

NEWS IN BRIEF

**KASHMIR TIMES
OFFICE RAIDED IN
JAMMU, AK-47
CARTRIDGES
FOUND: POLICE**

Diary Times Desk : The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu & Kashmir Police on Thursday raided the office of the Kashmir Times in Jammu for allegedly promoting anti-national activities. According to sources in the police, AK-47 cartridges, pistol rounds and three grenade launchers were recovered during the searches that began earlier in the day and are still underway.

A First Information Report (FIR) was also registered against Kashmir Times for allegedly spreading disaffection, glorifying secessionism and threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India and the Union Territory.

"SIA J&K today conducted raids and searches at the head office of the daily 'Kashmir Times' situated at Residency Road, Jammu. The searches conducted in the presence of the Executive Magistrate were carried out in continuation of the investigation into the case registered against the media house Kashmir Times.

**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 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.

**MODI-PUTIN
SUMMIT**

Jointly constructing ice-class ships would be mutually advantageous for both countries. It would allow India to leverage its robust shipbuilding infrastructure, while Russia would leverage its extensive experience in building icebreakers and ice-class ships.

Joint shipbuilding could become another pillar of strategic partnerships between the two nations, alongside defence, space, and nuclear energy cooperation.

Equally important, it will reduce vulnerability to US-orchestrated trade sanctions that impinge on India's sovereignty and lower the costs of imported Russian resources.

During the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 (October 17-19 in Mumbai), Russia invited India to participate in the Northern Sea Route (NSR).

Vladimir Panov, Rosatom's special representative for Arctic development, invited Indian companies to collaborate on NSR development, emphasizing partnerships in shipbuilding, port infrastructure, digital services, and sustainable Arctic shipping.

**INDIA LIKELY TO SIGN DEAL TO BUILD ICE-CLASS
VESSELS WITH RUSSIA IN \$100B TRADE PUSH**

Diary Times Desk : Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC)

The Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC), also known as the Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Corridor, connects Chennai Port in India with Vladivostok in Russia's Far East.

Spanning approximately 5,600 nautical miles (10,300 km), the corridor links India to the NSR. The EMC, NSR combination reduces cargo transit times from the traditional 40 days via the Suez Canal to about 24 days, bypassing congested chokepoints and avoiding West Asian regions prone to geopolitical instability.

The corridor was first proposed during PM Modi's 2019 visit to Vladivostok. Its relevance surged when India's trade with Russia went through the roof with over 200% YoY growth in early 2024. The importance of the route for energy security and for diversifying the supply chain became obvious.

India's Interest in Constructing Ice-Class Ships

In September 2023, India proposed to Russia that they jointly construct non-nuclear icebreakers at Indian shipyards.

'SUICIDE, NOT MARTYRDOM': SON OF INDIA'S FIRST HIJACKER SLAMS DELHI BOMBER

Diary Times Desk : More than a week after the deadly suicide bombing outside Delhi's Red Fort, Kashmiri political analyst Junaid Qureshi, son of India's first aircraft hijacker, Hashim Qureshi, has issued a blunt condemnation of the attacker and called for Kashmiri society to confront terror "from within".

In an interview with NDTV, Junaid Qureshi, Director of the Amsterdam-based European Foundation for South Asian Studies (EFSAS), rejected both the ideology and religious justification used by suicide bomber Umar Nabi, whose pre-recorded video went viral on social media before being deleted by Meta.

At least 15 people were killed and over 30 injured in the blast outside the Red Fort, the most serious terror attack in the national capital in over a decade and a half.

"I've never claimed that legacy," Qureshi said, referring to his father, Hashim Qureshi, who hijacked Indian Airlines flight 'Ganga' from Srinagar to Lahore in 1971. "I always rejected his act of terrorism."

Turning to the Red Fort bomber's video, Qureshi said Umar was trying to "intellectually dress up" a suicide attack as martyrdom in Islam. "He tries to find foundations in religion, but it is suicide."

He has committed suicide and killed more than a dozen innocent people," he stressed, calling the attempt to link the blast to martyrdom "a distortion of Islam."

**FRESH ASSETS WORTH OVER RS 1,400 CRORE
ATTACHED IN CASE AGAINST ANIL AMBANI**

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has attached fresh assets worth more than Rs 1,452 crore in connection with the bank fraud cases against businessman Anil Ambani's Reliance Group. A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach multiple buildings located in the Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City (DAKC) and Millennium Business Park, Navi Mumbai, along with land plots and buildings in Pune, Chennai, and Bhubaneswar.

This latest action takes the cumulative value of attached properties in the fraud investigations related to Reliance Communications Ltd (RCOM) to Rs 8,997 crore. Earlier, the agency had attached assets worth over Rs 7,545 crore in this case related to alleged bank loan fraud and other financial irregularities by RCOM, Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd and Reliance Home Finance Ltd. Issuing a clarification on the attachment of properties, the Reliance Group said that RCOM has not been part of the Anil Ambani Group entities since 2019.

According to the statement, RCOM has been undergoing the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process for over six years under the supervision of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and Supreme Court.

"RCOM is no longer part of the Reliance Group and has been managed by a Resolution Professional for over six years under the supervision of the NCLT and the Committee of Creditors led by SBI," the statement read.

**"PM MODI CALLED...": TRUMP'S NEW CLAIM ON
STOPPING INDIA-PAK CONFLICT**

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has said he settled tension between India and Pakistan after threatening the two countries with 350 per cent tariffs and claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called him to say "we're not going to go to war." Trump has repeated the claim over 60 times that he "helped settle" tension between India and Pakistan in May this year even as India has consistently denied any third-party intervention.

"...I'm good at settling disputes, and I've always been. I've done very well with that over the years, even before this. I was talking about the different wars... India, Pakistan... they were going to go at it, nuclear weapons," Trump said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the US-Saudi Investment Forum attended by visiting Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman, Trump said that he told the two nuclear-armed neighbours that they "can go at it, but I'm putting a 350 per cent tariff on each country."

No more trade with the United States." Claiming that both India and Pakistan told him not to do it, Trump said that he told them, "I'm going to do it. Come back to me and I'll take it down. But I'm not going to have you guys shooting nuclear weapons at each other, killing millions of people and having the nuclear dust floating over Los Angeles. I'm not going to do it." Trump then said that he was "all set" and told Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that he will put a 350 per cent tariff to settle (the conflict) and added, if the countries stopped the war, "we'll make a nice trade deal," as they are in the midst of the negotiations for the trade deal.

IMD TRACKS SYSTEM**LOW PRESSURE SET TO
INTENSIFY INTO
DEPRESSION OVER BAY;
HEAVY RAIN LIKELY
ACROSS TAMIL NADU
FROM SATURDAY**

Diary Times Desk : The low pressure area (LPA) expected to form over the southeast Bay of Bengal around November 22 (Saturday) is likely to intensify into a depression, potentially setting the stage for another wet spell across the state.

The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Chennai, said the LPA is "very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression over the central parts of south Bay of Bengal around November 24," before strengthening further over the southwest Bay during the subsequent 48 hours, said P. Senthamarai Kannan, director, Area Cyclone Warning Centre.

While this indicates a clear intensification trend, IMD has not yet stated whether the system may become a cyclonic storm. However, several numerical models are hinting at a possibility. Skymet vice-president Mahesh Palawat said early model guidance shows a 60% probability of the system turning into a cyclone once the depression stage is reached, with current tracks favouring the north Tamil Nadu-south Andhra coast.

Weather blogger K Srikanth noted a significant divergence among global models, pointing to multiple embedded vortices that complicate early predictions. He said models will begin converging only after the LPA forms on November 22.

**POLICE, GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTIONS WERE
TARGETS OF NOW
THWARTED MAOIST PLAN**

Diary Times Desk : Police camps and government institutions in Andhra Pradesh were set to be targeted as part of a plan hatched by central Maoist leadership in response to an anti-Maoist Operation Kagar, police probe has found. The findings come days after top Maoist commander M. Hidma and five others were killed in the Alluri Sitharamaraju district on Tuesday, leading the police to launch a major intelligence-led operation. Fifty CPI (Maoist) operatives were arrested across five districts, and Rs 12.7 lakh cash, 39 firearms, 302 rounds of ammunition, explosives, and digital equipment were seized. 45 of the arrested cadres were remanded to judicial custody for 14 days. Those arrested include special zonal committee members, divisional committee members, area committee members and regular cadres operating in the south Bastar-Dandakaranya region. The operation covered Krishna, Eluru, NTR, Kakinada and Konaseema districts, including Vijayawada.

The Chhattisgarh police had described Hidma's death as the "final nail in the coffin" of the insurgency, who had masterminded several attacks over the last two decades.

"CONGRATULATE PITAJI ON 10TH OATH": A RARE INTERVIEW
BY NITISH KUMAR'S SON



Diary Times Desk : As JDU chief Nitish Kumar took the oath as Bihar's Chief Minister for the record 10th time, the who's who of NDA, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, were in attendance. Among those seated in the first row at the grand event in Patna's Gandhi Maidan was Nitish Kumar's only son, Nishant. The 50-year-old is an exception in Bihar's political landscape, where leaders groom their children into their successors. In contrast, Nishant stays away from the spotlight and rarely speaks to the media. Today, however, he obliged. Speaking to NDTV at the big event, he said, "I congratulate my father for taking the oath for the 10th time and express my gratitude to the people for ensuring our victory. I also thank God."The Nitish Kumar-led JDU-BJP coalition posted a mammoth score of 202 seats in the Assembly polls. While the BJP won 89 seats, the JDU bagged 85 -- nearly double its 2020 score of 43.

HEADMASTER, 3 TEACHERS OF
DELHI SCHOOL SUSPENDED
AFTER 16-YEAR-OLD'S SUICIDE

Diary Times Desk : Two days after a student of St Columba's School in Delhi died by suicide by jumping from the platform of an elevated Metro station, school authorities have suspended the headmaster and three teachers who were named in the First Information Report filed by the teenager's father.

The 16-year-old, Shourya Patil, had died by suicide on Tuesday and left behind a note blaming his teachers.

In his suicide note, Shourya wrote, "Sorry mummy, aapka itni bar dil toda, ab last bar todunga. School ki teachers ab hai hi aise, kya bolu (Sorry mummy, I broke your heart many times and I am doing it for the last time. This is how the teachers in the school are, what do I say?)".

In the FIR filed on Wednesday, the boy's father, Pradeep Patil, named the school's headmaster for classes 5 to 10, Aparajita Pal, and teachers Julie Varghese, Manu Kalra and Yukti Aggarwal.

'GET A FEVIKWIK': PARENTS SAY MEERUT DOCTOR SEALED
TODDLER'S WOUND WITH RS 5 GLUE

Diary Times Desk : A family from Meerut was in for a shock when their two-and-a-half-year-old son suffered an injury near the eye and a doctor used a popular instant adhesive to seal the wound, instead of stitching it up.

Sardar Jaswinder Singh, from Maples Heights in the Jagriti Extension area, said his son Manraj hurt himself after his face hit the corner of a table, and the family rushed him to the nearby Bhagyashree Hospital.

Singh said a doctor at the hospital asked them to buy a 5-rupee Fevikwik and applied the adhesive to the cut instead of stitching it. When the child complained of pain, the doctor said he was just nervous and that the discomfort would subside soon.

Manraj's mother, Irwin Kaur, said she asked the doctor whether a tetanus shot was needed and was told it was not.

AMERICAN BILLIONAIRE'S SON'S WEDDING IN UDAIPUR:
DONALD TRUMP JR, JUSTIN BIEBER, JENNIFER LOPEZ TO
ATTEND, KNOW FULL GUEST LIST, RITUALS AND MORE

Diary Times Desk : Udaipur is stepping into the global spotlight once again as it prepares to host one of the grandest destination weddings of the year. A US billionaire's family has chosen the lake city for a four-day celebration that merges royal Indian heritage with superstar-level entertainment. The event will run from November 21 to 24 across iconic venues including the City Palace and Jagmandir Island Palace.

The wedding has already triggered worldwide buzz thanks to the remarkable guest list. Donald Trump Jr., son of former US President Donald Trump, is among the key VVIPs expected to attend. Adding to the international glamour are pop sensations Justin Bieber and Jennifer Lopez, both scheduled to perform during the celebrations.



ANTI-POLLUTION PROTESTERS MEET
MINISTER, DISCUSS HOW TO IMPROVE
DELHI'S AIR

Diary Times Desk : After weeks of parents, students and residents taking to the streets over Delhi's choking air, the city government on Wednesday finally opened its doors to those leading the protest. Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa met citizen groups, environmentalists and volunteers at the Delhi Secretariat in what many attendees described as an overdue but welcome conversation.

Sirsa said the government wanted to hear directly from people who have been documenting pollution hotspots and flagging enforcement failures.

"We invited residents who actively work to keep the city clean and improve the air. We heard their suggestions and tried to understand what practical steps can be taken," he said during the meeting.

NSA AJIT DOVAL CALLS FOR STRONGER
REGIONAL SECURITY NETWORK

Diary Times Desk : National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Thursday underscored the "immense significance" of strengthening regional partnerships amid a "rapidly changing and challenging global security environment," as he opened the NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) in New Delhi.

Speaking to delegations from member-states the Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh with Seychelles present as an observer and Malaysia as a guest, Doval stressed that the CSC has become a critical platform since its establishment in 2020.

"Realising the growing importance of strengthening regional partnership amongst the countries of the Indian Ocean region, we came together... to reinforce cooperation in vital matters of security," he said.

Framing the Indian Ocean as the "greatest shared heritage" of the region, Doval called for collective responsibility in ensuring its "stability, security, and safety." He highlighted threats ranging from maritime insecurity to emerging cyber risks, urging member-states to pool capacities and coordinate more closely.

"We also need to work together for the preservation and use of our common maritime heritage," he added, reaffirming India's commitment to deepening cooperation within the bloc.

WHAT CHANGES FOR TAMIL NADU AFTER TOP COURT'S NOTE ON GOVERNORS, BILLS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court's clarification Thursday - that it can't use special powers under Article 142 to declare bills as 'deemed to have passed' - has come as a setback for a Tamil Nadu government pushing to get 10 bills, which were cleared in that manner in April, to become law.

In May, after the top court deemed the bills passed, the Madras High Court issued an interim stay on their operation. In June the Tamil Nadu government returned to the Supreme Court.

Since then, the bills' status has been uncertain. Today's observation - in response to a Presidential Reference on the validity of the Supreme Court's April ruling - suggests that will continue, at least till the High Court's final decision or Governor RN Ravi picks them up again.

Crucially, the ball is now in Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi's court, meaning he can now point to the top court's opinion - that the President and Governors are not bound by timelines when clearing laws passed by states - to bring back the bills to his desk.

THRASHED OVER HINDI-MARATHI ROW IN TRAIN, THANE STUDENT DIES BY SUICIDE

Diary Times Desk : A college student died by suicide in Maharashtra's Thane allegedly due to mental stress after a group of people thrashed him over an argument on the Hindi-Marathi language row, officials said. The student, Arnav Khaire, was a resident of Kalyan East in Thane. The student's father said his son was thrashed by the group of people in a train that he routinely took to reach his college in Mulund. During one such commute, an argument broke out over the Hindi-Marathi language. At least five people thrashed him severely. Khaire's father Jitendra Khaire told the police that his son died by suicide due to the mental stress caused by the assault. The police have started an investigation and a search is on to find the accused.



"UNNECESSARY DEBATE": SIDDARAMAIAH DISMISSES LEADERSHIP CHANGE SPECULATIONS



Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday downplayed the speculations of leadership change in the state, terming it as an "unnecessary debate" and attributing these speculations to recent discussions about a cabinet reshuffle.

The Chief Minister further said that senior party leadership would further take decisions on the cabinet reshuffle, as out of the total 34 ministerial posts, two posts are vacant, which would be filled during the cabinet reshuffle. When asked if he will continue as the CM for 5 years, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "This is an unnecessary debate. Only after it was said that the cabinet can be reshuffled after two and a half years, the issue of changing the Chief Minister has come to the fore.

DESPITE POVERTY GAINS, 206 MILLION INDIAN CHILDREN LACK ACCESS TO EDUCATION, HEALTH OR NUTRITION: UNICEF

Diary Times Desk : Despite India making great strides in the reduction of poverty, about 206 million children in the country lack access to one of the six basic services like education, health, housing, nutrition, clean water and sanitation, which impacts the quality of life and opportunities, said the latest UNICEF report released Thursday. UNICEF's report State of the World's Children 2025: Ending Child Poverty - Our Shared Imperative said that out of the 206 million Indian children, less than a third or 62 million, lack access to two or more basic services and still need support to escape two or more deprivations. Highlighting that India is the most populous country in the world and home to the largest young population, Cynthia McCaffrey, UNICEF India Representative, said that one in five of the world's children, or approximately 460 million children under 18 years of age, live here.

RICKSHAW-PULLER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AS HIS NAME WAS NOT IN 2002 ELECTORAL ROLLS IN WEST BENGAL

Diary Times Desk : A 64-year-old rickshaw-puller on Wednesday night attempted suicide, reportedly owing to depression after his name was not in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the 2002 electoral rolls in West Bengal. The incident occurred near the CCR Bridge at Belghoria Railway station in North 24 Parganas district on Wednesday night when the rickshaw-puller Ashok Sarder, a resident of Kamarhati Municipality area, jumped onto the railway track and sustained severe injury. He was rushed to the state-run R G Kar Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Ashok's family members alleged that he was suffering from depression after he couldn't find his name on the SIR in 2002, but his mother's name was there in the voter list. The spelling of his mother's name was also wrong in the last electoral roll revision list. He was desperately looking for documents so that he could include his name during the ongoing SIR process this time, and was psychologically upset, they alleged.

EX-TEMPLE BODY CHIEF ARRESTED IN SABARIMALA GOLD THEFT CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Special Investigation Team on Thursday arrested former Travancore Devaswom Board president A Padmakumar in the Sabarimala gold theft case, officials said. He was the Devaswom Board president in 2019, when the gold theft took place. The arrest came after the SIT questioned him for several hours at the State Police Headquarters since this morning.

On November 17, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) began a scientific examination at the Sabarimala Sannidhanam as part of the ongoing probe into the gold theft case. Officials are collecting samples from the Dwarapalaka sculpture inside the sanctum sanctorum and from the gold-covered wooden door structure.

On November 7, the SIT of the Kerala Crime Branch arrested former Thiruvabharanam Temple Commissioner KS Baiju in connection with the case.

RED FORT GEARS UP FOR ITS FIRST MEGA EVENT POST BLAST, SECURITY HEIGHTENED

Diary Times Desk : As the Red Fort prepares to host a mega event commemorating the 350th death anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, just weeks after a blast in its vicinity, the Delhi Police has heightened security measures in anticipation of a crowd of nearly 50,000 attendees, officials said on Thursday.

The Delhi government will host a kirtan darbar from November 23 to 25, with several VVIPs likely to attend the event.

According to Jasmain Singh Noni, Secretary of the DSGMC, President Droupadi Murmu and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are likely to attend the event.

Police have installed 25 additional CCTV cameras on the stretch leading to the monument, while the DSGMC has set up 250 to 300 cameras to maintain round-the-clock surveillance, officials added.



HUNDREDS SEEK REFUGE AS MOUNT SEMERU ERUPTS IN INDONESIA

Diary Times Desk : Hundreds of Indonesians stayed in temporary shelters Thursday after a volcano on the main island of Java erupted, damaging houses and a school, with around 190 people evacuated from its slopes, authorities said.

Mount Semeru in eastern Java erupted on Wednesday afternoon, throwing ash and gas more than 13 kilometres (eight miles) away and forcing officials to raise the alert status to its highest level.

Volcanic activity had largely calmed down but was still fluctuating on Thursday, according to the Indonesian geological agency.

Nearly 900 people stayed in shelters set up in schools, mosques and village halls after the eruption, disaster agency official Sultan Syafaat said.

"During the night, they stay (in shelters) probably because they are still traumatised," he said.

UK TO OFFER 3-YEAR RESIDENCY PATH FOR HIGH EARNERS, ENTREPRENEURS

Diary Times Desk : The Home Office has proposed new regulations that would allow those earning more than £125,000 (\$163,000) to apply to settle permanently in the UK after three years, reports Bloomberg.

The UK legal migration system is undergoing its most significant reform in fifty years, aimed at rewarding individuals who contribute positively and adhere to regulations.

The Home Secretary has previously set out her preconditions for gaining settlement, including being in work, having a clean criminal record, speaking English to a high standard, and not claiming benefits.



HOW SERIOUS IS THE RUSSIAN SPY SHIP MOVE?

Diary Times Desk : To Russia, the Yantar is an oceanic research vessel - to others, including the UK, it's a spy ship, and a worry for Britain's defence chiefs.

The vessel has long been suspected of secretly mapping out Britain's undersea cables, where more than 90% of our data, including billions of dollars of financial transactions, are transferred.

But now, a new escalation, with revelations the Yantar's sailors targeted Royal Air Force pilots in patrol planes with lasers.

Shining lasers into a pilot's eyes is provocative, and to use the Defence Secretary John Healey's words, "deeply dangerous". It's illegal in the UK and can lead to a prison sentence.

Healey's direct message to Russia and its leader Vladimir Putin was stark: "We see you. We know what you're doing. And if the Yantar travels south this week, we are ready."



JAPAN EXPORTS PATRIOT MISSILES TO US AFTER LIFTING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

Diary Times Desk : Japan has, for the first time since the two-year restrictions on the export of defense equipment were lifted, shipped a batch of Patriot missiles to the United States.

According to defense sources, the operation has been confirmed: the missiles under the control of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force were transferred at the United States' request. Washington plans to replenish its own stocks after the missiles are sent to Ukraine in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war.

The Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile systems delivered were manufactured under a U.S. license. The quantity of the batch was not disclosed.

In 2023, the Japanese government revised the rules for exporting licensed defense equipment, allowing not only individual components but also finished products to be shipped at the request of a country that has a license to manufacture.

The Japanese defense ministry confirmed that the interceptor missiles used as part of the country's ballistic missile defense shield will remain at the United States' disposal and will not be transferred to a third country.

INDIA FALLS SHARPLY IN CLIMATE CHANGE PERFORMANCE INDEX AS COAL RELIANCE SLOWS PROGRESS

Diary Times Desk : A global report documenting the climate performance of nations, released on the sidelines of COP30 at Belem in Brazil on Tuesday, has found that India has slipped to the 23rd rank in 2025 from 10th last year, one of the steepest declines among major economies.

A senior official with the Union environment ministry, however, countered the claim, stating that India has done well in climate performance. "We achieved our NDC (Nationally Determined Contributions) target five years before schedule and took a slew of measures which were presented in our national statement on Monday," the official said.



TURKEY SET TO HOST COP31 CLIMATE SUMMIT AS DEAL WITH AUSTRALIA TAKES SHAPE

Diary Times Desk : Turkey would host next year's UN climate summit while Australia would lead the conference's negotiations among governments, under a compromise deal that three sources familiar with the matter said was taking shape in talks on Thursday.

Australia and Turkey both submitted bids in 2022 to host the annual COP, or Conference of the Parties, the world's main forum for driving climate action.

The two nations have been in a protracted struggle to host, with neither willing to back down.

The compromise would give Turkey presidency of the summit and see a pre-COP event held in the Pacific, the sources said, adding that negotiations taking place at COP30 in Brazil had not yet officially concluded.

News of the compromise was first reported by Bloomberg.

KAROLINE LEAVITT OPENS UP ON 32-YEAR AGE GAP WITH HUSBAND AND FAMILY'S INITIAL REACTION

Diary Times Desk : White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt has openly addressed the 32-year age gap between her and her husband, Nicholas Riccio. Leavitt, 28, married Riccio, 60, in January 2025, just days before US President Donald Trump's inauguration.

In a recent interview on the Pod Force One with Miranda Devine podcast, Leavitt described her marriage as "unusual" and acknowledged that her parents were initially hesitant about the relationship.

"It is unusual," she said. When asked whether she could have found someone her own age who was equally mature, Leavitt laughed and replied, "Honestly, no, if you want to know the truth."

Leavitt explained that she met Riccio, a real estate developer, in 2022 through mutual friends while she was running for Congress in New Hampshire, an election she ultimately lost. She admitted that the initial conversation with her parents was challenging, especially since her mother is younger than Riccio. "It's definitely a challenging conversation to have at first," she said.



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ‘A MATTER OF DIGNITY, EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS’



Diary Times Desk : Instead, she found herself tied to a man who “changed from being kind to being a monster.” He would beat her “with his bare hands,” she said recently.

The young mother from Yemen is among the roughly 840 million women worldwide – nearly one in three – who have faced physical or sexual violence at the hands of an intimate partner, such as a former or current husband.

Even worse, this figure has barely changed since the year 2000, with a paltry 0.2 per cent annual decline over the past two decades.

In the last 12 months alone, 11 per cent of women aged 15 or older, some 316 million, were subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner.

A ‘pervasive’ injustice

“Violence against women is one of humanity’s oldest and most pervasive injustices, yet still one of the least acted upon,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The lack of progress is documented in a report published on Wednesday by WHO and other UN agencies.

“VERY IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR OUR COUNTRY, CONTINENT...”: SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER MAHLOBO ON UPCOMING G20 SUMMIT

Diary Times Desk : Mbangiseni David Mahlobo, Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation of South Africa, spoke about the upcoming G20 Summit, which the country is set to host, calling it a milestone. He called for solidarity in the face of rising unilateralism and protectionism. Mahlobo made the remarks on the sidelines of the World Toilet Summit 2025, which took place here in the national capital. Speaking about the upcoming G20 Summit, which South Africa is hosting, he said, “It is a very important milestone for our country and our continent. It is happening for the first time. We shall be able to succeed.

THE HEALTH IMPACT OF TRUMP’S NEW “PUBLIC CHARGE” RULE

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration is proposing to weigh immigrants’ use of programs like Medicaid or SNAP, as well as other public benefits, when determining if they should get permanent residency.

Why it matters: The proposal is another case of the administration putting public health on a collision course with immigration policy.

Driving the news: A homeland security proposal published this week lays out a new version of a “public charge” policy, which was expanded during Trump’s first term and then rolled back during the Biden years.

TRUMP TO MEET INCOMING NEW YORK MAYOR ZOHAN MAMDANI

Diary Times Desk : New York’s incoming mayor, Zohran Mamdani, and President Donald Trump plan to meet on Friday at the White House, after months of trading barbs and insults during the city’s recent election. Mamdani, a 34-year-old Democratic socialist, won New York City’s mayoral race earlier this month, defeating former governor Andrew Cuomo by nine points. While he was little known outside of New York before the election, he has now become a nationally recognised figure. Trump said in a statement that the “communist mayor” had requested the meeting, which would take place in the Oval Office. Mamdani told reporters on Thursday that the meeting would focus on public safety, affordability and economic security. “I intend to make it clear to President Trump that I will work with him on any agenda that benefits New Yorkers,” Mamdani said. “If an agenda hurts New Yorkers, I will also be the first to say something.” The mayor-elect’s spokesperson Dora Pekec said the meeting with Trump was customary for an incoming mayoral administration.



TRUMP’S GOLD CARD PROGRAM NEARS A DECEMBER LAUNCH, USCIS SENDS DRAFT I-140G FOR REVIEW

Diary Times Desk : U.S. immigration officials have taken a key step toward launching President Donald Trump’s new Gold Card program, sending the draft Form I-140G to the Office of Management and Budget for review, a mandatory checkpoint before the programme can go live by the December 18 deadline set in Trump’s September executive order, according to Fragomen.

The draft form outlines how foreign nationals can seek permanent residence through the Gold Card pathway, which hinges on making significant donations to the U.S. Treasury. Under the proposal, individual applicants would be required to donate \$1 million, while employer-sponsored applicants would face a \$2 million requirement. Successful petitioners could qualify under the EB-1 category for individuals of extraordinary ability or the EB-2 National Interest Waiver route.

EB-5 INVESTORS WIN BIG AS LOWER FILING FEES RESTORED

Diary Times Desk : The EB-5 fee battle has taken a sudden turn when a federal judge found that USCIS had illegally increased investment visa filing costs. Following the November 12 order, USCIS stated that it disagrees with the decision but will comply, reverting to pre-April 2024 costs with limited exceptions for submissions postmarked by November 26, 2025.

U.S. District Court, in a recent judgment, has ruled that USCIS had unlawfully increased the filing fees for EB-5 petitions and applications and partly stayed the fee increases, based on arguments on the merits.

On November 12, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado issued a decision staying certain EB-5 related fees that were codified by DHS in the 2024 Fee Rule, which became effective April 1, 2024.

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However, in a statement released by USCIS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) find the Court’s decision on EB-5 fee hike to be incorrect, but are working to implement it.

In accordance with the November 12 order, and effective immediately, USCIS will accept the fees that were in effect until March 31, 2024, which are listed in the “Current Fee” schedule below.

JETS, CHIPS AND A CLEAN SLATE: SAUDI ARABIA’S CROWN PRINCE GOT ALMOST EVERYTHING HE WANTED FROM TRUMP

Diary Times Desk : Just three years ago, the US was openly reconsidering its relationship with Saudi Arabia. President Joe Biden had vowed to make Mohammed bin Salman a pariah. Even arms sales to one of America’s closest military partners were put under review.

This week, the crown prince and de facto Saudi leader walked into the Oval Office to find a different world – one where President Donald Trump defended him so forcefully that he scolded a reporter for “embarrassing our guest” when she pressed him on the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi. Beyond the Oval Office theatrics, the substance of the administration’s announcements tells the real story of bin Salman’s remarkable rehabilitation in Washington. It also highlights Trump’s willingness to move past the Khashoggi episode and deepen relations with a kingdom that has pledged nearly a trillion dollars in US investments and maintains business ties with his own family.



RUSSIA, UKRAINE EXCHANGE BODIES IN LATEST WARTIME REPATRIATION

Diary Times Desk : Ukraine and Russia have carried out a new exchange of bodies of fallen soldiers, Ukrainian officials and Russian state media confirmed on Thursday, marking the latest somber handover in a war that has shown no sign of abating.

Ukraine’s prisoner-of-war coordination center said it had received 1,000 bodies, while Russia retrieved 30, according to state news agency TASS, which cited an unnamed source.

Ukrainian authorities said investigators and specialists from the Ministry of Internal Affairs would begin examinations to identify the remains. “Investigators from law enforcement bodies, together with expert agencies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, will soon conduct all necessary examinations and identify the repatriated bodies,” the center said on Telegram, as reported in Reuters.

MODI TO ATTEND JOHANNESBURG G20 SUMMIT AS TRUMP SKIPS OVER SOUTH AFRICA AGENDA RIFT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be travelling to South Africa this weekend for the Johannesburg G20 summit that US President Donald Trump has decided to skip over differences with the host country on the agenda and alleged mistreatment of white people in the Rainbow Nation by the Cyril Ramaphosa government. The external affairs ministry late Wednesday evening confirmed Modi’s participation in the 20th G20 Leaders’ Summit. He is slated to speak in all three sessions: Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth Leaving No One Behind: Building our economies; the role of trade; financing for development and the debt burden; A Resilient World – the G20’s Contribution: Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, Just Energy Transitions, Food Systems; and A Fair and a Just Future for All: Critical Minerals, Decent Work, Artificial Intelligence.

ALLOWING SKILLED IMMIGRANTS TO TRAIN US WORKERS "IS MAGA", SAYS TRUMP

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump has made hardline immigration policies a signature issue, but acknowledged on Wednesday that he’s been criticized for recently saying some skilled immigrants should be allowed into the country from his “Make America Great Again” supporters. Trump told an audience of business executives that the US needs immigrants who can train domestic workers in high-tech factories – and insisted that doing so is not inconsistent with his core political beliefs.

“I love my conservative friends. I love MAGA. But this is MAGA,” Trump said during an address to the US-Saudi Investment Forum, which he attended with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. “Those people are going to teach our people how to make computer chips, and in a short period of time, our people are going to be doing great. And those people can go home.”

The comments drew applause in the room. But last week, Trump sparred with Fox News host Laura Ingraham over the same issue. Ingraham suggested during an interview with Trump that “you can’t flood the country with tens of thousands, or hundreds of thousands, of foreign workers,” only to have the president respond, “You also do have to bring in talent.”



‘TIES WITH CHINA EXPERIENCING BEST PERIOD IN HISTORY’: RUSSIA

Diary Times Desk : The Russian Foreign Ministry on Thursday highlighted President Vladimir Putin’s meeting with China’s Premier Li Qiang, calling the current phase of the partnership between the two nations the strongest in their history. In a post on X, the ministry wrote, “On November 18, President #Putin met with China’s Premier Li Qiang. The comprehensive #RussiaChina partnership & strategic interaction, having entered a new era, is experiencing the best period in their history.” The statement set the tone for discussions focused on expanding diplomatic, strategic and economic cooperation. The meeting between Putin and Li on November 18 underscored this growing engagement. During the talks, Putin said, “Close Russia-China cooperation within the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (#SCO) is helping to shape the SCO into one of the pillars of a multipolar international order, to draw the countries of the Global South into its orbit, and to help advance an open and non-discriminatory global trading system.”

AT LEAST 25 KILLED IN RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON WAR-TORN UKRAINE’S TERNOPII

Diary Times Desk : At least 25 people have been killed, including three children, and nearly 100 wounded in a barrage of Russian drone and missile attacks on Ukraine.

Strikes on the city of TernopiI were the deadliest for weeks and the worst in the west of the country far from the front line since Moscow invaded in 2022.

The attack came on Wednesday as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Turkiye for talks on ending the war caused by Russia’s full-scale invasion two years ago.

“Every brazen attack against ordinary life shows that the pressure on Russia is insufficient. Effective sanctions and assistance to Ukraine can change this,” the president said in a social media post, calling for air defence missile aid from allies.

Russia used more than 470 drones and 48 missiles in the attack on Ukraine, Zelenskyy added.

The whole of Ukraine was under an air raid alert with authorities issuing warnings to residents as explosions rocked the western cities of Lviv and TernopiI.

US HAS NEW PLAN TO END UKRAINE WAR, IT ECHOES MOSCOW'S DEMANDS:
WHAT TO KNOW



Diary Times Desk : The United States has presented a plan to Ukraine with a list of sweeping concessions Kyiv could make to potentially end the war with Russia, a proposal that appears to echo many of Moscow's maximalist demands. Here's what we know about it:

Territory
Details of the plan, shared with AFP by a senior source familiar with the matter, suggest Ukraine is being asked to give in to some of Russia's key demands, including concessions Kyiv has previously ruled out as tantamount to capitulation.

At the same time, the source told AFP it was "unclear" what commitments Russia would make in return.

On territory, the plan calls for the "recognition of Crimea and other regions that the Russians have taken", the source said.

GATHERINGS BANNED IN NEPAL AS FRESH
GEN Z PROTESTS ERUPT

Diary Times Desk : Curfew has been imposed in parts of Nepal after fresh clashes erupted between young protestors and loyalists of the former ruling party that was overthrown in a deadly 'Gen Z' uprising in September.

Gatherings have been banned in the country's Bara district, where Gen Z members clashed with supporters of ousted former prime minister KP Sharma Oli's Communist Party of Nepal – Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML).

The district administration said curfew will remain in force until 8 pm (local time) on Thursday, citing the need to restore order.

The situation deteriorated on Wednesday when young protestors and CPN-UML workers both held rallies in the Simara area of Bara district. Soon, scuffles broke out between both groups, some even close to the airport, prompting authorities to impose a curfew.

AMID CHINA-JAPAN TENSIONS,
TAIWAN PRESIDENT'S SUSHI, MISO
SOUP LUNCH

Diary Times Desk : Images of Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te holding a plate of sushi were posted on social media on Thursday in a show of support for Tokyo after reports that China will halt Japanese seafood imports. The row between Japan and China was triggered by new Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi suggesting this month that Tokyo could intervene militarily in any attack on Taiwan. China claims democratic Taiwan as part of its territory and has threatened to use force to bring the self-ruled island under its control. Lai, an outspoken defender of Taiwan's sovereignty and detested by China, has accused Beijing of "severely" affecting regional peace in the escalating spat.

"Today's lunch is sushi and miso soup," a message posted with the photo said, along with the hashtag #Yellowtail from Kagoshima and scallops from Hokkaido.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 25 IN GAZA AS CEASEFIRE NEARS COLLAPSE AMID
TRUCE-VIOLATION CLAIMS



Diary Times Desk : The strikes occurred in areas controlled by Hamas despite a fragile ceasefire that has been in place since October. Medical officials at Nasser hospital in Khan Younis reported receiving the bodies of 17 victims, which included five women and five children.

They said four Israeli airstrikes targeted tents sheltering displaced families, The Guardian reported. In Gaza City, health authorities said two additional strikes killed 16 people, among them seven children and three women.

The Israeli military stated that its forces struck Hamas positions throughout Gaza after members of the group allegedly fired on Israeli troops in breach of the nearly six week old truce.

The military added that none of its personnel were injured during the exchanges. Hamas denounced the Israeli actions as a dangerous escalation and called on the United States to honor its stated commitments by pressuring Israel to uphold the ceasefire and halt its attacks.

A US official speaking anonymously told reporters that Hamas was attempting to undermine the ceasefire instead of fulfilling its pledge to demilitarise.

EPSTEIN FILES: WORLD'S
BIGGEST SEX SCANDAL
AWAITS REVELATION WITH
TRUMP SIGNING KEY BILL

Diary Times Desk : Bowing to political pressure, US President Donald Trump announced he has signed a bill ordering his administration to publicly release all files related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The bill -- called the Epstein Files Transparency Act -- requires the Department of Justice to release all information about its investigation into the Epstein case "in a searchable and downloadable format" within 30 days.

Trump, who had resisted the move for months, changed his course last week after facing pushback from Epstein's victims and members of his own Republican party. However, announcing the move, he accused Democrats of championing the issue to distract attention from his administration's achievements.

"Perhaps the truth about these Democrats, and their associations with Jeffrey Epstein, will soon be revealed, because I HAVE JUST SIGNED THE BILL TO RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES," Trump said in a social media post, announcing that he had signed the bill.

VIETNAM FLOODS: 16 DEAD,
THOUSANDS STRANDED AS
HEAVY RAINS LASH CENTRAL
REGION

Diary Times Desk : Rescuers plucked stranded people from the rooftops of submerged homes as widespread flooding inundated central Vietnam, where authorities said on Thursday at least 16 people were killed.

Relentless rain has lashed south-central Vietnam since late October, and popular coastal holiday destinations have been hit by several rounds of flooding.

Whole city blocks were inundated in coastal Nha Trang, a popular tourist locale known for its pristine beaches, and hundreds of cars were underwater on Thursday, AFP photos showed.

Business owner Bui Quoc Vinh, 45, said he was safe in his 24th-floor apartment in Nha Trang, but his restaurants and shops on the ground floor were under about a metre of water. His employees were even worse off.

"I am worried about our furniture in my restaurants and shops, but of course I cannot do anything now," he told AFP.

"My staff have to take care of their flooded homes," which he said were under two metres (six feet) of water. "I don't think the water is going to recede soon, as the rain has not stopped."

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.

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.

NVIDIA BEATS EARNINGS EXPECTATIONS, EVEN AS BUBBLE
CONCERNS MOUNT

Diary Times Desk : Nvidia posted strong revenue and profits that exceeded Wall Street’s expectations Wednesday. The closely watched result could prompt a sigh of relief across the stock market following growing concerns about an artificial intelligence bubble.

Nvidia’s sales grew 62% year-over-year to \$57 billion in the October quarter, ahead of the \$54.9 billion Wall Street had projected, signaling that demand for AI chips remains strong even as more questions emerge about whether returns from the technology will keep up with the pace of infrastructure investments. It posted profits of \$31.9 billion, up 65% from the year-ago quarter and also slightly above expectations.

“Blackwell sales are off the charts, and cloud GPUs are sold out,” Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang said in a statement, a message that echoes his earlier arguments that fears of an AI bubble are overblown.

The company also posted stronger-than-expected sales guidance of around \$65 billion for the fourth quarter, another indicator that the AI spending spree isn’t slowing anytime soon.



NVIDIA BEATS EARNINGS EXPECTATIONS, EVEN AS BUBBLE
CONCERNS MOUNT

Diary Times Desk : Saudi Arabia is strengthening its ties with American AI companies — announcing a flurry of new joint ventures worth billions of dollars. The country seeks to make its mark in the AI industry as its de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman, makes his first visit to the United States in years.

Humain — an AI company backed by Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund — announced a series of partnerships with prominent American tech companies, including xAI, Cisco, AMD and Qualcomm, during a US-Saudi investment forum in Washington on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia is trying to further firm up ties with the United States and shift its economy away from oil. For American companies, the Middle Eastern country answers three urgent problems for AI expansion: funding, space and cheap energy.

Elon Musk announced at Wednesday’s event that xAI, his AI company, will develop a huge data center in Saudi Arabia alongside Humain. The planned 500-megawatt data center would be xAI’s first large-scale center outside of the United States, and the partnership will see xAI’s Grok chatbot deployed throughout Saudi Arabia.



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 lands as the floodgates open 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.



WALMART JUST
PROVED IT'S AMERICA'S
SOLUTION TO THE
AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

Diary Times Desk :
Walmart is proving to be America's antidote to the cost of living crisis.
A growing number of Americans are heading to Walmart for groceries and clothing as inflation and high prices squeeze their budgets: Walmart's business in the United States is surging and it's gaining market share from rivals, the company said Thursday in its quarterly financial report.
Walmart has used its massive size and scale to drive down prices and pour billions of dollars into investments such as raising wages, sprucing up stores and building a logistics network for online shopping. These investments are paying off for Walmart at a moment when many Americans' finances are stretched.
Last quarter, Walmart's US sales increased 4.5%. Walmart saw an uptick in customer trips to stores, and shoppers spent more when they visited. Walmart also raised its sales and profit guidance, signaling it expects a strong holiday shopping season.

LARRY SUMMERS
LEAVES OPENAI BOARD,
HARVARD INSTRUCTOR
ROLE AS SCRUTINY
OVER EPSTEIN EMAILS
INTENSIFIES

Diary Times Desk :
Larry Summers is resigning from the OpenAI board and leaving his instructor role at Harvard University after more emails between him 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."

He has also resigned from the international advisory board of Santander, a Spain-headquartered bank with global operations, a spokesperson for the firm told CNN on Wednesday.

THE US ECONOMY ADDED 119,000 JOBS IN SEPTEMBER, BUT
UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE TO A NEARLY FOUR-YEAR HIGH



Diary Times Desk :
A long-awaited jobs report offered a mixed picture of the US labor market.

The economy added 119,000 jobs in September, an unexpected rebound for the labor market — but it comes as the overall economy shows signs of slowing. Economists were expecting 50,000 jobs to have been added and an unemployment rate that remained at 4.3%, according to FactSet.
Delayed for seven weeks due to the government shutdown, the latest snapshot of America's job market showed that unemployment rose in September to the highest level in nearly four years.
In addition, August's tepid job gains of 22,000 were revised to a job loss of 4,000 jobs and July was revised down by 7,000 jobs, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data released Thursday.
The health care and social assistance sector continued to drive overall employment growth. Those sectors added an estimated 57,100 jobs in September, accounting for nearly half of the overall gains. Leisure and hospitality contributed 47,000 jobs during a month with unseasonably warm weather.

US ECONOMY SAW STRONGER-THAN-EXPECTED JOB GROWTH IN
SEPTEMBER, BUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE



- Diary Times Desk :**
What we're covering here
- The latest snapshot of the US labor market showed an unexpected rebound of 119,000 jobs in September but a loss for August and a lower total for July. The report was originally scheduled for October 3 but released today after a seven-week delay due to the government shutdown.
 - It comes as earnings reports from some of America's major companies flash warning signs about the US economy, with consumers and businesses becoming more cautious about their spending.
 - The September report has taken on increased significance since it will be the only snapshot of the labor market that the Federal Reserve will have in hand to assess the state of the economy when policymakers meet on December 9-10.
 - Today's data was expected to show that the unemployment rate held at 4.3% and that around 50,000 jobs were added, a far cry from last September, when the US economy added 240,000 jobs.

Sales of previously owned homes rose last month, in a sign that lower mortgage rates are luring buyers off the sidelines.
Existing home sales, which make up the vast majority of the market, climbed 1.2% in October from the prior month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.1 million, the National Association of Realtors said Thursday, the highest level since February. It's also the second consecutive month of rising home sales.
Mortgage rates have declined in recent months in anticipation of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates in September and October. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage reached the lowest level of 2025 in late October, and has edged higher since, according to Freddie Mac.

KAYDOR AUKATSANG ENTERS 2026 PRESIDENTIAL RACE FOR TIBETAN GOVERNMENT- IN-EXILE

Diary Times Desk : Kelsang Dorjee (kaydor) Aukatsang, former North America representative of the Dalai Lama, on Wednesday announced his candidacy for the 2026 presidential elections of the Tibetan government-in-exile.

The announcement was made through a public statement on his social media platforms, accompanied by his detailed campaign manifesto.

Kaydor stated that he was stepping forward “with humility and a deep sense of duty”, describing the present moment as a critical juncture for Tibetans amid intensifying Chinese repression in Tibet and growing political polarisation within the diaspora.

Presently, he is the founding President of the Asia Freedom Institute and a non-resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Global China Hub having extensive international exposure.

STUDENTS DETAINED AFTER ALTERCATION TURNS VIOLENT ON OACHGHAT- SULTANPUR ROAD

Diary Times Desk : An incident has come to light wherein two youths, students of a university, were involved in a heated altercation that escalated into a firing incident on the Oachghat-Sultanpur road this afternoon.

According to SP Solan Gaurav Singh, the trouble began when a youth from Haryana brandished a pistol during an argument with a fellow student, attempting to intimidate him. However, the situation took an unexpected turn when the other student managed to snatch the pistol and fired several shots in the air before the situation was brought under control by bystanders.

The police swung into action immediately after receiving information about the incident and detained several youths, including the accused.

MLA HARMEET SANDHU TAKES OATH, PROMISES DEVELOPMENT OF TARN TARAN

Diary Times Desk : Harmeet Singh Sandhu was sworn in as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Tarn Taran, with Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan administering the oath of office.

Sandhu, a former Akali Dal MLA, joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) earlier this year after resigning from SAD.

He has been elected MLA three times previously – in 2002–07 as an independent, and in 2007–12 and 2012–17 as a SAD representative.

The bypoll that brought Sandhu to the Assembly was necessitated by the demise of sitting MLA Kashmir Singh Sohal. In the November 14 election, he defeated his nearest SAD rival by a margin of over 12,000 votes.



PUNJAB RSS LEADER'S SON'S MURDER: PRIME ACCUSED ARRESTED AFTER EARLY-MORNING SHOOTOUT IN FEROZEPUR

Diary Times Desk : The Ferozepur Police, in an early-morning operation on Thursday, arrested the main accused in the murder of Naveen Arora, son of an RSS leader, who was shot dead on Saturday evening.

SSP Bhupinder Singh said the police received information about the movement of the prime accused, Gursimran Singh alias Jatni Kali, near Sodhiwala in Arif Ke village. Acting on the tip-off, police teams cordoned off the area and set up checkpoints.

"A speeding motorcycle was signalled to stop at a naka near Arif ke, but the rider attempted to flee. Police teams chased him," the SSP said. During the chase, the accused opened fire, hitting the front windscreen of a police Bolero vehicle and narrowly missing the driver. Police returned fire, injuring the accused in the leg. He fell to the ground and was subsequently taken into custody and shifted to the Civil Hospital for treatment.

HC TO HEAR DETAINED MP AMRITPAL SINGH'S PAROLE PLEA ON NOVEMBER 21

Diary Times Desk : A day after Lok Sabha member Amritpal Singh moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking temporary release to attend the upcoming winter session of Parliament from December 1 to 19, a Division Bench today fixed the case for hearing on Friday. Detained in Dibrugarh under the National Security Acts, he has invoked Section 15 of the NSA, which empowers the competent authority to grant parole to a detainee in exceptional circumstances.

At the onset, his counsel told the Bench headed by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu that his earlier plea was disposed of with a liberty to forward a proper representation to Lok Sabha, which “has been made”. The Bench, during the course of proceedings, questioned his counsel on the fate of the plea challenging his detention.

"He has NSA detention order against him, what happened to that case... Unless the detention is stayed, how can he join the Parliament?" the chief questioned.

YOUR HOROSCOPE
21-11-2025

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

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.

Agurius

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.

WOMAN WHO RENTED
ROOM TO UMAR NABI
DETAINED

Diary Times Desk : Investigating agencies have finally detained Afsana, who rented a room at Hidayat colony, Nuh, to terrorist Dr Umar Nabi of Al-Falah University.

Afsana, an anganwadi worker, had been absconding since the Delhi bombing. Her family, who is also under investigation, confirmed that she was taken away by the police.

Investigating agencies also questioned seven other people in Nuh to find out Umar's connection with them as Umar had used multiple mobile phones while staying at the rented room in Nuh. The police reviewed their mobile data and call details.

According to sources, Afsana is a resident of Golpuri village and mother of a minor daughter. She manages her father's house in which she rented a room to Umar on the recommendation of her relative, Shoaib, who worked as an electrician at Al Falah University.

'TALK IT OUT': AMIT
SHAH TO HARYANA,
PUNJAB ON PU ISSUE

Diary Times Desk : Abstaining from issuing any directive on Haryana's request for reinstatement of its stake in Punjab University (PU), the Home Ministry has asked both Punjab and Haryana to reach a consensus.

During a Northern Zonal Council (NZC) meeting on November 17, Union Home Minister Amit Shah urged Punjab and Haryana to have a mutual dialogue and resolve the issue amicably. The ministry specified that the Higher Education Department under the Education Ministry was the nodal authority on the issue.

The department was already probing the legal angle of the proposal, saying that it could be taken up positively.

"The matter has been examined and it has been observed that inclusion of Haryana as a stakeholder in Punjab University can be considered positively.

AT AL FALAH VARSITY, SUICIDE BOMBER GOT SPECIAL TREATMENT

Diary Times Desk : Agencies investigating the Delhi blast are trying to determine if there was an inside handler operating at Al Falah University because suicide bomber Dr Umar was specially treated at the university.

Two doctors, who are doing apprenticeship here after studying MBBS from the university, said that in 2023, Umar was absent from the hospital and university for nearly six months without any leave and information. The strange thing is that on returning, he directly joined duty without any action.

They added that from the very beginning, Umar took very few classes. He would only take one or two lectures a week and even those would last a maximum of 15-20 minutes.



SUSPENDED OFFICIAL ACCUSED IN
PADDY PROCUREMENT SCAM DIES IN
PGI CHANDIGARH

Diary Times Desk : Pankaj Tuli, a suspended supervisor and an accused in the paddy procurement scam, died at PGI Chandigarh on Thursday.

Tuli had been admitted to the hospital on Tuesday after complaining of health-related issues. He was already under suspension over a separate departmental matter and was recently arrested in connection with an FIR registered at the City police station for allegedly issuing fake gate passes during the ongoing procurement season.

Confirming his death, Jail Superintendent Lakhbir Singh said that Tuli was first taken to the Civil Hospital on Tuesday when his condition deteriorated. "Later, he was shifted to PGI for specialised treatment, where he died today," he said.

The police have informed his family members and further legal formalities are being completed.

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?"

SENATE ISSUE ESCALATES: PANJAB UNIVERSITY GEARS UP FOR POTENTIAL
SHUTDOWN ON NOV 26



Diary Times Desk : Panjab University (PU) is headed for another total shutdown. In a dramatic escalation this evening, the PU Bachao Morcha — backed by more than 50 student unions, farmers' outfits, social groups and employee bodies — announced that the campus will observe a complete bandh on November 26 if the University Chancellor fails to officially notify the PU Senate election schedule by November 25 as per the pre-October 30 democratic structure.

The Morcha declared that, as on November 10 when PU witnessed the largest youth uprising in recent memory, no administrative, academic or other functioning will be allowed on the campus on November 26. Further course of action will be announced at the bandh protest rally to be held the same day.

Washington on tenterhooks for next steps in Epstein saga

What now?

The drama, emotion and shock of Congress's sudden demand for transparency on the Jeffrey Epstein drama has ceded to uncertainty and suspicion that President Donald Trump will try to wriggle off the political hook.

The victims of Epstein, an accused sex trafficker, have tragically seen justice postponed before. They'd been quick to warn after an unprecedented Republican revolt against Trump on Tuesday that it was just one more step in their long quest for vindication. Their wisdom was obvious once the euphoria of their triumph began to clear. Washington waited all day Wednesday to find out that Trump had signed the bill passed with a 427-1 majority in the House and waved through on unanimous consent by the Senate, which had no desire to be drawn into the president's self-inflicted political crisis. The measure requires the Justice Department to release all investigative files, documents and other materials about Epstein, with some exceptions, within 30 days of it becoming law. It's hardly surprising that Trump didn't rush to sign it, since, despite his late embrace of the legislation, it repudiated his weekslong bid to keep the evidence secret.

Trump was in a box. Any presidential veto was likely to be overturned, judging by the congressional majorities for the bill. But now his Justice Department — in theory at least — is bound to implement it. Any foot-dragging or obstruction would certainly worsen already disastrous public disapproval of his handling of the issue and would only fuel the question that got him into his current mess: What is he trying to hide?

The political battle to come
Epstein survivors and Trump critics are turning to the next stage of the political battle over the documents, but there is almost no clarity over if and when evidence will come out — and how much. Lawmakers who endorsed the bill seemed unclear what would happen if Trump just ignored it. And Trump's Attorney General Pam Bondi put on a flustered public performance that fostered little confidence that she would obey Congress or that the administration has a coherent political plan.

There were also new indications of the depth of the bipartisan morass over Epstein and the likelihood that the release of Justice Department files could cause deep embarrassment for many prominent business and political leaders, entertainment stars and even royalty who associated with him.

Larry Summers, a former Treasury secretary and top White House official in Democratic administrations resigned from the board of OpenAI after the release of emails revealed his friendly correspondence with Epstein. Summers also will not finish out the semester in his instructor role at Harvard University, a school spokesperson confirmed Wednesday.



Stephen Collinson

Such is the reputation of Trump's Department of Justice — a fully coopted branch of his political machine — that few observers in Washington expect Bondi to follow the letter of the law just established by Congress.



Rebecca Cairns

"We are dealing with a bushmeat crisis: the level of hunting ongoing in this forest is unsustainable and out of control," he says, adding: "The species is being pushed to the edge of extinction in many of its range countries."

AI Is Changing That

AFRICA'S 'CRYPTIC' GOLDEN CAT IS SO RARE, NO ONE KNOWS HOW MANY THERE ARE

The first time Mwezi Mugerwa saw the African golden cat, he didn't know what it was.

While reviewing camera trap footage at Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, the conservation biologist spotted an unfamiliar creature around twice the size of a domestic cat in the grainy black-and-white footage.

None of his colleagues could identify it; "but, when I talked to the hunters and communities who lived around the park, they knew the species," Mugerwa recalls.

Known as Embaka in the local language, the "cryptic" golden cat was often caught accidentally in forest snares.

"That was really concerning for me — that we may lose this species before we even get to know about it," says



Preliminary data suggests the species exists at low densities — even in protected habitats. In Uganda and Gabon, for example, surveys found just 16 individuals per 100 square kilometers.

Mugerwa. Over the past 16 years, Mugerwa has dedicated his career to "Africa's least known, least understood, least studied big cat." Found in dense tropical forests across Central and Western Africa, the species is so elusive that the last IUCN assessment — over a decade old — has no population estimates, and in all his years of fieldwork, Mugerwa has only managed a fleeting glimpse of the African golden cat three times with his own eyes. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the world's largest environmental network of government and society organizations, tracks threatened wildlife. But, realizing that accurately counting the big cats was the first step to protecting them, he set out to conduct

the first population census across the species' range, expected to publish next year.

Counting cats
Mugerwa knew that gathering data on the African golden cat wasn't something he could do on his own. So, in 2019, he founded the African Golden Cat Conservation Alliance (AGCCA), a network of 46 conservationists across 19 countries.

Together, they launched a standardized camera trap survey across the cat's suspected range, supported by funding from the National Geographic Society. But manually reviewing thousands of images from 30 sites across 19 countries — the largest camera trap grid for any African wildlife species, says Mugerwa — "was really, really painful." At the same time, US-headquartered nonprofit Panthera, another of Mugerwa's collaborators, was developing an AI algorithm that could quickly sort the images and identify individual cats based on their unique coat patterns, similar to how tiger stripes are used like fingerprints.

"That's really important, because now we are able to speak to number and density," says Mugerwa, adding that without AI.

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Lingering Suspicion About Their Release

HOW TRUMP REVERSED COURSE ON THE EPSTEIN FILES AS HIS ADMINISTRATION FACES

President Donald Trump on Wednesday sought to bring a swift end to perhaps the most damaging saga of his term, signing a measure compelling the release of the Epstein files after losing a monthslong, tooth-and-nail fight to prevent their disclosure.

The decision represents a stunning reversal for the president aimed chiefly at quelling a brewing GOP revolt and restoring his iron grip over the party. But few believe the path will be so easy from here.

"I HAVE JUST SIGNED THE BILL TO RELEASE THE EPSTEIN FILES," Trump posted on Truth Social late in the day, framing the overwhelming votes for it in Congress as a result of his involvement.

The measure becoming law is now set to open a fraught new stage in the push for the files tied to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, putting the Justice Department under fresh scrutiny and testing the White House's ability to pivot attention away from the president's past dealings with Epstein and toward more advantageous political ground. At an unrelated press conference earlier Wednesday, Attorney General Pam Bondi would only say that the Justice

Department would "follow the law" when asked about the Epstein files. But already, officials face growing suspicion from Capitol Hill and their MAGA base that the administration will use a just-opened, Trump-ordered criminal investigation as an excuse to keep some of the Epstein case file under wraps. Justice officials, meanwhile, are scrambling to balance their probe with a looming December deadline for releasing the documents after being caught off-guard by both Trump's demand for a new investigation and his subsequent sudden support Sunday evening for making all the Epstein files public, according to a person familiar with the matter.

And even as the White House tries to accelerate past the controversy to focus on next year's midterm elections, there remains little sign that Trump's supporters are anywhere near ready to leave it behind.

"This is a storyline that's going to continue to dog the president into the second year of his presidency," said Alex Conant, a longtime GOP operative. "The Epstein conspiracies have reached moon landing status. And we'll never stop talking about it."

The relentless intrigue surrounding the Epstein files marks the rare issue that has driven a wedge between Trump and the Republican Party he's led for the last decade, exposing a vulnerability for the White House made all the more frustrating by the fact that it's largely the result of a series of self-inflicted wounds.

Since it became clear that he could not suppress the files' release, Trump has tried to reunify the GOP behind a new effort to tie Epstein directly to the Democratic Party.

In announcing he'd signed the bill, Trump focused squarely on Democrats, writing, "Perhaps the truth about these Democrats, and their associations with Jeffrey Epstein, will soon be revealed," and adding, "This latest Hoax will backfire on the Democrats just as all of the rest have!" The offensive has drawn on newly disclosed Epstein emails that mention various prominent Democrats, alongside numerous references to Trump — a development that White House officials hope will put them back on offense after months under siege. (Corresponding with Epstein would not be a crime, and there's no evidence in the emails that any of them participated in Epstein's wrongdoing.)

"All of a sudden there existed a real opportunity to change the narrative," one official told CNN, noting that aides had only limited knowledge of what was in the documents compiled by Epstein's estate until a House committee released them last week. Bondi later claimed the administration was poring over newer materials, only for the DOJ to announce months later.

Trump, meanwhile, repeatedly took to social media to try to browbeat Republicans in line, insisting that the files he once vowed to release were now little more than a Democratic "hoax." Yet neither approach succeeding in quelling the calls for more disclosure.



Kaitlan Collins

WILLIAM BLAKE’S THE TYGER — ILLUSTRATED, ETCHED AND PRINTED BY THE POET HIMSELF

Diary Times Desk : In 1790, there was a menagerie on the banks of the River Thames that housed a tiger. On a still night, it was said that the animal’s roar could be heard across the water in Lambeth, south London, where William Blake lived.

Was this the creature that fired the radical visionary’s unique genius to compose the lines: ‘Tyger Tyger, burning bright,/ In the forests of the night;/ What immortal hand or eye,/ Could frame thy fearful symmetry?’

Written in 1793, Blake’s poem The Tyger is a haunting elegy that imagines God as a blacksmith, forging the beast of wrath out of the furnace. Composed during a time of revolution and war, it is one of 17 illuminated poems in Songs of Experience, the darker, more troubling companion to Blake’s earlier volume, Songs of Innocence.

Aside from Jerusalem (‘And did those feet in ancient time’) — England’s unofficial national anthem — The Tyger is almost certainly Blake’s most famous and best-loved poem. It is an epic imagining of satanic forces. The blood of life is transfused into the molten metal of industrial production. Blake evokes the sweat, smoke and glow of the smelting process, although he leaves it up to the reader to decide whether the toil is noble or the industry foul.

Some have suggested the tiger is a metaphor for the French Revolution, which had begun four years earlier, while others argue that the animal represents the British government and the repressive laws enacted against dissenters such as Blake to avert the threat of revolution at home.

At the time of the poem’s publication, few people had ever read any of Blake’s work. The spiritually subversive Londoner, who claimed to see angels in Peckham Rye and the face of God in Broad Street, was too far out there for the good people of Albion. Had it not been for his supporters, fellow Romantic poets William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and the intellectuals revolving around William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, Blake might not have been read at all.

Blake had good reasons for this laborious process, other than his love of those ‘virtuous ancients’: in the aftermath of the French Revolution, the publication of books and pamphlets was tightly controlled by William Pitt’s government. By bringing this process together, the radical poet could evade the censors’ eyes.



MILLET KHICHDI WITH CITRUS FRUIT CHUNDA

Name of Chef: Jerson Fernandes

Hero Ingredient: Millet & Citrus Fruits

Inspiration: A nourishing twist to the traditional khichdi using millet paired with a tangy-sweet citrus chunda. This recipe celebrates sustainability and wellness by showcasing ancient grains with a refreshing, modern condiment.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients (Millet Khichdi)	Quantity
Foxtail millet	- 1 cup
Yellow moong dal	- ½ large cup
Ghee	- 2 tbsp
Cumin seeds	- 1 tsp
Ginger (finely chopped)	- 1 inch
Green chilli (slit)	- 1
Curry leaves	- 6-8
Turmeric powder	- ½ tsp
Hing	- a pinch
Carrot (diced)	- ½ cup
Beans (diced)	- ½ cup
Green peas	- ½ cup
Salt	- to taste
Water	- 5 cups

Ingredients (Citrus Fruit Chunda)	Quantity
Orange segments	- 1 cup
Sweet lime (mosambi) segments	- 1 cup
Jaggery (grated)	- ¾ cup
Ginger powder	- ½ tsp
Roasted cumin powder	- ½ tsp
Chilli powder (optional)	- ½ tsp
Black salt	- ¼ tsp

METHOD:

Khichdi:

- Wash and soak millet and dal for 20 mins.
- Heat ghee, add cumin, ginger, chilli, curry leaves, and hing.
- Add diced vegetables, sauté lightly.
- Add turmeric, salt, soaked millet and dal.
- Pour 4 cups hot water, mix well.
- Pressure cook for 2 whistles (or simmer covered till soft).
- Drizzle ghee before serving.

Citrus Fruit Chunda:

- Lightly mash citrus segments.
- In a thick pan, add citrus and jaggery, cook on low heat till it thickens to jam-like consistency.
- Stir continuously to avoid burning.
- Add ginger powder, cumin, chilli powder, and black salt.
- Cool and store in a clean jar.

About Chef Jerson Fernandes

Director- Culinary Operations, Sodexo India is a world renowned chef. A 'Guinness World Record' holder for his contribution to The Largest Display of Bread Varieties He is also an award winning chef for the Best executive chef of the country and a brand ambassador for Zero harm mindset and Stop hunger initiatives of Sodexo.



REPORT – WHY BARCELONA FORWARD MISSED TRAINING TODAY
AND WHEN HE WILL RETURN



Diary Times Desk : As reported earlier, FC Barcelona forward Marcus Rashford was absent from the team’s training session today at the Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper.

Hansi Flick welcomed all of his players back after the international window, including Ronald Araujo, who only returned from Uruguay duty earlier this morning.

But Rashford was a notable absentee in the training session as Barcelona prepared for Saturday’s La Liga encounter against Athletic Club.

Rashford absent due to personal reasons
It was suggested that Rashford’s absence, two days before Barça’s long-awaited return to the Spotify Camp Nou, was due to him dealing with some physical discomfort.

The English forward, on loan at Barcelona from Manchester United, missed today’s training due to personal reasons. The 28-year-old had received permission from the club to remain absent.

BAYERN MUNICH PRESIDENT
‘OPTIMISTIC’ ABOUT BARCELONA
TARGET’S RENEWAL: “HE FEELS
INCREDIBLY COMFORTABLE”

Diary Times Desk : With FC Barcelona eyeing a new defensive signing for the summer of 2026, Bayern Munich mainstay Dayot Upamecano has emerged as one of the targets.

After all, the towering centre-back’s current deal with the Bavarian giants stands to expire at the end of the season, and there is no agreement over an extension so far.

The French international’s contract situation has made him an appealing commodity in the market, with a number of top clubs keeping an eye on him, including Barcelona.

Bayern chief confident about Upamecano renewal

However, Bayern Munich president Herbert Hainer has expressed confidence about Upamecano renewing his contract and remaining at the Allianz Arena beyond the current season.

“I’m optimistic to get new deal done,” Hainer told Sky Sport Germany, as quoted by Fabrizio Romano.

VICTOR FONT LAMBASTS LAPORTA OVER
LIONEL MESSI EXIT – “HE CHOSE
FLORENTINO PEREZ OVER LEO”

Diary Times Desk : In recent weeks, Victor Font appears to have truly kick-started the upcoming Barcelona presidential election fight between him and Joan Laporta.

Font, who was the runner-up in the 2021 elections, has launched his new cross-party platform, ‘Nosaltres’, marking a distinct shift in strategy.

In a shift from his conciliatory tone in his previous campaign, Font is going out on a blistering offensive against current President Joan Laporta.

In a recent interview with Que t’hi Jugues (h/t AS), Font criticised Laporta and his handling of various events at Barcelona, including Messi’s exit.

He also talked about the Super League and Real Madrid’s growing influence.

Font on Lionel Messi

Font specifically targeted the painful departure of Lionel Messi in 2021, accusing Laporta of prioritising an alliance with Real Madrid and the Super League project over retaining the club’s greatest-ever player.

BARCELONA IN-FORM FORWARD ABSENT FROM TRAINING TWO DAYS BEFORE
ATHLETIC CLUB CLASH

Diary Times Desk : FC Barcelona manager Hansi Flick has finally been able to prepare for Saturday’s match against Athletic Club at the revamped Spotify Camp Nou under ideal conditions.

The German coach led the first session on Thursday at the Ciutat Esportiva Joan Gamper with all the players who had been called up by their national teams during the international break. Well, almost all of them.

Marcus Rashford misses training
The most notable absence in this penultimate training session before Barcelona face Athletic Club this weekend was Marcus Rashford, according to SPORT.

The forward was not seen arriving at the club’s facilities in the morning and did not take part in the session. For now, the reason for his absence from today’s training session is unknown, although club sources insist that it is not serious.

The Englishman was called up by Thomas Tuchel for the two matches played by the Three Lions during the international break.



24 YEARS, NO WIN – ATHLETIC
CLUB’S POOR AWAY RECORD
VS BARCELONA AHEAD OF
CAMP NOU REOPENING

Diary Times Desk : On Saturday, Athletic Club will be a part of a historic occasion as they will become the first opponent to face FC Barcelona at the redeveloped Spotify Camp Nou.

The Blaugrana spent more than two years away from their iconic venue while renovation works were carried out, and will finally make their return on 22 November, Saturday, with a La Liga fixture vs Athletic.

Athletic Club winless away to Barcelona in over two decades
Ahead of the grand reopening of the Spotify Camp Nou, Barcelona will go in as favourites to win, considering the disappointing record that Athletic Club have in their away La Liga games against the Catalans.

Indeed, the Basque club have not beaten Barcelona in their stadium in a league match for 24 years, a period in which they have suffered 20 defeats and managed only three draws.

SERGIO BUSQUETS: “A
SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR US
THAT MESSI IS ALWAYS
ASSOCIATED WITH
BARCELONA”

Diary Times Desk : Lionel Messi’s recent ‘return’ to Barcelona during the international window revived countless memories for Barcelona supporters.

The Argentine megastar provided an endless number of moments of joy at the Camp Nou, a stadium that is close to reopening its doors.

And, in a moment that has since gone viral, the eight-time Ballon d’Or paid a secret visit to the renovated stadium and clicked a few pictures, surprising the club hierarchy as well as the millions of fans across the globe.

Sergio Busquets on Messi’s Barcelona visit

Although Messi’s return to Barcelona as a player seems unlikely, more so after his recent contract renewal with Inter Miami, the affection that the city and the club still hold for the world champion remains unquestioned.

This is something that his close friend and Inter Miami teammate Sergio Busquets highlighted on Tuesday during a press conference.

“As his teammate at Barça, at Inter, and as a friend of Leo, we all know what he has meant to Barça, to all the Barça fans,” said Busquets. The iconic midfielder admitted that, as a former Barcelona player, he feels proud that Messi continues to be associated with the club.