

NEWS IN BRIEF

SC SETS UP PANEL TO DEAL WITH CONTAMINATION OF JOJARI-BANDI-LUNI RIVER SYSTEM IN RAJASTHAN

Diary Times Desk : Pulling up the Rajasthan Government for failing to take measures to restore the Jojari-Bandi-Luni river system in Western Rajasthan, the Supreme Court has set up a High-Level Ecosystem Oversight Committee to prepare a comprehensive, time-bound River Restoration and Rejuvenation Blueprint for the entire river system and ensure its phased implementation.

"The constitution of this Committee is necessitated by the scale of the harm, the complexity of the remedial actions required, and the imperative of ensuring sustained institutional oversight so that the directions of the National Green Tribunal, as well as those of this Court, are implemented in both letter and spirit," a Bench of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta said in its November 21 order.

DONALD TRUMP JR PRAISES MEWAR RULERS' LEGACY DURING UDAIPUR PALACE VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Donald Trump Jr, son of US President Donald Trump, met erstwhile royal family member Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar at the Udaipur City Palace on Saturday during his visit to Rajasthan for a high-profile wedding, officials said.

Trump Jr was accompanied by US businessman Raj Mantena. The meeting featured discussions on Mewar's history, culture and contemporary global developments, palace officials said.

According to the palace officials, Trump Jr expressed admiration for the courage and legacy of Mewar's historic rulers, including Maharana Kumbha, Maharana Sanga and Maharana Pratap.

Mewar presented symbolic mementoes to the visitors, which Trump Jr described as "special and memorable". Trump Jr, along with Bollywood and international celebrities, including Jennifer Lopez, Janhvi Kapoor.

G20 INITIATIVE**PM MODI PROPOSES KEY G20 INITIATIVES TO TACKLE DRUG-TERROR NEXUS, BOOST HEALTHCARE**

on 'Inclusive and sustainable economic growth leaving no one behind.'

The prime minister said to overcome the challenge of drug trafficking, especially the spread of extremely dangerous substances like fentanyl, India proposes a G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus.

"Let us weaken the wretched drug-terror economy," he said.

"I proposed a few actionables to realise our dream of all-round growth. First among them is the creation of a G20 Global Traditional Knowledge Repository. India has a rich history in this regard. This will help us pass on our collective wisdom to further good health and wellbeing," Modi said in a post on X.

He said Africa's progress was vital for global progress and proposed the G20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative.

"India has always stood in solidarity with Africa. I am proud of the fact that it was during India's G20 Presidency that the African Union became a permanent G20 member," he said.

"Our collective goal should be to create one million certified trainers in Africa within the next decade," Modi said.

ED SEIZES OVER RS 14 CRORE IN CASH, GOLD FOLLOWING RAIDS ON COAL MAFIA IN JHARKHAND, WEST BENGAL

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized cash and gold worth more than Rs 14 crore during searches against an alleged coal mafia network operating across Jharkhand and West Bengal, the agency said on Saturday.

The raids were launched on Friday at 44 premises in the two states, in connection with "large-scale" illegal mining, theft, transportation, storage and sale of coal, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement.

Cash, jewellery and gold amounting to more than Rs 14 crore, various property deeds linked to the coal syndicate and agreements related to sale and purchase of land, several digital devices, account ledgers of entities controlled by the network, etc, have been seized, the statement added.

The agency took cognisance of multiple FIRs filed by the police in both states to lodge a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The FIRs indicate that a vast illegal coal supply network is operating across Jharkhand and West Bengal, the agency said in the statement.

**'CAN'T BEAR THIS INHUMAN WORKLOAD': BLO FOUND DEAD IN BENGAL, SUICIDE NOTE CITES 'SIR PRESSURE'**

Diary Times Desk : A woman working as a Booth Level Officer (BLO) in West Bengal's Nadia district was found hanging at her residence on Saturday morning, with her family members claiming that she was under considerable SIR work-related stress and died by suicide, police said.

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee expressed her shock over the BLO's death and said this has become "truly alarming now".

Banerjee in a post on X said, "Profoundly shocked to know of the death of yet another BLO, a lady para-teacher, who has committed suicide at Krishnanagar today. BLO of part number 201 of AC 82 Chapra, Smt Rinku Tarafdar, has blamed ECI in her suicide note (copy is attached herewith) before committing suicide at her residence today.

"How many more lives will be lost? How many more need to die for this SIR? How many more dead bodies shall we see for this process? This has become truly alarming now!!"

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for a profound rethink of the global development parameters and proposed setting up of a G20 initiative to counter the drug-terror nexus and a global healthcare response team.

Addressing the opening session of the G20 Leaders' Meeting here, Modi proposed creation of a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository under the G20 to preserve eco-balanced, culturally rich, and socially cohesive ways of living.

"Now is the right moment for us to revisit our development parameters and focus on growth that is inclusive and sustainable. India's civilisational values, especially the principle of Integral Humanism offers a way forward," Modi told the session

UNION TERRITORY OF CHANDIGARH

GOVERNMENT LISTS BILL THAT COULD PAVE WAY FOR L-G TO ADMINISTER CHANDIGARH

Diary Times Desk : In a move that will grant the President powers to make rules regarding the Union Territory of Chandigarh, including powers to appoint a Lieutenant Governor to administer it, the Union Government has listed for introduction in the upcoming winter session of Parliament a new constitution amendment Bill.

The Constitution 131st Amendment Bill-2025 seeks to include the Union Territory of Chandigarh in Article 240 of the Constitution of India, in alignment with other Union Territories without legislatures, namely Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, and Puducherry (when its Legislative Assembly is dissolved or suspended).

Article 240 empowers the President to make regulations for the peace, progress, and good government of certain Union territories, including the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

These regulations have the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament. This power is particularly important for Union Territories that do not have their own Legislative Assemblies, allowing the President to administer them directly.

TACKLING PENDENCY OF CASES, ENCOURAGING MEDIATION MY PRIORITY: CJI-DESIGNATE JUSTICE SURYA KANT

Diary Times Desk : Justice Surya Kant, who is to take over as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24, on Saturday said tackling huge pendency of cases and encouraging mediation as an alternative disputes resolution mechanism would be his priority.

"My foremost agenda is to reduce arrears (of cases). Two things are my top priorities: arrears and mediation. With 90,000 cases pending in the Supreme Court, clearing the oldest matters is essential," Justice Kasnt said in an interaction with Supreme Court correspondents at his official residence here.

The CJI-designate batted for mediation as an important tool to reduce huge pendency of cases. "Mediation can be a game changer," he said.

He said he will give priority to setting up Constitution Benches to dispose of important matters involving important constitutional questions that could lead to clearing of hundreds and thousands of cases in high courts.

He said that judges should not come under pressure from social media trolls and judicial independence must remain paramount. Justice Kant said even in this weather when AQI was quite bad, "I walk for at least an hour every morning."

Responding to a query, Justice Kant confirmed that several foreign chief justices and judges were likely to attend his oath ceremony on November 24.

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MINIMUM PAY, 8-HOUR WORKDAY: GOVT ROLLS OUT FOUR
NEW LABOUR CODES



Diary Times Desk : The Centre on Friday enforced four new labour codes replacing 29 labour laws in a landmark reform that expands workers’ rights and social security while simplifying rules to boost the currently weak manufacturing sector.

The Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 came into force from Friday, setting India on the path to creating a future-ready workforce.

Mandatory appointment letters for workers across sectors, guaranteed minimum wage, social security for all, including gig and platform workers, compulsory wage payments and opening up of night shifts for women in all industries are the hallmarks of the new codes.

The most significant reform relates to work hours amid the ongoing debate over the length of a normal workweek.

EMPLOYEE SACKED AFTER
DOGS SEEN RESTING ON
PATIENTS’ BEDS AT
GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN
KHANDWA

Diary Times Desk : A cleaner was sacked after a video showing stray dogs lying on beds for patients at a government community health centre in Madhya Pradesh’s Khandwa district went viral, sparking outrage.

The incident took place at Killaud Community Health Centre, said an official.

Block Medical Officer Dr Dharmendra Sharma terminated the services of a cleaner with immediate effect and ordered that the seven days’ salary of the on-duty nurse be deducted, he added.

“Health authorities were instructed to take strict action against those responsible for the lapse,” collector Rishav Gupta told reporters.

ARMY CONDUCTS INTEGRATED EXERCISE RAM PRAHAR TO
HONE SKILLS IN MULTI-DOMAIN WARFARE

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Army’s Ram Division, part of the Kharga Corps under Western Command, conducted Exercise Ram Prahar, a major integrated all-arms and services manoeuvre, reaffirming Army’s evolution into a modern, adaptive, agile and technology-enabled fighting force.

The exercise underscored the Army’s focus on operational agility, multi-domain capability and real-time decision-making across land, air and cyber domains – reflecting a posture of preparedness, deterrence and strategic assurance in the current fragile regional security environment.

In a run-up to the exercise, the Division undertook a series of battle drills and validations of tactics, techniques and procedures. The exercise witnessed coordinated operations by armoured, infantry, engineer and aviation elements in a dynamic battlefield environment.

LOBBYING INTENSIFIES FOR BIHAR ASSEMBLY SPEAKER
POST; BJP’S PREM KUMAR EMERGES FRONTRUNNER

Diary Times Desk : A day after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar allocated the portfolios among the state ministers, lobbying has intensified for the post of Speaker in the Assembly, sources in the ruling NDA said on Saturday.

BJP MLA Prem Kumar, who has been elected for the ninth consecutive term from the Gaya Town Assembly seat, is considered the frontrunner for the Speaker’s post as he is one of the senior-most leaders of the party, they said.

The name of Jhajha MLA Damodar Rawat of the JD(U) was also doing the rounds, they said.

A special session of the Assembly will soon be convened so that all 243 elected members can take the oath and elect a Speaker, the sources said.

The date for the commencement of the special Assembly session will be decided at a state Cabinet meeting, which will be held on November 25, they said.



BILL ON CIVIL NUCLEAR SECTOR AMONG 10
PROPOSED LEGISLATIONS PLANNED FOR
PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

Diary Times Desk : A Bill seeking to open up the civil nuclear sector for private players is among the 10 new proposed legislations listed by the government for introduction in the winter session of Parliament, beginning December 1.

Besides the crucial ‘The Atomic Energy Bill, 2025’, which seeks to govern the use and regulation of atomic energy in India, the Higher Education Commission of India Bill is also on the agenda.

According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the proposed law seeks to set up a Higher Education Commission of India to facilitate universities and other higher educational institutes to become independent and self-governing institutions and to promote excellence through a robust and transparent system of accreditation and autonomy.

COUPLE, 2 MINOR DAUGHTERS INJURED
AS VEHICLE FROM AJIT PAWAR’S CONVOY
HITS MOTORCYCLE

Diary Times Desk : A couple and their two minor daughters were injured after a fire brigade vehicle that was part of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar’s convoy rammed into their motorcycle in Beed district on Saturday, police said.

The incident occurred on Telgaon-Dharur Road in Dharur tehsil around 11.30 am, they said.

Deputy CM Pawar was travelling from Parbhani towards Dharur when the fire brigade vehicle in his convoy hit a motorcycle on which the couple and their two daughters were going.

Vishnu Sude, his wife Kusum and their two daughters – aged three and seven years – sustained injuries, an official of Dharur police station said.

They were immediately taken to Dharur Rural Hospital, from where they were shifted to Swami Ramanand Teerth Rural Government Medical College and Hospital in Ambejogai for further treatment, they said.

NEW PHOTOS EMERGE OF
TEJAS CRASH, JET SEEN
DESCENDING, GOING UP IN
FLAMES

Diary Times Desk : Dubai Air Show attendee captured the moment the Tejas fighter jet crashed during a flying demonstration, bursting into a ball of flames, sending up a plume of thick black smoke. The crowd at the Al Maktoum International Airport, who had gathered to witness the air show, is seen jumping out of their seats to look at the crash and capture it on their mobile phones.

Abu Bakr, a real estate advisor, had gone to attend the Dubai Air show because of his interest in it. One of the videos captured by Bakr shows the final moments of the Tejas aircraft before it crashed.

A single-seat Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas fighter jet was executing a negative G turn before it slammed the ground. The aircraft transitioned from a negative G manoeuvre into a roll, which is another aerobatic display manoeuvre. However, it was flying at a very low attitude at this stage, and the roll appears to not have been a snap or quick roll that could have enabled the aircraft to enter horizontal flight.

AL FALAH'S COLLATERAL
DAMAGE: 600 STUDENTS
PAYING PRICE FOR TERROR
MODULE

Diary Times Desk : "Our university is being called a terror den, an incubator of radicals. Some even say it should be razed to the ground. But what about the hundreds of students who came here only to build a career?" said a postgraduate MBBS student as he left the campus gates of Al Falah University with two suitcases, his face covered by a mask. "If the college shuts down tomorrow, five years of NEET struggle and lakhs of rupees - everything will vanish. We will become that batch whose degree no hospital trusts." He added that his exams were over and he was returning home to Uttar Pradesh. He refused to share his identity. The terror cloud descended suddenly. Until the Red Fort blast on November 10, which killed at least 15 people, everything was officially perfect with the university - UGC-recognised, NAAC-accredited, proud banners everywhere.



'LABOURER, BUREAUCRAT'S SONS CAN'T BE
MADE TO COMPETE': CHIEF JUSTICE ON
QUOTA



Diary Times Desk : Outgoing Chief Justice of India Bhushan R Gavai, who is also the second Dalit judge to take oath as the Supreme Court's Chief Justice, said on Friday that despite severe criticism from his own community, he stood by his judgment on sub-classification in reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Chief Justice Gavai said the son of a chief secretary in Delhi cannot be made to compete with the son of an agricultural labourer. He was speaking at a farewell event organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association on his last working day. In a landmark six-one majority verdict in August 2024, a seven-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court held that Scheduled Castes do not constitute a socially homogeneous class and can be sub-classified by states.

DELHI AIR QUALITY REMAINS "VERY
POOR", FOG FORECAST FOR TODAY

Diary Times Desk : There was no respite from toxic air for Delhi as it continued to face "very poor" air quality on Saturday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The city's overall Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 360, according to the 9 am hourly bulletin. According to the CPCB, an AQI between 0 and 50 is considered good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor, and 401-500 severe.

Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 11.8 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The IMD has forecast fog for the day, with the maximum temperature likely to touch 28.2 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity at 8:30 am stood at 100 per cent, it added.

SUPREME COURT ISSUES
NOTICE TO ECI ON KERALA'S
PLEA TO DELAY SIR

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court of India (SC) on Friday, November 21, issued a notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding the petition filed by the Kerala Government seeking to postpone the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in the state until the local body elections are completed.

A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant, SVN Bhatti, and Joymalya Bagchi scheduled the hearing for 26 November.

According to the Live Law report, along with the State's petition, the bench also issued notices on petitions filed by Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) General Secretary PK Kunhalikutty, Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President Sunny Joseph, and Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] Secretary MV Govindan.

Earlier, on November 18, the Kerala government approached the SC seeking to postpone the SIR.

ATM CASH VAN HEIST: BENGALURU
POLICE CRACK CASE, RECOVER OVER
RS 5 CRORE, ARREST COP

Diary Times Desk : The South division police investigating the Rs 7.11 crore broad daylight heist have reportedly made a breakthrough by recovering more than Rs 5 crore in cash of the Rs 7.11 crore robbed. The police recovered the money from Chennai and also Andhra Pradesh.

A police constable attached to the city's East division, who is said to be the mastermind, and a former employee of the Cash Management Services (CMS) from Kerala have reportedly been arrested. Both close friends, they had been hatching the plot for the last six months after the latter quit CMS.

The police are said to have also arrested three others for providing logistical support. The police have also zeroed in on two brothers, said to be kingpins in the incident. The brothers, sons of an ex-serviceman, are from Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, and were working in the city.

PENDENCY, PROMOTING MEDIATION: INCOMING CHIEF JUSTICE ON
TOP PRIORITIES

Diary Times Desk : Two days before he takes over as the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant has said the two main priorities for him in his 16-month tenure will be tackling pending cases in the judiciary and giving an impetus to mediation.

Speaking to journalists on Saturday, Justice Kant said the Supreme Court alone has over 90,000 cases pending, and he intends to take the challenge head-on as the Chief Justice.

To reduce pendency in the high courts and lower courts, the judge said he will constitute Constitutional benches on a priority to decide on questions of law which have prevented the courts from arriving at a decision.

Emphasising the need for healthy practices, Justice Kant stressed there is a need to find out why people are directly approaching the Supreme Court for cases which should first go to the high courts and lower courts.



CHINA'S PURSUIT OF TAIWANESE
LEGISLATOR FACES BACKLASH AMID
HIS NETHERLANDS VISIT

Diary Times Desk : In a bold stand against China's intimidation tactics, Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lawmaker Puma Shen departed for the Netherlands yesterday to attend a high-level international forum, despite being declared "wanted" by China.

The Chongqing Municipal Public Security Bureau in late October issued a warrant against Shen, accusing him of "secessionist crimes" for his work with Kuma Academy, a civil defence initiative that educates Taiwanese citizens on how to respond in case of a Chinese invasion.

The politically charged probe, grounded in China's Criminal Law and its newly expanded rules on punishing "Taiwan independence separatists," has been condemned as yet another example of China's extraterritorial repression, as reported by The Taipei Times.

According to The Taipei Times, a Chinese legal analyst speaking on China Central Television (CCTV) claimed that Shen could be pursued through Interpol and other global judicial channels, a statement that drew sharp criticism in Taiwan, where lawmakers dismissed it as a baseless attempt to export China's authoritarian legal system.

ASSAM MINISTER ATUL BORA SLAMS
CONGRESS OVER VOTER ROLL ISSUE,
SAYS PARTY 'DOING POLITICS'
DESPITE EC CLARIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : Assam Minister and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) President Atul Bora on Saturday criticised the Congress party for questioning the Election Commission of India's (ECI) decision to conduct a Special Revision (SR) of voter rolls in the state, saying the party was "doing politics" despite a clear clarification from the EC that the process was routine and required ahead of elections.

Responding to the Congress's argument that the Special Revision of voter rolls was unnecessary since the National Register of Citizens (NRC) had already been completed in Assam, Bora said the criticism was baseless.

US RESIDENT BELIEVED TO BE 1ST TO DIE FROM H5N5 BIRD FLU

Diary Times Desk : A Washington state man is believed to be the first person to die from a rare strain of bird flu, but state health officials have said the risk to the public is low.

The man, an older adult with underlying health conditions, was being treated for a bird flu called H5N5 after becoming seemingly the first known human infected by the strain, according to a statement from the Washington State Department of Health on Friday.

The man from Grays Harbor County, about 125 km southwest of Seattle, had a backyard flock of domestic poultry that had been exposed to wild birds, health officials said.

"The risk to the public remains low," the statement from state health officials said. "No other people involved have tested positive for avian influenza."



TRUMP SAYS HE HAS 'ONE THING IN
COMMON' WITH MAMDANI AFTER
'PRODUCTIVE MEETING'

Diary Times Desk : During a meeting with New York mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, President Donald Trump struck a surprising tone, saying he would be "okay" if Mamdani continued to call him a "fascist", a label Mamdani had used previously during campaign rallies, CNN reported.

When a reporter asked Mamdani whether he still stood by that characterisation, the mayor-elect began, "I've spoken about it..." but Trump quickly interjected.

"That's okay. You can just say yes. It's easier than explaining it. I don't mind." Trump said.

Earlier today, President Donald Trump described his meeting with New York City mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani at the Oval Office as "great" and "very productive," according to CNN.

US REP MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE,
FORMER TRUMP LOYALIST, SAYS SHE IS
RESIGNING FROM CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, a once-loyal supporter of President Donald Trump who has become a critic, said on Friday she is resigning from Congress in January.

Greene, in a more than 10-minute video posted online, explained her decision and said she's "always been despised in Washington, DC, and just never fit in."

Greene's resignation followed a public fallout with Trump in recent months, as the congresswoman criticised him for his stance on files related to Jeffrey Epstein, along with foreign policy and health care.

Trump branded her a "traitor" and "wacky" and said he would endorse a challenger against her when she ran for reelection next year.

She said her last day would be January 5, 2026.



AUSTRALIA-CANADA-
INDIA TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP
TO DEEPEN
COLLABORATION: PM MODI

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a groundbreaking trilateral partnership between Australia, Canada, and India, dubbed the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership.

This initiative aims to deepen collaboration among democratic nations across three continents, focusing on emerging technologies, clean energy, and artificial intelligence.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "A new trilateral technology and innovation partnership! Had an excellent meeting with Mr. Anthony Albanese, PM of Australia and Mr. Mark Carney, PM of Canada on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg. We are delighted to announce an Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership today. The initiative will deepen collaboration between democratic partners across three continents and three oceans in emerging technologies, support diversification of supply chains, clean energy and mass adoption of AI. We look forward to working together to guarantee a better future for the coming generations!"

PM MODI CALLS TO "REVISIT
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PARAMETERS" AT G20
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Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that global developmental parameters must be given a second thought, especially since the African continent is hosting the G20 for the first time.

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN ABDUCTED IN NIGERIAN SCHOOL ATTACK RAISED TO MORE THAN 300



Diary Times Desk : A total of 303 schoolchildren and 12 teachers were abducted by gunmen during an attack on St Mary’s School, a Catholic institution in north-central Nigeria’s Niger state, the Christian Association of Nigeria said Saturday, updating an earlier tally of 215 schoolchildren.

The tally was changed “after a verification exercise and a final census was carried out,” according to a statement issued by the Most Rev Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, chairman of the Niger state chapter of CAN, who visited the school on Friday.

He said 88 other students “were also captured after they tried to escape” during the attack.

The students were both male and female and ranged in age from 10 to 18.

The school kidnapping in Niger state’s remote Papiri community happened four days after 25 schoolchildren were seized in similar circumstances in neighbouring Kebbi state’s Maga town, which is 170 km away.

FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE BLAZE ON CONTAINER SHIP DOCKED AT LA PORT

Diary Times Desk : Dozens of firefighters were battling a blaze on a container ship docked at a Los Angeles port on Friday night, according to officials.

All of the 23 crew members were accounted for, and there were no injuries from the electrical fire, which appears to have started below deck, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department. The ship’s cargo includes hazardous materials.

By about 7 pm, the fire had spread to several levels of the ship, according to the fire department, and later an explosion took place mid-deck. It was not immediately clear how the fire started.

PM MODI MEETS UN CHIEF GUTERRES, BRITISH PM STARMER IN JOHANNESBURG

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met his British counterpart Keir Starmer and UN Secretary-General António Guterres here.

Modi met Starmer and Guterres on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders’ Summit hosted by South Africa.

“It was wonderful meeting Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Johannesburg. This year has brought new energy to the India-UK partnership and we will keep driving it forward across many domains,” Modi said in a post on X.

INDIAN-ORIGIN TECH INVESTOR SHUMEET BANERJI RESIGNS AS BBC BOARD MEMBER

Diary Times Desk : Shumeet Banerji, an Indian-origin tech industry investor, has resigned from his role as a non-executive board member of the BBC over “governance issues” at the top rung of the UK’s public broadcaster.

Banerji’s resignation on Friday comes amid ongoing upheaval within the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) over the edit of US President Donald Trump’s 2021 speech for a documentary, leading to the resignation of its top officials and an apology from chairman Samir Shah.

In his resignation letter referenced by ‘BBC News’, Banerji said he was “not consulted” about the events leading up to the departures of director-general Tim Davie and news chief Deborah Turness.

“Shumeet Banerji today notified the BBC Board of his resignation,” the BBC said in a statement on Friday night.



TRUMP PAINTS ZELENSKY INTO CORNER WITH HIS NEW PLAN TO END RUSSIA’S WAR ON UKRAINE

Diary Times Desk : With his new 28-point plan to end Russia’s war in Ukraine, President Donald Trump is resurfacing his argument that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy doesn’t “have the cards” to continue on the battlefield and must come to a settlement that heavily tilts in Moscow’s favour.

Trump, who has demonstrated low regard for Zelenskyy dating back to his first term, said Friday he expected the Ukrainian leader to respond to his administration’s new plan to end the war by next Thursday.

“We think we have a way of getting peace,” Trump told reporters in an Oval Office appearance. “He’s going to have to approve it.”

Buffeted by a corruption scandal in his government, battlefield setbacks and another difficult winter looming as Russia continues to bombard Ukraine’s energy grid, Zelenskyy says Ukraine is now facing perhaps the most difficult choice in its history.

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SECRET REPORT EXPOSES CHINA'S 'INVINCIBLE' AIR DEFENSE - INDIAN MISSILES TORE THROUGH LIKE BUTTER, PAKISTAN LEFT HUMILIATED

Diary Times Desk : A classified document has just surfaced that's sending shockwaves across Beijing and Islamabad. Australia's National Security College has released an 87-page bombshell report that exposes what military experts are calling "the biggest defense fraud of the decade" and at the center of this humiliation stands India, whose missiles achieved what America and Russia thought impossible. The secret is out, and it's devastating for China: their so-called "world-class" air defense systems couldn't stop Indian missiles during Operation Sindoor. The technology Beijing sold to Pakistan as "impenetrable" turned out to be nothing more than expensive scrap metal when faced with Indian firepower. Every Indian should read this with pride swelling in their chest.

Australia's National Security College published a classified report titled "Air and Missile Warfare in the 2025 Subcontinental Conflict: Observations and Consequences," and what it reveals is nothing short of catastrophic for Chinese military credibility.

**CAN PAKISTAN JOIN THE GAZA STABILISATION FORCE WITHOUT FACING BACKLASH?**

Diary Times Desk : When the United Nations Security Council on Monday adopted a United States-authored resolution that paves the way for a transitional administration and an International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in Gaza, Pakistan – which was presiding over the council – had a seemingly contradictory response.

Asim Iftikhar Ahmed, Pakistan's permanent representative to the UN, thanked the US for tabling the resolution and voted in its favour. But he also said Pakistan was not entirely satisfied with the outcome, and warned that "some critical suggestions" from Pakistan were not included in the final text. Though the resolution promises a "credible pathway" to Palestinian statehood, Ahmed, in his comments to the council, said it did not spell that path out, and did not clarify the role of the UN, a proposed Board of Peace (BoP) to oversee Gaza's governance, or the mandate of the ISF.

JOHNSON COUNTERS THUNE ON RUSSIAN SANCTIONS BILL PROCESS: 'NOT MY UNDERSTANDING'

Diary Times Desk : Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said Senate Majority Leader John Thune's (R-S.D.) assertion that a bill to expand Russian sanctions would start in the House came as a surprise to him, countering the Senate Republican leader by saying it would be "simpler and quicker" to advance the bill if it first passes in the Senate.

"That was not my understanding up until yesterday," Johnson said in an interview with The Hill on Friday, responding to Thune's comments.

"It is simpler and quicker to get it done if it comes from the Senate to the House with a large vote margin, which we expect," Johnson said.

Thune was asked about the status of the sanctions bill in a Wednesday press conference after President Trump and the White House had signaled support for Russian sanctions legislation.

IN 3 YEARS, CHINA WILL HAVE WORLD'S FIRST FLOATING ARTIFICIAL ISLAND THAT 'CAN SURVIVE NUCLEAR ATTACK'

Diary Times Desk : China is developing a massive floating research platform engineered to survive nuclear shock waves, a project that analysts say could reshape competition for maritime influence.

The Deep-Sea All-Weather Resident Floating Research Facility, officially classified as a national major scientific infrastructure project under China's 14th Five-Year Plan, will be the world's first mobile, self-sustaining artificial island, reports scmp.com.

The structure, weighing 78,000 tonnes, uses a semi-submersible twin-hull design and will support long-duration missions far from shore.

According to Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), which leads the design, the platform will measure 138 metres long and 85 metres wide, with a main deck rising 45 metres above the waterline. It will accommodate up to 238 personnel for four months without resupply and operate at speeds of up to 15 knots. The vessel can function in rough conditions up to sea state 7 and withstand typhoons rated as high as category 17.

Planners expect the platform to enter service in 2028. Its mobility and long endurance could give China an adaptable presence in remote or disputed waters, including the South China Sea.

**RAMAPHOSA, MODI WARN G20 ON WIDENING GLOBAL INEQUALITY, SEEK OVERHAUL OF DEVELOPMENT MODEL**

Diary Times Desk : South African President Cyril Ramaphosa used his address at the G20 Leaders' Summit to call out what he described as deep and persistent global inequalities in wealth and development, arguing that the current trajectory is "unjust and unsustainable." He said that despite decades of international cooperation, the gap between rich and developing nations continues to widen, undermining progress on poverty reduction, climate action and access to technology, news agencies reported.

Ramaphosa stressed that developing economies need greater fiscal room, long-term concessional finance and fairer global trading arrangements to accelerate growth. He urged G20 members to overhaul development finance mechanisms so that emerging nations are not forced to choose between economic stability and essential social spending. He also reiterated Africa's demand for more influence in global forums, arguing that inadequate representation weakens the legitimacy of global decision-making.

WHAT AMERICANS THINK OF ZOHRAN MAMDANI

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump will meet Friday with New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani – the man that Republicans have made no secret that they would very much like to turn into a national boogeyman.

We'll have to wait and see what happens – they are due to meet at 3 p.m. ET at the White House – but it's not difficult to see Trump trying to make political hay.

But just how productive might that be? And is Mamdani proving to be the boogeyman Republicans hope he'll be?

We've got some new national polling conducted after the self-described democratic socialist's win earlier this month. And it offers some clues.

In sum: Mamdani isn't particularly unpopular, especially relative to plenty of other big-name US politicians. But he does clearly animate Republicans and older Americans against him – a lot more than he animates Democrats and young people for him.

And that reinforces the potential utility for the GOP of making him a main character nationally.

UKRAINE'S ALLIES VOICE CONCERNS OVER US PLAN TO END WAR



Diary Times Desk : Ukraine's allies from Europe, Canada and Japan have voiced concerns over a US plan to end the Russia-Ukraine war, saying it "will require additional work". In a statement, they said the plan had elements "essential for a just and lasting peace", but cited concerns over border changes and limitations on Ukraine's forces. Reports say security officials from the UK, France, Germany, the US and Ukraine will now meet in Geneva on Sunday for further talks.

President Volodymyr Zelensky earlier warned Ukraine faced "one of the most difficult moments in our history" over pressure from the US to accept the plan - leaked details of which are seen as favourable to Moscow. US President Donald Trump has given Ukraine until 27 November to accept the 28-point plan, while Russia's President Vladimir Putin said it could be the "basis" for a settlement.

REPORTER ASKS MAMDANI IF TRUMP IS A FASCIST. HIS RESPONSE

Diary Times Desk : During a meeting with New York mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, President Donald Trump struck a surprising tone, saying he would be "okay" if Mamdani continued to call him a "fascist", a label Mamdani had used previously during campaign rallies, CNN reported. When a reporter asked Mamdani whether he still stood by that characterisation, the mayor-elect began, "I've spoken about it....," but Trump quickly interjected. "That's okay. You can just say yes. It's easier than explaining it. I don't mind." Trump said. Earlier today, President Donald Trump described his meeting with New York City mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani at the Oval Office as "great" and "very productive," according to CNN. Trump, a New York native, congratulated Mamdani on his election victory and said the two leaders found common ground on several key issues, including housing development and rising food prices.

HISTORIC SOUTH AFRICA G20 SUMMIT DECLARATION PRIORITISES DEVELOPING WORLD

Diary Times Desk : The final document of the Group of 20 summit in South Africa says the organisation will work towards the settlement of armed conflicts and lighten the burden of the developing nations in the world. The summit, the first G20 gathering on the African continent, convened on Saturday for the first of two days with an ambitious agenda to make progress on solving some of the longstanding problems that have afflicted the world's poorest nations despite a boycott by the United States. Leaders and top government officials from the richest and leading emerging economies came together at an exhibition centre near the famous Soweto township in South Africa, once home to iconic post-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela, to try to find some consensus on the priorities set out by the host country.

BRAZIL'S EX-PRESIDENT BOLSONARO ARRESTED TO PREVENT 'ATTEMPTED ESCAPE,' COURT SAYS

Diary Times Desk : Former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro was detained on Saturday at his residence in Brazil's capital to prevent a possible "attempted escape," days before he was due to begin a prison sentence for leading a coup attempt, according to Brazil's Supreme Court. In a statement, Federal Police said it executed a preventive arrest warrant that had been requested by the police themselves and authorized by the Supreme Court, CNN affiliate CNN Brasil reported. He was arrested at his home in Brasília. Sources told CNN Brasil that a vigil organized by Bolsonaro's oldest son, Senator Flávio Bolsonaro, in front of the complex of residential buildings where the former president lives triggered the request for preventive detention. Bolsonaro's lawyers vowed to appeal the arrest and dismissed the claim that the former president was attempting to escape. Flávio Bolsonaro described the vigil, initially planned for Saturday evening local time, as an opportunity to pray for his father following recent reports of ill health and "for the return of democracy in our country."



NIGERIA SEES ONE OF WORST MASS ABDUCTIONS AS 315 TAKEN FROM SCHOOL

Diary Times Desk : More than 300 children and staff are now thought to have been kidnapped by gunmen from a Catholic school in central Nigeria, making it one of the worst mass abductions the country has seen. The Christian Association of Nigeria said 303 students and 12 teachers were taken from on St Mary's School in Papiri, Niger state - substantially more than previously estimated.

It said the figures have been revised upwards "after a verification exercise".

The kidnapping comes amid a surge of attacks by armed groups. The revised number of people taken surpasses the 276 abducted during the infamous Chibok mass abduction of 2014.

Local police said armed men stormed the school at around 02:00 local time (01:00 GMT) on Friday morning, abducting students who were staying there.

'USHA IS QUIET QUITTING HER HUSBAND': NETIZENS SPECULATE AS US SECOND LADY SPOTTED WITHOUT WEDDING RING

Diary Times Desk : Speculations over US Vice President JD Vance and his wife Second Lady Usha Vance's separation engulfed the internet after she was spotted without her wedding ring at Camp Lejeune, a military base in North Carolina, alongside first lady Melania Trump earlier this week.

Though Usha has been seen without her ring in the past, her recent occurrence set tongues wagging amid renewed controversy surrounding her husband JD Vance's interaction with conservative activist Charlie Kirk's widow and Turning Point USA CEO Erika Kirk and his comments on Usha's faith.

One user on X joked that Usha was 'quiet quitting her husband' while another said 'there were signs...' and posted an image of Vance hugging Kirk.

Others were more supportive of Usha, with one user writing, "So many people leave their wedding rings at home when they travel. Plenty take them off at night and forget to put them back on because they're juggling kids and real life. And somehow these clowns spin that into a 'gotcha'? The reach is absolutely insane".

WAIT, I THOUGHT THE ECONOMY WAS TERRIBLE. WHAT HAPPENED?

Diary Times Desk : Entering this week, the perception of America's economy was overwhelmingly negative.

But after what, at least on the surface, appeared to be a stronger-than-expected jobs report and killer earnings from Nvidia and Walmart – all within the span of about 18 hours – is it possible the economy is better than anyone thought?

It's complicated. Let's break it down.

The jobs situation is murky America's labor market started to stall out in the early summer. Between May and August, job gains averaged 31,000 per month, or about one-fifth the monthly rate seen last year. What happened in September – the report we just got after a seven-week delay – is a bit convoluted.

ANOTHER 'SHE-CESSION' IS REARING ITS HEAD: WOMEN ARE LEAVING THE WORKFORCE AT ALARMING RATES

Diary Times Desk : There's a chilling trend emerging in the job market: Women are dropping out of the US labor force at some of the highest levels in history. An estimated 455,000 women left the workforce between January and August this year, a period when the overall labor force has held relatively steady, Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows. Only the pandemic saw a larger exodus for that period, according to BLS records that go back to 1948. Economists are sounding the alarm: The losses, if continued, not only stand to erase the historic gains made by women in recent years but also risk stifling US economic growth.

"It's diminishing both current and potential growth in the economy," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG. "You want an economy that has as many people who want to have their hat in the ring working and their talents as possible. It's not a zero-sum game. It's not men or women. We need everybody. We need all hands on deck."

THE AIR TRAFFIC PROBLEM MAKING YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVEL EVEN MORE MISERABLE

Diary Times Desk : Even if you're flying commercial for the holidays, private jets might be making your trip more expensive.

That's because, some critics say, business jets and others aren't paying their fair share for the nation's air traffic control system.

The overwhelming majority of the Aviation Trust Fund — the main source of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration — comes from a variety of fees levied on commercial passengers; in contrast, business jets pay only a modest fuel tax.

"If you're standing in line for a commercial flight at Thanksgiving, you're subsidizing private jet travelers," said Chuck Collins, a senior scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies, a think tank that specializes in inequality and environmental issues.

"We, the commercial plane travelers, are picking up the slack for the most luxurious type of travel."



WHY THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN AND THE CEO OF THE MOST VALUABLE COMPANY MET WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS

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.



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

Diary Times Desk : Nvidia's stellar earnings on Wednesday offered a boost of confidence for investors — but the relief was short-lived.

After a strong morning rally, stocks took a dive midday Thursday. Tech and AI stocks led the market lower. Nerves about expensive valuations and big tech companies' enormous spending plans are contributing to a persistent risk-off sentiment.

The Dow fell 387 points, or 0.84%, reversing course after climbing 718 points earlier. The S&P 500 fell 1.56%, erasing a gain of 1.93% earlier.

After soaring as much as 2.58% after the opening bell, the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite turned into the red and fell 2.15%.

Nvidia shares (NVDA) closed lower by 2.97% after rising as much as 5% earlier, dragging down the broader market. While stocks turned lower, bitcoin continued its recent slide, dipping below \$86,500.



KIMMEL MAKES TRUMP AN OFFER AFTER A WEEK OF ATTACKS ON ABC

Diary Times Desk :
 “Every five weeks,” Jimmy Kimmel observed, President Trump “flips out and wants me fired.”

It happened again this week, when the president posted on Truth Social, asking why ABC keeps “Jimmy Kimmel Live!” on the air.

Kimmel responded on Thursday night’s show, pointing out that Trump’s post came at 12:49 a.m., “11 minutes after the show ended on the East Coast.”

He said directly to Trump, “Thanks for watching us on TV instead of on YouTube. We appreciate that. And I’ll tell you, it’s viewers like you who keep us on the air, ironically.”

Kimmel, whose contract with ABC is coming due in May, then said, “Mr. President, I admire your tenacity. If you’re watching tonight, which I presume you are, how about this: I’ll go when you go, OK? We’ll be a team. Let’s ride off into the sunset together like Butch Cassidy and the Suntan Kid. And until then, if I may borrow a phrase from you: ‘Quiet, piggy.’”

Trump’s “piggy” remark to a Bloomberg reporter last week garnered widespread outrage this week, as did his insulting comments to ABC News correspondent Mary Bruce on Tuesday.

THE BIGGEST REASON AMERICA IS TURNING ON TARGET AND SWITCHING TO WALMART

Diary Times Desk :
 Walmart has blown past Target in their long-running rivalry.

The biggest reason: As life becomes harder for everyday Americans to afford, shoppers have grown pickier about how they spend their money and hunted for deals. Many of these consumers feel Walmart can stretch their dollars further on groceries, household essentials, clothing and electronics. Target, meanwhile, traditionally catering to a slightly higher-income customer, has suffered a major dent to its “Tar-zhay” appeal. “Everyone wants value,” Walmart CEO Doug McMillon.

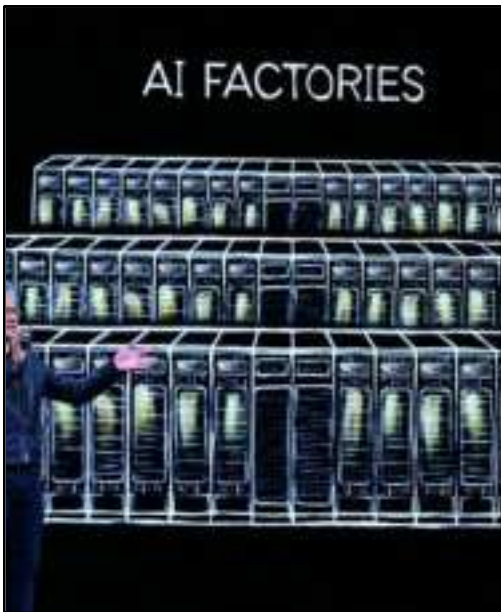
THE WORLD’S BIGGEST COMPANY JUST TOLD EVERYONE TO CHILL OUT

Diary Times Desk :
 Concerns about an AI bubble have been simmering for at least a year and a half. Nvidia’s incredibly strong earnings this past week tried to put those fears to bed. It may not have been enough.

Nvidia on Wednesday posted sales and profits up more than 60% year-on-year, stronger than Wall Street had projected. CEO Jensen Huang said “sales are off the charts.” And the company expects fourth quarter revenue of around \$65 billion, once again ahead of Wall Street’s projections.

Nvidia executives said these results, along with growth from other major AI players and the billions being poured into AI infrastructure, indicate that fears of an AI bubble are overblown.

“There’s been a lot of talk about an AI bubble,” Huang said on a call with analysts Wednesday. “From our vantage point, we see something very different.” In other words, Nvidia answered a lot of questions about where the industry stands right now, but it may take more to shift the overall AI narrative.



WHAT ON EARTH JUST HAPPENED TO THE STOCK MARKET?



Diary Times Desk : A day after Thursday’s anxiety-inducing fake out, Friday turned into Redemption Day on Wall Street.

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AL FALAH’S PAST
TERROR TIES SURFACE,
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FIGURE IN 2008 BLASTS

Diary Times Desk : Investigations into the Delhi blast case has revealed that Al Falah University in Faridabad’s Dhauj village has had a long-standing link with terrorism. In several earlier bomb blasts, from Gujarat to Delhi, the university appears to have a recurring connection.

Fugitive terrorist Mirza Shadab Baig, involved in five bombings in 2008, was also a student there. He completed his BTech in electronics and instrumentation in 2007 and disappeared soon after travelling on his genuine passport. He has been missing since September 19, 2008, the day of the Batla House encounter.

This is why multiple investigating and security agencies across the country, including the Delhi Police Special Cell, Gujarat ATS, UP ATS, J&K Police and Haryana Police, are now probing the case together. On Friday, a team of the Punjab Police also reached Al Falah University and questioned several staff members and students for hours. Information was also collected about a doctor recently detained from Pathankot.

HARYANA MINISTER:
FISH FARMING VITAL
FOR NATION’S GROWTH

Diary Times Desk : The Haryana Fisheries Department on Thursday organised a state-level programme in Radaur town of Yamunanagar district to mark World Fisheries Day 2025, with Agriculture, Farmers’ Welfare, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Shyam Singh Rana attending as the chief guest. The event was chaired by Fisheries Department Director Shripal Rath, who welcomed the minister. Addressing fish farmers gathered from across the state, Cabinet Minister Shyam Singh Rana said fisheries would play a crucial role in strengthening India’s economy and improving the financial condition of farmers. He said the platform would allow progressive fish farmers to share their experiences and success stories, inspiring others to adopt fish farming as a profitable enterprise. “Fisheries contribute immensely to the country’s economic growth,” he added.

A DOCTOR NEED NOT STAND UP FOR MLA, ASSERTS PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : Coming down heavily on Haryana for proceeding against a doctor merely because he “did not rise when the MLA arrived” in the emergency ward during the Covid pandemic, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has expressed its “anguish” before imposing Rs 50,000 costs on the state. A Division Bench also directed the state to forthwith issue a no-objection certificate (NOC) to the doctor for admission to a postgraduate course.

“With anguish, we note that frequent reports surface in newspapers of dedicated medical professionals being ill-treated by relatives of patients or public representatives without valid cause. Time has come when such undesirable incidents are checked and due recognition is extended to sincere medical professionals,” the Bench of Justices Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Rohit Kapoor held.

The court observed that the petitioner, a casualty medical officer working with Haryana, secured sufficient marks to obtain admission to PG course. He sought NOC from the employer-state to apply as an in-service candidate, but the certificate was withheld on the ground that disciplinary proceedings were pending against him.

5 HELD FOR SPRAYING PAINT ON
POSTERS OF BJP LEADERS IN NUH

Diary Times Desk : The Nuh police arrested five persons for reportedly spraying black paint on the posters of BJP leaders, including PM Narendra Modi and CM Nayab Singh Saini, pasted on Haryana Roadways buses on Thursday night. The accused are suspected to be workers of the Youth Congress.

According to the police, some youths carrying spray paint arrived at the bus stand in Nuh. They sprayed black paint on the posters regarding welfare schemes and announcements of the state and Central governments.

An FIR was registered on the complaint of a roadways bus driver, identified as Kasam, under relevant Sections at City Nuh police station. According to the police, the accused have been identified as Harish, resident of Bisaru village, Amir of Akeda village, Wasid of Chedni village, Afaq of village Salahedi and Mubin of Ted village in Nuh district. “We are questioning the accused and our teams are conducting raids to nab the other accused,” said a police spokesperson.

MAHARSHI DAYANAND
UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK, EXPELS
STUDENT LEADER OVER VC
RESIDENCE INCIDENT

Diary Times Desk : The Maharshi Dayanand University (MDU) has expelled student leader Pardeep for two years following recommendations by the university’s Proctorial Board.

He was accused of forcibly entering the Vice-Chancellor’s official residence on September 18.

According to the official order issued by the Assistant Registrar, Pardeep - enrolled in the Certificate Course in German - was given sufficient opportunity to present his defence and respond to allegations of gatecrashing before the final decision was made.

The expulsion order bars him from entering the university campus in any capacity for the duration of two years.

2 HELD FOR DEFACING PM MODI, CM SAINI’S POSTERS IN HARYANA’S KARNAL



Diary Times Desk : The Karnal police have arrested two persons, including Youth Congress district president Rajat Lather and his associate Ashok Kumar for allegedly spraying black paint on the poster of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. However, a district court granted them bail on Saturday.

The incident went viral on social media after a video surfaced showing the duo applying black ink on the PM’s poster pasted at Karnal bus stand. Following this, BJP leaders filed a police complaint, leading to the arrest of both Congress workers.

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"People are trying to figure out A.) What's better than off the charts in terms of what Nvidia can say from here and realizing that there's no reward at these levels and B.) how the Fed can cut if jobs numbers are really better," said Michael Block, market strategist at Third Seven Capital.

By the end of the day Thursday, it was like nothing had changed: Markets resumed their slide that has sent the S&P 500 down more than 5% from the all-time high it reached just before Halloween.

The Dow, in an 1,100-point swing – its biggest since the tariff-induced turmoil in April – fell nearly 400 points by the end of Thursday. The S&P 500 fell 1.6% and the Nasdaq tumbled more than 2%.

Nvidia (NVDA), which had gained as much as 5% earlier in the day, closed 3% down.



David Goldman Williams' glass appears to be half empty. But if the Fed takes a glass-half-full approach – particularly after minutes from its last meeting released Wednesday showed significant resistance to another rate cut in December – perhaps that rate cut won't be coming next month, after all.

Pinterest Is Leaning Hard Into AI

THE STRATEGY IS ALIENATING ITS MOST DEDICATED USERS

A bigail Wendling, 23, uses Pinterest to curate everything in her life, from recipes to wallpapers. At least until she saw a one-eyed cat when searching for a wallpaper. In another instance, a search for healthy recipes turned up a puzzling image showing a slice of cooked chicken with seasonings sprinkled inside it.



Ramishah Maruf

Pinterest once served as a haven from fast-talking commentary on TikTok, life updates from former classmates on Instagram and relatives arguing over politics on Facebook.

These posts were created by generative AI, which is quickly overtaking the photo-first platform. Pinterest, like other social media platforms, has grappled with a flood of AI slop since the launch of ChatGPT's Sora video generation tool in 2024. The company has taken proactive steps to curb the content for users who don't want it.

But the presence of generative AI has struck a chord with Pinterest's creative community, with users telling CNN that they



However, Pinterest users who spoke to CNN said they no longer recognize the app they signed up for and argue that the platform hasn't kept up with the daily flood of AI content. The tools to limit AI, they argue, aren't enough.

feel unheard as the company's C-Suite goes all in on the burgeoning technology.

"It makes me want to put my phone down and do something else," said Wendling, who also uses Instagram and TikTok. "I would say Pinterest has the most AI-generated photos and videos out of every social media app I'm using right now ... I have to look over everything with a microscope now."

Diving headfirst into AI has been a priority for Pinterest CEO Bill Ready, who took over the company in 2022. The former Venmo and Braintree leader has rebranded Pinterest "from a platform of window shopping" to "an AI-powered visual-first shopping assistant" in its latest earnings call this month. And it's not alone: Pinterest

joins Google, OpenAI and Amazon in a push to revamp the online shopping experience with AI. Pinterest logged 600 million global monthly active users, half of which are Gen Z and many of whom use it for shopping inspiration. Its third-quarter revenue recently grew 17% year-over-year to \$1 billion.

Artificial intelligence, a technology that Silicon Valley is racing to adapt and monetize, is at "the heart of the Pinterest experience," he said.

What that means for Pinterest users is the stress of trying to navigate AI slop, more advertisements and less content they want to see on the platform, users told CNN.

"I want to see art that a human being has put time and effort into, not some gorge spit out by someone who typed a few words into an image generator," Amber Thurman, a 41-year-old Pinterest user from Illinois, said to CNN.

"While many people enjoy GenAI content on Pinterest, we know some want to see less of it," a Pinterest spokesperson said in an email to CNN, adding: "Pinterest prioritizes high-quality content and what is inspirational to our users – whether it's AI-generated or not."

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Trump And Mamdani Bond Over Affordability Issues

LOVE OF NEW YORK AND WINNING IN COLLEGIAL OVAL OFFICE MEETING

New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani was pressed Friday on whether he believes President Donald Trump is a fascist.

Standing beside his host in the Oval Office, Mamdani began to answer – until the president, seated, interrupted.

"That's OK – you can just say yes. That's easier. It's easier than explaining," Trump told his guest, laughing it off as he playfully tapped Mamdani on the arm.

That collegial interaction was nearly unthinkable in the lead-up to the meeting as both sides postured, but the leader of the MAGA movement and the self-described democratic socialist made clear their conversation was a productive one – friendly, even.

"The better he does, the happier I am," Trump said of the mayor-elect, later expressing openness to living in Mamdani's New York City.

During the mayoral campaign, the president urged voters in his native city to back Democratic former Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who ran as an independent, over the GOP nominee, because he'd have a better shot at defeating Mamdani. The president had threatened to pull federal funding from New York if Mamdani won,

suggested openness to sending in the National Guard and threatened to arrest the mayor-elect, whom he's repeatedly called him a "communist." (Mamdani has said he is not a communist).

But asked Friday if he would feel comfortable living in New York City, Trump said, "I really would – especially after the meeting, absolutely," adding, "We agree on a lot more than I really thought."

Their post-meeting press engagement underscored that both Trump and Mamdani recognize the political utility of each other's strengths, with each citing the New York City crossover voters who backed Mamdani earlier this month and Trump in 2024.

Trump signaled respect for Mamdani's overwhelming victory – he won more than 50% of the vote – built on a focus on working-class issues and promises to restore affordability to the nation's most populous city. That's a topic where the president could use a boost – a Fox News poll released this week showed 76% of voters have a negative view of the economy, a finding that sends loud warning signs to Republicans ahead of next year's midterm elections.

It's also in Mamdani's best

interests to have a working relationship with the White House. New York City's Fiscal Year 2026 budget is counting on \$7.4 billion in federal funding, according to the state comptroller.

Along with affordability, Trump and Mamdani indicated they were able to find common ground on issues like energy costs, public safety and peace in the Middle East – a softening, rhetorically at least, of their division over immigration enforcement and the Israel-Hamas war.

The stagecraft of the meeting was notable – Trump and Mamdani met privately for just over half an hour before reporters were invited into the Oval Office. During that time, Mamdani said, the two admired a portrait of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the Cabinet Room, with Mamdani taking a picture next to it.

Unlike other meetings with his global counterparts where the two leaders sit on equal footing in cushioned yellow chairs, Trump sat behind his desk as Mamdani stood up, positioned slightly behind him.

But the two were all smiles throughout, with Trump even siding with the soon-to-be first Muslim mayor of New York over one of his GOP allies, Rep. Elise Stefanik, who'd called Mamdani a "jihadist."

"She's out there campaigning and you say things sometimes in a campaign," Trump said of Stefanik, who's running for governor of New York. "I met with a man who's a very rational person. I met with a man who wants to see New York be great again."



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Ahead of the meeting, Mamdani sought counsel from other top Democratic officials who have navigated their own relationships with Trump, spending Thursday holding calls with New York Gov.

'IT WAS VERY EASY BEING AROUND THE EAGLES, JUST LIKE HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS':**HOW DAVID ALEXANDER PHOTOGRAPHED THE ALBUM COVER FOR HOTEL CALIFORNIA**

Diary Times Desk : It began with a guitar lick and a sense of things having gone awry. In 1976, the Eagles, comprising Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Joe Walsh, Don Felder and Randy Meisner, were at the top of their game, having notched up nine Top 40 hits, including the soulful Lyin' Eyes and Take It Easy.

With their flawless five-part harmonies and phrasemaking so casual as almost to hide the virtuosity, the Eagles had come to define a certain type of Californian sound, one that conjured up nights on the drift, club noise and dream-time transfusions of tequila. But things had become a little unpredictable recently: the touring, the drugs, the 'third encore' parties and the macho jockeying for power — all these were breaking the calm, note-perfect panorama of their country-pop. As the band put it so breezily in Take It to the Limit, they kept 'turning out and burning out and turning out the same'.

It was in this context that Felder came up with a haunting riff, something his fellow guitarist Walsh described as a cross between 'Spanish music and reggae'. It had a weird, narcoleptic vibe that chimed with songwriter Henley's desire to write about Los Angeles at night — a city where neon lights tempted starstruck innocents like coloured squares on a dance floor.

The result was Hotel California, a woozy paean to lost innocence sung by Henley in his rural Texan wail. Frey thought it sounded like a musical version of the TV series The Twilight Zone. Today it is widely regarded as one of the greatest pop songs ever made and a cornerstone of rock radio. The eponymous album sold nearly six million copies on its release in 1977.

The famous image of the Beverly Hills Hotel on the record cover was taken by photographer David Alexander, who had made a name for himself as the go-to man for high-concept album art. Alexander had a genius for communicating a musician's ideas visually, and his photograph of the legendary hotel in a tranquillised evening light captured the darkness and years of addiction the Eagles were singing about.

On 11 December 2025, the original prints of Alexander's photographs from which the classic Hotel California album cover was produced will be offered in Groundbreakers: Icons of our Time at Christie's in London. Here, the photographer recalls his time with the Eagles and the making of that celebrated album cover.

I was hired to photograph a wonderful singer called Minnie Riperton. Her manager was Irving Azoff, and he wanted to meet me before the shoot. Over lunch, he said, 'I have this other group I represent, would you like to photograph them?' And that was the Eagles.

**A DINOSAUR NICKNAMED SPIKE: 'THIS IS NOT QUITE LIKE ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN BEFORE — SO POSSIBLY A NEW SPECIES THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT'**

Diary Times Desk : Sixty-six million years ago, the Earth was in its late Cretaceous period. The single landmass known as Pangea had split apart into something like the continents we recognise today. Yet the climate was around 10 degrees warmer — allowing rainforests to thrive near both poles — and sea levels were up to 170 metres higher, submerging 80 per cent of the planet's surface. Giant marine reptiles patrolled the oceans, while flying reptiles filled the sky. The land, meanwhile, was dominated by some of the most fascinating species that have ever lived.

A long-necked Alamosaurus could measure up to 25 metres in length and weigh 35 tons — six times as much as an elephant — making it one of the largest terrestrial animals of all time. Triceratops had evolved its iconic bony frill and trio of horns, as well as hundreds of teeth to chew through thick vegetation. And at the top of the Cretaceous food chain was the ultimate predator, Tyrannosaurus rex.

This was also the era of the Caenagnathidae. Part of the group of dinosaurs known as Oviraptorosauria, these bipedal creatures could grow to eight metres in length and weigh a ton. They had short, thick tails and powerful hind legs that could propel them forward at around 60 kilometres per hour — much faster than a hungry T. rex. A pair of long arms terminated in dangerous claws the length of a human finger: ideal for snatching their own small prey, grazing (they were probably omnivorous), or defence.

More fascinating, however, is the fact that, like modern-day birds, Caenagnathids also had pointed beaks and were covered in feathers. Crowning their heads was a large, bony protrusion, giving this particular Caenagnathid specimen its name: Spike.

On 11 December 2025, Spike is being offered in Groundbreakers: Icons of Our Time at Christie's in London. It's the best-preserved Caenagnathid in private hands, and this is the first time an example has been offered for sale to the public. 'This is an incredibly rare, newly discovered dinosaur skeleton,' says Ben Garrod, professor of evolutionary biology at the University of East Anglia, in the short film above. The late Cretaceous came to a crashing halt when a 10-kilometre-wide asteroid slammed into what is now the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. It caused a devastating megatsunami, firestorms and a global dust cloud that blocked out the sun, resulting in ecosystem collapse and bringing about an abrupt end to the dinosaurs' 165-million-year reign. Relatively speaking, Spike was one of the last of its kind.



OFFICIAL: BARCELONA STARTING LINEUP AGAINST ATHLETIC CLUB | LA LIGA MD 13



Diary Times Desk : As FC Barcelona gear up for their return to the Spotify Camp Nou in an hour, manager Hansi Flick has announced the starting lineup that will take the field against Athletic Club.

The major news is that star goalkeeper Joan Garcia is back in the team after having been out of action for nearly two months due to a meniscus issue in his knee that needed arthroscopic surgery.

Meanwhile, the Barcelona head coach has opted to go with the defensive line of Jules Kounde, Pau Cubarsi, Alejandro Balde, and Gerard Martin, who seemingly starts as the left-sided centre-back in a big call from the manager.

Ronald Araujo and Andreas Christensen have been overlooked.

As for the midfield unit, where the Catalans are without key players Pedri and Frenkie de Jong, respectively, Flick has opted to go with Eric Garcia at the base, while Dani Olmo and Fermin Lopez take up advanced positions.

Marc Casado and Marc Bernal have been left on the bench.

OFFICIAL: BARCELONA SQUAD LIST TO FACE ATHLETIC CLUB – FORWARD RULED OUT, TWO STARS RETURN

Diary Times Desk : With only a matter of hours left before FC Barcelona take on Athletic Club on their return to the Spotify Camp Nou, manager Hansi Flick has announced the squad list for the encounter.

And, as expected, Marcus Rashford is ruled out of the contest between the Blaugrana and the Basque club later today.

The 28-year-old forward, on loan at Barcelona from Manchester United, did not train with the rest of the squad for the past two days as he was down with a fever. And he is now left out of the squad.

This does come as a blow for Barcelona, considering the England international had been in fine form heading into the international break.

However, the La Liga champions do have Raphinha back in the squad after nearly two months, which will come as a big boost, although the Brazilian will not be starting today.

As such, the likely scenario will be that Ferran Torres moves to the left flank to fill in for Rashford while Robert Lewandowski starts as the centre-forward for Barcelona, with Lamine Yamal on the right.

FLICK EXCITED AHEAD OF BARCELONA’S CAMP NOU RETURN – ‘MY DREAM HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO COACH BARÇA HERE’

Diary Times Desk : Hansi Flick, FC Barcelona’s head coach, expressed his excitement ahead of the reopening of the new Spotify Camp Nou, 909 days after the last match was played at the stadium.

The Blaugrana return to the stadium with a La Liga clash against Athletic Club in under an hour, with Flick naming the starting lineup for the match, which included some surprises.

And, speaking to the broadcasters before the match, the German coach acknowledged the “emotion” he feels at being Barça’s manager on such a meaningful day for the club.

“My dream has always been to coach Barça here, and that’s why I’m so excited,” he said with a smile.

The Barcelona manager also talked about the squad for the game, that included the returns of Joan Garcia and Raphinha, coupled with the absences of key players like Pedri, Frenkie de Jong, and Marcus Rashford.

The Brazilian explained the decision not to include Raphinha in the starting lineup, saying: “Raphinha is ready to get back on the field, playing around 20 minutes.”

BARCELONA VETERAN DEMANDS A LONGER CONTRACT FROM TURKISH GIANTS AFTER OPENING OFFER TABLED

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona’s transfer plans have taken an interesting turn following a surprising revelation from AS, which reports that Turkish giants Fenerbahce have emerged as serious contenders to sign Robert Lewandowski.

The veteran striker’s future at Barcelona has been uncertain for months, and it now seems clearer than ever that the club are open to hearing offers.

With no contract renewal expected for the 37-year-old, Barça appear ready to consider a departure if the right proposal arrives.

To understand the situation better, internal voices from Turkey have offered insight into Fenerbahce’s intentions.

According to these sources, “the club has already had initial contact with Lewandowski.”

There is an official offer

There is also context regarding an official offer made by the Turkish side.

As explained by the same internal leaks, “they have already submitted their first offer to Lewandowski, proposing a one-and-a-half-year contract.”



BARCELONA DEFENDER’S WIFE HITS OUT AT EXPLOSIVE CLAIMS MADE BY AUTHOR OF LEWANDOWSKI’S BIOGRAPHY

Diary Times Desk : Robert Lewandowski’s authorised biography, “Lewandowski. The Real Deal”, written by Polish journalist Sebastian Staszewski, continues to generate waves.

Earlier excerpts revealed the surprising claim that Barcelona once asked the striker to stop scoring.

Now, a new section from the book has thrust Andreas Christensen into the spotlight, detailing an incident during Barcelona’s dramatic Champions League semi-final second leg at the Giuseppe Meazza.

What’s the story?

According to Staszewski, Hansi Flick wanted to make a late tactical change to protect Barcelona’s narrow lead as Inter pushed forward with everything they had.

The idea was to bring on Christensen for Ferran Torres to add height and defensive security.

But the book states that Christensen informed the coaching staff that he was experiencing back pain at that very moment.

REASON WHY FORMER WORLD CUP WINNER WAS PRESENT AT BARCELONA TRAINING FACILITIES – REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Barcelona’s Ciutat Esportiva received an unexpected but very familiar visitor yesterday, 21 November.

According to SPORT, former Bayern Munich star and 2014 World Cup winner Jerome Boateng was seen at the club’s training facilities early in the morning, but not for the reasons one might initially assume.

Boateng, who officially retired from professional football in September, did not arrive to train with the first team.

Instead, his presence formed part of a short-term learning stay arranged with Hansi Flick’s coaching staff.

With coaching ambitions now shaping the next phase of his career, Boateng has been granted permission to spend around 10 days at Barcelona in order to observe Flick’s working methods up close.

A special history

In footage shared by Barcelona, Boateng can be seen warmly greeting Robert Lewandowski, his long-time teammate during their seven-year spell together at Bayern Munich.