

NEWS IN BRIEF

MANDAKINI, HER SISTER & THEIR TRUSTY SCOOTER: MEET 'BIKER**DADIS' WHO RIDE IN SHOLAY STYLE!****Diary Times Desk :**

"Age might have slowed me down, but I still love to work and explore, be it anything," says 87-year-old Mandakini Shah from Ahmedabad. The feisty senior citizen is defying age and societal norms with her trusty scooter and adventurous spirit.

Mandakini learned to ride a scooter at the ripe age of 62 and has been cruising around the city with her younger sister Usha ever since. When asked why she rides at 87, she simply says, "Why not?" The Instagram video, shared by @officialhumansofbomby, has garnered over 1.1 million views so far.

The post read: "For years, people asked, 'Aapki shaadi nahi hui? Kya aap vidhwa ho?' To them, a woman alone was a story unfinished. To me, I was a story unfolding with each passing day. I wanted marriage once, yes... but life had other plans. And I went with that flow."

THE MORE, THE 'NOT SO MERRIER': 23 KIDS FOUND TRAVELLING IN I AUTO IN TELANGANA**Diary Times Desk :**

A recent incident in Nagar Kurnool, Telangana, has raised serious concerns about road safety and school transportation. A traffic sub-inspector intervened and seized an overloaded auto rickshaw carrying 23 schoolchildren, preventing a potential accident.

The children were safely transported home in two other vehicles, while the driver was warned of strict action for endangering young lives.

The incident has sparked widespread concern and discussions about road safety and school transportation. Many netizens have expressed their views on social media, highlighting the need for affordable school education and transportation.

Some pointed out that middle- and lower-middle-class families rely on autos due to the high costs of school fees and transportation.

INDIA AND AUSTRALIA

INDIA, AUSTRALIA PUSH DEEPER RESEARCH TIES IN AGRICULTURE, WATER SUSTAINABILITY



Diary Times Desk : India and Australia have agreed to intensify joint research and academic cooperation in agriculture and water sustainability. Senior officials said discussions this week centred on expanding collaborative science, boosting student and faculty exchanges, and accelerating technology transfer between the two countries.

The renewed push came during the three-day fifth anniversary celebrations of Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC), held from November 17 to 19 at Western Sydney University (WSU). The event brought together Indian and Australian scientists, research institutions and policy leaders for conferences, international symposiums and panel sessions on climate-resilient agriculture and emerging water challenges.

Consul General of India in Sydney, Dr S Janakiraman, and Dr M L Jat – Secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and

Education (DARE) and Director-General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – attended the deliberations alongside their Australian counterparts.

A key outcome was the signing of an addendum to the existing ICAR-WSU work plan by Dr Jat and WSU Vice-Chancellor Prof G Williams, extending their institutional collaboration until 2029. Officials said the extension will enable long-term cooperation in areas such as sustainable water use, climate-smart farming systems, dual-degree programmes and capacity-building initiatives.

The anniversary meetings underscored the growing strategic relevance of AIWC, which has emerged as a platform for advancing applied research at a time when both India and Australia are grappling with climate-driven water stress and the need for resilient agricultural models.

SC STRIKES DOWN TRIBUNAL REFORMS ACT 2021 PROVISIONS FOR GOING AGAINST ITS JUDGMENTS

Diary Times Desk :Terming it "legislative overruling" of binding judgments without curing any defects, the Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021, provisions on appointment and tenure of members for violating judicial independence and going against its earlier judgments on these issues.

"Therefore, the provisions of the impugned Act cannot be sustained as they violate separation of powers and judicial independence principles. It amounts to legislative overrule without curing any defects and the binding judgment. It falls foul. Thus, it's struck down as unconstitutional," a Bench of CJI BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran said.

The top court directed the Centre to constitute a National Tribunals Commission in three months.

The Bench expressed displeasure over the Central government not following the top court's judgments on functioning of tribunals.

The Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 -- which replaced the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021 -- abolished certain appellate tribunals, including the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal, and amended various terms related to the appointment and tenure of judicial and other members of various tribunals.



MY DECISION NOT TO CONTEST BIHAR POLLS CAN BE CONSIDERED MISTAKE: PRASHANT KISHOR



Diary Times Desk : Jan Suraj founder Prashant Kishor on Wednesday claimed that his decision not to contest the Bihar Assembly polls could be considered a "mistake", and said he had never expected that his party would get less than 4 per cent votes.

His comment comes after the Jan Suraj Party drew a blank in the recently held elections.

In an interview with NDTV India, Kishor said, "My decision not to contest polls can be considered a mistake. We have to do a lot to achieve a satisfactory result. I had never expected that our party would get less than 4 per cent votes in the assembly polls."

The former poll strategist also asserted that his effort would continue to win future elections.

"I will not back down without winning Bihar. I don't know how much time it will take," he said during the interview.

Kishor had on Tuesday claimed that Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) would have been limited to just 25 seats had his government not given Rs 10,000 to over 60,000 beneficiaries in each constituency just before the Assembly elections and promised Rs 2 lakh to 1.5 crore women across the state under a self-employment scheme.

BSF FORMS JOINT TEAM WITH TECH INSTITUTES FOR DEVELOPING DRONE TECHNOLOGIES



Diary Times Desk : With the proliferation of drones heavily impacting the security environment, the Border Security Force (BSF) has formed a joint research group comprising of BSF officers and faculty and students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and the Rustumji Institute of Technology (RIT), Tekanpur, to develop fully customised indigenous drone technology in India.

A technical session in this regard comprising 20 senior professors and experts from IIT and RIT along with BSF officers was conducted at IIT's Sonapat Campus on November 18 to discuss various aspects of drone technology.

The topics included lightweight composite materials, propulsion systems, aerodynamics, low-temperature batteries, motors and control systems, sensing technologies and secure communication networks, according to a BSF spokesperson.

The session was chaired by Prof Ashwini Agarwal, Dean (Research and Development), at IIT. BSF Director-General Daljit Singh Chawdhary presided over the concluding session where the future roadmap of this collaboration was discussed.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the BSF, IIT and RIT on November 10 for academic collaboration, research and technical innovation in different fields concerning the BSF, of which drone and counter-drone technology form an important part.

RAJASTHANI MOM

'PADHARO MHARE DESH' MOMENT! RAJASTHANI MOM BECOMES RUSSIA'S FAVOURITE CELEBRITY



Diary Times Desk :In a heartwarming video that's taken the internet by storm, an Indian woman has become an unlikely celebrity in Russia, all thanks to her vibrant Rajasthani sari.

The woman, who was exploring Russia with her family, confidently strolled through the streets, drawing attention from locals who couldn't resist requesting selfies and complimenting her appearance.

The video text reads, "POV: she is not just my mom - she's Russia's favourite celebrity," while the caption reads, "My mom is Celebrity in Russia."

The video, shared on Instagram by user Shubham Gautam, shows the woman walking with her husband as people stop them, smiling and asking for photographs.

The clip has garnered over 2.8 million views and more than 3 lakh likes, with users praising the woman's decision to proudly showcase Indian culture abroad.

Many users described her as looking "beautiful," "royal," and even jokingly called her an "ambassador of India."

One user commented, "Awww this is such a sweet video." Another user added, "Cultural differences are so beautiful, we should embrace that with respect."

BENGALURU SHOCKER! MEN POSING AS GOVT OFFICIALS INTERCEPT CASH VAN, FLEE WITH RS 7 CR



Diary Times Desk : Unidentified men posing as Central Government officials intercepted a cash van here and allegedly fled with about Rs 7 crore on Wednesday, police said.

The incident occurred near Ashoka Pillar when the vehicle was transporting cash from a bank branch in JP Nagar.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a group of men arrived in a car carrying a Government of India sticker and stopped the cash vehicle, claiming that they wanted to verify documents.

The suspects then forced the van's staff into their car along with cash. They allegedly drove towards Dairy Circle where they dropped the staff and sped away with the cash which is estimated to be about Rs seven crores, a senior police officer said. CCTV footage is being examined to trace the route taken by the vehicle and identify those involved.

GANGSTER ANMOL BISHNOI ARRESTED AFTER US DEPORTATION, SENT TO 11-DAY NIA CUSTODY



Diary Times Desk : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested Anmol Bishnoi, brother and close aide of dreaded gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, following his deportation from the US to India.

A Delhi court on Wednesday sent Anmol Bishnoi, an accused in the murder of NCP leader Baba Siddique, to 11 days of NIA custody.

Special Judge Prashant Sharma sent Anmol to NIA custody on the agency's plea seeking 15-day custodial interrogation of the accused.

Speaking to reporters outside court, special public prosecutor Rahul Tyagi said the accused will be produced before the court again on November 29 after completion of his NIA custody.

INDIA LAUNCHES INDIGENOUS GENE THERAPY TO ERADICATE SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Diary Times Desk : Aligning with the aim of eradicating sickle cell disease which is largely prevalent among the tribal population, India on Wednesday launched the first indigenous CRISPR-based gene therapy.

The breakthrough was developed at CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB). Sickle cell anaemia is an inherited blood disorder where red blood cells misshapen, leading to pain crises, anaemia and organ damage.

CRISPR (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) is a gene-editing technology that allows scientists to modify DNA in sickle cell disease patients. Doctors collect blood from the patient and isolate the patients carrying the sickle cell mutation and stem cells are edited.

SAMRAT CHOUDHARY NAMED BJP LEGISLATURE PARTY LEADER IN BIHAR

Diary Times Desk : Tarapur MLA Samrat Choudhary was on Wednesday named the leader of BJP legislature party in Bihar during a meeting of newly elected legislators, UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya said. The newly elected MLAs also chose Vijay Kumar Sinha as deputy leader of the BJP's legislature party, he said.

Maurya, who was present in the meeting, said, "Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha were elected the leader and deputy leader of the BJP's legislature party, respectively." Maurya was appointed the central observer for the election of the legislature party leader in Bihar.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and former union minister Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti were also made co-observers for the election of the legislature party leader of the BJP. Both were also present at the meeting.

SAUDI BUS ACCIDENT: 38 FAMILY MEMBERS OF VICTIMS REACH JEDDAH, DNA PROFILING UNDER WAY

Diary Times Desk : As many as 38 family members of those who died in the tragic bus fire accident in Saudi Arabia arrived in Jeddah on Wednesday, state government sources said. At least 45 Indians, majority of them Umrah pilgrims from Hyderabad, were killed in Saudi Arabia's Medina after their bus collided with an oil tanker. However, officials in New Delhi familiar with the development maintained that 42 people were killed in the accident.

The funeral is expected to take place on Friday, sources said. "Thirty-eight people have reached Jeddah. DNA profiling is ongoing. Once it is done and after some official process of the Saudi Arabia Government, the funeral may take place on Friday," sources told PTI.



50 MAOISTS ARRESTED IN MAJOR CRACKDOWN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Diary Times Desk : Fifty CPI (Maoist) cadres were arrested across five districts in Andhra Pradesh in a coordinated, intelligence-led operations, poliec said on Wednesday. Out of the 50 arrested, 45 were produced before the respective local court and remanded to judicial custody for 14 days.

The crackdown comes a day after the encounter in Alluri Seetharam Raju district on November 18, in which top Naxal commander M Hidma and five others were killed. "Following Hidma's killing, we launched a coordinated intelligence-driven operations across five districts and apprehended 50 CPI (Maoist) cadres," said ADGP Intelligence Mahesh Chandra Laddha, addressing a press conference in Vijayawada.

Those arrested include special zonal committee members, divisional committee members, area committee members and regular cadres operating in the south Bastar-Dandakaranya region.

INDIA RECORDED EXTREME WEATHER ON 99 PER CENT OF DAYS FROM JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER

Diary Times Desk : India faced extreme weather events on 99 per cent of days in the first nine months of 2025, marked by heat and cold waves, lightning, storms, heavy rain, floods and landslides.

These events claimed 4,064 lives, affected 9.47million hectares of crops, destroyed 99,533 houses, and killed about 58,982 animals, according to Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and DownToEarth's Climate India 2025 report, an annual assessment of extreme weather events.

The report notes a sharp surge in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events across India between January-September 2025 compared with the same period in the previous three years. By contrast, during the same period in 2024 such events occurred on 255 days, causing 3,238 deaths.

In 2025, at least 18 states/UTs recorded their highest number of extreme-weather days since 2022. Maharashtra was the worst-hit in terms of cropped area affected, with 8.4million ha, followed by Punjab (0.26 million ha) and Uttar Pradesh (0.21million ha).

WOMEN WITHOUT HEIRS SHOULD LEAVE WILLS TO AVOID LITIGATION: SUPREME COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday made an appeal to all women without sons, daughters or husbands to make a Will to avoid potential litigation disputes between their parents and in-laws.

Referring to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, the top court said Parliament at that time may have assumed that women would not have self-acquired property, but the progress of women in these decades cannot be underestimated.

"Education, employment and entrepreneurship of women in this country, including Hindu women, has led to their acquiring self-acquired property.

"If such self-acquired properties are to be succeeded only by the heirs of the husband if a female Hindu dies intestate in the absence of having sons, daughters and husband, possibly it may cause heartburn so far as the maternal family is concerned. We do not make any observation in this regard also," the apex court said.

A Bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan suggested while disposing of a PIL filed by a woman advocate challenging Section 15(1) (b) of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.

SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO GRANT QUOTA FOR PROMOTEE JUDGES IN HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to grant quota for promotee judges in Higher Judicial Service (HJS), observing that there is no "common malady" of disproportionate representation which afflicts the country.

The top court said that a "perceived discontentment" and "heartburn" cannot result in creating an artificial classification of members within a cadre.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai said fixation in the Selection Grade and Super Time Scale within the HJS is based on the merit-cum-seniority within the cadre and cannot depend upon the length of service or performance in the lower rungs of the judiciary.

NITISH TO TAKE OATH AS BIHAR CM FOR RECORD 10TH TIME ON THURSDAY; PM MODI, SHAH TO ATTEND



Diary Times Desk : supremo Nitish Kumar is set to be sworn-in as Bihar chief minister for a record 10th time on Thursday, days after the NDA secured a landslide victory in the assembly elections.

Preparation for the swearing-in ceremony at Patna's historic Gandhi Maidan is in its final stage, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and several top NDA leaders expected to attend.

Apart from the main stage, several pandals have also been erected to accommodate VIPs.

PM RELEASES RS 18,000 CRORE UNDER PM-KISAN SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU'S COIMBATORE

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India is on the path of becoming the global hub of organic farming, and asserted that it is native and traditional to the nation.

The youth are increasingly recognising agriculture as a modern and scalable opportunity and this will greatly empower the rural economy,

he said inaugurating here the South India Natural Farming Summit 2025 and also an exhibition.

Fresh from his NDA's stunning victory in Bihar, Modi quipped, citing the audience waving their 'gamcha' (towel) upon his arrival, that it looked like "Bihar winds" had arrived in Tamil Nadu before him.

VVPAT NOT MANDATORY FOR LOCAL BODY POLLS, TECHNICALLY NOT FEASIBLE: EC TO BOMBAY HC

Diary Times Desk : The Maharashtra State Election Commission on Wednesday told the Bombay High Court that the use of VVPAT machines was not mandatory for local body polls, and it was also not technically feasible.

The commission filed an affidavit opposing a petition filed by Congress leader Prafulla Gudadhe before the Nagpur Bench of the High Court, challenging its decision to not use VVPAT in the upcoming local body elections in Maharashtra.

Gudadhe in his plea said the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) system was essential for a transparent election process. During the hearing on Wednesday, a Bench headed by Justice Anil Kilor sought to know the reason for not using VVPAT machines especially when a Supreme Court judgment said the use of VVPAT was a must.

UPCOMING AADHAAR APP TO FACILITATE PAPERLESS IDENTITY SHARING: UIDAI

Diary Times Desk : The new Aadhaar app under works will facilitate paperless identity sharing and option to verify and share complete or selective information linked to the unique identity, an official statement said on Wednesday.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has conducted an informative webinar on 'Offline Verification using the Aadhaar App' ahead of the formal launch of the new Aadhaar app which was attended by over 250 entities and individuals from various sectors, the statement said.

"Upcoming Aadhaar app to facilitate paperless identity sharing, option to verify and share complete or selective Aadhaar information, Aadhaar updates," the statement said.

The new app aims to encourage offline digital verification of Aadhaar holders and discourage use of physical and photocopies of Aadhaar card.

'SHOULD CIVILISED SOCIETY ALLOW THIS KIND OF PRACTICE?' SC QUESTIONS TALAQ-E-HASAN

Diary Times Desk : Eight years after declaring talaq-e-biddat (instant triple talaq) unconstitutional, the Supreme Court on Wednesday questioned the Islamic practice of talaq-e-hasan—another form of triple talaq in which a Muslim man can divorce his wife by pronouncing the word 'talaq' once a month for three consecutive months.

"What kind of thing is this? How are you promoting this in 2025? Whatever best religious practice we follow... Is this what you allow? Is this how the dignity of a woman can be upheld? Should a civilised society allow this kind of practice?" a Bench led by CJI-designate Justice Surya Kant asked.

The Bench, which also included Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice N Kotiswar Singh, hinted at referring petitions against talaq-e-hasan to a Constitution Bench.



PM MODI TO ATTEND G20 SUMMIT IN SOUTH AFRICA'S JOHANNESBURG FROM NOVEMBER 21-23

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Johannesburg from November 21 to 23 to attend the 20th G20 Leaders' Summit hosted by South Africa, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Wednesday.

This will be the fourth consecutive G20 Summit held in the Global South.

At the Summit, Prime Minister Modi will put forth India's perspectives on the G20 agenda. He is expected to speak in all three sessions of the Summit, it said.

"On the margins of the G20 Leaders' Summit, the prime minister is expected to hold bilateral meetings with some of the leaders present in Johannesburg. The prime minister will also be participating in the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Leaders' Meeting being hosted by South Africa," the MEA said.

TRUMP DISMISSES US INTELLIGENCE, DEFENDS SAUDI PRINCE OVER 2018 KILLING OF KHASHOGGI

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump on Tuesday dismissed US intelligence findings that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman likely had some culpability in the 2018 killing of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi as Trump warmly welcomed the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia on his first White House visit in seven years. The US-Saudi relationship had, for a time, been sent into a tailspin by the operation targeting Khashoggi, a fierce critic of the kingdom. But seven years later, the dark clouds over the relationship have been cleared away. And Trump is tightening his embrace of the 40-year-old crown prince, who he said is an indispensable player in shaping the Middle East in the decades to come. Trump in his defence of the crown prince derided Khashoggi as "extremely controversial" and said "a lot of people didn't like that gentleman." Prince Mohammed denies involvement in the killing of Khashoggi, who was a Saudi citizen and Virginia resident.

CHINA BLUNTS US NAVAL DOMINANCE WITH ITS THIRD AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Diary Times Desk : After Fujian was commissioned on November 5, China now operates a fleet of three aircraft carriers. This makes the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) the world's second-largest operator of carriers.

Nonetheless, this figure still falls someway behind the eleven carriers operated by the USA. The US Navy (USN) has dominated the Western Pacific since the end of World War II, but China's growing naval power has blunted that ascendancy. China once lagged badly in aircraft carrier technology, too, but that situation is changing.

In fact, the arrival of Fujian constitutes a step change in capability for the PLAN. What is also remarkable is the rapid speed of China's technological advancements. Additionally, the PLAN operates a fleet of large flattops from which helicopters can take off and land. It has four such Type 075 vessels, compared to nine comparable vessels in the USN, and four in Japan's navy.

'COMMIE', 'INCOMPATIBLE WITH AMERICA': ZOHRAN MAMDANI BECOMES TOP TARGET OF RIGHT-WING MEDIA BEFORE TAKING OFFICE

Diary Times Desk : Zohran Mamdani has not yet assumed office as New York City's mayor, but conservative media outlets have already cast him as a political villain.

He has been described as "downright sinister" and "incompatible with America," tagged as a communist, Marxist, jihadist sympathiser and "seething leftist."

Fox News host Laura Ingraham warned viewers not to be deceived by "smiling socialists who rule like Soviet tyrants."

A New York Post cover depicting Mamdani with the Soviet hammer and sickle sold out by noon and was resold online for \$75. By evening, the paper was selling baby onesies and commemorative plates featuring the cover.

'INDIA SAVED MY MOTHER'S LIFE': SHEIKH HASINA'S SON REJECTS LEGITIMACY OF HER EXTRADITION

Diary Times Desk : The son of Bangladesh's ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has launched a scathing attack on Dhaka's extradition request, dismissing the legal proceedings against his mother while warning India of a growing terrorism threat from across the border.

In an interview with ANI, Sajeeb Wazed Joy expressed profound gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for granting her asylum, claiming militants had been planning to assassinate her.

Wazed flatly rejected the legitimacy of Bangladesh's extradition request, alleging violation of judicial norms in the cases against his mother.

"They terminated 17 judges before the trial, amended laws illegally without parliamentary approval, and barred her defence attorneys from court proceedings," he told ANI. "When there is no due process whatsoever, no country is going to extradite."

He expressed confidence that Indian authorities would reject the request, citing the absence of proper legal procedures in Dhaka.

RUSSIAN BARRAGE KILLS 10 IN UKRAINE AS ZELENSKY HEADS FOR TALKS WITH TURKISH LEADER

Diary Times Desk : A large Russian drone and missile barrage killed 10 people and injured dozens more in Ukraine overnight, officials said Wednesday, as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was due in Turkey for talks on finding a settlement that might end Russia's invasion of his country.

The nighttime attack hit two nine-story apartment blocks in Ternopil, a city in western Ukraine, according to Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko. Emergency crews were sifting through the rubble in daylight to find any survivors, he said. At least 37 people were reported injured, including 12 children.

Russia fired 476 strike and decoy drones, as well as 48 missiles of various types, at Ukrainian targets overnight, Ukraine's air force said.

"Every brazen attack against ordinary life indicates that the pressure on Russia (to stop the war) is insufficient," Zelenskyy wrote on the messaging app Telegram.

LOUVRE HEIST: MUSEUM TO SET UP NEW CAMERAS, ANTI-INTRUSION SYSTEMS

Diary Times Desk : The head of the Louvre Museum said on Wednesday that new surveillance cameras and anti-intrusion systems will soon be installed at the Paris landmark after last month's crown jewels heist.

The cameras — some 100 of them — will be up and running by the end of next year while anti-intrusion systems will start to be put in place within two weeks, Louvre director Laurence des Cars said.

She described the systems as equipment that will prevent intruders from getting close to the museum buildings but did not offer specifics. The new surveillance cameras will try to ensure "complete protection of the museum's surroundings," she said. After the shock, after the emotion, after the assessment, it's time for action at the world's most visited museum, des Cars told the Committee of Cultural Affairs of the National Assembly.

She said it was all part of more than 20 emergency measures that will be implemented. The new measures also include the creation of a "security coordinator" position at the museum, and the job has been posted this month, she added.



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The meeting marks the fourth consecutive G20 Summit held in the Global South and highlights a continued shift toward developing country leadership on global economic and governance issues. At the Summit, the Prime Minister will present India’s perspectives on the G20 agenda and is expected to speak in all three sessions. The MEA said he will also hold bilateral meetings with several leaders on the margins of the gathering and participate in the India Brazil South Africa Leaders’ Meeting being hosted by South Africa.

The first session titled “Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth Leaving No One Behind” will focus on strengthening global economic recovery, expanding trade opportunities, improving development financing and addressing the growing debt burden on vulnerable economies.

The second session titled “A Resilient World – the G20’s Contribution” will take up disaster risk reduction, climate change, just energy transitions and food systems.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES
DENYING GREEN CARDS IF YOU USE
GOVERNMENT AID

Diary Times Desk : The United States is planning to tighten rules for immigrants seeking permanent residency in America. The Donald Trump administration’s proposed change targets the “public charge” rule, which has been in place since December 2022. Officials at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have drafted a proposal that could block green cards to immigrants likely to rely on government support. The proposed rule, called “Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility,” will be published today, November 19. After it’s published, the public can share their opinions or feedback about it over the next 30 days.

TRUMP SAYS HE ‘ACTUALLY STOPPED EIGHT WARS’, REPEATS CLAIM ON MEDIATING
INDIA-PAKISTAN CONFLICT

Diary Times Desk : United States President Donald Trump has once again claimed that he “stopped eight wars” including the one between India and Pakistan, as he addressed a bilateral meeting with the Saudi Crown Prince. Trump was addressing the press following a bilateral meeting in the Oval Office in the White House with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman, who was visiting the US. “I’ve stopped actually eight wars,” he said in response to a reporter’s question. “I’ve actually stopped eight wars. I have another one to go with Putin. I’m a little surprised that Putin has taken longer than I thought, but we stopped India and Pakistan. I could go through the list; you know the list better than I do. I’m very proud and I stopped one that was almost ready to start again,” he added. “You know, there was one that was ready to start… And they’re doing very well. So, it all took place right here in the Oval Office, whether by telephone or whether by they came in.



IS SRI LANKA SAFE? WHAT SOLO
FEMALE TRAVELLERS SAY ON REDDIT,
YOUTUBE, INSTAGRAM

Diary Times Desk : The first prototype of the Su-75 combat aircraft is closing in on its first flight, according to the CEO of Sukhoi parent company Rostec. Speaking in Dubai through an interpreter, Rostec CEO Sergey Chemezov says the aircraft, also known as Checkmate, is “almost at the stage of flight testing.” The single-engine Checkmate made its international debut in mock-up form at the Dubai Airshow in 2021 when the company sought international funding for the development effort.

‘QUIET, PIGGY’: TRUMP
RESPONDS TO REPORTER
AFTER EPSTEIN QUESTION

Diary Times Desk : When speaking to reporters on board Air Force One on 14 November, President Donald Trump was asked about recently released emails from Jeffrey Epstein which mentioned him. Trump said he knew nothing about that and said the focus should be on other people named in those emails, including former President Bill Clinton. After a journalist from Bloomberg News tried to ask a follow-up question on Epstein, the president turned to her and said: “Quiet. Quiet, piggy.” The exchange occurred as calls grew for the US Department of Justice to release files related to its investigation into Epstein, the late financier and convicted sex offender who died in prison in 2019. On Sunday, President Trump reversed his position and called for Republicans to vote for a bill that forces the Justice Department to release all of its files related to the Epstein case.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION
QUIETLY ATTEMPTING TO
HAMMER OUT NEW PEACE
PLAN WITH RUSSIA

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration has been quietly hammering out a new peace plan with Russia to end its war with Ukraine, a person familiar with the talks told CNN. The president’s special envoy, Steve Witkoff, who has been at the center of the administration’s talks with Moscow, has been leading the effort, the source said. The negotiations accelerated this week as the administration feels the Kremlin has signaled a renewed openness to a deal, the source added. Army Secretary Dan Driscoll and a top-level Pentagon delegation arrived this morning in Ukraine “on a fact finding mission to meet with Ukrainian officials and discuss efforts to end the war,” Army Spokesperson Col. Dave Butler said in a statement.

The mission, at the direction of the president, was part of the White House effort to resuscitate peace talks, according to a separate source who is a US official.



CONGRESS VOTES TO SEND EPSTEIN FILES BILL TO TRUMP

Diary Times Desk : Both chambers of US Congress have agreed to order the US justice department to release its files on late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the measure in a 427-1 vote. The Senate said it would pass the bill before it officially received it.

President Donald Trump must ultimately sign off the measure, which he has said he will do. He recently reversed his position and urged fellow Republicans to vote to disclose the records, following pushback from many of his supporters.

Earlier on Tuesday, survivors of Epstein spoke in support of the measure at the US Capitol. One of them said they had suffered "institutional betrayal" for years.

The "Epstein files" refer to the vast trove of documents that were amassed during criminal investigations into the financier, including transcripts of interviews with victims and witnesses, and items confiscated from raids of his various properties.

**CHILDREN AMONG 25 KILLED IN ONE OF RUSSIA'S DEADLIEST STRIKES ON WESTERN UKRAINE**

Diary Times Desk : At least 25 people have been killed including three children in a Russian missile and drone attack that hit two blocks of flats in the western city of Ternopil, Ukrainian officials say. They say another 73 people were wounded, 15 of them children, in the strike early on Wednesday - one of the deadliest in the region since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion in February 2022. Ukraine's air force later said Russian X-101 cruise missiles had hit the residential flats. The neighbouring Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk regions were also struck, and a drone attack on three districts of the north-eastern city of Kharkiv wounded more than 30 people. Photos posted online showed buildings and cars ablaze. Ukraine's air force said it had shot down 442 of 476 drones and 41 of 48 missiles launched by Russia, including 10 missiles destroyed by F-16 and Mirage 2000 fighter jets supplied to Kyiv by its Western allies.

9/11 SURVIVORS FURIOUS OVER SAUDI CROWN PRINCE'S US VISIT. HOW HE RESPONDED

Diary Times Desk : Osama bin Laden used Saudi people for the 9/11 attacks to destroy US-Saudi relations, insisted Mohammed bin Salman at the White House, as the families of the victims pressed for accountability from the visiting Saudi Crown Prince. Saudi Arabia is doing its best not to let it happen again, he assured the Americans, with the survivors still furious over his presence at the Oval Office. Laden, a Saudi national, was the founder of the al-Qaeda terrorist group that carried out four coordinated attacks in the US on September 11, 2001, killing nearly 3,000 people. Salman was cornered by reporters over the 9/11 attacks and the 2018 killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi when he and President Donald Trump addressed the media after unveiling a civilian nuclear deal and the sale of F-35 jets. He claimed that the 9/11 attacks were a ploy to harm the US-Saudi ties, and anyone who believes in that is helping to fulfill Laden's purpose.

8-MONTH PREGNANT INDIAN WOMAN, OUT ON WALK, KILLED IN BMW CRASH IN AUSTRALIA

Diary Times Desk : A 33-year-old pregnant Indian woman, who was weeks away from giving birth to her second child, has been killed in a horrific car crash in Australia's Sydney. Samanvitha Dhareshwar, who was eight months pregnant, was taking a walk with her husband and three-year-old son when the tragedy struck last week, according to police. Police said that a Kia Carnival car had slowed to let Dhareshwar and her family cross the footpath along George St in Hornsby at about 8 pm on Friday, when a speeding BMW rear-ended it. The impact pushed the Kia car forward, hitting Dhareshwar as she crossed a car park entrance. Police said Dhareshwar suffered catastrophic injuries in the accident and was immediately rushed to Westmead Hospital, but sadly, neither she nor her unborn child could be saved.

The luxury BMW was reportedly being driven by Aaron Papazoglu, a 19-year-old P-plater (driver who has a provisional or probationary licence). Drivers of the BMW and Kia cars, however, escaped without injuries," police said. It is not known if Dhareshwar's husband and her three-year-old child suffered any injuries in the crash.

According to her LinkedIn, Dhareshwar was a qualified IT systems analyst, specialising in business application administration and support. She was working as a test analyst for AlSCO uniforms.

Police said the driver of the BMW car was later arrested at his Wahoonga home. He has been charged with dangerous driving occasioning death.

**SERPENT HEADS, 'K-POP DEMON HUNTERS' AND FOSSIL FUEL: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF COP30**

Diary Times Desk : Fifty six thousand people are at this year's COP, the UN-led climate meetings, in Brazil's Belém. For two weeks we have and will read of negotiations going into the dead of the night, of protesters facing off with police and of the prickly heat of promises. The climate is changing and its impact justifiably makes a lot of people angry. But so diverse is this meeting and so eclectic its progress that no single news copy can do justice to how much happens in a day. This does not either, but it is a hint of an idea of a day in the life of the COP30. It is 10 am and the equatorial sun is so excruciating that people are squinting as they walk the long path towards the 'Blue Zone' of the COP30 venue at Parque da Cidade - the Belém's sprawling park. The Blue Zone is where the negotiations happen. But the Green Zone, the consensus seems to be, is where the "fun" is - with civil society.

"HONOURED TO SHOWCASE IAF'S COMPETENCE ON GLOBAL STAGE": WING COMMANDER TEJESHWAR SINGH AT DUBAI AIR SHOW 2025

Diary Times Desk : Indian Air Force Wing Commander Tejeshwar Singh of the Surya Kiran aerobatics team said that representing India at the Dubai Air Show 2025 was a great honour, as the team showcased its professionalism and flying skills on a global stage.

Speaking to ANI, the Wing Commander said, "It was a great privilege and honour to represent India on a global platform like the Dubai Air Show 2025. It is a great opportunity for us to show our competence as an Air Force. We do not just represent the Tricolour but also the professional grit and determination of each one of us back home. It is a great feeling and a matter of honour."

The Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team (SKAT) stunned with its manoeuvres and aerobatics during the second day of the Dubai Airshow, as it did during the first day of the airshow at Dubai Al Maktoum airport.

Additionally, the Indian Air Force performed with the LCA Tejas, pulling high manoeuvres during its flying display. The static display of Tejas also drew a large audience, who adored the jet.

AVANTI FEEDS, OTHER SHRIMP STOCKS JUMP UP TO 12% AFTER CHINA
SUSPENDS JAPANESE SEAFOOD IMPORTS: HERE'S WHY



Diary Times Desk : The shares of shrimp companies sharply surged on November 19 after China notified Japan that it will ban all imports of Japanese seafood.

This comes as relations between Beijing and Tokyo deteriorated over Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's comments on Taiwan. Indian shrimp-feed companies export products to China. Hence, the ban on Japanese seafood may have increased expectations of higher demand in China.

Apex Frozen Foods shares jumped nearly 5 percent to trade at around Rs 305.99 apiece. Coastal Corporation shares jumped 9 percent, while Avanti Feeds shares surged nearly 12 percent. Additionally, Union Commerce Minister Piyush said "good news" on the proposed India-US trade agreement can be expected once the two sides arrive at a deal that is fair, equitable and balanced.

LARRY SUMMERS RESIGNS FROM OPENAI
BOARD AFTER EPSTEIN EMAILS MADE
PUBLIC

Diary Times Desk : Former US treasury secretary Larry Summers is stepping down from the board at OpenAI, a week after a tranche of emails between him and late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein was released. Summers said in a statement to the BBC that he was "grateful for the opportunity to have served, excited about the potential of the company, and look forward to following their progress". Summers, who was also once the president of Harvard University, said on Monday that he would be stepping back from public commitments over his ties to Epstein. The recently released emails showed Summers communicated with Epstein until the day before Epstein's 2019 arrest for the alleged sex trafficking of minors. In a statement, the artificial intelligence company said it respected Summers' decision to resign.

UK BABY SUFFERS HEART ATTACK,
LOSES TONGUE AFTER MISTAKING
DRAIN CLEANER FOR MILK: "IT'S A
MIRACLE HE SURVIVED"

Diary Times Desk : A 13-month-old baby in UK's Birmingham suffered a heart attack, internal burns, and lost half his tongue after accidentally drinking drain cleaner, mistaking it for milk. The incident occurred when the toddler slipped behind his mother, who was cleaning the bathroom, and drank caustic soda from a white bottle left on the floor. According to Wales Online, Sam Anwar was just 13 months old when the incident happened in May this year.

His mother, Mukhtara, 27, was cleaning the bathroom when Sam unnoticed followed her and picked up a bottle of drain cleaner she had left on the floor. The chemical instantly burned his lips, mouth, tongue, and airway, causing severe internal injuries.

"APOLOGISE, COMPENSATE": DEAD JOURNALIST'S WIFE ASKS SAUDI PRINCE
TO MEET HER



Diary Times Desk : The widow of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who was murdered by Saudi agents in 2018, has demanded an apology from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman for her husband's killing after he called it a "huge mistake". Hanan Elatr Khashoggi, in a post on X, said there was no justification to murder her husband, and the Saudi crown prince should "compensate" her for the loss.

Hanan Elatr Khashoggi's remarks came after US President Donald Trump rolled out the red carpet for the Saudi prince's first visit to the United States since Khashoggi was killed inside the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul, sparking global outrage. She earlier said she had written to Trump asking for his help in reaching a financial settlement with Prince Mohammed. Tagging the President of the United States, Khashoggi wrote, "There is no justification to murder my husband. While Jamal was a good, transparent and brave man, many people may not have agreed with his opinions and desire for freedom of the press." "The Crown Prince said he was sorry, so he should meet me, apologise and compensate me for the murder of my husband, Jamal Khashoggi," she wrote on X.

ISRAEL WARNS TWO VILLAGES
IN SOUTHERN LEBANON TO
EVACUATE AHEAD OF STRIKES

Diary Times Desk : The Israeli military on Wednesday warned two villages in southern Lebanon to evacuate buildings close to what it said are Hezbollah sites, as tensions between Israel and militant groups escalate.

At least 14 people were killed in Lebanon in the past day by Israeli strikes on what the military said were sites belonging to groups associated with Hezbollah and Hamas.

Earlier Wednesday, an Israeli airstrike on a car in southern Lebanon killed one person and wounded 11 including students aboard a nearby bus, the Lebanese Health Ministry and state media said.

The strike in the village of Tiri followed an Israeli drone attack on the Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh in southern Lebanon that killed 13 people and wounded several others. The Tuesday night strike was the deadliest among scores of Israeli attacks since a ceasefire in the Israel-Hezbollah war a year ago.

MP'S AIDE REPORTED
SUSPECTED CHINA LINKEDIN
APPROACH

Diary Times Desk : When MPs, members of the House of Lords and their staff were warned about the threat from Chinese spies, in one office in Westminster, a quick check began. Simon Whelband is a Conservative councillor and also works for the Conservative MP Neil O'Brien, who was sanctioned by China in 2021. Simon went into his LinkedIn messages and there it was. A message from an account in the name of Shirley Shen sent some weeks earlier. He hadn't responded to the unsolicited message and reported it to Parliament's security services. He was then advised to block the account. The note comes across as pretty innocuous. He said: "The message wasn't written in very good English, it was a message to say there was a job opportunity and was I interested, and to get in touch if I was. "I've worked around Parliament for about 10 years now so I'm kind of used to this. "But if you were more junior, you don't know what you're looking for. "You might think it's a genuine offer that's made to you on LinkedIn, they might accept." Whelband added that he thought it was becoming more common for those working in Parliament to be targeted by China.

4 REASONS YOU PROBABLY WON'T GET A \$2,000 CHECK FROM TRUMP SOON (AND 1 SCARY REASON YOU MIGHT)

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has promised to deliver \$2,000 tariff rebate checks next year, raising hopes of a lifeline for millions of Americans struggling to make ends meet.

"We've taken in hundreds of billions of dollars in tariff money. We're going to be issuing dividends...probably the middle of next year, a little bit later than that, of thousands of dollars for individuals of moderate income, middle income," Trump said Monday.

Although Trump has suggested these checks are essentially a done deal, the reality is there are major, perhaps insurmountable, obstacles standing in the way.

Experts tell CNN it is improbable the federal government will send out \$2,000 checks next year – unless it looks like the US economy needs to be rescued from an imminent recession.

WHY IT FEELS LIKE YOUR FAVORITE WEBSITES KEEP GOING DOWN

Diary Times Desk : Having problems with your favorite websites lately? It's not just you.

Web infrastructure provider Cloudflare experienced a disruption on Tuesday that temporarily impacted a swath of online services – from Spotify to ChatGPT and even President Donald Trump's Truth Social platform – marking the latest in a string of high-profile internet outages.

An Amazon Web Services issue disrupted the daily routines of millions of people last month, in some cases preventing them from doing even simple tasks like ordering coffee or managing smart home appliances. Just days later, Microsoft's Azure service was hit with an outage. According to experts, it's a sign of the times – a combination of society's increased reliance on digital services, the consolidation of critical cloud infrastructure between just a few companies and the proclivity of people to complain about tech mishaps online.

LARRY SUMMERS RESIGNS FROM OPENAI BOARD AS SCRUTINY OVER JEFFREY EPSTEIN EMAILS INTENSIFIES

Diary Times Desk : Larry Summers is resigning from the OpenAI board as he steps away from public commitments, after more emails between the Harvard economist and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein were released last week by a House committee.

"In line with my announcement to step away from my public commitments, I have also decided to resign from the board of OpenAI," Summers said in a statement. "I am grateful for the opportunity to have served, excited about the potential of the company, and look forward to following their progress."

Last week a House committee released emails showing years of personal correspondence between the two men, including Summers making sexist comments and seeking Epstein's romantic advice.

"Larry has decided to resign from the OpenAI Board of Directors, and we respect his decision," OpenAI's board of directors said in a statement. "We appreciate his many contributions and the perspective he brought to the Board."Summers previously served as former President Bill Clinton's Treasury secretary, former President Barack Obama's National Economic Council director.



TARGET MAY HAVE HIT ROCK BOTTOM

Diary Times Desk : In the latest signal of trouble, the company reported sales dropped during its latest quarter, and Target cut its full-year profit guidance Wednesday. The company's sales have stagnated for about four years, and Target said last month that it would cut 1,000 corporate employees, roughly 8% of its global workforce.

Target is betting that a new CEO and investments can spark a turnaround at the company. But Wednesday's quarterly financial report showed there's no quick fix to Target's challenges. Target has proven over and over that it is poorly positioned to succeed in this uneven economy, selling the wrong mix of items for an increasingly frugal customer. Target specializes in cheap chic clothing and home decorations, but fewer customers believe they can find the best prices and deals there. Shoppers, strained by inflation, have shifted their spending to essentials and value items. They've switched to Walmart, Amazon, TJ Maxx and other chains instead. Target's stock slipped 1% during pre-market trading Wednesday. Shares have tumbled roughly 35% this year. "Target is really struggling and does not seem to be able to climb out of the hole it has dug itself into," Neil Saunders, an analyst at GlobalData Retail, said in a note Wednesday. The company has also faced intense customer backlash for its retreat on some diversity initiatives.



AI IS ABOUT TO FACE AN ENORMOUS TEST. THE MARKET IS ALREADY NERVOUS

Diary Times Desk : Growing concerns about an artificial intelligence bubble have, in large part, caused the stock market's recent bout of volatility. So the AI industry will face an enormous test when Nvidia, the world's most valuable company and backbone of the AI boom, reports earnings after the bell on Wednesday.

The stock market rally – that had been going practically nonstop since April until this month's blip – largely depends on Nvidia. The chipmaker, which is the gold standard for AI computing power, has propelled the market higher across the past three years.

Investors are now eager to know whether demand for Nvidia's chips – and its optimism about the future – are continuing to grow or if there are signs of AI fatigue.

Less-than-stellar earnings this month from tech company Palantir (PLTR), which uses AI for its government contracts, gave Wall Street pause – and fueled a sell-off in AI stocks over the past several weeks. Nvidia's stock (NVDA) has fallen more than 10% this month, although it's still up 35% this year.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN THURSDAY’S JOBS REPORT

Diary Times Desk :
One of the most hotly anticipated economic reports is finally set to be released Thursday: The long-delayed jobs report for September, originally due on October 3. It marks the reopening of the floodgates for a slew of backlogged economic data that was held up due to the historic government shutdown.

Sitting on the shelf for six weeks, the months-old data has the potential to come across as stale – especially for a fast-moving economy that is feeling increasingly perilous for many Americans and businesses.

Economic uncertainty and the rising cost of living have caused consumers to pull back (as The Home Depot and Target can attest). Affordability concerns are reaching a fever pitch (so much so that President Donald Trump exempted some grocery store items like coffee, beef and fruit from steep tariffs).

However, the end of the federal data drought provides a much-needed look at how the economy fared in recent weeks and what’s in store for the months to come.

SALES OF AI-ENABLED TEDDY BEAR SUSPENDED AFTER IT GAVE ADVICE ON BDSM SEX AND WHERE TO FIND KNIVES

Diary Times Desk :
Sales of an artificial intelligence-enabled plush toy have been suspended after it was found that it engaged in conversation around sexually explicit topics and offered potentially dangerous advice.

Larry Wang, CEO of Singapore-based FoloToy, told CNN that the company had withdrawn its “Kumma” bear, as well as the rest of its range of AI-enabled toys, after researchers at the US PIRG Education Fund raised concerns around inappropriate conversation topics,

including discussion of sexual fetishes, such as spanking, and how to light a match.

The company is now “conducting an internal safety audit,” Wang added.

THE NETHERLANDS TAKES A BIG STEP TO DEFUSE ITS DISPUTE WITH CHINA THAT THREATENED CAR PRODUCTION



Diary Times Desk :
A high-stakes standoff between China and the Netherlands over control of a crucial chipmaker reached a detente Wednesday after Amsterdam suspended a controversial order that enabled it to take control of Chinese-owned Nexperia.

The standoff had threatened to shutter auto plants around the world as Nexperia is a critical supplier of computer chips to the global auto industry.

The Dutch government said it had suspended the order after “constructive” meetings with Chinese authorities and that it would continue speaking to them. Amsterdam took control of Nexperia in late September, under pressure from the US government, which had placed its Chinese parent company, Wingtech Technologies, on a blacklist of companies seen as posing a national security threat. Nexperia’s CEO was also suspended from his post following a court order. Maroš Šefčovič, who oversees the European Union’s trade policy, also welcomed the Dutch government’s move, saying on X that it represents “another key step in stabilizing our strategic chip supply chains.”

BBC APOLOGIZES TO PRINCESS OF WALES OVER TITLE ERROR



Diary Times Desk :
The BBC has apologized to Catherine, Princess of Wales for referring to her as “Kate Middleton” during the British broadcaster’s recent coverage of Armistice Day.

News presenter and correspondent Rajini Vaidyanathan repeatedly referred to the popular 43-year-old royal by her maiden name last week, sparking complaints from viewers watching the Remembrance coverage.

“During our coverage of memorials to commemorate Armistice Day we mistakenly referred to Catherine, Princess of Wales as Kate Middleton; these were errors during hours of live broadcasting for which we apologise,” the BBC said in a statement.

“Throughout our Armistice Day coverage more broadly, we referred to Catherine by her correct title,” it added. Armistice Day – also known as Remembrance Day – commemorates the end of World War I and has become a day to remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict.

The Princess of Wales made her first appearance at the Armistice Day Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum on November 11, leading the nation in a two-minute silence before laying a wreath on behalf of the royal family.

The apology comes after the BBC also apologized to US President Donald Trump last week over an editing mishap that featured in a documentary, which he has threatened to sue over.

On Thursday, the BBC apologized to Trump for how a 2021 speech was cut together in an October 2024 documentary titled “Trump: A Second Chance?” saying that it “sincerely regrets the manner in which the video clip was edited.”

MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING HARYANA WOMAN ON PRETEXT OF MARRIAGE IN SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : A case has been registered against a man for allegedly raping a woman from Haryana on the pretext of marriage. According to the complaint filed by the victim, the accused allegedly promised to marry her and started living with her in a rented accommodation in Dhalli, Shimla.

The woman claims that during their relationship, which lasted from September to November, the accused sexually assaulted her.

The victim further stated that when she asked the accused to fulfill his promise of marriage, he refused, causing her extreme mental distress. Following this, she approached the police and filed a complaint against the accused.

The police have taken prompt action, registering a case under Section 69 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023. An investigation into the matter has been initiated.

LAKE WATER LEVEL WITNESSES STEEP RISE, TRIGGERS FEARS IN LAHAUL-SPITI

Diary Times Desk : An alarming rise in water level of Ghepan lake in tribal district Lahaul and Spiti has raised concerns among residents and local authorities. According to Deputy Commissioner Kiran Bhadana, the lake has recorded a 178% increase in water levels over the years, significantly heightening the risk of formation of a Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) – a sudden disaster capable of releasing massive volumes of water and debris downstream. The district administration has been monitoring the lake on a daily basis as satellite data continues to show a worrying trend. Officials fear that the accumulation of water could lead to a catastrophic event, especially in a region known for its fragile mountain slopes and glacial structures. A GLOF occurs when the natural dam holding a glacial lake fails. This can be triggered by several factors such as ice or rock avalanches sliding into the lake.

HIGH DRAMA IN GURDASPUR AS EX-ARMYMAN SHOOTS SELF AFTER KILLING WIFE, MOTHER-IN-LAW

Diary Times Desk : High drama prevailed at the Improvement Trust Colony No 7 here on Wednesday morning as around 200 cops surrounded it following threats by a Punjab Ex-Serviceman Corporation (PESCO) employee, also an ex-armyman, threatening to go on a killing spree in the heavily populated area.

PESCO provides welfare and employment services for ex-servicemen, which includes sending security guards on prison duty.

Police said the ex-armyman had stolen the rifle while on jail duty.

On Tuesday night, he allegedly killed his wife and mother-in-law at Khuthi village in Dorangla block before arriving at the IT Colony.



'WHAT A JOKE, SMOKE FROM PUNJAB DOESN'T EVEN REACH DELHI': CM MANN BLAMES DELHIITES, OTHER STATES FOR POLLUTION

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday ignited a fresh political debate over Delhi's deteriorating air quality, firmly dismissing allegations that stubble-burning in Punjab is responsible for the capital's toxic smog.

Addressing a press conference, Mann argued that meteorological patterns make it impossible for smoke from Punjab to travel to Delhi. He claimed that winds would need to blow “from north to south at 30 kmph for 10 days straight” for the smoke to reach the national capital — a scenario he described as unrealistic.

"The smoke from Punjab doesn't even reach Delhi. For smoke to travel from Punjab to Delhi in 10 days, it requires wind blowing from North to South at 30 kmph, which never happens...The smoke that travels to Delhi stays over Connaught Place! What a joke!.. There are Haryana, Rajasthan and UP neighbouring Delhi, plus Delhi's own pollution...Even before paddy harvesting began in Punjab, Delhi's AQI reached 400.

DETAINED MP AMRITPAL SINGH SEEKS PAROLE UNDER NSA TO ATTEND PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

Diary Times Desk : Lok Sabha MP Amritpal Singh, detained in Dibrugarh under the National Security Act, has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking temporary release to attend the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament from December 1 to 19. The petition invokes Section 15 of the NSA, which empowers the competent authority to grant parole to a detainee in exceptional circumstances.

The plea, filed through counsel Imaan Singh Khara, states that despite being in preventive detention since April 2023, the petitioner was elected from the Khadoor Sahib constituency in the 2024 General Election with nearly four lakh votes and continues to represent about 19 lakh constituents. He has sought a mandamus directing the Union and state authorities to permit his release on parole, or in the alternative, to arrange his personal attendance in the House during the session.

The petition recounts that a third detention order was issued against him on April 17 this year while he was lodged in Central Jail, Dibrugarh.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

20-11-2025

Aries

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

Taurus

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

Gemini

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

Cancer

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

Leo

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

Virgo

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

Libra

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

Scorpio

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

Sagittarius

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

Capricorn

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

Aquarius

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

Pisces

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

DELHI LAWYER’S ARREST
BY GURUGRAM STF:
‘WHY NOT HAND OVER
PROBE TO CBI’, ASKS SC

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Haryana Government to spell out why the murder case, in which Delhi lawyer Vikram Singh was arrested by Gurugram STF, should not be handed over to CBI after senior counsel Vikas Singh, representing him, alleged custodial torture.

“He (Vikram Singh) was tied to a pole all night and made to sleep like that. WhatsApp messages were sent despite this court’s order restraining such communication... He was given third-degree torture. He was threatened that his hair would be cut, and it was cut immediately at the police station,” Vikas Singh told a bench led by CJI BR Gavai. Accusing STF officials of pressuring the lawyer to “settle” a gang-war related dispute because he represented certain accused persons, the senior counsel wondered, “How can a lawyer settle matters between hardened gangsters?”

WEDDING DANCER
BEATEN UP IN
HARYANA’S NUH FOR
RESISTING ADVANCES

Diary Times Desk : A woman dancer performing at a pre-wedding celebration at Pachagon village in Nuh was assaulted after she objected to inappropriate behaviour by a relative of the groom.

The incident, caught on camera, showed a man trying to touch the performer inappropriately. She responded by slapping his arm, following which the man attacked her.

Within moments, several others in the crowd joined in, beating up her and other dancers and tearing off their clothes. The performers were eventually pulled to safety by members of their team.

The video has gone viral, leading to an outcry. Police say they are investigating the matter, though an FIR has not been registered till the time of filing this report.

The incident, caught on camera, shows a man trying to touch the performer inappropriately.

AL FALAH GROUP CHAIRMAN HAD REASONS TO FLEE INDIA; RS 415 CRORE
TAINTED FUNDS IDENTIFIED: ED

Diary Times Desk : Al Falah group chairperson Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui had “incentives” to flee India as his close family members are settled in the Gulf and he received at least Rs 415 crore funds generated “dishonestly” from students of educational institutions run by his Trust, the ED has informed a court. Siddiqui was taken into custody by the federal probe agency on Tuesday night after it conducted day-long searches against the Al Falah University group of Faridabad. The University is central to the investigation into the November 10 Red Fort area blast which killed 15 and injured several others.

He was produced at the residence of Additional Sessions Judge Sheetal Chaudhary Pradhan (Saket court) where the agency sought his 14-day remand for custodial interrogation. The court sent him to 13-day ED custody till December 1.



RED FORT BLAST: AL-FALAH GROUP
CHAIRMAN SENT TO 13-DAY ED
CUSTODY IN TERROR FUNDING
PROBE

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday night arrested chairman of the Al-Falah group Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui in an alleged money-laundering case related to the Al Falah Charitable Trust.

He was sent to 13 days’ ED custody by a city court till December 1. The order was passed at 1 am on Wednesday by Additional Sessions Judge Sheetal Chaudhary Pradhan.

Siddiqui was arrested on Tuesday under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. He was produced before the court later in the night for the purpose of seeking ED remand. According to officials, the arrest followed detailed investigation and analysis of evidences gathered during search operations carried out at premises related to the Al Falah group in the ongoing probe in an ECIR recorded by the ED under the PMLA in connection with the Al Falah group.

SKM TO HOLD COUNTRY WIDE
PROTESTS ON NOVEMBER 26 TO
MARK FIVE YEARS OF DELHI
MARCH

Diary Times Desk : Farmer organisations, along with Central Trade Unions, will hold nationwide protests on November 26 to mark five years of the farmers’ march to Delhi, demanding fulfilment of unimplemented promises made by the government.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of farmer organisations that led the 2020-21 protests, slammed the government for failing to implement key promises made during the year-long sit-in protest at Delhi borders.

“None of the promises made to farmers have been implemented. It was not even discussed... Whether it is MSP at C2+50 per cent, a loan waiver or stopping privatisation of electricity. This is bothering farmers,” said Ashok Dhawale, president of All India Kisan Sabha.

AFSANA, WHO RENTED ROOM TO DR UMAR, DETAINED; UMAR CONFINED HIMSELF
FOR 10 DAYS



Diary Times Desk : Investigating agencies have finally detained Afsana, who rented a room to terrorist Dr Umar Nabi in Hidayat Colony, Nuh. The Anganwadi worker had been absconding since the Delhi blast. Afsana’s family is also under investigation; officials confirmed that she was taken into police custody. Investigators also questioned seven other persons in Nuh to trace Umar’s connections, as he had used multiple mobile phones while staying in the rented room.

Afsana’s family said that on October 28, Shoaib called his sister-in-law and said, “I have a guest who will stay for a few days; please keep a room ready.”

Archaeologists may have uncovered a Bronze Age metropolis in Kazakhstan's steppe

Upon the open grasslands of what is now Kazakhstan, there once stood a Bronze Age settlement that may have served as a center of exchange and power around 1600 BC.

The settlement — called Semiyarka and nicknamed “The City of Seven Ravines” for its location overlooking a network of valleys — was first discovered in the early 2000s, but it wasn’t until an international group of archaeologists surveyed the area starting in 2018 that its impressive size and potential importance within the Eurasian Steppe came to light. What the team discovered was an expansive area that was once replete with houses, a central monumental building, which may have been used for rituals or governance, and possibly even tin bronze metal production facilities.

Their findings, published Monday in the journal *Antiquity*, are just the beginning, the study authors said.

“It’s very exciting, because it’s such a rare find to have tin bronze production in this area,” said lead author Miljana Radivojević, an

associate professor in archaeological science at University College London, UK. “We know we have hundreds of thousands of tin bronze artifacts from the Bronze Age in the Eurasian steppe and we have only one published site on tin bronze production. And this is the second one.” Tin bronze allowed for sturdier tools and other materials to be made, Radivojević added. As the team now embarks on excavating the area, they say the continued discoveries of Semiyarka are transforming what we know about urban life in prehistoric Eurasia.

“We just don’t have anything like this at all,” said study coauthor Dan Lawrence, a professor of archaeology at Durham University in the UK. There are hardly settlements of any kind recovered in the steppe, he added. “What you get across this landscape, we associate with mobile pastoral groups, and we think maybe they were in tents or yurts. What we’ve got here is something that’s very clearly quite different.”

Spanning 140 hectares (about 346 acres) above the Irtysh River valley, the large size and strategic location of the settlement may indicate that the Bronze Age steppe had sophisticated cities similar to those located in more urban areas of the world at the time, Lawrence added.

Surveying a long-lost city
To find the borders of the settlement, Lawrence led the team in a survey project that looked at satellite imagery and analyzed every 50-meter square across the site. They only examined the surface, finding pottery fragments, including at least 114 ceramic vessels, and other artifacts scattered across the settlement.

The team also used imagery from Corona spy photography dating to the 1960s, to identify where the land had been disturbed during the last several decades, as well as magnetometry, a noninvasive survey technique that allowed the archaeologists to see buried structures and metal objects without having to excavate.



Taylor Nicolici

Further research into the middens, heaps of remains that provide a glimpse into past human life, as well as surface collections beyond the settlement would help archaeologists better understand settlement patterns, Johnson said.



Christian Edwards

“Integration fails when you give young people the feeling that they don’t belong. That’s where you see gangs and crime and areas where people have their own rules. That’s because they don’t feel like they’re part of society. A rule like this would make (that feeling) much, much stronger,” she said.



Max Saltman

On every episode, the interior minister reads out criticisms of the Maduro government, usually from Republican politicians in the US, then responds with a recording of the late President Hugo Chavez during the United States to try and invade Venezuela.

Here’s Why

DENMARK’S HARDLINE IMMIGRATION LAWS HAVE CAUGHT BRITAIN’S EYE.

Denmark’s biggest exports include Ozempic, Carlsberg and Lego. But now, European leaders think it has something more valuable to sell: an immigration system tough and effective enough to neuter the hard right and keep mainstream parties in power.



Michala Clante Bendixen, head of the refugee advisory group Refugees Welcome Denmark, said removing the assumption that refugee status will become permanent has been detrimental to integration.

Mette Frederiksen, the Danish prime minister, has achieved what many center-left governments of recent years have found impossible: getting reelected. In an age when incumbents keep getting hammered at the ballot box, many in Europe are looking to the asylum policies of Frederiksen’s Social Democrats — which won elections in 2019, 2022, and, polls show, are on course to win again in 2026 — as a model to imitate.

Britain’s Labour government — which has been hounded by the populist Reform UK party

over its struggle to control illegal immigration — has been so impressed by the Danish model that it sent officials to find out how the system works.

Announcing a radical overhaul of Britain’s asylum system on Monday, Shabana Mahmood, the home secretary, said while Britain had “held rigidly to the old model, other countries have tightened theirs.” She singled out Denmark as a poster child. The old model referenced by Mahmood is a creature of Europe’s post-war milieu. The United Nations Refugee Convention of 1951 applied only to Europe and sought to settle wartime refugees — primarily Jews who survived the Holocaust, ethnic Germans expelled from Eastern

Europe and dissidents fleeing Soviet regimes. The treaty was expanded in 1967 to apply universally, in part to atone for colonialism. But the proliferation of conflict and climate disasters — coupled with cheap travel, rising rates of literacy, and the ease of online communication — has put immense strain on the post-war architecture of asylum. At the end of last year, 123 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced according to the UN, up from about 44 million people in 2010. “Our asylum system was not designed to cope with this,” Britain’s Prime Minister Keir Starmer said bluntly Monday. Britain is now poised to embark on a policy route first charted by Denmark a decade ago. In 2015, Europe received its most requests for asylum in a single year since World War II, as civil wars in Syria and Libya helped spur around 1.3 million people to travel to the region, mostly from the Middle East. When Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel famously said “Wir schaffen das (We can do it!)” urging Germans to welcome in refugees, Denmark took a different approach.

Under Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Frederiksen’s predecessor as prime minister who then led the center-right Venstre party, Denmark aimed to reduce the number of asylum seekers.

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US Pressure Ramps Up

VENEZUELA’S PROPAGANDA MACHINE LASHES BACK WITH JOKES, CARTOONS AND SARCASM

t’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s...not Superman?

No, it’s Super Mustache, Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro’s cartoon alter-ego, here to save the South American country from peril.

“Super Mustache,” which has aired on Venezuelan state TV since 2021, is just one piece of the country’s propaganda push as US warships amass near the Venezuelan coast and US President Donald Trump muses about sending troops to depose Maduro.

In a September episode of “Super Mustache,” aired shortly after Trump began his campaign of airstrikes on alleged drug boats off the Venezuelan coast, the cartoon superhero doffed his usual costume in favor of a military uniform, wielding a sheathed sword and declaring that Venezuela doesn’t have a “warmongering culture.”

Yet despite Super Mustache’s new look, the Venezuelan government has sent mixed messages since tensions increased with the US, simultaneously urging citizens to prepare for action while insisting that everything is fine.

gravity of the crisis in the Caribbean and the regime’s messaging is visible on the streets of Caracas. Unlike in previous nationwide campaigns, CNN teams in Venezuela have not seen any billboards, banners, murals, or graffiti in the national capital calling for support for the regime’s war footing, even in neighborhoods considered government strongholds.

Different strategies
Maduro, who prior to August was more commonly seen in enclosed spaces, has been making speeches and public appearances almost daily since tensions began to rise with the United States, often seen surrounded by a significant security detail, according to Venezuelan researcher and journalist Andrés Cañizález. Maduro hasn’t taken on the job of projecting Venezuela’s military might in the face of Trump’s threats. He has instead portrayed himself as a peacemaker, even singing John Lennon’s song “Imagine” at a public event, urging Trump to come to the table for talks face-to-face. As he waded through the crowd at a rally on November 13, Maduro told CNN’s Stefano Pozzebon that the US should unite with Venezuela for peace in the Americas.

Cañizález believes the Maduro government’s communication strategy has gone through different stages: initially, tensions with the US were downplayed, but as the US military presence in the Caribbean increased, the discourse shifted “to a more threatening, more retaliatory tone.”

Maduro’s counterpoint in Venezuela’s propaganda machine is Diosdado Cabello, the interior minister and host of one of the country’s most popular talk shows on state TV — “Con el Mazo Dando,” Spanish for “Hitting it with a Club.” In a typical four-hour episode, Cabello meanders between attacking opposition politicians, telling jokes and promoting the government’s position.

Chief among those positions is that US actions in the Caribbean have nothing to do with drugs, despite what the Trump administration insists.



The dissonance between the

A COLLECTOR'S GUIDE TO PICASSO CERAMICS

Diary Times Desk : Pablo Picasso designed 633 different ceramic editions between 1947 and 1971, with a number of variants and unique pieces resulting from these initial works. He began by creating simple, utilitarian objects such as plates and bowls, but later produced more complex forms, including pitchers and vases — their handles occasionally shaped to form facial features, or anatomical parts of his animal subjects.

Picasso remains one of the most highly prized artists at auction today, and the range of his ceramics means it's easy to find a work that is both an investment and an object you'll love. So there really is a perfect Picasso ceramic for everyone.

Over the course of his career, Picasso explored a wide variety of ceramic techniques — experimenting with paint, playing with form, or engraving the clay's surface. Eventually, extensive research led him to adopt two main production methods.

The first was based on the painstaking replication of an original object by hand, following its form and decoration as closely as possible. The second method involved creating original images in dry clay moulds, then transferring the design onto fresh clay: works made in this way carry the mark 'Empreinte Originale de Picasso'.

Every ceramic produced by Picasso features a stamp or marking, which can be found on the underside of the work, on the reverse, or even inside the piece. Some editions also include their edition number (e.g. 85/150) or a date.

These stamps and markings differ from one edition to another, and evolved over time. The most common, however, are 'Madoura Plein Feu', 'Empreinte Originale de Picasso' and 'Edition Picasso'.

Whether it is one of Picasso's famous bullfighting scenes, a visage plate, an owl, goat or fish piece, or a portrait of his last muse and second wife, Jacqueline Roque, each work will sit differently depending on its surroundings. A particular design might fit better in one room than in another, depending on its shape and colour.

Many of our clients will have more than one Picasso ceramic at home. When deciding to buy a new piece, they will often be influenced by what they already own.

Some will seek out works that can easily be displayed alongside the rest of their collection, choosing to echo a particular theme or style. Others will pursue a ceramic that is completely different from anything they have, gradually amassing examples of a range of Picasso's editions.



A COLLECTOR'S GUIDE TO LINE VAUTRIN

Diary Times Desk : The distinctive work of the French jewellery designer and decorative artist Line Vautrin, dubbed 'the poetess of metal' by Vogue in the 1940s, epitomises Parisian Neo-Romantic chic.

Her witty and imaginative creations — spanning jewellery, boxes, mirrors, powder compacts and other gilt-bronze whimsies — were the result of continuous experimentation, and are imbued with her passion for poetry and fantasy.

'Vautrin famously claimed to have one idea a day,' says Robin Beyries, a specialist in the Design department at Christie's in Paris. 'Even now, we're still discovering previously unseen models and rare variants, so there's always something new for the collector to marvel at.'

Born in Paris in 1913 into a family that owned a bronze foundry, Vautrin taught herself metalworking skills such as gilding, chasing and casting. By the age of 21, she had designed her first jewellery collection. After a brief spell working for the studio of Elsa Schiaparelli, she began making boxes, ashtrays, powder compacts and paperweights, often inscribed with her signature allegories, metaphors, symbols and visual puns.

'There's a playfulness in her work that sparks the curiosity of collectors,' says Beyries. 'Her works also appeal on an emotional level, with her visual cues often evoking memories.'

Over the course of her long career, Vautrin drew inspiration from a variety of sources, ranging from the ancient world to the palm trees of Casablanca, where she moved with her family in 1949. She also continued to innovate, experimenting with materials, designs and techniques in a bid to blur the traditional genre boundaries of the decorative arts.

She worked in bronze, but also played with small fragments of mirror embedded in her own formulation of cellulose acetate resin, which she registered under the trade name Talosel. Her Talosel mirror frames proved a huge hit, enticing celebrities such as the writer Françoise Sagan, film star Ingrid Bergman and fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent.

Her breakthrough came in 1937, when she took a booth at the Exposition Universelle in Paris. She showcased a wide range of gilt-bronze buttons and jewellery, including the celebrated Adam et Eve necklace, to the acclaim of critics and collectors alike. The presentation cemented her reputation as a singular creative innovator, and launched her on the international stage.



BARCELONA JOINED BY BAYERN MUNICH IN RACE TO SIGN EXPERIENCED BUNDESLIGA FULL-BACK



Diary Times Desk : Alejandro Grimaldo's name is once again attracting serious attention in Spanish football, and this time the noise appears louder than ever. Journalist Matteo Moretto has confirmed through MARCA that the Spanish full-back is firmly on Barcelona's radar, although Bayern Munich also appear to be entering the race for the Spaniard. According to Moretto, interest is also emerging from abroad, explaining that "there's a club in Germany that's sounding him out... It's Bayern Munich." However, he made it equally clear that Grimaldo himself "would prioritise returning to Spain" if a decisive moment arrives. Barcelona have the edge For Barcelona, this development comes at a delicate time. The club is closely watching Alejandro Balde's performances this season, and while his potential is not in question, the coaching staff are not fully convinced by his level in recent months. Moretto added that Barcelona "is monitoring his [Grimaldo's] situation," yet no formal approach has been made.

ATHLETIC CLUB STAR TALKS YAMAL, NICO WILLIAMS, CAMP NOU AHEAD OF CRUNCH LA LIGA CLASH VS BARCELONA

Diary Times Desk : This coming weekend marks a historic milestone for Barcelona as they return to the Spotify Camp Nou after two and a half years of exile. Athletic Club will become the first club to play against Barcelona in the newly renovated Camp Nou, against the backdrop of Nico Williams' failed move to Catalonia last summer.

Keeping that in mind, Athletic Club expects a fiery reception in Catalonia and their defender Inigo Lekue is well aware of the tension.

What Lekue said ahead of Barcelona vs Athletic Club Speaking to AS ahead of the Barcelona game this weekend, Lekue admitted he expects hostility from the local supporters. "I don't know what the real feeling is towards Athletic there; it wouldn't surprise us if it's hostile. Football thrives on rivalries," he said. The tensions between the two clubs boiled further when Barcelona informed Athletic that no away tickets would be provided due to security reasons and ongoing construction, leaving over 400 Athletic members who entered the ticket draw stranded.

BARCELONA KEEPING CLOSE TABS ON AFRICAN ATTACKING PEARL WITH 19 GOALS – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : With the halfway point of the season fast approaching, Barcelona have already started drawing up plans for the 2026/27 campaign.

The club are clearly focused on signing a new defender who can replace Inigo Martinez and a striker who can replace Robert Lewandowski in the years to come.

While the likes of Julian Alvarez, Harry Kane, and Serhou Guirassy have all been linked with a move to Barcelona, the club are also looking at some young talents as well.

Barcelona keeping tabs on Franculino According to Fichajes, one of them is Franculino Dju, a striker from Guinea-Bissau and a product of the SL Benfica youth academy.

Currently plying his trade for Midtjylland, the 21-year-old forward has lit up the Danish league with his performances, having racked up 19 goals in 26 competitive matches his season. Three of his goals have come in the UEFA Europa League, and as per the report, Barcelona are closely monitoring the youngster's progress.

BARCELONA TEENAGE PRODIGY COULD BE CALLED UP VS ATHLETIC CLUB AMID ABSENCES

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona find themselves entering the upcoming clash against Athletic Club with a worrying shortage of midfield options, and this situation has opened the door for a surprising but increasingly realistic name – Tommy Marquis. According to a recent report from SPORT, the youngster has become a genuine candidate to enter Hansi Flick's squad list for the match, since the manager has called him into both yesterday's session and today's training as well. This decision comes at a moment when the club is scrambling for solutions in the middle of the pitch. Pedri's situation continues to be delicate. Although he recently stepped back onto the field to complete solo exercises, combining them with intense work in the gym, the plan is still centred around a gradual return. Barcelona want to accelerate his recovery, yet the staff remain unsure whether he will be available in time for the weekend. Lack of options for Barcelona Meanwhile, Marc Casado has only been able to complete part of the training session under the supervision of the physical trainers, and the team has also lost Frenkie de Jong through suspension after his red card against Celta Vigo.



BARCELONA STARLET WHO WAS ON THE CUSP OF FIRST-TEAM CALL-UP OUT FOR FOUR MONTHS WITH INJURY

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona are dealing with a wave of injuries in the defensive department, especially in La Masia.

As reported recently, Xavi Espot, the Barça Athletic right-back who had become a regular fixture in the first-team dynamics, suffered an injury while away with the Spain U-19 national team. He is set to be out for 2-3 months in a bitter blow.

Landry Farre set for extended period out Now, according to SPORT, another talented young right-back, Landry Farre, is expected to be out of action for close to four months.

Following the injury to Espot, Farre had emerged as a leading candidate to fill the supporting role on the right side of defence in the first-team setup under Hansi Flick.

The 18-year-old defender has already trained on several occasions with Flick's first team. He has even been included in first-team squads, most recently in Milan for the second leg of the Champions League semi-finals last season.

LAMINE, FLICK, DECO IN CONTENTION AS BARCELONA DOMINATE NOMINATIONS IN 2025 GLOBE SOCCER AWARDS

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona have emerged as one of the main contenders at the 2025 Globe Soccer Awards, which will hold their sixteenth edition on 28 December at the Atlantis The Royal in Dubai.

The Catalan giants appear among the favourites in almost every major category, both in the men's and women's sections.

In the most prestigious category, Best Player, Barcelona are represented by Lamine Yamal, Pedri, Robert Lewandowski and Raphinha.

They will compete with the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Erling Haaland, Ousmane Dembele, Mohamed Salah, Florian Wirtz and Harry Kane.

In the women's Best Player category, the Blaugrana again have a strong presence with Aitana Bonmati, Caroline Graham Hansen, Claudia Pina, Patri Guijarro, Ewa Pajor and Alexia Putellas.

Meanwhile, Barcelona are also nominated for Best Team and Best Women's Team, competing with clubs such as PSG, Bayern, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal.

Hansi Flick, who won three trophies in his first season on the Catalans' bench, is nominated for Best Coach alongside Luis Enrique, Xabi Alonso, Roberto Martinez, Mikel Arteta and Antonio Conte.