (retd) and sped away on the flyover here today.

Sharing details about the incident on "X", the Army veteran said the incident took place around 4 pm when he was travelling with his wife. Two Punjab Police jeeps escorting a VIP towards Ambala came from behind, with their sirens blaring. He slowed the vehicle to let the first vehicle pass, but the VIP car could not overtake him amid heavy traffic.

"Angered, the rear escort jeep, while overtaking from the left, deliberately cut sharply right, hitting the front of my car and then sped off. It was clearly a deliberate act, not only damaging the car, but with no concern of our personal safety on a very crowded road. The arrogance and impunity of someone who is supposed to be a guardian of law soils the uniform and reputation of the organisation. Hope Bhagwant Mann and DGP Punjab Police take note," he further added.

Zirakpur Assistant Superintendent of Police Ghazalpreet Kaur said, "He has informed us about the incident telephonically.

WHITE-COLLAR TERROR
MODULE: COUNTER
INTELLIGENCE KASHMIR
CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT
RAIDS ACROSS VALLEY

Diary Times Desk : The Counter Intelligence wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday carried out raids at several locations across the Valley in connection with the "white-collar terror module" and the recent blast near Delhi's Red Fort, officials said.

Around 10 persons, including three government employees, have been picked up for questioning from various parts of Kashmir. The officials said the investigators picked up the suspects from Anantnag, Pulwama and Kulgam districts during overnight raids.

The raids are currently being carried out by Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) at 13 locations, they said.

DECEASED PILOT NOT
BLAMED FOR AHMEDABAD
PLANE CRASH: CENTRE TO
SC

Diary Times Desk : The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the pilot is not being blamed for the Ahmedabad plane crash that claimed 260 lives.

During the hearing on Thursday, the Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Central government, said that no blame was being attributed to pilot or anyone for the plane crash.

"Any interference in the matter may be counterproductive to the ongoing investigation by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)," Mehta told the apex court's two-judge bench of the apex court, headed by Justice Surya Kant and Justice Jyomalya Bagchi.

"There is an international convention and civil aviation organisation. They have prepared mandatory steps to be taken in case of investigation of air crashes. There is a regime in place. Some foreigners are also victims. Those countries also send their representatives in the investigation," he said. "The MCA has issued a press note that there is no blame attributed to anybody," Mehta told the Court. The law officer further contended that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) probe team into the plane crash was formed under the international regime and there is a statutory provision for it.

"The regime that Mehta has mentioned has not been followed. That's the problem. It has not been properly followed," the lawyer submitted.

32 CARS IN RED FORT TERRORISTS' CHILLING
PLOT FOR BABRI REVENGE: SOURCES



Diary Times Desk : Thirty-two cars - including a Maruti Suzuki Brezza, Maruti Swift Dzire, and a Ford EcoSport - were being prepped to carry explosive materials and/or deliver bombs, sources close to the Delhi Red Fort blast investigation told NDTV Thursday. The cars - including the Hyundai i20 that exploded Monday evening - were meant to be part of a serial 'revenge' attack targeting multiple locations, including six in Delhi on December 6 - when the 16th century Babri Masjid in Ayodhya was torn down by a mob.

The cars identified so far were chosen because they are old and have been re-sold multiple times, making it difficult for the cops to trace them. However, all four have now been found; the Brezza - HR87 U 9988 - was found on the campus of the Al-Falah School of Medical Sciences and Research Centre in Haryana's Faridabad, an institution that has emerged as the epicentre of the terrorists' activities.

'NO CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR AFTER
BLAST': ARRESTED KANPUR DOCTOR'S
FLATMATE

Diary Times Desk : Dr Abhishek, flatmate of Dr Arif, who has been called in for questioning in connection with the Delhi blast case, on Thursday revealed that there was no change in the doctor's behaviour after the blast occurred in the national capital, implying that his body language remained normal.

Responding to queries after a press conference here, Dr Abhishek denied sharing any personal relations with him and said that Arif had only informed him about his father's health conditions. He also noted that Arif never recalled anyone named Dr Shaheen or Parvez before him.

"We were not friends. Initially, when we come here, we do not get hostels, so the resident doctors usually rent a flat. I never heard the names of Dr Shaheen or Dr Parvez from him. He told me his father was a cancer patient. There was no change in his behaviour (after the blast). I got that flat from a broker," Dr Abhishek said.

'WE ARE DOOMED, WHAT MORE CAN BE SAID': FAMILIES OF
KASHMIRI DOCTORS LINKED TO 'TERROR MODULE' CASE

Diary Times Desk : When Umar Nabi joined the prestigious Government Medical College in J&K's capital Srinagar to study medicine, it felt like a personal achievement for his father Ghulam Nabi Bhat who too had once aspired to become a doctor. "No one in the family slept on the day when his results came," said Bhat, 53, on November 12, sitting on the porch of his dilapidated double-storey house in Koil village of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

"It felt like a dream come true." This dream started taking the shape of a nightmare after unconfirmed reports began circulating in the media earlier this week claiming that Nabi, an assistant professor of medicine at Al Falah University in Faridabad, drove the Hyundai car which exploded near the Red Fort in New Delhi on November 10.



TOXIC AIR CONTINUES TO
GRIP DELHI AMID SPIKE IN
FARM FIRES

Diary Times Desk : The national capital continued to breathe toxic air on Wednesday with pollution levels remaining 'severe' for the second straight day at 418, as stubble-burning in the neighbouring regions contributed most to Delhi's foul air.

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) remained 'severe' with the 24-hour average recorded at 418 at 4 pm, according to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data. A 'severe' AQI poses serious health risks even to healthy individuals, and can affect those with existing respiratory or cardiac conditions badly. According to the Decision Support System (DSS) data, stubble-burning contributed 22.4 per cent to Delhi's PM2.5 concentration on Wednesday - the highest share from farm fires recorded so far this winter.

Delhi recorded its first 'severe' air quality day of the season on Tuesday, with the overall AQI reaching 428. The air quality, which had been 'very poor' for several days, deteriorated further due to stagnant weather conditions and local emissions.

POLITICS OVERTAKES RED FORT BLAST,
CONGRESS VS BJP OVER P
CHIDAMBARAM'S COMMENT

Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's comment about "home-grown terrorists" has unleashed a full-scale political war between the Congress and the BJP in the aftermath of the terror attack near Delhi's iconic Red Fort. BJP leaders, who have been largely silent over the Congress's initial statements alleging intelligence failure, spoke up, slamming Chidambaram.

"The Congress is giving soft support to terrorists," declared BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari.

Insisting that terrorists are "beasts who need to be killed", the BJP's Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said, "When terrorists get hurt, these people (the Congress) start screaming. I don't know why they talk like spokespersons of terrorists".

"Terrorists are terrorists. It does not matter what kind of classification the Congress leadership would like to give it," said senior BJP leader Nalin Kohli.

EGYPT ELIMINATES TRACHOMA AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

Diary Times Desk : Trachoma is a contagious bacterial eye infection that, if untreated, can lead to blindness. Historically present in Egypt for more than 3,000 years, the disease was once widespread across many governorates – especially among children in the Nile Delta during the 1980s. Egypt’s elimination campaign employed the WHO-endorsed “SAFE” strategy: Surgery for trichiasis (advanced disease), Antibiotics to clear the infection, Facial cleanliness, and Environmental improvements to reduce transmission. From 2015 to 2025, the Ministry of Health and Population mapped all 27 governorates, integrated trachoma surveillance into the national electronic disease-reporting system, and saw case rates fall below WHO’s elimination thresholds.

AIRSPACE CLOSURE SUGGESTS CHINA IS PREPARING FOR A SHENZHOU LANDING AFTER DEBRIS IMPACT SCARE

Diary Times Desk : China appears to be preparing for reentry and landing of a spacecraft, issuing an airspace closure notice days after a suspected debris strike forced a postponement of the planned return of the Shenzhou-20 crew.

China has issued a temporary airspace restriction over Inner Mongolia for 3:20 to 3:50 a.m. Eastern (0820-0850 UTC, or 4:20-4:50 p.m. Beijing time) Nov. 14, according to a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) published by the Hohhot Flight Information Region under the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

The airspace closure notice matches an area covering the Dongfeng landing site, an area in Inner Mongolia roughly 60 to 90 kilometers to the east-southeast of the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, which has been used for all Shenzhou crewed spacecraft returns since 2021.

The China Manned Space Engineering Office (CMSEO), the country’s human spaceflight agency, has not made an official announcement on the timing or method of the return of the Shenzhou-20 crew, but the 30-minute window indicates the return of the Shenzhou-20 is possible on Friday.

FAST AGEING LINKED TO LANGUAGE USE: STUDY FINDS MULTILINGUALISM OFFERS PROTECTIVE EDGE

Diary Times Desk : People who speak two or more languages appear shielded from accelerated ageing, an international team of neuroscientists has said, announcing research findings that bolster evidence for the protective effects of multilingualism.

Their study has found that people who use only one language are twice more likely to experience accelerated ageing, measured through their bio-behavioural age gap – the difference between a person’s chronological age and biological age.

Each additional language strengthens the protective effect, the results have suggested. One extra language lowered the risk of accelerated ageing by about 9 per cent, two lowered it by 20 per cent, and three by 29 per cent. For instance, a 48-year-old with a biological age of 52 is ageing faster, while a biological age of 45 years indicates slower ageing.

UN WATCHDOG UNABLE TO VERIFY IRAN’S NEAR-WEAPONS GRADE URANIUM STOCK IN MONTHS

Diary Times Desk : The International Atomic Energy Agency has not been able to verify the status of Iran’s near weapons-grade uranium stockpile since Israel and the United States struck the country’s nuclear sites during the 12-day war in June, according to a confidential report by the U.N. nuclear watchdog circulated to member states and seen Wednesday by The Associated Press. The agency warned that it “lost continuity of knowledge in relation to the previously declared inventories of nuclear material in Iran” at facilities affected by the war and stressed that this issue must be “urgently addressed.” The report stressed that the IAEA’s “lack of access to this nuclear material in Iran for five months means that its verification – according to standard safeguards practice – is long overdue.”

LITTLE CHANGE IN WARMING OUTLOOK FOR FOUR YEARS; NEW 2035 CLIMATE TARGETS MAKE NO DIFFERENCE

Diary Times Desk : Ten years after the Paris Agreement, the world stands at a critical juncture in the fight against climate change, with little to no measurable progress in warming projections – for the fourth consecutive year, as Climate Action Tracker’s latest global update, released at the COP30. Almost none of the 40 governments the CAT analyses have updated their 2030 target, which is critical to keep warming levels below 1.5°C, nor have they set out the kind of action in new 2035 targets needed to change course. Our global temperature projections based on this year’s policy developments and 2035 targets have almost come to a standstill: it has barely moved over the past four years. The warning signs are clear: we are heading in the wrong direction. Our analysis shows the Paris Agreement works. We can see the improvements in the global temperature projections over time. Back in 2015, our assessment of existing policies showed the world was on track to around 3.6°C of warming by 2100. Now, ten years later, our latest projections show that this has been reduced by roughly 1°C to around 2.6°C. The Paris Agreement has reshaped scientific and policy approaches, pushed investment in clean technologies, and driven national reforms that would likely not have happened otherwise. The most serious concern now is that the progress shown in the first five years after Paris, up until around 2020, has flattened off – just as visible signs of dangerous climate change have emerged vividly around the planet.

SCIENTISTS STUNNED BY DISCOVERY OF FROGS THAT GIVE BIRTH TO TINY FROGS – COMPLETELY SKIPPING THE TADPOLE STAGE

Diary Times Desk : Hidden deep within Tanzania’s misty Eastern Arc Mountains, scientists have uncovered three remarkable frog species that defy nature’s usual rules. Instead of laying eggs that hatch into tadpoles, these frogs give birth to tiny, fully developed young. This rare form of reproduction challenges one of biology’s most familiar life cycles. The discovery, born from a blend of historical specimens and cutting-edge DNA science, is changing what we know about amphibian evolution. In one of the most striking biological revelations in recent years, a team of herpetologists has identified three new African frog species that give live birth—completely bypassing the tadpole stage. These findings, published in the journal Vertebrate Zoology, are reshaping long-held assumptions about how amphibians reproduce.

“It’s common knowledge that frogs grow from tadpoles – it’s one of the classic metamorphosis paradigms in biology,” explained Professor Mark D. Scherz from the Natural History Museum of Denmark. “But the nearly 8,000 frog species actually have a wide variety of reproductive modes, many of which don’t closely resemble that famous story.”

TRUMP SIGNS GOVT FUNDING BILL, ENDING SHUTDOWN AFTER A RECORD 43-DAY DISRUPTION

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump signed a government funding Bill on Wednesday night, ending a record 43-day shutdown that caused financial stress for federal workers who went without paychecks, stranded scores of travellers at airports and generated long lines at some food banks.

The shutdown magnified partisan divisions in Washington as Trump took unprecedented unilateral actions – including cancelling projects and trying to fire federal workers – to pressure Democrats into relenting on their demands. The Republican President blamed the situation on Democrats and suggested voters shouldn’t reward the party during next year’s midterm elections. “So I just want to tell the American people, you should not forget this,” Trump said. “When we come up to midterms and other things, don’t forget what they’ve done to our country.”



TRUMP WRITES TO ISRAEL PRESIDENT SEEKING PARDON FOR NETANYAHU IN GRAFT CASES



Diary Times Desk : In an extraordinary move, US president Donald Trump has written to Israeli president Isaac Herzog, seeking a pardon for prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu who is facing multiple charges of corruption and fraud.

It is unprecedented for a foreign president to write to the president of another sovereign country to seek a pardon for a leader of that country.

Trump has been vocal in his support for Netanyahu, campaigning for his pardon through social media posts, and also brought this up during a speech at the Knesset last month.

Herzog whose office was the one to release Trump’s letter, has, according to The Times of Israel, thus far demurred, pointing to the process of requesting a pardon, which requires the accused or members of their family to make the case for a pardon.

In his response, Herzog, through the President’s Residence, said that he holds “great respect for President Trump and repeatedly expresses his appreciation for Trump’s unwavering support of Israel” and his role in, among other things “reshaping of the Middle East and Gaza.”

MISS ISRAEL DENIES GIVING ‘DIRTY LOOK’ TO MISS PALESTINE AFTER VIRAL PAGEANT VIDEO. HER CLARIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : Miss Israel, Melanie Shiraz, refuted social media claims suggesting she gave a “dirty” or “jealous” look to Miss Palestine, Nadeen Ayoub, during the ongoing Miss Universe pageant, after a short clip from the event went viral online.

In the video, Shiraz appeared to turn her head towards Ayoub while contestants stood together on stage. The brief glance was quickly circulated across social media platforms, with several users claiming the Israeli contestant had directed a disdainful look at her Palestinian counterpart.

WHY NEPAL’S BANKNOTES NOW COME FROM CHINA, NOT INDIA

Diary Times Desk : Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), the central bank of the country, sent a letter of intent to China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation (CBPMC) on Friday to design, print and supply 430 million pieces of Nepal’s Rs 1,000 denomination banknotes. Costing \$16.985 million, the NRB said that the Chinese company was selected as the substantially responsive, lowest evaluated bidder. For the past three years, the Chinese state-owned company, China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation, has been winning bids to print Nepal’s banknotes seven times consecutively. During this period, the company will earn around \$63 million from Nepal for printing approximately 2.38 billion pieces of banknotes.

G7 DIPLOMATS MULL HOW TO GET RUSSIA TO ENGAGE IN UKRAINE PEACE TALKS

Diary Times Desk : Group of Seven foreign ministers on Wednesday discussed ways to increase pressure on Russia over the war in Ukraine, amid doubts over whether Moscow is interested in negotiating an end to the conflict.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio was in Canada’s Niagara region for the meeting, which was also joined by Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, who pushed for Kyiv’s allies to strengthen its long-range missile capability and bolster its energy sector as Ukraine enters another winter at war.

Countries attending the meeting of foreign ministers in Canada on Wednesday were also concerned about U.S. military operations in the Caribbean and whether armed strikes on alleged drug-trafficking boats carried out by Washington violate international law. U.S. President Donald Trump has sought a rapprochement with Moscow and held a summit in Alaska with Putin in August. But he has backed calls for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine with forces at their present positions, while Moscow has said it wants Kyiv to yield more territory.



WHERE DOES MUDSLINGING OVER LEADERSHIP LEAVE STARMER’S GOVERNMENT?

Diary Times Desk : “It’s not been our finest 24 hours in government,” one senior figure in government acknowledged to me, after mudslinging one way and another, some in public, plenty more in private. It began with anonymous briefings to journalists, including myself, that Keir Starmer would fight any attempt to remove him – and that cabinet ministers, including Wes Streeting, were plotting challenges. Streeting insisted he was loyal to the PM and called on those behind the briefings to be sacked, and the PM announced that any attacks on his ministers were “unacceptable”. Questions about whether the PM had authorised the original briefings to flush out potential challengers – and whether those behind them were doing so with his knowledge, or approval, were thrown into the mix. Would there be a leak inquiry? Would there be sackings at what Streeting called a “toxic” Number 10 operation? What were those close to the prime minister hoping to achieve?

‘FREEZE ON ALL IMMIGRATION’: US CONGRESSMAN TO INTRODUCE HARDLINE BILL AS TRUMP SOFTENS STANCE ON H-1B VISAS

Diary Times Desk : The Donald Trump government has introduced aggressive immigration reforms over the past year – including a hefty \$100,000 fee for new H-1 B visa applications. Republican leaders have also championed immigration bans in varying formats with an aim to put ‘American workers first’. The POTUS however appeared to have a shocking change of heart on Wednesday as he admitted during an interview that America “does not have enough talent”. But the statement appeared to hold no sway among supporters – with an US Congressman announcing plans to introduce legislation that would impose a complete freeze on all immigration. “I’ve got a bill that I’m going to be introducing that is a freeze on all immigration. Freeze it until we achieve certain objectives—reforming chain migration, ending H-1B visas, getting birthright citizenship dealt with, and vetting people for their adherence to Sharia law,” Chip Roy told The Benny Show. The Texas lawmaker argued that the US faces what he described as a “massive Islamism problem” and warned of what he sees as a growing threat from communities unwilling to integrate into American society. The prominent Trump ally has been a vocal critic of American immigration policies – calling repeatedly for tighter border controls and visa restrictions.

TURKEY BLOCKS TRANSPORT OF APACHE CHOPPERS TO INDIA THROUGH ITS AIRSPACE, NEW ROUTE BEING WORKED OUT

Diary Times Desk : US aviation major Boeing is working out a fresh delivery schedule of the last three Apache attack helicopters for the Indian Army after a similar effort this month was blocked by Türkiye, which sat on permission for them to fly to India through its airspace.

Sources in the defence and security establishment said that on 1 November, a heavy-lift cargo aircraft, Antonov AN-124 (serial number UR-82008), took off from Mesa Gateway Airport, also known as Phoenix-Mesa Airport, in Arizona, carrying the second tranche of three Apache helicopters for the Indian Army.

The Antonov aircraft landed at East Midlands Airport in England, where it had stopped for refuelling.

However, it remained on the ground for 8 days and then on 8 November, it flew back to Mesa Gateway Airport rather than to India.



MILLIONS SAW UNEXPECTED NORTHERN LIGHTS, AS A WILD SOLAR STORM UNFOLDED ACROSS THE WORLD

Diary Times Desk : For two nights, dazzling auroras delighted sky-gazers in unexpected places, including in the US as far south as Florida. The cause: dual solar storms unleashed by the sun reaching Earth.

A severe storm was initially predicted for Thursday as well, with the potential for the northern tier of the US to see auroras again in the evening. Forecasters at the National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center now believe Wednesday night might have been the last opportunity for the most intense conditions.

In addition to creating auroral displays, geomagnetic storms can disrupt communications, the power grid and satellite operations. The Space Weather Prediction Center said it had notified power grid and satellite operators in the US so they could prepare.

WITH ASIM MUNIR SET TO CONTROL PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL, THE 'UNTHINKABLE' IS NO LONGER DISTANT

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is on the verge of coming entirely under the control of Field Marshal Asim Munir, head of a military establishment that views these weapons of mass destruction (WMD) not merely as deterrents, but as usable tools.

This unprecedented empowerment follows the Pakistani Senate's passage on Monday and the National Assembly's on Wednesday (November 11) of a constitutional amendment granting the self-styled field marshal exclusive authority over all strategic assets and overarching control of the other two services,

and the country's broader military structure. In addition, he will enjoy immunity from prosecution for life.

DONORS RENEW \$1.8 BILLION PLEDGE FOR INDIGENOUS LAND RIGHTS

Diary Times Desk : The governments of four countries, along with several philanthropies and donors, have renewed a \$1.8 billion pledge over the next five years to help recognize, manage and protect Indigenous and other traditional community land.

The Forest and Land Tenure Pledge, first made in Glasgow at the 2021 U.N. Climate Change Conference, provided \$1.86 billion in funding from 2021-2024, with one year of the pledge remaining. About 7.6% of the funding in 2024 went directly to Indigenous peoples and local community organizations, rather than through intermediaries.

In the renewed pledge, which will run from 2026-2030, donors committed to increase the share of direct funding toward these communities.

"Despite threats to their lives and rights to their territories, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and Afro-descendant communities lead much of the global effort to mitigate and adapt to climate change and to halt and reverse biodiversity loss," the signatories wrote in the new pledge, announced in Belém, Brazil, ahead of the U.N. Climate Change Conference, also known as COP30, on Nov. 6.

"We will continue efforts to increase the share of direct, long-term, and flexible financing, ensuring communities have genuine decision-making power and influence over how funds are used," they added.

Each donor reports its spending independently to the Forest and Land Tenure Funders Group, which oversees the pledge. The group then publishes aggregate data of the details; a breakdown of donation amounts by funders or recipients isn't made publicly available.

Dozens of donors are listed among the signatories, but the group's latest report states that 80% of the money in 2024 came from just four: the governments of Norway, the U.K., the Netherlands and Germany. The U.S. stopped participating in 2025 with the freeze on USAID funding, and hasn't signed the renewed pledge.

THAI KING BECOMES COUNTRY'S FIRST MONARCH TO VISIT CHINA

Diary Times Desk : King Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand has arrived in China on Wednesday, the first ever visit by a reigning Thai monarch.

The visit is at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping to celebrate the 50th anniversary of both countries establishing diplomatic ties for the first time in 1975. China is believed to have been pushing for this visit for some years. The Thai government said in a statement that the trip "underlines the deep-rooted friendship and mutual understanding shared between Thailand and China at all levels".

In Beijing, the king and his wife Queen Suthida will visit local landmarks like the Lingguang Buddhist Temple and the Beijing Aerospace City.

President Xi and his wife will also host a state banquet for the Thai royals.

This is the first major state visit by King Vajiralongkorn since he came to the throne nine years ago – in April he also made a trip to Bhutan. By contrast the most high-profile overseas trips made by his father King Bhumibol were to the United States in the 1960s, when Thailand was feted as a crucial Cold War partner, and a vital base for US military operations in Indochina.

ITALY PROBES SARAJEVO 'SNIPER SAFARIS': WHAT WERE THEY, WHO WAS INVOLVED?

Diary Times Desk : Italy's public prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into claims that Italians travelled on weekend "sniper safaris" to Sarajevo to shoot at citizens during the Bosnian-Serb army's siege on the city that killed more than 11,000 people between 1992 and 1996.

The alleged "safaris" – a grotesque reference to expeditions to hunt or observe wild animals – took place as the Bosnian-Serb force besieged the city in what became the longest siege on a city in modern European history.

Milan's investigation, headed by prosecutor Alessandro Gobbi, was launched after journalist and novelist Ezio Gavazzeni, in collaboration with lawyers Nicola Brigida and former judge Guido Salvini, filed a legal complaint of "murder aggravated by cruelty and despicable motives" against alleged groups of Italians travelling to Sarajevo to join the trips.

According to Italian media, investigators hope to track down people who participated in the alleged "safaris", in addition to five men who have already been identified in Gavazzeni's suit.

AS TERROR STRIKES DELHI, A CURIOUS 'TAKEOVER' IS UNDER WAY IN PAKISTAN



Diary Times Desk : Trouble is again in the air. With a car bomb in Islamabad following hot on the heels of the Delhi car explosion, it seems like it's back to the future. This time, however, there may be a different set of rules operating. Even as Shahbaz Sharif blamed India and then India and Afghanistan, the Pakistan army is on the cusp of increasing its power and pelf, and, more explicitly, giving itself unfettered command over all weapons, nuclear or conventional, making it the senior-most force among services. That's trouble. But that amendment just got passed a day ago in the National Assembly with 234 votes in favour and four against, and now is in the Senate, where it is likely to be cleared even faster. In short, Parliament rolled over and played dead. The 27th Amendment is a shrewdly drafted document. It gives goodies to some of the elected representatives.

TRUMP SIGNS SPENDING BILL TO END LONGEST SHUTDOWN IN US HISTORY

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has signed a spending bill to reopen the government and end the longest shutdown in US history. He signed the short-term budget into law just hours after the House of Representatives voted 222-209 to approve it on Wednesday night, and two days after the Senate narrowly approved the same package. In the Oval Office, Trump said the government would now "resume normal operations" after "people were hurt so badly" from the 43-day shutdown. Many government services have been suspended since October, and around 1.4 million federal employees have been on unpaid leave or working without pay. Food aid has also been left in limbo and air travel has been disrupted nationwide. Government services are expected to reopen in the coming days, while disruptions to air travel will likely ease ahead of the looming Thanksgiving holiday. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had reduced air traffic because of staff shortages owing to the shutdown.

"COME TO US, TRAIN AMERICANS, GO HOME": TEAM TRUMP'S NEW H-1B VISA APPROACH



Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump's new H-1B visa policy is to temporarily bring in skilled foreign workers to the United States to train Americans for high-skilled jobs, rather than long-term dependency on overseas labour, said Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. The remarks came after Trump, contrary to his administration's aggressive immigration reforms, said America needs to bring in foreign talent for certain fields. Speaking to Fox News' Brian Kilmeade, Bessent described Trump's new approach to H-1B visas as a "knowledge transfer" effort intended to restore America's manufacturing. He noted the new approach is intended to rebuild the US manufacturing sector after decades of outsourcing. "For 20-30 years, we have not offshored precision manufacturing jobs... We can't snap our fingers and say you are going to have ships overnight. We want to bring the semiconductor industry back to the US. There will be big facilities in Arizona," he said. "So, I think the President's vision here is to bring in overseas workers who have the skills for three, five, or seven years to train the US workers. Then they can go home, and US workers will take over."

MAJOR CORRUPTION SCANDAL ENGULFS TOP ZELENSKY ALLIES

Diary Times Desk : Ukraine's energy and justice ministers have resigned in the wake of a major investigation into corruption in the country's energy sector. President Volodymyr Zelensky called for Energy Minister Svitlana Grynchuk and Justice Minister Herman Halushchenko's removal on Wednesday. On Monday anti-corruption bodies accused several people of orchestrating a embezzlement scheme in the energy sector worth about \$100m (£76m), including at the national nuclear operator Enerhoatom. Some of those implicated in the scandal are - or have been - close associates of Zelensky's. The allegation is that Justice Minister Herman Halushchenko and other key ministers and officials received payments from contractors building fortifications against Russian attacks on energy infrastructure. Among those alleged to be involved are former Deputy Prime Minister Oleksiy Chernyshov and Timur Mindich - a businessman and a co-owner of Zelensky's former TV studio Kvartal95. He has since reportedly fled the country.

PAK PARLIAMENT GRANTS LIFETIME LEGAL IMMUNITY, EXPANDED POWERS TO ASIM MUNIR

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's parliament approved a constitutional amendment on Wednesday to expand the powers of the country's army chief and curb the remit of its Supreme Court, in a move that critics say damages democracy. Army chief Asim Munir will now be elevated to the new post of Chief of Defence Forces, formally taking command over the navy and air force too. After completion of his term, he will retain his rank and have legal immunity for life.

The new legal changes elevate him to the newly created post of the Chief of Defence Forces, placing the navy and the air force under his command in addition to the army. He will retain his rank even after completing his term and enjoy legal immunity from prosecution for life. The legislation was approved by a two-thirds majority of the lower house voting in favour and only four lawmakers voting against.

The upper house of the parliament had already passed the amendment a few days earlier after the opposition boycotted a debate on it.

THE LAST-EVER PENNY WAS MINTED TODAY IN PHILADELPHIA

Diary Times Desk : The American penny passed away today after a prolonged illness. It was 238 years old.

The last penny was minted Wednesday afternoon at the US Mint in Philadelphia, overseen by US Treasurer Brandon Beach. President Donald Trump announced via social media in February that he instructed the Mint to stop making the once-popular coin, citing the cost of production.

The penny costs nearly four cents to mint, more than the coin's worth. Once valuable enough to buy "penny candy" like gumballs and feed parking meters or toll booths, today the penny lives mostly in coin jars, junk drawers or "leave a penny/take a penny" trays.

A SEISMIC SHIFT IN COMPUTING IS ON THE HORIZON (AND IT'S NOT AI)

Diary Times Desk :

Creating revolutionary pharmaceutical drugs, testing new materials for cars and simulating how market scenarios can affect banks — these are just some of the tasks that could take months or years to develop, even with the most advanced computers.

But what if that timeframe could be cut down to minutes or hours?

That's the promise behind quantum computing, a field that's been studied for decades and has garnered increasing interest — and investments — from tech giants and startups alike.

On Wednesday, IBM revealed its new experimental Loon processor and Nighthawk quantum computing chip, which can perform more complex computations than its predecessor. The past two years have seen quantum-related announcements from Google, Microsoft and other tech companies.

Quantum computing could potentially lead to a \$1.3 trillion increase in value across certain industries by 2035, according to McKinsey & Company, and for good reason. Experts believe quantum computing could lead to breakthroughs in fields like cryptography, finance.

'THINGS ARE PRETTY CRAPPY.' 1 IN 4 US HOUSEHOLDS ARE LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK

Diary Times Desk : Austin H. can't wait to buy a house and start a family. But right now, the 34-year-old is barely getting by.

Austin is living paycheck to paycheck and saving almost no money, one of the millions of Americans struggling to make ends meet in an increasingly unaffordable economy.

Worse, the family-owned construction business he works at is shutting down.

"I am going to be unemployed in the next month or two — with no safety net," said Austin, who declined to share his last name.

An estimated 24% of US households are living paycheck to paycheck so far in 2025, according to a Bank of America Institute analysis released this week. The bank's researchers combed through internal data on its tens of millions of consumers and tracked how much income customers spent on necessities like housing, gasoline, groceries, child care and utilities.

They found that 24% of households spend over 95% of their income on those necessities, leaving little to nothing left over for the "nice-to-have" things like going out to dinner or taking a vacation, let alone saving.

Austin, who has a master's degree in fine arts, said he's applied to roughly 1,000 jobs over the past year — everything from teaching to construction — with no luck.



THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS 'ACTIVELY EVALUATING' PORTABLE MORTGAGES. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration has another idea to make housing more affordable: Let homeowners take their mortgage rate with them when they move.

On Wednesday, Federal Housing Finance Agency Director Bill Pulte said the administration is "actively evaluating" so-called portable mortgages. The proposal aims to address the housing market's lack of supply.

The administration stepped up efforts to address housing affordability this past week. Pulte — who oversees Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two government-backed entities that guarantee more than half of US mortgages — said officials are also weighing how to make mortgages assumable and whether to introduce a new 50-year mortgage option.

Just over half of homeowners with a mortgage have a rate below 4%, according to a Redfin analysis of FHFA data. However, average mortgage rates have remained stubbornly stuck between 6% and 7% for the last few years. Homeowners who locked in ultra-low mortgage rates have been less willing to move and potentially pay hundreds more in interest each month on new mortgages at current rates.



SORRY, AMERICA. COFFEE PRICES PROBABLY AREN'T COMING DOWN

Diary Times Desk : With renewed verve for the word "affordability" after the GOP got absolutely trounced in last week's off-year elections, the Trump administration is scrambling to show it's doing something, anything, to bring prices down.

One solution on offer: reversing its own policy of taxing coffee imports.

"You're going to see some substantial announcements over the next couple of days in terms of things we don't grow here in the United States — coffee being one of them, bananas, other fruits, things like that," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Fox News on Wednesday. "So that that will bring the prices down very quickly."

Bessent here is implicitly acknowledging that tariffs do increase prices on American consumers — a fact the Trump administration has long denied. Bessent didn't offer details about what the tariff reductions would look like or which countries would be included, but he said — seeming to acknowledge the financial strain that helped secure a Democratic sweep last week — that "the American people are going to start feeling better." (The White House, when asked for more details on the plan, referred CNN to an executive order from September laying out potential tariff adjustments based on national security and economic goals.)



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Relatively few people fly Spirit Airlines – but the company could still affect how much you pay for your holiday travel, even if recent government-mandated flight cancellations end.
For years, Spirit has had an outsized effect on fares across the industry. The discount carrier's rock-bottom fares forced much larger carriers, such as American, Delta and United Airlines, to keep their prices lower. That includes offering lower-priced seats at the back of planes, often on the same no-frills basis as Spirit. But Spirit, facing severe financial hardship, is now a fraction of the size it was just a year ago. That is impacting fares this holiday season.

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Even if flight cancellations because of the government shutdown are restored, there will be nearly 11,000 fewer Spirit flights this holiday season compared to last year, according to data from aviation analytics firm Cirium analyzed by CNN. That includes the period six days before Thanksgiving through the Sunday after New Year's Day. The drop represents a one-third reduction in Spirit's schedule, or a loss of nearly 2 million available seats.

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 designer 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."

A BATTLE IS BREWING OVER THE FUTURE OF ONLINE SHOPPING



Diary Times Desk : You can already buy almost anything with the click of a mouse. Now tech giants are preparing for an AI helper to do even that for you one day.
Google, Amazon and OpenAI are racing to add new AI-powered shopping tools to their services, all aiming to play a critical role in one of the fundamental things people do online: shop.
"If you can become really core to that, then you're able to monetize that attention in a lot of different ways," said Jeremy Goldman, senior director of marketing, retail and tech briefings at eMarketer.
And whether they succeed could potentially determine the winners and losers of the next era of the web.

The shift to online shopping
Shopping is one of the main things people do online, Goldman said. And with consumers increasingly using AI to make purchases, stalwarts like Amazon and Google are defending their turf against upstarts like OpenAI and Perplexity.

As of September, US-based users can buy Etsy products directly from ChatGPT, keeping them in the chatbot for longer. OpenAI and Walmart announced a similar partnership in October. And Perplexity's Comet web browser lets users set up AI agents to handle tasks like shopping on Amazon. (The online shopping giant sent a cease-and-desist letter to the AI startup.) AI and online agents are expected to be involved in \$73 billion worth of global online sales, or 22% of all orders placed, from the Tuesday before Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday, according to Salesforce data provided exclusively to CNN.
That statistic covers a wide swath of the internet, encompassing everything from a ChatGPT query to an AI-generated suggestion on a retailer's website to a customer service agent who upsells a consumer. But Salesforce also said traffic from AI assistants grew 119% year-over-year in the first half of 2025.
Amid that shift, Google announced a slew of new AI shopping features on Thursday. For example, after asking a few questions about what a shopper is looking for, Google's AI agent will call local stores and ask whether retailers have the product in stock, along with information about promotions and pricing. Users will see the "Let Google Call" prompt under certain search results when the feature begins rolling out Thursday.

**TABO VALLEY RECORDS
COLDEST NIGHT OF THE
SEASON AT -7°C**

Diary Times Desk : Tabo village, located in the tribal district Lahaul and Spiti, was gripped by an intense cold wave as it recorded minus 7°C, making it the lowest temperature till now in the state during the ongoing winter season. Minimum temperatures were also down in most parts of the state, mainly the higher reaches of Lahaul and Spiti, Kinnaur, Chamba, Kullu, Kangra and Shimla districts.

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Weather was mostly dry across the state during the last 24 hours, with most of the state witnessing a clear sunny sky. Minimum temperatures in most of the places of the state were below 2°C to 5°C and were in the range of minus 7°C to 13°C while maximum temperatures were mostly normal, between the range of 12°C to 28°C.

HEROIN SMUGGLER DRIVES THROUGH POLICE BARRICADES, TRIES TO MOW DOWN COP DURING ESCAPE BID IN HAMIRPUR

Diary Times Desk : A heroin smuggler allegedly drove through barricades and tried to mow down the Hamirpur Sadar police station incharge with his vehicle near Dugnehri village here on Thursday morning, an official said.

Following a tip-off regarding a consignment of 'chitta' being transported in the area, a team from Hamirpur Sadar police station set up a barricade on the Nalti road in Dugnehr village on Thursday to intercept the contraband, the official said.

Subsequently, when the accused approached around 8 am and was signalled to stop, he broke through the barricades and even tried to run over a police officer in a desperate bid to flee, he added. Superintendent of Police (SP), Hamirpur, Bhagat Singh Thakur said police station incharge Kulwant Rana was injured in the incident.

PUNJAB SARPANCHES, PANCHES NOW NEED GOVT NOD TO FLY ABROAD

Diary Times Desk : To ensure development works in their panchayats are not affected during their absence, sarpanches and panches in Punjab will now be required to take prior approval from the state government before travelling abroad.

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayats has introduced new standard operating procedures (SOPs) for elected panchayat representatives, making it mandatory for them to seek leave sanction before leaving the country.

The provision of "Ex-India Leave", which was earlier applicable only to government employees and MLAs, has now been extended to sarpanches and panches as well.



DELHI CABINET APPROVES POLICY TO PROVIDE JOBS TO KIN OF 1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOT VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi government has approved a policy to provide jobs to the dependents of those killed in anti-Sikh riots in 1984, on compassionate grounds, a statement from the Delhi Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said on Thursday.

A meeting of the Delhi Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday approved the policy to provide jobs to the dependents of the riot victims, it said.

The chief minister said a key feature of the new policy is that dependants of victims, who are now above 50 years of age and unable to take up employment, will have the option to nominate a member of the next generation, such as a son, daughter, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law, for the jobs.

The new policy marks a concrete step towards expediting long-pending cases of employment assistance that have remained unresolved since the Cabinet decision of 2007.

HC TAKES NOTE OF PLEA ALLEGING CUSTODIAL TORTURE, FALSE IMPLICATION IN MURDER CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued a notice of motion to the State of Punjab, the Director General of Police, and other respondents on a petition alleging custodial torture, illegal detention, and false implication of a Ludhiana resident in a murder case in which he was not originally named.

The petitioner alleged that his detention and subsequent torture constituted a gross abuse of police power and a blatant violation of Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution, which safeguard personal liberty and protection against arbitrary arrest.

According to the petition, the man was illegally detained on July 4, and later shown to have been arrested on July 5, in utter disregard of constitutional and procedural safeguards. During custody, he was allegedly subjected to severe physical and mental torture, including beatings, electric shocks, water submersion, and threats of sexual violence against his mother.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
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Aries

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

Taurus

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

Gemini

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

Cancer

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

Leo

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

Virgo

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

Libra

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

Scorpio

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

Sagittarius

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

Capricorn

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

Aquarius

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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.

AFTER BLAST LINKS, AL-FALAH UNIVERSITY
FACES FRESH SCRUTINY
AS NAAC ISSUES
NOTICE OVER
ACCREDITATION
CLAIMS ON WEBSITE

Diary Times Desk : Days after the Red Fort car blast, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has issued a show-cause notice to Al-Falah University in Faridabad for displaying false accreditation on its website.

Since the university on its website has claimed that two of its institutes – Al-Falah School of Engineering & Technology and Al-Falah School of Education and Training – were accredited by NAAC, the notice mentioned that the accreditation had expired long ago, hence the claim was “misleading”.

RED FORT BLAST AND AN
INTERSTATE TERROR
MODULE: WHAT WE
KNOW

Diary Times Desk : A Faridabad university, the recovery of 2,900 kg of explosives and, a few hours later, a powerful car blast near the Red Fort killing 13 people. In the three days since November 10, eight people have been arrested and many detained, the information coming in a confusing sometimes conflicting torrent.

As multiple agencies join the dots from Kashmir, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to draw out a terror plot centred around three doctors from south Kashmir, here's what we know so far based on what officials have said...

The dramatis personae of an interstate 'white collar' terror plot orchestrated by the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM):

Dr MUZAMMIL AHMAD GANAIE ALIAS MUSAIB
The plot began to unravel on the morning of November 10 when police announced that 360 kg of ammonium nitrate was recovered from his rented accommodation in Faridabad's Al Falah University where he was working. Ganaie is from Koil village in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

GOVT ORDERS FORENSIC AUDIT OF AL FALAH UNIVERSITY RECORDS, ED PROBE
INTO MONEY TRAIL

Diary Times Desk : The government has ordered a forensic audit of all records of the Al Falah University, which is under the scanner following the Delhi blast, besides asking the ED and other financial investigative agencies to check the money trail of the Haryana-based institute, sources said.

The decisions have been taken following a high-level meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah which reviewed for one-and-a-half hours the progress of the ongoing investigation into the November 10 blast near Red Fort in which 13 people lost their lives and several were injured. "An order has been issued to carry out a forensic audit of all records of Al Falah University. The ED (Enforcement Directorate) and other financial agencies were also asked by the government to check the money trail of Al Falah University," sources said.



AMBALA POLICE ISSUES TRAFFIC
ADVISORY AHEAD OF DELHI MARCH
FROM SHAMBHU BORDER

Diary Times Desk : In view of the call of Delhi March given by the Quami Insaf Morcha from Shambhu Border, the Ambala police have issued a traffic advisory for the commuters travelling on the National Highway.

As per the Ambala police, the route diversions will come into force from 5am.

Ambala DSP Ramesh Kumar informed that on November 14, members of Punjab organisations will gather at the Shambhu Border and march towards Delhi to press their demands. For the convenience of the commuters, in the event of traffic disruptions on the Ambala-Rajpura Punjab 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 in front of Jaggi City Center.

RED FORT BLAST: ANOTHER CAR
LINKED TO TERROR MODULE
FOUND IN AL FALAH UNIVERSITY;
NUH FERTILISER SELLER DETAINED

Diary Times Desk : In connection with the Delhi blast and the terror module centre Al Falah University, a team from the Delhi Police's Special Cell conducted raids in Nuh district on Thursday and detained a fertiliser and seed seller from Pinangwa.

It is alleged that more than 20 quintals of NPK fertiliser worth Rs31lakh was purchased from his shop by terrorist Dr Umar. The family members of the shopkeeper are currently unwilling to comment, while the investigating agency and the Haryana Police have yet to confirm his arrest. Local residents confirm that the police took the shopkeeper with them.

Investigating agencies have also found diaries and notebooks of Dr Umar and Muzammil and code words were used in them. A senior investigating officer said that Umar had created a group of 2-4 members on Signal app.

RED FORT BLAST: ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES SUSPENDS AL FALAH
UNIVERSITY'S MEMBERSHIP



Diary Times Desk : The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on Thursday suspended membership of Al Falah University, which is under the scanner in connection with the Red Fort blast case, officials said.

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, with membership of Indian Universities. It provides a forum for administrators and academicians of member universities to exchange views and discuss matters of common concern.

"It is intimated that, as per the By-laws of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), all universities shall be treated as members as long as they remain in good standing," said AIU Secretary General, Pankaj Mittal.

Trump's Trade War Is Pushing Canada Closer To China

It is an image that just a year ago would have seemed unfathomable: the Canadian and Chinese leaders standing side by side, shaking hands and grinning.

Ties between the two countries cratered in 2018 when Canadian police arrested Chinese technology executive Meng Wanzhou in Vancouver on US fraud charges. Days later, Beijing locked up two Canadians, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, on spying charges that Canada slammed as bogus. (Kovrig and Spavor were released nearly three years later after the US dropped the extradition request for Meng).

The diplomatic tussle soured the relationship and engendered a deep mistrust between Ottawa and Beijing. But as President Donald Trump escalates his trade war with one of the US's closest allies, Canada has looked to a longtime foe for some common ground.

The tide began turning early last month, when Canada's top diplomat Anita Anand visited Beijing to meet with her counterpart Wang Yi. Then, Prime Minister Mark Carney and leader Xi Jinping met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit in South Korea – the first time leaders of the two countries had met in eight years.

That 40-minute meeting marked a “turning point” for Canada and China as they pledged to improve ties and collaborate on trade, according to a Canadian statement following the meeting, which also said Carney planned to visit Xi in China.

That discussion has since been followed by another ministerial visit to China, and high-level phone calls. China also reinstated Canada to its approved travel list for tour groups, in a move that's expected to boost tourism for the North American country.

But as leaders in Ottawa and Beijing signal it may be time to start doing business again, some experts warn China could be attempting to exploit Canada at a vulnerable moment.

China wants to drive a “big wedge between Canada and the US,” said Kovrig, who has continued his work as senior adviser for the Crisis Group since being released from Chinese detention.

“The last thing China wants is a strong and united West trying to constrain China's global ambitions.”

A shared problem

Both sides have economic incentives to get along.

Last year, Canada slapped a 100% tax on Chinese electric vehicles, in conjunction with the US, to protect its domestic market what it cited as unfair competition from state-subsidized Chinese carmakers. Then, in March, China announced retaliatory tariffs on Canadian agricultural and food products, including a 100% levy on canola oil and meal. In August, China added a 75.8% tariff on canola seed, hurting Canadian farmers and effectively shutting Canada's second-largest market for the crop.



Lex Harvey

"We now respect what nature has decided for us. We're going to keep the vineyard small (and) we are going to make sure the quality is where it is now, and gets even better," he added.



Mindy Weisberger

In addition to separating the outliers that were formerly classified as *N. viviparus*, the researchers also revisited the oldest *N. viviparus* specimens to confirm their identity and clarify what defines the species.

Give Birth To Toadlets

NEWLY IDENTIFIED SPECIES OF TANZANIAN TREE TOAD LEAPFROG THE TADPOLE STAGE

Scientists have newly described three extraordinary species of tree toad that leapfrog over the egg-to-tadpole stage. The females give birth on land to dozens of toadlets, each measuring just a few millimeters long. Live birth, or skipping the egg-laying and larva stage, is extremely rare in amphibians. Among more than 4,000 species of frogs and toads, fewer than 1% are viviparous, or bear live young. This strategy may have evolved as an adaptation in habitats lacking easy access to water where frogs and toads typically lay their eggs, the study authors reported.

“Describing these new species that give birth to live young is fascinating and helps us understand the evolutionary flexibility of amphibians, one of the most diverse and ecologically sensitive groups of vertebrates,” said Dr. Diego José Santana,



Scientists have since identified more than a dozen *Nectophrynoides* species that bear live young. *N. viviparus* is the most widespread species in the genus and the only one found in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania as well as the country's Eastern Arc Mountains, where all other *Nectophrynoides* species live.

are declining, and species with smaller ranges are especially vulnerable to disruptions from deforestation and the climate crisis, according to the study.

“Further surveys are needed to fully understand the distribution, ecology, and possible population trends in these areas to inform future conservation strategies,” the authors wrote.

Toads that reproduce in water lay an impressive number of eggs — in some cases about 20,000 in a single clutch.

“They can do that every couple of weeks,” said Dr. Mark D. Scherz, lead author of the study published November 6 in the journal *Vertebrate Zoology*.

“They lay those eggs and they develop into teeny, tiny tadpoles, of which only a fraction ever make it out of the pond,” Scherz, curator of herpetology at the Natural History Museum of Denmark and an associate professor of vertebrate zoology at the University of Copenhagen, told CNN. Live birth, in which the eggs are fertilized internally, by comparison, yields toad broods that are significantly smaller: around 40 to 60 toadlets. “The maximum we’ve ever recorded was, I believe, over 160 fully developed toadlets inside one individual,” he added.

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Millions Saw Unexpected Northern Lights

AS A WILD SOLAR STORM UNFOLDED ACROSS THE WORLD

For two nights, dazzling auroras delighted sky-gazers in unexpected places, including in the US as far south as Florida. The cause: dual solar storms unleashed by the sun reaching Earth.

A severe storm was initially predicted for Thursday as well, with the potential for the northern tier of the US to see auroras again in the evening. Forecasters at the National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center now believe Wednesday night might have been the last opportunity for the most intense conditions.

In addition to creating auroral displays, geomagnetic storms can disrupt communications, the power grid and satellite operations. The Space Weather Prediction Center said it had notified power grid and satellite operators in the US so they could prepare.

The British Geological Survey initially believed the current solar activity could lead to a G5, or an extreme geomagnetic storm — the highest level on the scale. The survey also dubbed Tuesday's event a “cannibal storm” that disrupted communications and GPS satellite accuracy.



Ashley Strickland

A flurry of activity around our sun sparked the storms. Three X-class flares, the most intense type of solar flare, have released from the sun this week, followed by a series of coronal mass ejections.

“On Monday, two Coronal Mass Ejections lifted off the sun a few hours apart,” the survey's geomagnetism team explained. “The first one was moving more slowly than the second ... and so the second one caught up with the first one and they amalgamated together by the time they reached Earth. Hence, the term ‘cannibalised,’ as the second one gobbled up the first one.”

Coronal mass ejections, or CMEs, are large clouds of ionized gas called plasma and magnetic fields that erupt from the sun's outer atmosphere. When these outbursts are directed at Earth, they can cause major disturbances of Earth's magnetic field, resulting in geomagnetic storms. Forecasters at the Space Weather Prediction Center believe that the arrivals of the first two of three anticipated coronal mass ejections caused Tuesday evening's auroral display.

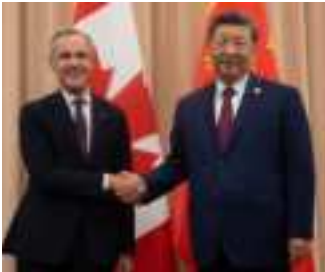
“One of them packed a much stronger punch than we would have imagined originally,” said Shawn Dahl, forecaster at the center.

When a storm reaches satellites stationed 1 million miles from Earth, forecasters can measure its speed, the strength of the magnetic field and the magnetic orientation, he said.

“Is it pointed opposite Earth, or is it pointed the same as Earth?” Dahl said. “If it turns opposite Earth, then activity really quickly escalates, and those storm levels can dramatically increase very quickly. That's what happened last night.”

The third solar storm arrived at Earth Wednesday afternoon at 2:17 p.m. ET, with solar wind speeds over 2.1 million miles per hour (950 kilometers per second). But Earth appears to have been struck by a far flanking edge of the storm, meaning most of the magnetic cloud likely missed our planet, according to an update from the center.

Among those feeling the storm's effects is Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin. The company was expected to launch NASA's *Escapade* mission — twin satellites set to head on a long journey to Mars — aboard its New Glenn rocket Wednesday. But the increased solar activity blocked that launch attempt.



HISTORY-DEFINING AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS, FROM BEAUFORD DELANEY TO

CHARLES WHITE AND MORE

Diary Times Desk : 'I am very much a historian, and very focused on the history of African Americans, in this country and elsewhere. I grew up in the South, in Memphis Tennessee, where there were no museums that people of colour could go to, period. I saw that important pieces of our culture were going to get lost if someone did not start to assemble these works,' explains distinguished entrepreneur and patron of the arts Robert 'Bob' C. Davidson Jr.

Chair of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Board of Commissioners, Davidson and his wife, Faye, have been meticulously collecting works that tell the story of African American art since the 1970s. With a focus on masterpiece works and a passion for trailblazing artists, they built an unrivalled collection with the long-term view of sharing these works for the education of future generations. Now, a group of important works comes to Christie's in Property from the Collection of Robert and Faye Davidson, offered in the 20th Century Evening Sale and the Post-War & Contemporary Art Day Sale, as part of the 20th and 21st Century Art auctions in New York. Further works from the collection will be sold in 19th Century American and Western Art sale on 23 January 2026.

'Bob and Faye Davidson sought to create a museum-quality collection of African American art ranging across the 19th and 20th centuries. Each of these works are exceptional. And they began collecting them at a time when institutions and museums were not yet focussing on this body of work by these artists,' says Paige Kestenman, Senior Specialist, American Art, at Christie's.

The collection includes fascinating works by African American artists dating back to the Federalist era portraitist Joshua Johnson and Hudson River School painter Robert S Duncanson, in addition to Betye Saar, Jacob Lawrence and Romare Bearden. Bearden's lively Train Whistle Blues II (1964) is an early collage the artist photocopied and enlarged to create Train Whistle Blues No. 1, which resides in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Works like this one reflect the Davidsons' high standards and attention to detail, and the upcoming sale offers a rare opportunity to acquire important works of such calibre that come to market infrequently.

'There are three things that have guided us in our collection that we always go back to,' Davidson notes. 'Number one, the work had to be museum quality. We didn't consider anything that was otherwise. Number two, it had to be a piece that was quintessential to that artist, from the artist's best period or best work. And number three, we both had to agree on it.'



WHIMSICAL ROMANCE: A GUIDE TO HERMÈS QUELLE IDOLE

Diary Times Desk : Creative freedom and innovation have always infused Hermès with a unique vitality and dynamism. As a powerhouse in the luxury handbag landscape, Hermès not only upholds exquisite craftsmanship but also imbues every detail with poetry and ingenuity. This aesthetic finds vivid expression in the lively brushstrokes of its silk scarves, the boundless imagination of its bag designs, and its fantastical window displays that unlock worlds of wonder. The Quelle Idole is the epitome of this unbridled creativity. Its charmingly naive and romantic personified form is full of whimsy and delight, making it unforgettable. This singular design has not only won the favour of the fashion world but has also consistently achieved high prices at auction in recent years, becoming a modern classic highly sought after by collectors.

The allure of the Quelle Idole lies perhaps in its masterful fusion of Hermès craftsmanship and whimsical wonder. Skilled artisans transform the petite bag into a doll's face. Delicate stitching traces arched brows, beneath which a pair of lively eyes glance upward with a mischievous sparkle. The turn-lock becomes a delicate nose, and one corner of the mouth lifts gently, capturing a playful smile. Movable hands and forward-facing feet create an adorable, seated posture. Rendered in fine leather with delicate texture, the piece is brimming with childish delight.

This joyful design creates a fascinating contrast with the elegance embodied by the classic Kelly bag, whose prototype can be traced back to the 'Sac à Dépêches' briefcase launched in the 1930s. Robert Dumas, son-in-law of Émile Hermès, adapted it from the 'Haut à Courroies', which was originally designed to carry saddles and boots, and reimagined it in smaller proportions for women.

Its crisp trapezoidal silhouette, signature top handle, metal clasp, and the four studs on the base that allow it to stand upright all convey an air of understated, assured sophistication. Two decades later, in 1956, Princess Grace of Monaco was photographed using her 'Sac à Dépêches' to shield her pregnancy, thus giving the bag its famous name.

Originally conceived by Robert Dumas, the fourth-generation head of the company, the Kelly bag was later reimagined by his son, Jean-Louis Dumas, who is celebrated for his in-flight encounter with Jane Birkin that inspired the Birkin bag. With irrepressible creativity, he transformed his father's classic Kelly into the charming and spirited Quelle Idole, breathing new energy into the house's heritage.



BARCELONA TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS CAMP NOU
REOPENING; RETURN LIKELY FOR GAME VS ALAVES



Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona have taken a new step towards their definitive return to the Spotify Camp Nou, after two and a half years playing at the Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys in Montjuïc.

Indeed, according to Mundo Deportivo, the club has sent all the documentation required to apply for phase 1B of the occupancy licence to Barcelona City Council.

It would allow the reopening of the lateral stand at Camp Nou and increase the current capacity from 27,000 (Phase 1A) spectators to 45,000. The City Council's urban planning department will now review all the submitted documents, and in the coming days, it will carry out the necessary inspections at the Spotify Camp Nou. Given that Barcelona's next home match, against Athletic Club, is scheduled for Saturday, 22 November, it currently seems unlikely that the fixture will be played at the Camp Nou, meaning it would still take place at the Estadi Olímpic Lluís Companys.

KEY BARCELONA DUO WILL RETURN VS
ATHLETIC CLUB; MIDFIELD MAINSTAY TO
COME BACK VS CHELSEA

Diary Times Desk : After several weeks with a depleted squad due to multiple injuries, a situation that caused the team to struggle, FC Barcelona manager Hansi Flick will finally receive some good news after the international break.

Indeed, the German tactician is poised to recover some very important players as the Catalans prepare for an important run of fixtures.

Raphinha and Joan Garcia vs Athletic, Pedri returns against Chelsea
According to Mundo Deportivo, Flick will recover three of his key men at once – Raphinha, Joan Garcia, and Pedri – after the international break. Raphinha, who was due to return in El Clasico after suffering a right hamstring injury on 25 September against Real Oviedo, will rejoin full training with the team from next Tuesday and will be fit to make the squad against Athletic Club on Saturday, 22 November. Joan Garcia, who was also injured in the same match and even required arthroscopic surgery, has been training with the group for several days and will be available to start in goal against Athletic – a game which could see Barça return to the Spotify Camp Nou.

BARCELONA RECEIVE PROPOSAL TO
TRAVEL TO BRAZIL FOR PRE-SEASON; US,
JAPAN ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION

Diary Times Desk : Given their popularity and large fanbase across the globe, FC Barcelona, every summer, are approached by many countries hoping to host the team during pre-season.

Several promoters contact the Catalan club informally to express their interest and to offer facilities, logistical support, and financial proposals.

The past few years have seen the Blaugrana travel to the USA for pre-season, but they switched it up this summer, opting to tour Japan and South Korea instead.

Brazil emerge as an option

Now, according to SPORT, one of the options currently on Barcelona's table for the summer of 2026 is Brazil.

Within the club, this possibility is viewed very positively, as the country has a deep footballing culture, highly dedicated fans, and has never had the opportunity to see Barcelona train and play live. This combination makes Brazil an attractive candidate.

OFFICIAL: BARCELONA
YOUNGSTER CALLED UP TO
CATALONIA NATIONAL TEAM
FOR FRIENDLY

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona have officially confirmed that young midfielder Marc Bernal has been called up by the Catalonia national team for their upcoming friendly match against Palestine.

"Marc Bernal is one of the 22 players called up by the Catalan national team for the match on November 18," the statement revealed.

"The midfielder from Berga has been called up by coach Gerard López and will wear the four bars for a very special and charity match against Palestine at the Olympic Stadium next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m."

The 18-year-old midfield starlet, who has barely played since returning from an ACL injury back in September, will make use of the match to build some rhythm and get more minutes under his belt.

INIESTA EXPLAINS WHAT
MAKES BARCELONA MIDFIELD
MAESTRO TRULY SPECIAL – 'HE
MAKES US ENJOY OURSELVES'

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona legend Andres Iniesta has once again shown why he remains one of football's most respected voices, this time speaking glowingly about Pedri, the young midfielder many have labelled as his natural heir at Camp Nou.

Iniesta, who defined a generation with his grace and intelligence on the ball, could not hide his admiration for Pedri's journey through injuries and adversity.

"I like Pedri. He's an extraordinary footballer. I love him because he has a history of hard work and overcoming adversity. And above all, he has his own story," Iniesta began saying.

The former Barcelona captain also expressed how proud he feels to know Pedri grew up idolising him.

"It's something beautiful, and it makes me proud that he said I was his childhood idol. He watched my game. A reference. Who doesn't like to hear something like that?" Iniesta said warmly.

The veteran then reminisced about his own childhood inspirations.

"When I was little, I also had idols who inspired me. Mine, as I'm sure you all know, were Guardiola and Laudrup. "But I never thought about trying to copy them. I watched their gestures, their moves, their behaviour... to then develop my own authentic personality." As a true mentor figure, Iniesta urged Pedri to continue writing his own story rather than living in comparisons.

REAL MADRID STAR DEFENDS LAMINE YAMAL AMID ROW BETWEEN
BARCELONA-RFEF OVER SPAIN NT ABSENCE

Diary Times Desk : Lamine Yamal has been in the news again this week as FC Barcelona and the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) got embroiled in a row over the youngster's unexpected withdrawal from the national team squad.

In their statement announcing the youngster's release from the squad, the RFEF claimed that they were not informed about a treatment that Lamine underwent to treat his pubalgia issue until the day of the training camp.

Spain manager Luis de la Fuente came out all guns blazing in criticism of Barcelona, accusing the club of ineffective communication and not respecting his decisions. The Blaugrana, though, have maintained throughout that they had informed the RFEF medical staff about the developments immediately after they were made aware of the situation. Amidst all this, Real Madrid defender Dean Huijsen has come out in defence of Lamine, stating that it was normal for him to be absent from the national team camp as he was dealing with a fitness issue.

