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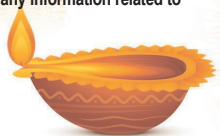
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Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Donald Trump Remember 9/11 at ground zero in New York



Chuck Schumer, Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg and Donald Trump at a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Ground Zero, New York on September 11, 2024 -Screen shot

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
NEW YORK (TIP): President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump made a rare joint appearance at the New York City site on Wednesday, September 11, on the occasion of 9/11 anniversary. The September 11 plane attacks in 2001 claimed nearly 3,000 lives.

The 78-year-old former President Trump shook hands with President Joe Biden. This followed a handshake, facilitated by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, between the November election rivals, Trump and Harris.

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Donald Trump Revisits Long Island after 8 years

To Hold Rally at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on September 18



Donald Trump at a rally -File photo

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
HICKSVILLE, NY (TIP): Former President Donald Trump has scheduled a rally at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale on Wednesday, September 18, as campaign season enters the final weeks before Election Day, the Republican candidate's campaign announced.

The rally plans were released on Sept. 11, a day after Trump faced Democratic rival Vice President Kamala Harris in a debate that aired on WABC-TV - a debate in which Harris

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Trump and Harris Debate Focuses on a Wide Range of Issues

Economy Immigration, Abortion and Foreign Policy dominate



Donald Trump and Kamala Harris debate at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on September 10, 2024.

Screen shot

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
NEW YORK (TIP): Kamala Harris and Donald Trump have sparred over all major issues, including US foreign policy, economy, border security and abortion, during their first presidential debate that could alter the course of the race for the White House.

During the 90-minute debate in Pennsylvania, Trump, the Republican presidential candidate, and Harris, the Democratic nominee, presented a different vision they wanted to implement over the next four years.

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New York City's police commissioner resigns amid a federal investigation



New York City Police Commissioner Edward Caban

Photo / Wikipedia

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

NEW YORK (TIP): New York Police Department Commissioner Edward Caban has resigned, he said Thursday in a statement, marking the first high-profile departure from Mayor Eric Adams' administration since the start of four separate federal investigations into his office and the NYPD, CNN reports. Caban's departure comes days after it was first reported investigators with the US attorney's office for New York's Southern District had seized his electronic devices and phones.

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COMMENT

ON PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Kamala Harris Proves to be a Better Boxer in the Ring

The Presidential debate on Tuesday, September 10, between Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris garnered immense interest, with a staggering number of 67.1 million tuning in, far surpassing the viewership of previous debate between Biden and Trump. This surge in audience numbers highlighted the high level of excitement and expectations among American viewers.

Just as Biden stumbled in his debates with Trump, this time, Trump struggled when facing Kamala Harris. Throughout the debate, Trump obsessively focused on two issues: immigration and the economy, regardless of the questions raised by the hosts. His primary attack on Harris revolved around allegations of a supposed influx of criminals entering the U.S. through the southern border. He specifically singled out Venezuela, claiming that large numbers of criminals from there had crossed the border, going so far as to say they resorted to eating pets. He further alleged that these criminals brought waves of crime, holding Kamala Harris directly responsible.

On the economy, Trump boasted about having led the "best economy" during his presidency, contrasting it with what he termed the "killing inflation" under the Biden-Harris administration. Another significant point of attack was foreign policy. Trump blamed Harris for the deaths of American soldiers during the withdrawal from Afghanistan, accusing her of failing to lead on global conflicts, particularly between Ukraine and Russia, and between Israel and



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Palestinians. He even claimed that if elected, he would resolve these conflicts within 24 hours of being inaugurated. Yet, he often evaded direct responses to key questions posed by the hosts and Harris, many of which touched on issues affecting everyday life of Americans.

Kamala Harris, on the other hand, made it clear that the most pressing issue was the freedom of the American people. She was emphatic about women's rights, especially the right to choose what they wanted to do with their bodies. She spoke passionately in favor the right of the women to have an abortion. Harris strongly condemned Trump for undermining these rights through the Supreme Court appointments that led to the overturning of Roe v. Wade. She vowed to work to restore Roe v. Wade if elected President.

Harris also promised to prioritize the strength of the country, ensuring a robust military and securing America's global leadership. She addressed the needs of common people, including respectable wages, healthcare, and housing. Unlike Trump, who sidestepped a question on his role in the January 6 insurrection, Harris answered questions directly. She even delivered a sharp rebuke when Trump accused her of allowing criminals into the country, reminding the audience of

Trump's own criminal record. While Harris maintained her composure throughout, Trump appeared visibly unsettled at several points during the debate.

In the aftermath of the debate, Kamala Harris emerged as the clear winner of this round, evidenced by her success in fundraising, raising \$47 million within 24 hours of the debate. She also received endorsements from several influential figures, including from the legendary singer Taylor Swift.

Though Trump claimed he had done well in the debate, his aides seemed to have a different view. Now the reports have come in that Trump has decided not to engage in a second debate with Harris, while the latter has expressed enthusiasm for another round of debate with Trump. Surely, Kamala proved to be a better boxer in the ring.

KAMALA HARRIS'S POPULARITY HAS SURGED FOLLOWING THE DEBATE, AND HER PATH TO VICTORY WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON A FEW KEY FACTORS:

- Inflation must remain in check during the run-up to the election.
- A significant breakthrough in the Israel-Palestine conflict by the Biden administration would boost her standing.
- Avoidance of mass shootings or domestic terror attacks.
- Prevention of any major influx of illegal immigrants.

Kamala Harris seems well-positioned to continue her momentum, provided these challenges are successfully managed.

GUEST COMMENT

Manipur in a mess

THE PM'S DIRECT INTERVENTION IS A MUST TO SAVE MANIPUR

Manipur has become a rather bad advertisement for a double-engine government. The left hand doesn't seem to know what the right one is doing. Amid a fresh surge in violence, Chief Minister N Biren Singh has appealed to the Centre to take steps to protect the state's territorial integrity. At the same time, he has demanded that the charge of the Unified Command - including the Central Armed Police Forces - be handed over to the state government. He is asking too much of the Centre, considering that his own handling of the situation since the Meitei-Kuki clashes broke out in May last year has left a lot to be desired. Despite his underwhelming

performance, the ruling BJP has persisted with Biren. Even the outcome of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections - the Congress won both seats in Manipur, defeating the saffron party and the Naga People's Front - has not triggered a much-needed shakeup.

Both the Central and state governments have let things drift for far too long in the troubled northeastern state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been visiting one country after another, has not set foot in Manipur after February 22, 2022. That election-related trip took place just a couple of days before the Russia-Ukraine war began, and the PM has toured both nations in recent months. Defending the

indefensible, Biren has stated that the PM did send Home Minister Amit Shah to the state and also spoke about Manipur in Parliament as well as in his 2023 Independence Day speech. But all that has certainly not proved enough to defuse tensions and reduce hostilities.

The use of drones by militants to carry out bombings has caught the security forces off guard. They need to recalibrate their strategy to curb violence and restore the rule of law. Also, the Centre must be proactive about bringing the warring sides to the negotiating table. The PM's direct intervention is a must to save Manipur.

(Tribune, India)

The Galaxy of Distinguished Speakers made the JLF New York 2024 a Memorable Event



Shashi Tharoor, Member of the Indian Parliament and renowned author during a conversation with Aroon Purie, Chief Editor of India Today at the inaugural session of Jaipur Literature Festival

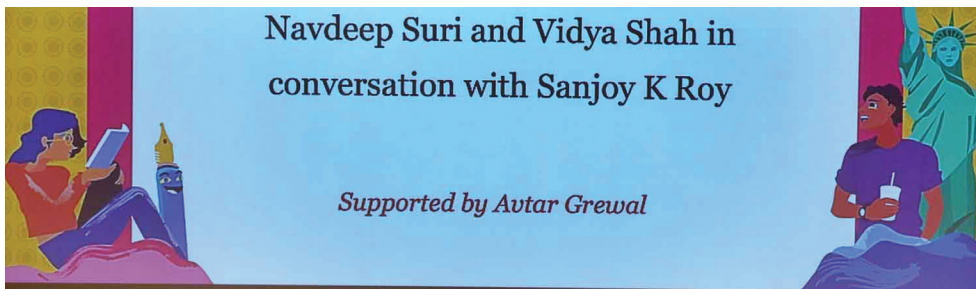
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

NEW YORK CITY (TIP): JLF New York, produced by Teamwork Arts on September 10th and 11th, 2024, at one of the world's most culturally alive cities, created a sort of history with the diversity of distinguished speakers and a variety of interesting subjects. The festival, which embodies the infectious

energy of its mother ship, the iconic annual Jaipur Literature Festival, brought back its signature camaraderie, leading books and writers, and ideas and conversations that make it truly special. Held at prestigious venues including the

Asia Society, The National Arts Club, The Center for Fiction, and Sundaram Tagore Gallery, JLF New York provided a rich tapestry of debates and dialogue, featuring an exceptional roster of speakers. The speakers included Shashi Tharoor in conversation with Aroon Purie. The Indian writer, politician and



Navdeep Suri and Vidya Shah in conversation with Sanjoy K Roy

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Sanjoy K. Roy, MD, Teamwork during a conversation with diplomat author, Navdeep Suri (Centre) and singer Vidya Shah at JLF New York event.

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Sree Sreenivasan, Co-founder of Digimontor and President of SAJA in conversation with Novelist, Tania James at the JLF event in New York.

Photo: Jay Mandal/On Assignment

Audience did get a fair share of "Tharoorism".

Navdeep Suri, a distinguished diplomat and translator, recited in English "Khooni Vaisakhi", his grandfather Nanak Singh's searing ballad on the Jallianwala Bagh massacre while Vidya Shah sang parts of it in Punjabi.

Renowned filmmaker Shekhar Kapur, celebrated for cinematic works like Elizabeth: The Golden Age and Bandit Queen, also graced the festival.

The line-up continued with Ruby Lal, Devika Rege, Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee dedicated to health and education advocacy in the Middle East, Tarun Tahiliani, famous fashion designer known for his fusion of Indian textiles, and Sanjoy K. Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts. The festival also featured Sree



Consul General of India in New York Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan inaugurated the festival at Asia Society on September 10.

Photo: Jay Mandal/On Assignment

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Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan felicitated Shashi Tharoor and Aroon Purie.

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Sreenivasan, a digital innovation leader on September 10, and felicitated Shashi Tharoor and Aroon Purie. In his



Celebrated fashion consultant and philanthropist Fern Mallis, during a conversation with fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani from Mumbai on his new book, Journey to India Modern, written with investigative journalist Alia Allana, at Asia Society in New York.

Photo: Jay Mandal/On Assignment

Journalists' Association, and Mohit Satyanand, entrepreneur and investor.

The Consul General of India in New York Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan

remarks he appreciated the contribution of Jaipur Literature Festival in promoting art and literature.

Indian-origin MP Dhesi is UK's first turbaned Sikh elected chairman of defense committee

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

LONDON (TIP): Britain's first turbaned Sikh MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi has been elected chairman of the Defense Committee of the new Parliament.

Dhesi was elected on Wednesday following a ballot. The Labor MP from Slough received 320 of the 563 valid votes. His opponent and fellow Labor MP Derek Twigg received 243 votes.

"I am delighted to have been elected Chair of the Defense Committee. I would like to thank my colleagues across the House for placing their confidence in me," Dhesi said.

"The threats we face at home and abroad are growing in both scale and complexity. As Defense Committee Chair, I will focus on ensuring our



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nation can rise to these challenges. I will be a voice in Parliament for Armed Forces personnel and veterans - brave individuals who make an invaluable contribution to our safety and security," he added.

Congratulating him in a message, former Indian MP Tarlochan Singh, who is currently in the UK on a brief visit, said, "Dhesi becoming the Chairman of the prestigious Parliamentary Committee dealing with army, air force and naval services is a tribute to his role in the previous two parliaments. I having been a Member of Parliament in India, and I know the importance of the Parliamentary Committees. Parliament and the Government of the UK has shown their confidence in Dhesi's ability."

Indian origin British teen completes solo swim of the English Channel for charity



16-year-old Prisha Tapre has made history as one of the youngest to cross the notoriously choppy English Channel to raise funds for a charity fighting against childhood hunger across India and the UK.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

LONDON (TIP): A British Indian schoolgirl who recently turned 16 has made history as one of the youngest to cross the notoriously choppy English Channel to raise funds for a charity fighting against childhood hunger across India and the UK.

Prisha Tapre, a pupil at Bushey Meads School in north London, was motivated by a family discussion about the English Channel to take on the challenge when she was just 12.

After four years of training, she went on to complete the 34-kilometre swim from the coast of Dover in England to Cap Gris Nez in France last week in 11 hours and 48 minutes.

"It was quite choppy at the start, but when the sun started to rise, I knew that the worst bit was done with," said Tapre, reliving her mission in an interview from her home at Watford in Hertfordshire.

"It's always the first two hours that are the hardest part of the swim because it's about getting your mind around the fact that this is where you're going to be for the next few hours. I was beginning to get quite sleepy, and my eyes were about to shut, but then the sun started to come up and the sleep went away. The weather conditions were amazing, still; the best I could have asked for," she said.

The swimming enthusiast, who describes the lake near her home as her "calm place", used lots of meditative techniques and even felt a strange bond

with the jellyfish that stung her along the way.

"The jellyfish stings were probably my favorite bit because it's just an extra feeling. After swimming for like nine hours, you're in a sort of trance. But then the jellyfish stings kind of reminded me that I'm actually alive. I know it sounds odd, but it was something to tick off my bucket list," she shared.

As for thoughts of giving up during the course of such a grueling solo swim or any "rough patches", she overcame them with a single-minded focus on her goal as she did not want to let down her family, her support crew and herself.

"I just kept thinking, four years you've dedicated to this one day of your life. It can't be that bad. And, for those four years, my coach has been saying that swimming is 60 per cent mental and 40 per cent physical. So, I kept reminding myself that this is where I am meant to be; giving up would be selfish," she said.

The UK-born teenager, whose parents hail from Maharashtra, raised GBP 3,700 for her chosen charity - Akshaya Patra UK, the British chapter of the India-headquartered non-profit organization with a mission to provide hot meals to children in need.

"Part of the reason I chose my charity Akshaya Patra is because I wanted a charity that I could relate to. When I found out Akshaya Patra helps kids both in England and India, it really connected with me. I wanted a charity that has both sides of me. My heart goes out to all those kids who live in poverty, both in England and India, where there's no promise of a meal at the end of the day," said the young fundraiser.

Now, having completed such a tough mission with the support of the Watford Swimming Club, Tapre is keen to focus on her new school term which began this month. However, she remains determined to take on even bigger challenges even as she works towards a career in medicine, perhaps related to the field of sports.

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www.theindianpanorama.news)

Indian-origin Israeli soldier killed in West Bank

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

TEL AVIV (TIP): A 24-year-old Indian-origin Israeli soldier from the Bnei Menashe community was killed in a vehicle-ramming attack close to the West Bank's Beit El settlement, community members said on Thursday, September 12, PTI reports.

Staff Sergeant Geri Gideon Hanghal was a resident of Nof HaGalil and a soldier in the Kfir Brigade's Nahshon Battalion, the Israeli Army said.

Community members told PTI that they were "in shock at the news of the loss of a young life" on Wednesday near Asaf Junction.

His funeral will be held on Thursday, they said.

Hanghal immigrated to Israel from the northeastern part of India in 2020.

Some 300 Bnei Menashe youngsters are said to be doing Army duty during the current war, most of them serving in combat units.

The Bnei Menashe, hailing from India's north-eastern states of Manipur and Mizoram, are believed to have descended from the Israelite tribe of Menasseh, one of the "lost tribes" of ancient times.

Shlomo Amar, Sephardic Chief Rabbi, declared them descendants of Menasseh in 2005 paving the path for their immigration to Israel as members of a "lost tribe".

Some 5,000 members of the Bnei Menashe community are said to have immigrated to Israel, including almost 1,500 in the past five years. Another 5,500 still live in India and are waiting to immigrate.

Nof HaGalil Mayor, Ronen Plot, was quoted by Ynetnews as saying that "the city of Nof HaGalil mourns and grieves the loss of Staff Sgt. Hanghal. Gideon was a member of the Bnei Menashe community, which is very dear to my heart-good, humble and patriotic people".

Footage from the scene of the attack showed a truck with a Palestinian license plate veering off a busy highway and barrel full speed into an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) guard post adjacent to a bus stop before coming to a halt.

The suspect was named by Israeli



Hanghal immigrated to Israel from the northeastern part of India in 2020

Photo for representation only

security sources as 58-year-old Hayil Dhaifallah, from the central West Bank town of Rafat.

The attack follows a series of attempted suicide bombings and shooting incidents emanating from the West Bank and claimed by Islamic Hamas.

Hamas on October 7 last year launched a dastardly attack on Israel, leading to the ongoing war in Gaza.

Israel has said that it is stepping up its counter-terrorism operations in the West Bank claiming that Iran-backed groups are smuggling weapons into the area from Jordan and trying to carry out attacks in Israeli territory.

The Palestinian health ministry in the West Bank on Wednesday said that five Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike in Tubas overnight.

Another two people were injured by Israeli fire, one critically, as troops raided Tubas and the neighboring town of Tammun, Palestinian state agency Wafa reported.

IDF confirmed the airstrikes, once a rare occurrence in the West Bank, saying it targeted members of a terror cell.

The IDF has carried out more than 70 airstrikes in the West Bank since October 7, using drones, attack helicopters, and fighter jets.

Local media reports have been eluding that the Israeli defense brass is increasingly worried that the violence in the West Bank could swell into a major conflagration.

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Indian-American entrepreneur releases song to mobilize South Asians to vote for Kamala Harris

'NACHO NACHO' ISN'T JUST A SONG, IT'S A MOVEMENT, SAYS AJAY JAIN BHUTORIA, NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR HARRIS FOR PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): To harness the power of Bollywood music, an Indian-American entrepreneur and a major fundraiser for the Democratic party has released a music video to mobilize South Asians in key battleground states to vote for presidential candidate and Vice President Kamala Harris in the November 5 election.

The song, "Nacho Nacho", has been performed by Bollywood singer Shibani Kashyap and produced by Ritesh Parikh and his creative team is the brainchild of Ajay Jain Bhutoria, National Finance Committee member for Harris for President.

"Nacho Nacho' isn't just a song, it's a movement. This campaign aims to



Kamala Harris

Credit : PTI

connect with the diverse South Asian-American community across

battleground states and key districts.

"With over 4.4 million Indian-Americans and 6 million South Asians eligible to vote, our goal is to help propel Vice-President Kamala Harris to victory in 2024. The video transcends language and cultural barriers, resonating with voters in Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Gujarati, Bengali and more," said Bhutoria.

Parikh, the founder of Awesome TV, said, "Bollywood has always been about breaking barriers and telling stories that unite us. Kamala Harris embodies that same vision - bringing people together and championing a future where diversity is our greatest strength. Her journey is a story we all believe in."

Bhutoria said the lyrics and dance

moves reflect the festive spirit of the community and send a strong message to vote for Harris.

"In 2020, we made history by electing the first woman of South Asian and African-American descent as vice president. Now, in 2024, it's time to make her our next president," he said.

He plans to release more Bollywood-inspired music videos to boost the voter turnout for Harris and her vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz.

"In the 2020 campaign, we saw Bollywood-inspired videos go viral, and we will repeat that success. The South Asian vote could be decisive in this election and we will work tirelessly to turn out every vote," Bhutoria said.

(Source: PTI)

INDIAN-BORN JINSON CHARLS APPOINTED MINISTER IN AUSTRALIA

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

MELBOURNE (TIP): Kerala-born Jinson Charls, who defeated a sitting Labor minister in Australia's Northern Territory (NT) elections, will become the new minister for disability, arts, veterans and multicultural affairs in the regional government, according to a media report on Monday, September 9. Charls was among the two India-born politicians elected to the regional assembly last month. Khoda Patel of Gujarat descent also won a seat.

Their Country Liberal Party (CLP) secured a landslide victory in elections in the Northern Territory on August 24, claiming 17 of the Legislative Assembly's 25 seats.

Charls, who worked as a registered nurse and in health leadership roles, will become the new minister for disability, arts, veterans and multicultural affairs. He will also manage the portfolios of youth, seniors and equality, as well as people, sport and culture, as reported on Monday.

"His appointment marks a historic occasion for the NT parliament, with the new government featuring the highest-ever representation of politicians of South Asian and South-East Asian heritage," it said in an earlier report.

Charls and the new Casuarina MLA, Khoda Patel, were born in India, while the new Fong Lim MLA, Tanzil Rahman, has Bangladeshi roots, and the new Wanguri MLA, Oly Carlson, is of Indonesian heritage.

"I have been getting phone calls, messages, for the last few days, including the media back in India - they are excited as well," Charls, who toppled a sitting Labor



Kerala-born Jinson Charls will become the new minister for disability, arts, veterans and multicultural affairs in the regional government

environment minister, was quoted as saying by the ABC.

"A first-generation migrant coming over to a different country, to a different culture, and people up here supporting, because it's for the people's mandate."

The first and only prior Indian-born Northern Territory MLA was Labour member June D'Rozario, who held the seat of Sanderson between 1977 and 1983.

Born in Kerala, Charls studied Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery before migrating to Australia in 2011, according to his profile on the party website.

Moving to Darwin, the capital of the Northern Territory, in 2015, he worked as a Registered Nurse in the Alcohol Mandatory Treatment program, which was then scrapped by Labor in 2017 - despite the real, positive outcomes that the program delivered, it said.

Charls has held senior leadership positions in health, delivering mental health care to Territorians, working as a team manager and operations manager. His passion for delivering quality health care services led to him being appointed the Director of Acute Services, Top End Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services (NT Health).

He is married to Anu. They have two daughters - Aimie (10) and Anna (4). He currently serves as the president of the Darwin Malayalee Association.

His party colleague Patel moved to Cyprus before shifting to Australia and starting a family. Patel is married to Nilam. They have two kids - Anika (7) and Krishna who just turned one. (Source: PTI)

Indian Americans celebrate Festival of India 2024: A celebration of culture, unity, and Indian heritage in Georgia



"Festival of India celebrated its 28th anniversary with two new initiatives: the Women's Forum and the Youth Forum. And we are very excited about both," said Chand Akkineni, Chairman, BOD, IACA, who also conceptualized the idea of FOI in 1997.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

ATLANTA, GA (TIP): In his first Independence Day address since beginning his third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi articulated a vision for a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047, drawing inspiration from the nation's freedom struggle in a stirring speech delivered from the historic Red Fort on August 15, 2024. Underlining the power of collective determination during the freedom struggle, he noted how 40 crore people managed to overthrow colonial rule and expressed confidence that today's citizens could achieve much more. "This is the golden period of Bharat. Viksit Bharat 2047 awaits us," he declared, underscoring the significant efforts underway to meet this goal. The speech served as a clarion call for national pride and collective effort toward advancing India's technological and industrial capabilities on the global stage.

His vision resonated across the globe. Tricolors flew beyond seven seas at the grand 28th Annual Festival of India celebrations hosted by the India American Cultural Association (IACA) at the Gas South Center. From spectacular cultural performances that showcased India's rich tapestry of traditional dance forms to the awe-inspiring headless dance by Indian performing artist Robo Ganesan, the festival, with its bazaar, fanfare, pageantry, a movie trailer release, and seminars, attracted over 6,000 attendees and 60 diverse vendors. The festival echoed the honor and rich heritage of India across borders. "Festival of India was a grand success, with more attendance than in recent years. The festival witnessed celebrity guest Jayaprada and Attorney General Chris Carr," said Kaushal Tripathi, President of IACA.

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Protect NYC Tourism Coalition Rallies Against City Council's Catastrophic Hotel Bill

Int. 991 will damage hotel and tourism industry, force thousands to lose their jobs and harm New York's economy

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NEW YORK (TIP): Over one thousand hotel owners, workers and small business owners, as part of the newly formed Protect NYC Tourism Coalition, on September 12, rallied on the steps of City Hall to fight against the City Council's so-called "Safe Hotels" bill. The Coalition has also sent a letter asking the City Council to reject the bill, Int. 991, as it threatens the sustainability of New York City's hotel and tourism businesses and puts the livelihoods of thousands of dedicated workers at risk.

The Coalition includes members of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), Hotel Association of New York City (HANYC), the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), the Coalition for Hotel Subcontractors, the NYC Minority Hotel Association, the National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and Developers (NABHOOD) and numerous other groups and stakeholders that support New York City's tourism industry.

"This legislation will cause irrevocable damage and hurt thousands of guests, hotel owners, workers, and small business owners who support New York City's hotel and tourism industry," said American Hotel & Lodging Association Interim President & CEO Kevin Carey. "The economic toll



of this bill will reverberate for years, forcing hotels to lay off hard-working staff, raise rates, and even permanently close. This is not a licensing or safety bill. It's a government takeover of New York City hotels, and we will not stop fighting until it's defeated."

"The National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers stands with New York City's hotel owners, workers, and small businesses in opposing Int. 991," said Andy Ingraham, President, CEO and Founder of National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers. "This bill would disproportionately impact minority-owned hotels and developers, who have worked tirelessly to contribute to the city's tourism industry and create jobs within their communities. The operational costs and regulatory burdens of this legislation threaten to undo decades of progress in creating inclusive opportunities for Black and minority hotel owners. We urge the City Council to reconsider this bill and work with us to find solutions that support economic growth and job creation - not stifle them."

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Committee Passes Bipartisan Suozzi Legislation to Protect the Southern Border by Extending Joint Task Forces at the Department of Homeland Security

H.R. 9460 will help secure America's borders; specifically, the southern border's maritime routes

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Congressman Tom Suozzi's (D-NY03) bipartisan legislation to protect the southern border and reauthorize the Joint Task Forces of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) passed by unanimous vote in the House Committee on Homeland Security, September 11. The bipartisan bill, H.R. 9460, reauthorizes DHS to establish joint operations using DHS personnel and resources to secure U.S. land and maritime borders, address homeland security threats, and establish regional operations to tackle ongoing homeland security challenges like drug smuggling and trafficking. The legislation, co-led by Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA), now advances out of Committee and to the House floor.

"I thank my colleague, Representative Suozzi, for working with me on this important legislation," said Rep. Clay Higgins.

Speaking at the Committee on Homeland Security's markup in favor of the bill, Suozzi said, "I am pleased to help lead the bipartisan DHS Joint Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2024 with my colleague, Representative Clay Higgins (R-LA). This is a bipartisan, common-sense bill that first and foremost is focused on securing America's borders - specifically securing the southern border's maritime routes."



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"We need to secure our southern border, first and foremost," stressed Suozzi.

"The Task Force helps coordinate our response to complex threats, including the trafficking and smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people in the Caribbean. Joint Task Force East brings together not only DHS partners to counter these threats but also international partners and the Department of Defense," Suozzi explained.

For these operations to continue, the full Congress must reauthorize the Joint Task Force authority. The bill also enhances the accountability and transparency of DHS by requiring each Joint Task Force to establish a staffing plan and share this information with Congress.

"Congress should have the information to assess whether the staffing and resources provided to Joint Task Forces are sufficient," Suozzi said. "Transparency in DHS operations is not just a matter of good governance, but it also ensures that the public and Congress are fully informed and involved in matters of national security."

"We need to allow DHS to continue to conduct these critical joint operations and support the frontline men and women working to protect us. This bill helps us do that," concluded Suozzi.

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SEBI's credibility at stake

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CHAIRPERSON MADHABI PURI BUCH HIGHLIGHT DEEP SYSTEMIC FAILURES

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The integrity of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), which regulates the fifth largest capital market in the world, is under intense scrutiny. Revelations involving SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch are spilling out on a daily basis, raising significant concerns about conflict of interest and inadequate disclosures at



SCANDALOUS. Buch is facing scrutiny over conflicts, disclosures and governance issues.

Credit: PTI

the top of this critical institution. In fact, held to the standards of its own orders regarding disclosures by key management persons (KMP) of listed companies and insider trading, it is clear that the chairperson's transparency is woefully inadequate.

So far, three sets of entities are making these allegations: Hindenburg Research was the first to put out 'whistleblower' documents, alleging conflict of interest; the Congress party has held a series of press conferences, making a series of charges and demanding an independent inquiry; and Subhash Chandra Goel, founder of the Zee group and himself under SEBI's lens, has levied charges of corruption against Buch.

A few things stand out and beg clear answers. They are based on the very standards that SEBI has applied to market participants, financial intermediaries, market infrastructure institutions and listed companies while filing prosecution cases against them or levying serious penalties on them.

The first thing is by Hindenburg Research - about Buch's failure to recuse herself from the Adani investigation although she and her husband had offshore derivative investments in the same set of nested entities that were under a high-profile investigation of the Adani group, monitored by the Supreme Court. Hindenburg's second allegation is that she continues to hold a 99% stake in a private advisory entity - which is admittedly being used by her husband since his retirement - and has received income from 'well-known' Indian entities.

The Congress first said that during her current employment as a regulator, she earned five times as much as (Rs16.80 crore) she did in ICICI Bank. It turns out that Buch was exercising shares granted to her under the Employee Stock Options Plan (ESOPs). Given that SEBI has

handled several regulatory issues pertaining to ICICI Bank, the fact that Buch exercised ESOPs almost every year and benefited from the price rise raises disclosure issues and questions about whether she had access to unpublished price-sensitive information when she exercised her ESOPs. The Congress has also released documents about the renting of her personal property to the associate of a listed entity which has been under SEBI's investigation.

A separate issue has simultaneously blown up. It pertains to SEBI employees' discontent over the unprofessional work culture, unreasonable productive expectations and issues relating to perks, housing allowances and compensation. Like the Hindenburg allegations, this was badly handled, leading to a public protest by a few hundred employees, asking the management to withdraw the inaccurate press release which claimed that employees were influenced by 'misguided external elements.' The SEBI employees claimed that the management was 'spreading lies about employees.'

This backdrop sets the stage for a deep dive into how these charges - the lack of adequate disclosures, appropriate recusal and the failure to sufficiently sever her financial ties upon transition to SEBI's leadership - impact SEBI's credibility in regulating the capital market and expose the absence of a robust framework to deal with conflict.

In contrast, developed countries which have a revolving door between public and private sectors provide a sharp counterpoint. In the US, regulatory chiefs are required to divest themselves of holdings that could present potential conflicts or place such assets in a blind trust. Such stringent measures ensure that the individuals in public positions as heads of regulatory bodies are free from influences that could compromise their roles. This



BY SUCHETA DALAL

principle is underscored by the famous Pinochet case, which held that judges should not only avoid actual impropriety but also the appearance of it.

SEBI demands high standards of transparency from those it regulates. The same strictures don't seem to apply to its own leadership, a hypocrisy not lost on market observers. Even more surprising is the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government's decision to pretend that it has seen and heard nothing. The government, including the Finance Minister, has buried its heads in the sand. In the process, the powerful SEBI board has been rendered meaningless. Apart from the chairperson and three whole-time members, the board includes the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, the Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs, a Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and an academic, who is the public representative. There was a time, under the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, when a joint secretary in charge of capital markets was a SEBI board member and wielded more power than the chairperson. This time around, the SEBI board is behaving like the proverbial three monkeys who 'see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil'.

To my mind, their role as members of a regulatory body does not give them that choice. Contrast this with what SEBI expects from boards of listed companies. Over the past two decades, SEBI has repeatedly tightened corporate governance requirements and listed rules casting onerous responsibilities on independent directors in connection with corporate disclosures, price-sensitive information and fiduciary responsibility. Every time these directors fail to question the management, proxy advisory firms are quick to issue sanctimonious missives, highlighting their failure and advising institutional investors on how to respond.

The government members on the SEBI board have an even greater responsibility to ensure that they meet a higher standard of transparency and accountability. By refusing to question the SEBI chairperson or conduct an impartial inquiry and take steps to protect SEBI's credibility, the SEBI board has clearly failed. This exposes an important loophole in the regulatory system. It shows that there is nothing that stakeholders can do to hold a regulator accountable if the administrative ministry and the government refuse to initiate corrective action. Most people seem to think litigation would also be futile.

(The author, a Padma Shri awardee, is an Indian business journalist and author)

America holds the key to ending the war in Gaza



BY VAPPALA
BALACHANDRAN

THE INVOLVEMENT OF A BEDOUIN IN VIOLENCE AGAINST ISRAEL MIGHT FLY IN THE FACE OF TEL AVIV'S CLAIMS THAT THE BEDOUINS LIVING IN THE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF HAMAS

"WEST ASIA OBSERVERS NOW FEEL THAT NETANYAHU'S PROLONGED WAR IN GAZA, AIMED AT KEEPING HIM IN POWER, IS GOING TO AFFECT JORDAN ADVERSELY. DAVID HEARST, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE MIDDLE EAST EYE, HAD OBSERVED ON AUGUST 23 THAT JORDAN'S 'BALANCING ACT IS AT RISK OF CRASHING DOWN' WITH THE LATEST ISRAELI INTRUSION INTO THE WEST BANK, REVIVING THE OLD ZIONIST POLICY TO CONSIDER JORDAN AS THE 'ONLY PALESTINIAN STATE', COMBINED WITH DONALD TRUMP'S LATEST IDEA OF A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN CONFEDERATION. HE HAS STATED: "THE CRUDEST VERSION OF THIS PLAN ENTAILS DIRECT THREATS TO THE PALESTINIAN VILLAGES AND TOWNS OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK TO LEAVE OR BE BURNT OUT BY SETTLERS."

The killing of three Israeli civilians near the Allenby (King Hussein) Bridge border crossing in the occupied West Bank on September 8 by Maher Ziab Hussein al-Jazi, a former Jordanian soldier, has added a new dimension to the Israel-Hamas war by directly involving Jordan in the conflict.

The Allenby Bridge was originally a World War I crossing point for the British forces from the East to the West Bank. It was named after Field Marshal Edmund Allenby, who had led the

Palestine campaign. The recent incident has revealed different dimensions of the Israel-Jordan relationship in terms of security, diplomacy and trade.

During the late 1980s, I was taken on a conducted tour of the Allenby Bridge, 5 km east of Jericho city in the West Bank, for the showcasing of Israel's preventive security measures to track terrorists and drug traffickers crossing over from Jordan to Israel. We did not have diplomatic relations with Israel then. Apart from video tracking, the bridge had a facility to track border crossings on foot through a study of sand footprints by expert Bedouin trackers. I also met members of the Israel Defense Forces' (IDF) Bedouin Tracker Unit.

According to the IDF, on September 8, Maher Ziab drove a truck from Jordan, "exited the truck and opened fire," killing three Israeli civilian employees. Why didn't the IDF, with their most modern, AI-driven mass facial-recognition tools like Red Wolf, Blue Wolf and Wolf Pack, detect him while he was on the Allenby Bridge? Also, the bridge is a high-security zone in which all persons crossing get searched at least three times. That the Jordanian could travel with a weapon means that it is a serious security breach.

The IDF had shot dead a Jordanian judge, Raed Zeiter, in 2014 on the bridge merely on the basis of suspicion, something that Israel had to publicly apologize for. Inquiries later revealed that Raed was going to his hometown, Nablus, in the West Bank. The killing had led to strong protests in Jordan and the West Bank. The Arab media had also reported that there were large-scale protests in Jordan after he was killed.

Notably, Maher Ziab, who was shot dead by the IDF, belonged to the influential Huwaitat tribe among the Bedouins. He was a resident of the Husseiniya area in Jordan's southern Ma'an Governorate. Huwaitat traces its origin to Fatima, daughter of the prophet Muhammad. Some of them were part of the historical 'Great Arab Revolt', described by Lawrence of Arabia in his 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom'.

The involvement of a Bedouin in violence against Israel might fly in the face of Tel Aviv's claims that the Bedouins living within Israel have been victims of Hamas, as they were supporting the regime. It may be recalled that Kaid Farhan Elkadi, a Bedouin hostage who was found by the IDF in a Gaza tunnel on August 27, was given a rapturous welcome. However, in the wake of Elkadi's rescue, international media outlets that visited his village in Negev found strong



Solidarity: Jordanian demonstrators have taken out marches in support of Palestinians.

Credit: Tribune

resentment against the Benjamin Netanyahu regime.

Originally from Saudi Arabia, the Huwaitat had migrated to Jordan, Syria and Egypt (Sinai Peninsula), where they are found in large numbers. In 2020, Huwaitat leader Suleiman Mohammed al-Ta'ique al-Hwaiti had started an agitation against a new Saudi project called Neom, a planned mega-city, that could result in the displacement of 20,000 Huwaitat tribe members. This resulted in violence and brutal suppression by Saudi Arabia. If the Huwaitat decide, they could open another front against Israel.

Diplomatically, Jordan - which has been highly critical of Netanyahu's handling of the Gaza war - has a peace accord with Israel that was signed in 1994 by King Hussein and then Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the presence of US President Bill Clinton. Annex III deals with the details of cooperation on crime. This is under strain, as revealed by the joint statement issued by Jordan, Qatar, Palestine and Kuwait on September 3 condemning PM Netanyahu's accusations that weapons were being smuggled to the Hamas through the Egyptian border.

West Asia observers now feel that Netanyahu's prolonged war in Gaza, aimed at keeping him in power, is going to affect Jordan adversely. David Hearst, Editor-in-Chief of the Middle East Eye, had observed on August 23 that Jordan's "balancing act is at risk of crashing down" with the latest Israeli intrusion into the West Bank, reviving the old Zionist policy to consider Jordan as the 'only Palestinian state', combined with Donald Trump's latest idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

He has stated: "The crudest version of this plan entails direct threats to the Palestinian villages and towns of the occupied West Bank to leave or be burnt out by settlers."

At the same time, prominent US Democrats like Senator Chris Van Hollen have criticized President Joe Biden's policy on Israel on the ground that it violates American law. In March, Hollen said Netanyahu's actions in Gaza preventing US humanitarian aid had violated Section 620I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 - also known as the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act - and stated that no arms should have been given to Israel.

Jonathan Steele, The Guardian's former foreign affairs correspondent, reminds us how the Secretary of State in President HW Bush's Cabinet, James Baker, had dealt with Netanyahu in 1989 by banning him from entering the US State Department. He says that Baker was furious with Netanyahu, who was then Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, for describing American policies as a 'distortion and lies'.

Bush and Baker had refused US assistance of \$10 billion until Israel's illegal settlements in the West Bank and Jerusalem ended. Consequently, Shamir faced a defeat in the June 1992 elections.

Steele concludes: "US pressure on Israel has worked to bring positive change in the past. It needs to be applied to do so again."

(The author, a columnist, is an Indian national security intelligence specialist and former Indian police officer)

Can Sheikh Hasina be extradited from India to Bangladesh to stand trial?



BY AARATRIKA
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AN EXTRADITION TREATY SIGNED IN 2013 BY INDIA AND BANGLADESH COULD ALLOW FOR THE REPATRIATION OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF BANGLADESH. DOES IT ALLOW FOR AN EXTRADITION REQUEST TO BE TURNED DOWN? WHAT COULD BE THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS?

"THE EXTRADITION TREATY SIGNED IN 2013 BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH MANDATES THE EXTRADITION OF INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF CRIMES THAT WARRANT A MINIMUM SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT. A KEY REQUIREMENT FOR EXTRADITION IS THE PRINCIPLE OF DUAL CRIMINALITY, MEANING THAT THE OFFENCE MUST BE PUNISHABLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES. SINCE THE CHARGES AGAINST MS. HASINA ARE PROSECUTABLE IN INDIA, AND THE PENALTIES FOR HER ALLEGED CRIMES ARE ALSO SUBSTANTIAL, SHE QUALIFIES FOR EXTRADITION ON THESE GROUNDS. ADDITIONALLY, THE TREATY ENCOMPASSES WITHIN ITS AMBIT ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT, AS WELL AS AIDING, ABETTING, INCITING, OR ACTING AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN SUCH CRIMES."

The chief prosecutor of Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has announced plans to seek the extradition of ousted leader Sheikh Hasina from neighboring India. "As the main perpetrator has fled the country, we will start the legal procedure to bring her back," Mohammad Tajul Islam told reporters on September 8, 2024. The tribunal was established in 2010 by the former Bangladesh Prime Minister to investigate crimes committed during the 1971 independence war from Pakistan.

Ms. Hasina sought refuge in India in early August after a mass uprising compelled her to step down. Since her departure, numerous criminal cases have been lodged against her and her aides, encompassing charges of murder, torture, abduction, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The new interim government in Dhaka has already revoked Ms. Hasina's diplomatic passport. Additionally, India and Bangladesh have a bilateral extradition treaty in



The ousted Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina

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place that could allow for her return to face trial.

Sheikh Hasina faces 33 cases, including murder, after ouster from Bangladesh

WHAT DOES THE EXTRADITION TREATY SAY?

Under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act of 1973, Bangladeshi courts can proceed with criminal trials even in Ms. Hasina's absence. However, this is bound to raise concerns about the fairness of the proceedings, and adherence to due process, while also complicating the enforcement of judicial orders. Therefore, the extradition of the former Prime Minister is considered crucial.

In 2013, India and Bangladesh executed an extradition treaty as a strategic measure to address insurgency and terrorism along their shared borders. It was subsequently amended in 2016 to ease the process of exchange of fugitives wanted by both nations. The treaty has facilitated the transfer of several notable political prisoners. For instance, in 2020, two convicts involved in the 1975 assassination of Ms. Hasina's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, were extradited to Bangladesh for execution. Similarly, India successfully secured the extradition of Anup Chetia, the general secretary of the banned United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), who had spent 18 years imprisoned in Dhaka.

The treaty mandates the extradition of individuals charged with or convicted of crimes that warrant a minimum sentence of one year's imprisonment. A key requirement for extradition is the principle of dual criminality, meaning that the offence must be punishable in both countries. Since the charges against Ms. Hasina are prosecutable in India, and the penalties for her alleged crimes are also substantial, she qualifies for extradition on these

grounds. Additionally, the treaty encompasses within its ambit attempts to commit, as well as aiding, abetting, inciting, or acting as an accomplice in such crimes.

Notably, the 2016 amendment to the treaty substantially lowered the threshold for extradition by removing the requirement to furnish concrete evidence against the offender. Under Article 10 of the treaty, only an arrest warrant issued by a competent court in the requesting country is now sufficient to initiate the extradition process.

CAN EXTRADITION BE REFUSED?

Article 6 of the treaty stipulates that extradition may be refused if the offence is of a "political nature". However, there are stringent limitations on this particular exemption. A host of offences such as murder, terrorism-related crimes, and kidnapping, are explicitly excluded from being classified as political. Given that several of the charges against Ms. Hasina - such as murder, enforced disappearance, and torture - fall outside the scope of this exemption, it is unlikely that India will be able to justify these accusations as political transgressions to deny extradition.

Another basis for refusal is outlined in Article 8, which permits denial of a request if the accusation is not "made in good faith in the interests of justice" or if it involves military offences not considered "an offence under general criminal law." India could potentially refuse extradition on the ground that the charges against Ms. Hasina have not been levelled in good faith and there is a possibility of her being subjected to political persecution or an unfair trial upon her return to Bangladesh. Such concerns are further exacerbated by recent reports that Ministers from Ms. Hasina's Cabinet, who have been arrested over recent weeks were physically arrested by bystanders while being transported to court for remand hearings.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS?

Dr. Sreeradha Datta, professor of international relations at O.P. Jindal Global University told The Hindu that the treaty does not guarantee Ms. Hasina's extradition, as the final decision will hinge more on diplomatic negotiations and political considerations. "Even if India were to decline the extradition request, it would likely serve as a minor political irritant rather and is unlikely to dent bilateral relations, especially in critical areas of cooperation between the two nations," she said.

Bangladesh is India's largest trade partner in South Asia, with bilateral trade estimated at \$15.9 billion in the fiscal year 2022-23. Before Ms. Hasina's ouster, both nations were poised to commence dialogue on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) to foster economic ties. Following the regime change in Dhaka, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken with the Chief Adviser of the new interim government, Muhammad Yunus, and pledged continued support for ongoing development projects.

(The author is a Senior Sub-Editor at The Hindu)



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Trump vows to end Russia-Ukraine war if elected president

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has said he will end the Russia-Ukraine war if he wins the November presidential elections, an assertion dismissed by his Democratic rival Kamala Harris who said the former US president would "just give up".

Trading barbs with Vice President Harris on Tuesday, September 10, at their first presidential debate in Pennsylvania ahead of the US general elections on November 5, Trump said the war would have never started had he been the president.

"I'll get the war with Ukraine and Russia ended. If I'm president-elect, I'll get it done before even becoming president," Trump, 78, said in response to a question during the debate.

Asserting there was no threat of war in the four years he was president from 2017 to 2021, Trump said, "I know (Russian President Vladimir) Putin very well. He would have never -- and there was no threat of it either, by the way, for four years -- gone into Ukraine and killed millions of people when you add it up..."

Trump blamed the Biden-Harris Administration for not preventing the war in Ukraine and said, "If I were president, it would have never started."

The former president asserted that he wanted the war to stop and claimed that millions were being killed in it.

"I want to save lives that are being uselessly people being killed by the millions. It's the millions. It's so much worse than the numbers you're getting, which are fake numbers," he said.

"I know (Ukrainian President Volodymyr) Zelenskyy very well and I know Putin very well. I have a good relationship. They respect me, they don't respect (incumbent President Joe) Biden," he said.

"How would you respect him (Biden)? He hasn't even made a phone call in two years to Putin. He hasn't spoken to anybody. That is a war that's dying to be settled. I will get it settled before I even become president if I win when I'm president-elect," Trump said.

Disagreeing with him, Vice President Harris said, "I believe the reason that Donald Trump says that this war



Donald Trump claimed in the debate with Kamala Harris that he will end the Russia-Ukraine war if he wins the November presidential elections -Screen shot

would be over within 24 hours is because he would just give it up. And that's not who we are as Americans."

Harris said she met Zelenskyy and shared "American intelligence about how he could defend himself" a few days before the Russian invasion and went to NATO's eastern flank to Poland and Romania days later, bringing 50 countries together to support Ukraine in its "righteous defense".

"Because of our support, because of the air defense, the ammunition, the artillery, the javelins, the Abrams tanks that we have provided, Ukraine stands as an independent and free country," she said.

"If Donald Trump were president, Putin would be sitting in Kyiv right now and understand what that would mean because Putin's agenda is not just about Ukraine," she said.

Addressing Trump, she said, "Understand why the European allies and our NATO allies are so thankful

that you are no longer president and that we understand the importance of...NATO. And what we have done to preserve the ability of Zelenskyy and the Ukrainians to fight for their independence. Otherwise, Putin would be sitting in Kyiv with his eyes on the rest of Europe, starting with Poland."

During the debate, Trump claimed that when Putin endorsed Harris last week saying, 'I hope she' wins, the Russian President meant it "because what he's gotten away with is absolutely incredible".

"It wouldn't have happened with me. The leaders of other countries think that they're weak and incompetent and they are grossly incompetent," he said, referring to the Biden-Harris administration.

Harris alleged it was well known that Trump was weak and wrong on issues of national security and foreign policy.

"It is well known that he admires dictators (and) wants to be a dictator on day one, according to himself. It is well known that he said of Putin that he can do whatever the hell he wants and go into Ukraine. It is well known that he said when Russia went into....," she said.

"In Ukraine, it was brilliant, it is well known. He exchanged love letters with (North Korean leader) Kim Jong Un. It is absolutely well known that these dictators and autocrats are rooting for you to be president again because they're so clear they can manipulate you with flattery and favors," she said.

Alleging that military leaders with whom Trump has worked have told her that he is a "disgrace", Harris said, "That is why we understand that we have to have a President who is not consistently weak and wrong on national security, including the importance of upholding and respecting in highest regard our military."

This was the second presidential debate, but the first between Trump and Harris. The first presidential debate in Atlanta on June 27 was between Trump and President Biden. Following his terrible performance at the debate, Biden withdrew from the race and paved the way for Harris to be the Democratic Party's nominee for the November elections. (Source: PTI)

Charges coming in alleged Iranian hack-and-leak attack on Trump campaign

OFFICIALS BUILD A CRIMINAL CASE OVER WHAT THEY SAY WERE IRANIAN ATTEMPTS TO STEAL AND SHARE CAMPAIGN DATA

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Federal authorities are preparing to file criminal charges over Iran's alleged hack and leak attack against Donald Trump's presidential campaign, according to people familiar with the matter, says a report in the Washington Post.

The FBI investigation has focused on an online persona named "Robert" who contacted American reporters, these people said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe details of an ongoing investigation. That persona shared campaign documents they falsely claimed to have obtained while working with the campaign, the



The FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies concluded last month that Iran was responsible for recent attempted hacks into both the Trump and the Biden-Harris presidential campaigns

people said.

Investigators have determined that the person or persons posing as Robert was acting on behalf of the Iranian government, and offering data files stolen from Trump advisers' email accounts. Such overtures were made to Politico and The Washington Post. Criminal charges could be filed in a matter of days, these people said. Spokeswomen for the

Justice Department and the FBI declined to comment. Among the hacking targets was adviser Susie Wiles, one of the most senior officials on Trump's 2024 presidential campaign.

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Trump Says He Won't Do Another Debate

September 12, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Former President Donald J. Trump declared on his social media site on Thursday, September 12, that he would not debate Vice President Kamala Harris again.

Mr. Trump, who has insisted that he won Tuesday, September 10 night's debate while his aides have privately acknowledged he had a rough outing, wrote on his Truth Social site that there "will be no" second debate with Ms. Harris. Minutes later, the vice president told rallygoers in Charlotte, N.C., that she and Mr. Trump "owe it to voters" to square off again.

The post-debate windfall for the Harris campaign is the latest sign of the momentum she's picked up with less than two months until Election Day, even as she insisted in Charlotte that she was the underdog and mocked part of Mr. Trump's performance.

Harris campaign said it took in \$47 million in donations in the 24 hours after the debate at which Harris met Trump



Donald Trump says he would not debate with Harris again

File photo

met for the first time.

Shortly after the debate, which drew 67.1 million viewers, she received the support of the pop megastar Taylor Swift, whose endorsement post sent more than 400,000 users to a voter information site in just 24 hours.

Indian democracy broken from last 10 years, now it is fighting back: Rahul

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has alleged that democracy in India for the last 10 years was broken, but now it is fighting back.

Gandhi made these remarks on Tuesday, September 10 while talking to reporters at a news conference here at the National Press Club.

I can say to you that Indian democracy for the last 10 years was broken. It's fighting back, but it was broken, Gandhi said.

I have seen the government of Maharashtra just being taken away from us. I've seen it with my own eyes. I've watched it, as our legislators have been bought in and hooked off and suddenly became BJP legislators. So Indian democracy has been under attack, has been very badly weakened, and now it's fighting back. And I'm confident that it'll fight back, Gandhi said.

If you see the election results, does it give you more hope for a democracy in India? he was asked.

Yeah, I mean, it does. But it's not good enough to say that the Indian voter is resilient and knowledgeable. Because the Indian voter is informed by a whole set of



Rahul Gandhi at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on September 10

structures. So, if we don't have a level playing field, the voter might be very knowledgeable and resilient, it doesn't really matter, he said.

We fought an election with our bank accounts frozen. I don't know any democracy where that's happened. Maybe that type of thing happened in Syria or

used to happen in Iraq. But we literally sat during our election and spoke to our treasurer and he says, well, we have no money. Now, you can have a resilient voter. You still need to run campaigns. You still need to have conversations. You still need to have meetings, he said.

I've got 20-plus cases in me. I'm the only

person in Indian history to get a prison sentence for defamation. We have a chief minister who's in jail right now. So, mean, one way of saying it is, yes, the Indian voter is very resilient, and he stands like a rock. Absolutely, he does. But the Indian voter requires an architecture to work on, which is not there, Gandhi said.

Gandhi continued with his attacks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Here's a prime minister of a modern country in the 21st century telling people that I speak to God. I'm different than everybody else. You are biological people. I'm a non-biological person. I have a direct link to God. And that for us was a game over (for the prime minister during the elections). We knew that we had defeated the prime minister," he said.

"And then the beautiful thing was the first thing he did when he walked into the Lok Sabha, he was sworn in. He took the Constitution of India, and he placed it on his head, he added.

So, it was an interesting paradox. On the one hand, he's destroying the Constitution. He's attacking the democratic structure. And then the Indian people have forced him to put it on his head, Gandhi said.

Georgia judge dismisses two more charges against Trump in election case



Trump now faces 8 charges instead of 13. He is still accused of criminally conspiring to try to overturn the 2020 presidential election.

File photo

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

ATLANTA, GA (TIP): An Atlanta-area judge has thrown out two more charges against former president Donald Trump and a third against several of his allies in a sprawling election interference case accusing them of criminally conspiring to try to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee stopped short in two rulings issued Thursday of dismissing the entire indictment, which Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D) sought in August 2023 under Georgia's racketeering statute. All the remaining defendants, including Trump, still stand accused of engaging in a racketeering conspiracy for their efforts after the 2020 election.

Trump now faces eight charges, down from 13 in the original indictment.

The ruling comes at a time when the fate of the Georgia case is in flux. The

case became mired in controversy earlier this year when Trump and eight other defendants accused Willis and the lead prosecutor on the case of misconduct related to their romantic relationship.

McAfee declined to remove Willis or her office from the case, a decision that the defendants have appealed. Attorneys for Trump have also accused Willis, who is Black, of "repeated public display of racial animus" toward the former president and his co-defendants, which they contend has jeopardized Trump's right to a fair trial.

The entire case has been essentially frozen since June. Whether it will be scheduled for trial any time soon likely depends on whether Trump wins the presidential election this year.

In Thursday's ruling, McAfee dismissed the three charges under the supremacy clause, which prohibits state prosecutions of activities that fall under federal jurisdiction.

"The Supremacy Clause declares that state law must yield to federal law when the two conflict," McAfee wrote.

The charges - filing false documents, attempting to file false documents and criminally conspiring to file false documents - all relate to the meeting of 16 Trump electors on Dec. 14, 2020, to cast electoral votes for the incumbent president even though he had lost the state.

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Attorney General Merrick Garland says Justice Department 'will not bend' to political pressure

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Attorney General Merrick Garland slammed efforts to turn the Justice Department into a "political weapon" during a fiery speech Thursday to department staff and US attorneys from across the country amid attacks from former President Donald Trump and his allies, CNN says.

Garland decried the "escalation of attacks" against its career staff in years through "conspiracy theories, dangerous falsehoods, efforts to bully and intimidate career public servants by repeatedly and publicly singling them out, and threats of actual violence."

"It is dangerous to target and intimidate individual employees of this Department simply for doing their jobs," he said from the DOJ headquarters in Washington. "And it is outrageous that you have to face these unfounded attacks because you are doing what is right and upholding the rule of law."

Detroit election workers work on counting absentee ballots at the TCF Center in Detroit, Michigan, on November 4. The attorney general's comments come as Trump has claimed that the Justice Department has been weaponized against him amid his criminal prosecutions and suggested that he would politicize the department should he return to the Oval Office.

Neither Trump nor his allies were mentioned by name.

"There is not one rule for friends and



Merrick Garland speaks at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, on Thursday, September 12.

Photo credit: CNN

another for foes, one rule for the powerful and another for the powerless, one rule for the rich and another for the poor, one rule for Democrats and another for Republicans, or different rules depending on one's race or ethnicity," the attorney general said.

"Our norms are a promise that we will not allow this nation to become a country where law enforcement is treated as an apparatus of politics," Garland added to applause.

Trump and his associates have publicly discussed plans to dismantle the department and its law enforcement components like the FBI, or to prosecute his political enemies.

Trump has repeatedly attacked the Justice Department under Biden, claiming without evidence that the president has used the department to criminally pursue him and his allies for political purposes.

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Ahead of Haryana polls, SC grants bail to Kejriwal in excise policy case

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Ahead of Haryana Assembly election, the Supreme Court on Friday, September 13, granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a corruption case linked to the Delhi excise policy 'scam'.

A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan ordered Kejriwal's release on a personal bail bond of Rs 10 lakh and two sureties in the like amount.

The Delhi Chief Minister is expected to be out of Tihar Jail by this evening after completion of procedural formalities before the trial court and jail authorities.

Kejriwal is the seventh accused to get bail in the Delhi excise policy scam-related cases after AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Manish Sisodia, BRS leader K Kavitha, AAP's former communication in-charge Vijay Nair, Hyderabad-based businessman Arun Ramchandra Pillai and alleged "middleman" Vinod Chauhan.

The top court restrained Kejriwal from visiting the Chief Minister's Office and Delhi Secretariat. It also directed him not to sign official files unless it's required and necessary for obtaining clearance/approval of the Delhi L-G. It also restrained him from commenting on his role in the money-laundering case against him and asked him not to interact with witnesses and/or have



access to official files connected with the case.

Welcoming the verdict, senior AAP leader and co-accused Manish Sisodia wrote on X, "Today, once again truth has triumphed over lies and conspiracies. I once again salute the thinking and foresight of Baba Saheb Ambedkar who empowered the common man against any future dictator."

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha too took to X to welcome the SC Verdict granting bail to his party leader. "Welcome back Arvind Kejriwal, we missed you! Truth can be troubled but it

can't be defeated! Ultimately, the Supreme Court has pronounced the verdict to free Delhi's son Arvind Kejriwal from the shackles of jail," Chadha wrote on the social networking site.

The Bench, which reserved the verdict on Kejriwal's petitions September 5 after hearing senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi on behalf of the AAP National Convenor and Additional Solicitor General (ASG) SV Raju for the CBI, however, differed on the validity of his arrest.

While Justice Kant upheld Kejriwal's

June 26 arrest by the CBI in the corruption case, Justice Bhuyan was critical of the probe agency for arresting him after he was granted bail by a special court in the money-laundering case linked to the scam.

The Bench also rejected ASG SV Raju's preliminary objection on behalf of the CBI regarding Kejriwal having approached the Delhi High Court, bypassing the trial court.

Earlier, the Supreme Court had on July 12 granted interim bail to Kejriwal in a money-laundering case linked to excise policy 'scam' even as it referred certain legal issues arising out of his petition against arrest under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to a larger Bench or a Constitution Bench.

Arrested on March 21 by the ED, the AAP National Convenor was released on a 21-day interim bail by the top court on May 10 to enable him to campaign in the Lok Sabha polls. He surrendered on June 2.

Delhi Vacation Judge Niyay Bindu had on June 20 ordered Kejriwal's release, saying the ED failed to give any direct evidence linking him to the proceeds of the crime and that the probe agency failed to show that co-accused Vijay Nair was acting on his behalf. She had also said that the ED was acting with bias against the Delhi chief minister.

Source: TNS

Mamata offers to step down after docs refuse to hold talks

KOLKATA (TIP)

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday, September 12, said she was "ready to resign" for the "sake of people" and expressed regret over the junior doctors' refusal to come for talks to resolve the impasse over the R G Kar rape-murder case. Banerjee, who waited for nearly two hours for the agitating doctors to come for the meeting, said she also wanted the victim to get justice and apologised to the people of West Bengal for the continued deadlock.

"We have tolerated a lot of canards and insults for the last 33 days," she said at a press conference but assured the protesters that despite violating the Supreme Court directive by not resuming duties, she would not take action against them. In a dramatic turn of events, agitating junior doctors, who reached the gates of the state secretariat Nabanna, refused to hold talks with the state government unless their demand for live streaming of the meeting was met.

The talks were to be held at 5 pm in the presence of Banerjee as demanded by the protesters, who after reaching the secretariat around 5.25 pm, stayed put at the venue gate.

Banerjee said the meeting with the junior doctors cannot be live-streamed as demanded by them because the issue is sub-judice and before the Supreme Court. She said her government had made arrangements to record it and hand over the recording to them with the permission of the apex court if needed.

"For the sake of the people, I am ready to resign. I also want the victim to get justice, but this is not the



The TMC shared a photo saying that Mamata Banerjee waited 1.5 hours to meet agitating doctors. (Image: X/ @AITCofficial)

way. We have tolerated a lot of canards and insults for the last 33 days. I thought the junior doctors would engage in talks for the sake of the patients and on humanitarian grounds," she said.

"We have been waiting for over two hours, hoping that reason would guide the junior doctors... I apologise to the people who expected that the issue would be resolved today," she said and claimed that "external instructions" were influencing some junior doctors not to engage in discussions.

Referring to negative comments against her government on social media, she said, "Many tried to malign our government even on social media. People came out for justice but they don't know that there is a political colour diverting it... They want the chair. I am ready to resign from my post for the sake of the people. I don't want the chair."

Putin invites Modi for talks at BRICS

In a boost to peace efforts in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Indian National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval met Russian President Vladimir Putin today and conveyed details of the discussions between India and Ukraine on possible measures for resolving the conflict.

Doval met Putin on the sidelines of the Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) NSAs meeting at Saint Petersburg. During the meeting, Putin proposed a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi next month on the sidelines of the BRICS leaders' summit in Kazan, Russia.

PM Modi and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had met in Kyiv on August 23, with Doval present among the inner core group of Modi's team during the meeting. The Indian NSA conveyed details of the talks in Kyiv, according to the Kremlin, which published a transcript and photos of the Putin-Doval meeting on its website. The transcript quoted Doval as saying, "He (Modi) wanted me to come in person and tell you about the talks that took place (in Kyiv). It was a closed format, only the two leaders were present, and I was with Prime Minister (Modi); I witnessed this conversation."

Earlier this month, Putin suggested that China, India, and Brazil could act as mediators in potential peace talks with Ukraine.

Source: TNS



'Bulldozing laws of country': Supreme Court again slams 'bulldozer justice'

The Supreme Court of India on Thursday, September 12, once again criticised the concept of "bulldozer justice" in the country, observing that such demolition threats are inconceivable in a country where the law is supreme.

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy, Sudhanshu Dhulia, and SVN Bhatti said the court cannot be oblivious to actions that may be seen as "running a bulldozer over the laws of the land".

The court made strong observations while hearing a case related to the attempted demolition of an ancestral house in Gujarat's Kheda district because of the alleged involvement of a family member in a criminal incident.

The petitioner, Javedali Maheubmiya Saiyed, has claimed that the Kathlal Nagar Palika had issued a notice of demolition on September 6 — four days after a first information report (FIR) was lodged against his brother on charges of sexual harassment and assault.

In his petition, Saiyed contended that the demolition was intended to punish the family for criminal charges slapped on one member of the family.

During Thursday's hearing, the Supreme Court said that alleged involvement in a crime is not grounds for demolishing properties.

25 Punjab travel agencies caught in scam for offering fake jobs abroad

CHANDIGARH (TIP)

Amid rising incidents of travel agencies sending gullible youths to Western nations via donkey route or to Russia to fight its war against Ukraine, the Punjab Police's NRI and Cyber Crime wings in coordination with the Protectorate of Emigrants, Chandigarh, launched a crackdown against erring agencies, says a Tribune report.

The authorities booked 25 travel agencies operating from different parts of the state for illegally advertising employment opportunities on social media platforms, mainly Instagram (IG) and Facebook (FB). The Protectorate of Emigrants had flagged the rising trend of advertising on Instagram and Facebook wherein travel agents lure youths by offering "sure shot" jobs in foreign countries with easy documentation.

ADGP Praveen K Sinha said these unscrupulous agencies had been operating and offering jobs without possessing the requisite license and permissions. "We checked the online platforms and after verifying their credentials, FIRs were registered



against them," he said.

A total of 20 FIRs have been registered under Sections 24/25 of the Emigration Act at various NRI police stations in the state, including in Amritsar, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Patiala, Sangrur and SAS Nagar.

Sinha said the operation specifically targeted those illegal agencies, which were advertising on social platforms offering overseas jobs to unsuspecting victims, mostly youths, and duping them of their

hard-earned money.

Several instances have come to the fore where youths from Punjab and other states were tricked by unscrupulous agents into joining the Russian army. NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Dhaliwal recently said the government would take stern action against travel agents working illegally in the state.

Ludhiana

7 Horses Immigration | Abroad Expert | Abroad Kiva | Pies Immigration | Pass Pro Overseas | Horses Immigration Consultancy

Jalandhar

Aaradhya Enterprises | Karson Travel Consultancy | True Deals Immigration Services, | I Way Overseas | Videsh Yatra

Amritsar

Rahave Immigration | JS Enterprises | Power To Fly | Travel Manthan | Amaze-E-Service

Hoshiarpur

RS Enterprises | Target Immigration | PS Enterprises

Veteran CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury dies at 72

NEW DELHI (TIP)

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury died at AIIMS Delhi on Thursday, September 12, following prolonged illness.

The 72-year-old leader was admitted to AIIMS on August 19 for treatment of pneumonia and passed away at 3:05 PM on September 12. The family has donated his body to AIIMS, New Delhi for teaching and research purposes, the hospital said in a statement.

Born on August 12, 1952 in Chennai, Yechury studied in Delhi University during graduation and completed post-graduation from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He is survived by his wife Seema Chishti Yechury and two children.

CONDOLENCES POUR IN ON YECHURY'S DEATH

Expressing condolences on Yechury's death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was a leading light of the Left and was known for his ability to connect across the political spectrum.

"Saddened by the passing away of Shri Sitaram Yechury Ji. He was a leading light of the Left and was known for his ability to connect across the political spectrum. He also made a mark as an effective Parliamentarian. My thoughts are with his family and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti," PM Modi said in a post on X.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi expressed his condolences on Yechury's death and said called him a "protector of the Idea of India with a deep understanding of our country".

"Sitaram Yechury ji was a friend. A protector of the



Idea of India with a deep understanding of our country. I will miss the long discussions we used to have. My sincere condolences to his family, friends, and followers in this hour of grief," Gandhi wrote while sharing his photo with Yechury on X.

Remembering Yechury, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said that the CPI(M) leader's demise will be a loss for the national politics.

"Sad to know that Sri Sitaram Yechury has passed away. I knew the veteran parliamentarian that he was and his demise will be a loss for the national politics. I express my condolences to his family, friends and colleagues," she said.

Condoling Yechury's death, Congress General Secretary in-charge Communications Jairam Ramesh

said the CPI(M) was a very fine human being, a multilingual bibliophile, an unrepentant Marxist with a pragmatic streak, a pillar of the CPM, and a superb Parliamentarian with a wonderful wit and sense of humor.

"Our association stretched over three decades, and we collaborated closely at different occasions. He had friends across the political spectrum and was admired for the strength of his convictions and for his most engaging personality. Salaam Tovarish. You have left us much too early but you enriched public life immeasurably and will not be forgotten," Ramesh said in a post on X.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday expressed grief over the demise of Yechury. The Chief Minister noted that Yechury was a stalwart who rose through the ranks to emerge as one of the most respected voices in Indian politics.

"He was known for his intellectual take on issues, and connection with the people at the grassroots level. His insightful debates with leaders across the political spectrum earned him recognition beyond his party," said Naidu in a post on X.

Congress leader Pawan Khera said Indian politics shall miss Yechury and the values he lived for. "A thorough gentleman and a man of unwavering conviction. Travel well #SitaramYechury. Indian politics shall miss you and the values you lived for," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that Yechury was a seasoned parliamentarian who was known for his knowledge and articulation.

India in history this Week

SEPTEMBER 13 TO SEPTEMBER 19

13 SEPTEMBER

1947 Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru suggested mutual transfer of 40 lakh Hindus and Muslims.

1929 Jatin Das died after 63 days of hunger strike in Lahore jail.

1971 The World Hockey Association was formed.

1977 The first diesel automobile was introduced by General Motors.

2000 India's top chess player Vishwanathan Anand won the first FIDE Chess World Cup in Shenyang.

2008 Four bomb blasts occurred one after another at three places in Delhi, killing 30 people and injuring more than 130.

1948 Deputy Prime Minister Vallabhbhai Patel ordered the army to enter Hyderabad and take action and integrate it with the Indian Union.

2006 The first summit of IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa Trilateral Organization) begins in Brasilia, the capital of Brazil.

2009 ISRO-NASA's campaign to find ice on the moon failed.

2009 Charles Dias of Kochi was nominated as the representative of the Anglo Indian community in the Lok Sabha.

1845 Indian Cotton Congress President Henry Cotton was born.

1926 India's revolutionary woman Nagendra Bala was born.

1929 India's famous revolutionary Jatindranath Das died.

14 SEPTEMBER

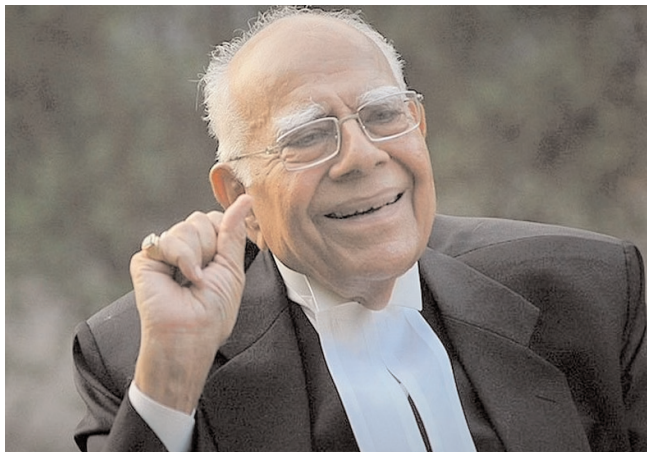
1949 The Legislative Assembly gave Hindi the status of the official language of India.

1803 British general Lord Lake captured Delhi during the Second Anglo-Maratha War.

1949 The Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi as the official language of India. Since 1953, 14 September is celebrated every year throughout India as Hindi Day.

1947 The famous poet Chandra Kunwar Bertwal died as Kalidas of Hindi.

2009 India won the Compaq Cup of the tri-series by defeating Sri Lanka by 46 runs.



1923 Birth of eminent serialist and former Union Law Minister Ram Jethmalani.

15 SEPTEMBER

1860 M Visvesvaraya, considered India's greatest engineer, was born. It is celebrated as Engineers Day in the country.

1948 The first flag of independent India INS-Delhi reached the port of Bombay (now Mumbai).

1958 The deadly disease trachoma virus was first discovered in medical science.

1959 India's national broadcasting service



Doordarshan started in Delhi for the first time.

2004 'Woman of the Year' award to British citizen Gurinder Chadha.

1931 Gandhi-Irwin Pact.

1909 Famous Tamil Nadu leader and former Chief Minister C.N. Birth of Annadurai.

1939 Birth of Subramanian Swamy for Indian Economist, Educational, and Politician, Law Minister and Justice India.

1946 Jokin Arputham, a man who struggled for the slums of Mumbai, was born.

16 SEPTEMBER



1916 Classical singer and actress MS Subbulakshmi was born.

1932 Nobel laureate Dr. Ronald Ross, who discovered malaria, a deadly disease spread by mosquitoes, was born.

2008 The employees of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) were awarded the Vishwakarma Award.

2009 The Incredible Bharat Vigyan Abhiyan, presenting India as an outstanding tourist destination to the world, received the British Award.

1882 Freedom fighter Balwant Singh was born.

2017 The most senior of the Indian Air Force and the only Marshal to reach the five-star rank, Arjan Singh died.

1965 Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Tarapore, PVC, died.

17 SEPTEMBER



1915 Popular painter of India Maqbool Fida Hussain

was born.

1867 Birth of Indian artist Gaganendranath Tagore.
1876 Birth of great Bengali novelist Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

1948 The princely state of Hyderabad merged with India.

1950 Birth of Indian politician and current Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

1956 Constitution of Indian Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

1982 The first cricket Test match was played between India and Ceylon (present-day Sri Lanka).

1778 The first treaty (Fort Pitt) was signed between the US and Indian tribes.

18 SEPTEMBER

1947 National Security Act passed.

1803 The British captured Puri in Odisha.

1931 The birth of Shrikant Verma, the famous Hindi writer, lyricist, critic and politician.

1967 Nagaland adopted English as the official language.

2003 Dhaka-Agartala bus service started.



1906 Kaka Hathrasi, the great poet of comic compositions, was born on this day.

2008 Shobhana Bhartia was appointed the chairman of HT media.

2009 Information technology sector company HCL Shiva Nair, the founding president of the UK, was awarded the UK's Trade and Investment Business Person of the Year Award.

2009 India opened another airstrip in Ladakh region.

19 SEPTEMBER

1965 Sunita Williams, woman of Indian origin who went into space was born.

1581 Sikh Guru Ram Das died. Guru Ram Das was the fourth Guru of the Sikhs.



2007 Yuvraj Singh of India set the record for the fastest half-century off 12 balls by hitting six sixes in an over off Broad in a T20 match against England in Durban.

2000 Karnam Malleswari won a bronze medal in the weightlifting event at the Olympics.

1936 Hindustani classical musician Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande died.

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Sitaram Yechury: The pragmatic leader with multiple identities

Polyglot, amiable and an eclectic conversationalist who could hold forth on film songs as much as politics, CPI-M's fifth general secretary Sitaram Yechury was the pragmatic leader with friends across the political spectrum. The three-time party chief, who passed away on Thursday after prolonged illness at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), took over the reins of the party when Left fortunes were on the decline. He was 72.

Quite unlike his predecessor Prakash Karat, from whom he took over in April 2015 and who was known for hardline positions, Mr Yechury thrived on the challenges of coalition politics. In this way, he was more akin to his mentor, the late party leader Harkishan Singh Surjeet.

While Surjeet was a key player in the coalition era during the National Front government of VP Singh - formed in 1989 - and the United Front government of 1996-97, both supported from outside by the CPI-M, Mr Yechury was the go to man in the UPA years from 2004-2014.

Mr Yechury, who was born in Chennai and studied at Delhi's St Stephen's College and Jawaharlal Nehru University, was a trusted ally of United Progressive Alliance chairperson Sonia Gandhi in Manmohan Singh's 10 years as prime minister.

He was the first non-Congress leader Gandhi called after she met then president APJ Abdul Kalam in 2004 when she turned down the post of prime minister and rallied for Singh.

Earlier, Mr Yechury, one of the Left's most recognised faces, worked with Congress leader P Chidambaram to draft the common minimum programme for the United Front government.

It was an equation that survived the shock withdrawal of support by the Left to the UPA in 2008 over the Indo-US nuclear deal. Mr Yechury played an important role in the discussions with the UPA government on the issue.

Expressing his condolences, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh described him as an "unrepentant Marxist with a pragmatic streak, a pillar of the CPI(M), and a superb Parliamentarian".

While his political colleagues remembered Mr Yechury the politician, old friends went down memory lane to remember their walks from Rafi Marg to Chanakya to watch films.

Mr Yechury, who famously loved old Hindi film songs, books and endless conversations on politics, was a Rajya Sabha MP for 12 years till 2017, remaining a powerful voice of the



Opposition.

At the end of his tenure, he refused to take another term and said in his farewell speech in the Upper House that he came to Parliament "reluctantly". As Left activists, they used to say it was better to stay far away from the "gol building" (the round building), he remarked.

Mr Yechury became general secretary of the CPI-M at the 21st party Congress in Visakhapatnam on April 19, 2015, taking over from Karat at a time the party was down from 43 MPs in 2004 to nine in 2014. He was subsequently re-elected to the post in 2018, and 2022.

In an interview with PTI in 2015, after taking over as party general secretary,

Mr Yechury said they should have withdrawn support on issues like price rise as the people could not be mobilised on the nuclear deal issue in the 2009 general elections. He was known for his strong and articulate speeches in Rajya Sabha on issues ranging from the plight of the farmers and the working classes to the government's economic and foreign policies and the growing threat of communalism.

The CPI-M leader was fluent in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Bangla, and also Malayalam. He was also well-versed in Hindu mythology, and often used those references in his speeches especially to attack the BJP.

Mr Yechury remained one of the most vocal critics of the Narendra Modi government and its liberal economic policies.

His alliance-building skills came to use again for the Left in the run-up to the 2024 general elections. In 2018, ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Central Committee of the CPI-M had rejected the proposal of having any understanding or alliance with Congress. Mr Yechury had then offered to resign as the general secretary.

However, in the run-up to the 2024 elections, as talks for a united opposition grouping started and opposition parties got together to form the INDIA bloc, CPI-M was part of it. Mr Yechury remained among the key faces of the alliance.

Though CPI-M was part of the INDIA bloc in the recent Lok Sabha polls, the Congress and communist parties fought separately in Kerala, the last remaining

Left bastion where CPI-M won only one seat. However, being a part of the bloc helped the CPI-M and it won a seat in Rajasthan and two seats in Tamil Nadu, taking its total tally up to four, from three in the 17th Lok Sabha.

His journey in politics started with the Students' Federation of India (SFI), which he joined in 1974 and became a member of the party the very next year. He was arrested a few months later during the Emergency.

After his release, Mr Yechury was elected president of the JNU Students' Union thrice. In the SFI, he became the all-India joint secretary in 1978 and its president soon thereafter.

When he became SFI president in 1978, he was the first person who did not belong to either West Bengal or Kerala to occupy the post.

His rise in the party was swift. In 1985, he was elected to the Central Committee of the CPI-M and to the Politburo in 1992 at the age of 40 and then party chief in 2015. Born in a Telugu-speaking family in Chennai on August 12, 1952, Mr Yechury's father Sarveswara Somayajula Yechury was an engineer in the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation. His mother Kalpakam Yechury was a government officer.

He grew up in Hyderabad and his family moved to Delhi in 1969. A bright student, Mr Yechury achieved the all-India first rank in the Central Board of Secondary Education examinations and subsequently did his graduation in economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

He did his post-graduation from Jawaharlal Nehru University again with a first-class, but could not complete his PhD due to his arrest during the Emergency after having remained underground for some time and organising resistance.

He also headed the party's international department and was editor of the party organ 'People's Democracy' for several years.

In a recent interview to PTI, Mr Yechury said the 2024 verdict was a setback for the BJP but also expressed concern over his party's marginally improved performance.

He said serious introspection would be done on how to close the gap between its ability to launch struggles on the ground and its power to win seats.

Mr Yechury is survived by his wife Seema Chishti and his two children, Akhila and Danish. His elder son, Ashish Yechury, passed away due to Covid in 2021. Mr Yechury was earlier married to Indrani Mazumdar.

Source: PTI

'THEN AND NOW:' THEME OF EB DANCE FEST PRESENTS AUDIENCE DIFFERENT STYLES

BY MABEL PAIS



EBDF Banner

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Get enthralled watching different styles of Indian dance performances at the ERASING BORDERS DANCE FESTIVAL when it returns for 'THEN AND NOW': its 17th annual event with three totally different programs. The Festival will treat audiences to a wide and exciting range of artists, storytellers, and musicians performing different styles of Indian dance: Kathak, Bharatanatyam, Odissi, and more. Live performances will be presented on September 21 & 22 at 6 PM at the Ailey Citigroup Theater and the September 23 performance from India will be live on Facebook and YouTube.com at 7 PM. The Festival will also include two workshops: 'Bollywood Kathak' on Saturday September 21, and 'Meet & Learn' with Alarmel Valli and Uttara Coorlawala on Sunday September 22.

DAY 1, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 AT 6 PM

SAMIR KUMAR Panigrahi and Santosh Ram, award-winning dancers with the Bhubaneswar-based Rudrakshya Foundation, will perform Odissi;

Vedya Spurthi, a disciple of Jaikishore and Padmavati Mosalikanti, and Himabindu Challa, will appear in the Kuchipudi dance-drama tradition. Her character, Satyabhama, is a prominent figure in Hindu mythology and the consort of Lord Krishna;

Fuchsia Dance Company, the Indian classical dance collective that explores traditional art through contemporary themes, such as climate change, will perform Bharatanatyam; Nirupama and Rajendra, will perform Kathak style. The couple are founders of Abhinava Dance Company, one of India's most popular and cutting-edge production houses recognized worldwide.

DAY 2, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22 AT 6 PM

MALAVIKA SINGH and Sri Thina Subramanian will appear in a work entitled 'Unveiling Traditional Narratives: If Women Had a Voice,' a dance that combines Bharatanatyam, Odissi, scriptures and poems, bridging the gap between mythology and today's societal issues;

Sri Thina Subramanian is recognized for creating work that merges Bharatanatyam and Odissi by exploring their interplay. She is recognized as a fighter for diversity in the arts as well as a mentor and inspiration for all dancers;

Ramya Harishankar is artistic director of the 40+ year old Arpana Dance Company in California. Her forte is abhinaya (emotive and expressive performance) which she has performed as a soloist on five continents. She was recently named legacy artist by the California Arts Council.

Anugraha Sridhar will perform the solo Pranaya; "The Evolving Embrace," an exploration of love's journey through various stages of life, enacted through Bharatanatyam, Karanas, and the spoken word;

Kumar Sharma, a leading Bollywood choreographer, in a male trio performing in Kathak style.



Performers at EBDF

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DAY 3, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23 AT 7 PM [VIRTUAL, ON IAAC [FACEBOOK (FACEBOOK.COM/IAAC.US) AND YOUTUBE.COM (YOUTUBE.COM/USER/IAACEVENT)]

Traditional and contemporary artists performing from New Delhi, Orissa, Pune, and Kerala.

JAYAPRABHA MENON, one of the most accomplished Mohiniyattam exponents of India, will perform a solo from New Delhi. A danseuse of exceptional artistry and versatility, Menon has a reputation unmatched in the firmament of Indian classical dances;

Ratikant Mohapatra S Srjan School, appearing from Orissa, will present an Odissi duet. Since 1975, Ratikant has been surrounded by Odissi dance and music in years of training with his father and guru, the late Sri Kelucharan Mohapatra - from whom the current Odissi lineage appears. Ratikant himself has created a world-class dance institute, attracting students from all over the globe;

Vaishnavi Dhore will perform a solo in Bharatanatyam, appearing from Pune. The artist is a disciple of Smt.Rama Vaidyanathan and has performed in festivals and concerts in India and abroad;

Rima Kallingal's contemporary group from Kerala will appear in a group work that displays the choreographer's new idiom and dance language, drawn from her studies in various forms of dance, including Kalaripayattu, Bharatanatyam, Mohiniattam, and contemporary dance.

WORKSHOPS, SEPTEMBER 21 & 22 AT THE AILEY STUDIOS, 405 WEST 55 STREET

Saturday September 21, 1 to 4 PM - Bollywood Kathak Workshop with Kumar Sharma

Learn under the guidance of Kumar Sharma, acclaimed Kathak and Bollywood choreographer behind Ranveer Singh's iconic dance performance in the Bollywood hit 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani'. Also known for his work on popular TV dance reality shows, including Dance India Dance and Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa with Madhuri Dixit, Kumar Sharma brings a wealth of expertise to this intensive, energetic, and fun workshop, ideal for dancers with 5+ years of experience.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 3 PM

Small Steps to Giant Leaps: Alarmel Valli in conversation with Uttara Coorlawala

The event promises to be a captivating conversation about sustaining a long and highly decorated artistic career with Alarmel Valli, renowned Bharatanatyam performer, guru, and speaker, and Uttara Coorlawala, a leading dance scholar and IAAC Senior Dance Curator. Alarmel Valli will discuss her unique perspectives on dance, dance documentary, sangam poetry, and how literature influences her artistry, her collaborations, her teaching, and dance pedagogy. The artist will also impart her advice for younger dancers and participate in a Q&A session.

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EMPRESS OF SOUL GRACES NJ AUDIENCES

BY MABEL PAIS

Known as the 'Empress of Soul,' Gladys Knight is a Seven-Time Grammy Award winner, and has been one of the greatest who has endured her talent and success. She will perform live at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) on Friday, September 27, at 8:00 p.m.

She is among the few singers over the last fifty years who have matched her unassailable artistry. This seven-time Grammy winner has enjoyed #1 hits in Pop, Gospel, R&B and Adult Contemporary, and has triumphed in film, television and live performance. Gladys Knight never disappoints by putting on a high-energy show performing all of her hits that stand the test of time and the songs that everyone knows and loves like 'Midnight Train to Georgia,' 'Heard it Through The Grapevine,' 'That's What Friends Are For,'

Also on the small screen, Knight shared her musical expertise on the first and second season of Centric's original series 'Apollo Live.' Joining judges Doug E. Fresh and Michael Bivins, the legendary songstress gave guidance to contestants as they took the stage with the hope to jumpstart their career in the entertainment industry.

No stranger to performing and light choreography over the course of her career, Knight raised the stakes when she put on her dancing shoes in the spring of 2012. She joined the cast of ABC's hit reality competition 'Dancing with the Stars' for season 14, partnering with Tristan MacManus.

Knight, known as the 'Empress of Soul,' a longtime Las Vegas resident, returned to the Strip in the late-2000s to the famed Tropicana Hotel for a special engagement that ran in the newly named Gladys Knight

Need to Be).

Knight has appeared as a guest judge on FOX's smash hit 'American Idol,' and has performed in the show's always star-studded finale. In season two of 'Idol,' Knight famously dubbed eventual winner Ruben Studdard the 'Velvet Teddy Bear' while she sat in the guest judge's chair.

In 1995, Knight earned her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the next year, 'Gladys Knight & The Pips' were inducted into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame. Knight published an autobiography, 'Between Each Line of Pain and Glory' (a line taken from her million selling recording 'Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me'), in 1997, and the next year, she and 'The Pips' were presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame. In 2004, Knight received the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the annual BET Awards ceremony.



Gladys Knight

Credit: NJPAC.org.

and so much more.

Gladys Knight was bestowed with the National Medal of the Arts for her contributions and influences on American culture. This is the highest honor given to artists and art patrons by the United States Government.

Knight was born in Atlanta and rose to fame as the lead singer of Gladys Knight & the Pips, later establishing herself as a famous solo artist. Knight has two No. 1 Billboard singles, 'Midnight Train to Georgia' and 'That's What Friends Are For,' which she recorded in 1986 with Elton John, Stevie Wonder, and Dionne Warwick - along with eleven No. 1 R&B singles and six No. 1 R&B albums, the Deseret News reported.

The Fall of 2015 marked the release of Knight's first mainstream dance record, 'Just A Little' in nearly twenty years. The song serves as the lead single from her twelfth studio album that she is currently on.

Knight, who is a two-time Grammy winner in the gospel category, yet again embraced her gospel roots, releasing her inspirational album 'Where My Heart Belongs', in September 2014. The album was a major success and won an NAACP Image Award for 'Outstanding Gospel Album'.

The Christmas Season of 2014 found Knight returning to the small screen in the Lifetime original movie 'Seasons of Love'. In the story about two lovers as they journey through life, love and family, Knight stars alongside Oscar-nominee Taraji P. Henson and fellow Grammy winner Cliff 'Method Man' Smith. In the New Year she was a guest on Lee Daniels and FOX TV's new series 'Empire' opposite Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson.

Theater, making her the first African-American performer to have a venue named after her in Las Vegas.

In February 2011, Knight reunited with Elton John, Dionne Warwick, and Stevie Wonder for the first time in 25 years to perform their Grammy-winning song, 'That's What Friends Are For' at an AIDS research benefit at the downtown Cipriani in New York. Adored the world over, Knight then toured across the UK, performing at packed arenas that included a sold-out performance at Wembley Stadium.

Knight fans enjoyed 'Before Me' - Knight's last big commercial effort - which paid homage to the great legends of song - Ella, Duke, Billie, Lena - as well as the many artists who served as Knight's friends, mentors, colleagues and inspiration throughout her career. Knight's second collaboration with the 'Saints Unified Voices' gospel choir, A Christmas Celebration, was an album of holiday classics. Coming off of a 'Best Gospel/Choir Album' Grammy win with their debut album 'One Voice', Knight again directed the 100-member multicultural choir she formed, injecting their unique flavor and definitive soul into such Christmas staples as 'Silent Night,' 'White Christmas,' and a medley of 'Winter Wonderland/Jingle Bells' among others.

A tireless performer who still wows audiences around the country and the world, Knight also finds the time to make forays into film and television. Her version of 'I Hope You Dance' played during the end credits of Tyler Perry's 'THE FAMILY THAT PREYS TOGETHER', and she appeared in his film 'I CAN DO BAD ALL BY MYSELF' (which featured her song 'The

A humanitarian and philanthropist, Knight has devoted herself to various worthy causes, including the American Diabetes Association - for which she is a national spokesperson, the American Cancer Society, the Minority AIDS Project, amFAR and Crisis Intervention, and The Boys and Girls Club. She has been honored by numerous organizations as well, including the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), B'Nai Brith, and is a recent recipient of BET's Lifetime Achievement Award. A tireless humanitarian, Knight is an iconic supporter of the Boys & Girls Club of America, to which she donated a Randy Jackson-produced song, 'The Dream'.

Today, Knight and husband William, along with various other members of the family, oversee her busy career from the Las Vegas headquarters. She is a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, performer, restaurateur, and businesswoman with a spiritual outlook on her life. Her faith in God has been the driving force behind all of Knight's endeavors, guiding her through her many successes.

TICKETS

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Malaika Arora's father dies by suicide

Hours after Malaika Arora's father Anil Mehta died by suicide, it has now been reported that police officials recorded her mother Joyce's statement. Sources claimed Malaika's mother, in her statement to the police, said that Anil would routinely sit in the balcony and read the newspapers every morning. She told the police that while they were divorced, had started living together again for the past few years.

Joyce also informed the police that on Wednesday, September 11, morning, when she saw her ex-husband's slippers in the living room, she went to look for him in the balcony. When she could not find him there, she leaned over and saw below. The building watchman was shouting for help. Joyce also told the police that Anil Mehta was not suffering from illness. He only had some knee pain. He had taken VRS from the Merchant Navy.

Kareena Kapoor says she doesn't feel need for Botox or cosmetic

Actor Kareena Kapoor has spoken about ageing and how she is not "trying to look younger". In an interview with Harpers Bazaar, Kareena shared that she isn't keen on opting for Botox or any cosmetic enhancements as her husband, Saif Ali Khan, finds her attractive the way she is. The actor also talked about playing roles that reflect her age and how she is proud of it.

Kareena said, "From the beginning, I was confident that my talent and dedication would ensure I continued to get work. I took care of myself, stayed fit, and focused on being the best version of myself. Self-care means taking time for myself, whether it's spending quality moments with friends, cooking with Saif, or simply enjoying a workout. It's about feeling great, whether that's through fitness routines or just being with my family. Nourishing my soul with a good meal, a heartfelt chat, or a bottle of wine is essential for me."

She added, "Age is a part of beauty. It's not about fighting lines or trying to look younger; it's about embracing and loving the age you're at. I'm 44 and have never felt better. I don't feel the need for Botox or any cosmetic enhancements. My husband finds me sexy, my friends say I look amazing, and my films are thriving. I play roles that reflect my age and am proud of it."

Ajay Devgn and Vaani Kapoor's Raid 2 to release in theatres on February 21

Ajay Devgn is one of the busiest actors in the industry. He is currently busy in the shoot of Son of Sardar 2. The shooting is going on in the UK. Amid this, the release date of his film Raid 2 has been announced. It will be released on 21st February, 2025. Vaani Kapoor will be seen in the lead role. Fans are super excited about this news.

Taran Adarsh shared the poster on his Instagram handle and wrote, "AJAY DEVGN - RITEISH DESHMUKH - VAANI KAPOOR: 'RAID 2' RELEASE DATE LOCKED... #Raid2 - starring #AjayDevgn as IRS Officer #AmayPatnaik - to arrive in *cinemas* next year: 21 Feb 2025... Directed by #RajkumarGupta. #RiteishDeshmukh portrays the antagonist... The film also features #VaaniKapoor and #RajatKapoor... Extensively filmed across #Delhi and #Lucknow." As soon as the news was shared, fans reacted. One of the fans wrote, "Ritesh Deshmukh in a villain role again after ek villain and marjaavan." Another wrote, "Itna late."

Earlier, the film was scheduled to release on 15th November 2024 but the release date has been changed. The official X(formerly Twitter) handle of T-Series had dropped a poster that featured a pair of legs sporting classy shoes. The text read, "Amay Patnaik is back." It also revealed the release date of the film i.e. November 15, 2024. The



caption stated, "The wait is over! Ajay Devgn is back as IRS Officer Amay Patnaik in #Raid2, ready to bring another true case to the big screen on 15th November 2024!. IRS officer Amay Patnaik AKA Ajay Devgn is all set to get a new tip this time! So, are you ready to know whose house will be raided by him this time?"

In January, Ajay had shared the announced the sequel of Raid 2. He even shared the poster saying Amay Patnaik is back. The first part of the movie was inspired by a real-life income-tax raid conducted by the officers of the Income Tax Department under the Indian Revenue Service office in the 1980s. In the movie, Ajay played an honest Income Tax Officer who raids an influential

man in Lucknow. The movie received positive reviews from critics and also turned out to be a box-office success.

Touted to be one of the most-awaited sequels, the film went on floors on 6th January in Mumbai and brought together director Rajkumar Gupta and producers Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak, Abhishek Pathak, and Krishan Kumar.

Raid, which also featured Saurabh Shukla and Ileana D'Cruz, was based on the real-life raid conducted by the officers of the Income Tax Department in the 1980s. Devgn's most recent releases were Maidaan, a period sports drama, and Neeraj Pandey's Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha. His next movie is Rohit Shetty's Singham Again.

Rakul Preet Singh on nepotism: 'Films have been taken away from me'

Rakul Preet Singh has shared her take on nepotism, while admitting that she has lost films because of it. In the latest episode of Ranveer Allahbadia's podcast, the actor admitted she too would help out her kids in the future, if needed. Rakul Preet said nepotism was a fact of life, and the sooner people accepted it, the better it is for them.

When asked if she lost out on projects because of nepotism, Rakul said in Hindi, "Of course, and then as a result, you can become bitter. But this is not just part of the film industry, opportunities can be snatched away from you in any other industry, like the medical field... and I think that's life, the sooner you understand this, the better it is for your progress."

The actor, without taking any names, added, "Tomorrow, if my kids want help, of course, I will help them out and not force the same struggle as I had to undergo on them. Similarly, if star kids get easy access, it is because their parents have worked hard. So nepotism is not something I think too much about. Yes this is a reality, films have been taken away from me, but I am not a person who will get bitter. Maybe these projects were not meant for me. I move on. I feel bad for a day and then snatch out of it."

Earlier in July, Rakul Preet was seen in Indian 2, which was headlined by veteran actor Kamal Haasan. Indian 2 is the



sequel to the 1996 film Indian, which also starred Kamal as Veerasekaran Senapathy. The sequel marked the reunion of Kamal and director S Shankar.

On working with Shankar, Rakul Preet had told ANI at the time of the film's release, "It's a privilege to be working with such a remarkable filmmaker, who is a legend in himself. He's such an amazing director. The way he looks at characters, his vision, and the nuances he adds with his guidance on the set. I've learned so much from him while filming Indian 2. Truly an experience!" Rakul Preet is now working on De De Pyaar De 2.



Selena Gomez joins youngest billionaires club

American singer-actor Selena Gomez has officially joined the ranks of one of the youngest billionaires. According to Deadline, the *Only Murders in the Building* actor has achieved this financial feat primarily through the success of her beauty brand, Rare Beauty, alongside other lucrative ventures.

Launched in 2019, Rare Beauty has significantly contributed to Gomez's estimated net worth of USD 1.3 billion, positioning her as one of the youngest female billionaires in the United States. The beauty brand accounts for about 81.4 percent of her overall net worth, the report stated.

Gomez's wealth is not solely attributed to her beauty brand. The valuation encompasses her stake in the mental health startup Wondermind, revenue from music album sales, real estate investments, and earnings from streaming deals, brand partnerships, concert tours, and acting projects.

Joe Jonas, Sophie Turner divorced after year-long custody battle for daughters

A Florida judge has declared Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner divorced and single, signing off on a confidential agreement reached between the two. The Miami-Dade County judge approved the agreement on Friday, one year after the 35-year-old Jonas Brothers singer filed to divorce the 28-year-old *Game of Thrones* and *X Men* actor and five years after the two were married.

The split brought a quiet and relatively quick end to a divorce that briefly became acrimonious and looked headed for a long and ugly custody fight. The documents said that moderated negotiations led to an agreement on splitting assets, spousal support and custody of their two daughters, 4-year-old Willa and 2-year-old Delphine.

Judge Gina Beovides declared that the marriage was "irretrievably broken," and that the couple's agreement, especially their parenting plan, was in the best interest of the family. After-hours emails seeking comment from representatives of both Turner and Jonas were not immediately returned.

The couple met through Instagram messages and began dating in 2016. They married in a secretive ceremony at a Las Vegas wedding chapel in May of 2019 after the *Billboard Music Awards*. Country duo Dan + Shay performed at the wedding.



Jonas filed for divorce in September of 2023. In the filing he sought joint custody and said the two had a prenuptial agreement. The following day the two posted an identical amicable statement to each of their Instagram accounts. But the split turned into a serious dispute within weeks when Turner sued to force Jonas to turn over the girls' passports so they could join her in her native England.

The daughters, who were born in the US but have dual citizenship, were with Joe Jonas in New York, where he was on tour, according to court documents, in

which Turner said they had been planning on raising the girls together in England when their marriage fell apart. Turner said she learned of Jonas' divorce filing through the media, while Jonas said the two had had multiple conversations about it.

The custody fight was dropped in January, a sign that the two were on a path to a settlement. Turner, who is from Northampton, England, played Sansa Stark for eight seasons on HBO's *Game of Thrones* and played Jean Grey in 2016's *X-Men: Apocalypse* and 2019's *Dark Phoenix*.

Jennifer Garner's relationship with John Miller in jeopardy due to her attention towards Ben Affleck

Jennifer Garner's immediate attention towards Ben Affleck amid divorce from Jennifer Lopez has put Garner's relationship with her boyfriend John Miller in jeopardy. RadarOnline revealed that Miller and Garner's relationship is on the rocks as the former felt neglected while the latter was busy consoling Affleck. Garner and Miller have been together since 2018 and rumors of engagement were also doing rounds until Affleck and Lopez's divorce came to light.

An insider revealed to the media outlet, "John is at the end of his rope with what he considers Jen's 'unfathomable' support for her ex-hubby while ignoring him in the process." Garner and Affleck spent almost a week together while they helped their daughter Violet settle into her dorm as she moved to Yale for college.

An insider cited this close relationship as the reason for Lopez's sudden move to file for divorce on the second anniversary of their nuptials in Georgia. The insider



said, "J.Lo was making a point that she was humiliated by Jen and Ben's ridiculous closeness. Don't think John didn't feel the same way. John is still incredulous the woman he was close to marrying pushed him aside to focus on

repairing her ex's love life. How is he supposed to feel?"

Sources added that Miller understands that Affleck and Garner share a past but he also believes that it's time she starts living in the present. The reports from

the media outlet also state that the Batman actor continues to blow up Garner's phone as he navigates through the divorce and Miller believes Garner should instruct him to delete her number now.

Meanwhile, Garner is also at a point where she wants to focus on her boyfriend and their relationship and let Affleck deal with his problems on his own.

A source revealed, "Garner realizes she may have overplayed her hand by putting John in second place in this dynamic. Now she's trying to woo him back and salvage the relationship."

After the divorce from J.Lo, Garner has been there for Affleck like no one else has. RadarOnline previously reported that the two are said to be "secretly back together" after Affleck's divorce. The insider said to the media outlet, "It started months ago. Just look at how happy they look. They've gotten a second chance at love."

Israeli defense chief says a temporary truce with Hamas is possible; Ending the war is another story

THE UNITED STATES, ALONG WITH MEDIATORS EGYPT AND QATAR, HAS BEEN WORKING FOR MONTHS TO BROKER A CEASE-FIRE TO END THE DEVASTATING WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS

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TEL AVIV (TIP): Israel's Defense Minister says the window is closing on an opportunity to reach a temporary cease-fire deal with the Hamas militant group that he believes could also bring calm to the country's volatile northern border with Lebanon, AP reports.

Speaking to reporters, Yoav Gallant said that conditions are ripe for at least a six-week pause in fighting that would include the release of many of the hostages held in Gaza. However, he would not commit to a permanent end to the fighting, as Hamas has demanded, raising questions about the feasibility of a deal.

"Israel should achieve an agreement that will bring about a pause for six weeks and bring back hostages," he said. After that period, he said, "we maintain the right to operate and achieve our goals - including the destruction of Hamas."

The United States, along with mediators Egypt and Qatar, has been working for months to broker a cease-fire to end the devastating war between Israel and Hamas. A main area of disagreement has been Hamas' demand for an end to the nearly year-old war and a full withdrawal of all Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has raised a new sticking point in recent weeks, saying that Israel must remain stationed in a strategic corridor along Gaza's border with Egypt indefinitely.

Mr. Gallant has been quoted in Israeli media as saying that Israel could withdraw from the corridor for six weeks - to allow hostages to go free without risking Israel's security. The two men reportedly got into a heated shouting match at a recent Cabinet meeting where ministers overwhelmingly sided with Mr. Netanyahu.

During Monday, September 9 meeting with foreign journalists, Mr. Gallant was asked about his relationship with the Prime Minister.

"As Defense Minister, my first priority is the state of Israel and those who protect her, and then everything else," he said.

The current U.S.-led proposal calls for a three-phase plan, beginning with a six-week pause in fighting during which Hamas would release some of the roughly 70 hostages who are still believed to be alive and held by the militants.

In exchange, Israel would free dozens of Palestinian



Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant

prisoners, withdraw troops from Palestinian population centers, allow displaced Gazans to return to their original place of residence and facilitate the influx of large amounts of badly needed humanitarian aid.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby said on Monday, September 9, that Hamas had sought changes to the evolving proposal, calling it the "main obstacle" to a deal. Hamas rejected Kirby's allegations as "baseless" and again accused the U.S. of hindering an agreement by siding with Israel.

Mr. Gallant cast doubt on Hamas' intentions and was skeptical about whether the deal's second phase - which is to include the release of the remaining hostages and a complete halt to the fighting - could be implemented.

He said repeatedly that Israel remains committed to its "war goals" - bringing home all hostages, destroying Hamas' military and governing capabilities, and making sure the group can never threaten Israel again.

With Hamas repeatedly regrouping in areas of Gaza that Israeli troops have left, and with no plan for an alternative postwar government, it remains unclear when or if these goals can be fully achieved.

Mr. Gallant accused Hamas of intransigence in the talks and called for more international pressure on the militant group. Still, he said that after inflicting heavy damage recently on Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, there is an opportunity for at least the first phase of the deal.

He said he believed a truce with Hamas could also lower tensions with Hezbollah and allow displaced Israelis to return to their homes in northern Israel, near the Lebanese border.

Hezbollah began striking Israel immediately after

Hamas' Oct. 7 attack ignited the war. Israel and Hezbollah have exchanged cross-border fire daily, coming close on several occasions to a full-blown war. The fighting has forced tens of thousands of Israelis and Lebanese to flee their homes near the volatile border.

"Achieving an agreement is also a strategic opportunity that gives us a high chance to change the security situation on all fronts," Mr. Gallant said.

It seems unlikely that Hamas would accept a partial deal in which it would give up the hostages - its most valuable bargaining chips for only a brief pause in the Israeli onslaught.

But international mediators have been working on a bridging proposal that they hope could meet the demands of all sides. President Joe Biden said last week he was "optimistic" that a deal was within reach.

At home, the Israeli government faces significant domestic pressure to reach a deal as well, particularly after the deaths of six hostages it says were killed by their Hamas captors earlier this month as troops approached the area where they were being held.

Mr. Gallant described the current situation as a "strategic junction" - where Israel can reach a deal with its adversaries or risk fighting a broader war that could draw in Hezbollah and its sponsor Iran.

Mr. Gallant said he prefers a deal, but that Israel is ready for all scenarios. "We are capable of defending ourselves and we can also retaliate if necessary," he said. "We have the ability to hit any strategic goal in Iran."

Israel's offensive in Gaza has forced hundreds of thousands of people into squalid tent camps and schools-turned-shelters gutted the health system and contributed to widespread hunger. Israel has been working with international aid workers in recent weeks on a mass vaccination program to prevent a polio outbreak in the territory from spreading.

As for the dire humanitarian situation, Mr. Gallant said he has assembled an advisory group of experts to focus on five areas of need. They include improved medical care, aid deliveries, energy, water and sanitation and better communications with aid workers.

"We discuss and hold situation assessments on this issue twice a week," he said.

(With inputs from agencies)

Adani deal protest: Flights grounded at Kenya's main airport as workers go on strike

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NAIROBI (TIP): Hundreds of workers at Kenya's main international airport demonstrated on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, against a planned deal between the government and the Adani Group, says an AP report.

Planes have remained grounded, with hundreds of passengers stranded at the airport.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT THE BUILD-AND-OPERATE AGREEMENT WITH ADANI GROUP WOULD SEE THE JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RENOVATED, AND AN ADDITIONAL RUNWAY AND TERMINAL CONSTRUCTED, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE GROUP RUNNING THE AIRPORT FOR 30 YEARS.

Kenya Airport Workers Union, in announcing the



Kenya Airways workers' protest against a proposed deal for India's Adani Group ADEL.NS, to lease Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) for 30 years caused flight cancellations and left passengers stranded at the airport in Nairobi, on September 11, 2024.

strike, said that the deal would lead to job losses and "inferior terms and conditions of service" for those who will remain.

Flight delays, cancellations

Airways on Wednesday announced there would be flight delays and possible cancellations because of the ongoing strike at the airport, which serves Nairobi.

Last week, airport workers had threatened to go on strike, but the plans were called off pending discussions with the government.

The spotting of unknown people moving around with airport officials taking notes and photographs raised concerns that the Indian firm officials were readying for the deal, local media outlets reported last week.

The High Court on Monday, September 9, temporarily halted the implementation of the deal until a case filed by the Law Society and the Kenya Human Rights Commission is heard.

France slams Azerbaijan's 'arbitrary' jailing of graffiti sprayer

PARIS (TIP): France on September 12 accused Azerbaijan of inflicting "arbitrary and discriminatory treatment" on one of its citizens, jailed for three years for spraying graffiti on the Baku metro.

"Theo Clerc was sentenced on September 10 by an Azerbaijani court to three years' detention... while his two co-defendants on exactly the same charges, with a different nationality, were sentenced only to a fine," a foreign ministry spokesman said in a statement.

"France condemns the arbitrary and discriminatory treatment of which our fellow citizen is the victim," he added.

Paris, a longtime supporter of Armenia and home to a sizeable Armenian diaspora, has long had frosty relations with the country's arch-rival Azerbaijan.

That has intensified since the second war between the neighbours over the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region in 2020 and Baku's seizure of control over the territory last year -- leading to the exodus of more than 100,000 Armenians.

Paris this year accused Azerbaijan of interfering in its internal politics by stoking tensions in overseas territories and dependencies -- including the Pacific



archipelago New Caledonia, rocked by deadly unrest from mid-May.

Baku hosted a two-day congress of separatist movements from such French territories in July, at which they agreed to set up an "International Front for the Liberation of French Colonies" and accused France of racism and repression.

Paris said Thursday that citizens and dual nationals are "advised against travel to Azerbaijan unless it is imperative to do so, because of the risk of arbitrary

detention and unfair court proceedings".

Another Frenchman, Martin Ryan, is currently detained in Azerbaijan, accused of espionage, with Paris "categorically" rejecting the Azerbaijani accusations.

International focus on Azerbaijan -- ruled by President Ilham Aliyev since the death of his father Heydar in 2003 -- is expected to increase in the next months as the gas-rich Caspian state hosts in November the COP 29 UN climate change conference. (AFP)

Spain's Constitutional Court to examine Catalan amnesty

MADRID (TIP): Spain's Constitutional Court said September 11 it will examine the constitutionality of an amnesty law for Catalan separatists, raising doubts over its application to hundreds of people including secessionist leader Carles Puigdemont.

Spanish lawmakers in May narrowly approved the bill which grants an amnesty to hundreds of separatists involved in Catalonia's botched 2017 independence bid that triggered Spain's worst political crisis in decades.

Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's minority coalition government depends on Catalan separatist parties to pass legislation and any complication in the application of the law could cause them to withdraw their support. He agreed to the controversial measure in exchange for the separatist parties' parliamentary support to secure a new term in office.

Spain's conservative opposition has staged massive street protests against the amnesty law, which judges must decide to apply on a case-by-case basis.

The Constitutional Court, which has a conservative majority, said it had "unanimously" accepted a request from the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of the law as it could violate the principle that all Spaniards are equal before the law.

The court could take months to review the amnesty law. Dozens of people have already benefited from the measure, while others are still waiting for the courts to rule on their case.

Judges have refused to apply the measure to several high-profile Catalan pro-independence figures, including Puigdemont who fled Spain shortly after the failed 2017 secession bid to avoid prosecution and currently lives in Belgium. Spain's main opposition Popular Party (PP) and several regional governments, including one led by the Socialists, have also filed a challenge against the amnesty law with the Constitutional Court. (AFP)

Mexico becomes first country to approve popular election of judges

MEXICO CITY (TIP): Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels on September 11, after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.

Outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador had pushed hard for the reform and criticized the current judicial system for serving the interests of the political and economic elite.

The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution, in an upper chamber dominated by the ruling Morena party and its allies.

Debate on the reform had sparked mass demonstrations, diplomatic tensions and investor jitters.

Senate leader Gerardo Fernandez Norona declared a recess after demonstrators stormed the upper house and entered the chamber, chanting "The judiciary will not fall."

Lawmakers were forced to move to a former Senate building, where they resumed their debate as demonstrators outside shouted "Mr. Senator, stop the dictator!"

Obrador, who wanted the bill approved before he is replaced by close ally Claudia Sheinbaum on October 1, said that protesters were protecting the interests of the political elite.

"What most worries those who are against this reform is that they will lose their privileges, because the judiciary is at the service of the powerful, at the service of white-collar crime," the leftist leader said at a news conference.

'Demolition of the judiciary'

Opponents, including court employees and law students, have held a series of protests against the plan, under which even Supreme Court and other high-level judges, as well as those at the local level, would be chosen by popular vote.

Around 1,600 judges would have to stand for election in 2025 or 2027.

"This does not exist in any other country," said Margaret Satterthwaite, United Nations special rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers. (AFP)

DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO 199 IN VIETNAM AS TYPHOON'S AFTERMATH BRINGS FLASH FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

HANOI, VIETNAM (TIP): Nearly 200 people have died in Vietnam in the aftermath of Typhoon Yagi and 128 are missing as flash floods and landslides take their toll, state media reported September 12.

Vietnam's VNExpress newspaper reported that 199 people have died while more than 800 have been injured.

In the capital, flood waters from the Red River receded slightly but many areas were still inundated with water neck-high in some places.

In Hanoi's Tay Ho district, people waded through muddy brown water above their knees to make their way along one street, some still wearing their bicycle and motorcycle helmets after abandoning their vehicles along the way.

Pedestrians hiked up their shorts as high as possible to avoid being soaked by the wake caused by a delivery truck powering its way through the water.

Bakery owner Mai Anh evacuated the area with her family to shelter with her parents, but returned Thursday to check on her shop and found more than two feet (half a meter) of water still inside.

"I can't do business with the flood like this," she said. "The goods in my shop are all destroyed." The flooding in Hanoi has been reportedly the worst in two decades. Residents started evacuating the area Tuesday as the flood waters rose, and power and drinking water have been cut since Wednesday. The flood waters damaged the doors to Hoang Anh Tu's home, from which he operates a beer shop. Though he and his family were able to relocate to his parents' house, they have had to take turns guarding the building. "It's very difficult," he said. "We haven't even been able to assess the damage because the flood came so fast." (AP)

ISRAELI STRIKE ON TENT CAMP IN GAZA 'SAFE ZONE' KILLS AT LEAST 40 PALESTINIANS

DEIR AL-BALAH (TIP): An Israeli strike on a crowded tent camp housing Palestinians displaced by the war in Gaza killed at least 40 people and wounded 60 others early September 11, Palestinian officials said. Israel said it targeted "significant" Hamas militants and disputed the death toll. It was among the deadliest strikes yet in Muwasi, a sprawl of crowded tent camps along the Gaza coast that Israel designated as a humanitarian zone for hundreds of thousands of civilians to seek shelter from the Israel-Hamas war. Gaza's Civil Defense said its first responders recovered 40 bodies from the strike and were still looking for people. (AP)

'HILSA DIPLOMACY' TAKES A HIT AFTER CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN BANGLADESH: REPORT

DHAKA (TIP): This Durga Puja season there is a shortage of Hilsa. The reason: Bangladesh, the world's largest producer of the fish, has intensified its crackdown on the transportation of hilsa to neighbouring India, reinforcing a long-standing ban on exports.

Farida Akhter, adviser to the Bangladesh ministry of fisheries and livestock has been quoted as saying by the BBC that the renewed effort, which came a month after a new government took office in Dhaka, is to ensure that the prized fish remains more accessible to consumers in Bangladesh.

"The previous government would lift the ban during the Durga Puja festival. They used to call it a gift. This time I don't think we need to give a gift because [if we do it] our people will not be able to eat the fish while it is allowed to be exported to India in large numbers," Akhter told the BBC.

This stand marks a clear departure from deposed former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's renowned "hilsa diplomacy" with India, where she often allowed consignments of the fish to be transported to India during the festival season.

Bangladesh is the leading producer of hilsa (*Tenulosa ilisha*), a kind of species of fish related to the herring, abundant in the Bay of Bengal and also thriving in rivers. (Agencies)

BSF PERSONNEL INJURED IN CROSS BORDER FIRING BY PAKISTANI TROOPS

KARACHI (TIP): A Border Security Force (BSF) personnel was injured early on September 12 when Pakistani troops opened fire on Indian positions along the border, officials told news agency PTI.

According to Times of India, it was an incident of "unprovoked firing" from Pakistani troops targeting Indian posts in the Akhnoor area on Wednesday. The incident occurred at around 2:35 am. One BSF personnel sustained injuries in Pakistan firing and now troops are on high alert, the BSF spokesperson added.

According to India Today, the Indian troops retaliated to the unprovoked firing from the other side of the LoC and gave a befitting reply to the Pakistani Rangers. However, there was no immediate report of any casualties or injuries on the other side.

According to a BSF spokesperson, Indian forces are maintaining high alert and closely monitoring both the International Border and the Line of Control, PTI said. India and Pakistan, in February 2021, had reaffirmed their ceasefire agreement following which these incidents had become rare. However, last year, a BSF jawan was killed in a similar attack by Pakistani Rangers (PTI)

Six Pakistan MPs from Imran Khan's party held by court over new protest law

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Six Pakistan MPs from jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party were among more than 30 people remanded in custody on September 11 under a new law restricting protests.

It comes after thousands of supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party gathered in the capital Islamabad on Sunday for a rally that was broken up with tear gas.

The party has faced a sweeping crackdown since former cricket star Khan was jailed in August last year on a series of charges that he says are politically motivated and designed to keep him from power.

The MPs appeared at an anti-terrorism court in Islamabad where a judge remanded them in custody for eight days, an AFP journalist witnessed.

They are accused of violating the Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act 2024 -- passed just last week -- according to a charge sheet seen by AFP in court.

In total 34 people were named on the charge sheet as having been remanded in custody.

PTI leader and senior lawyer Muhammad Shoaib Shaheen, who appeared in court alongside the MPs, faced a police complaint about an "attack on officials", "armed riots" and "illegal assembly" after Sunday's rally and was also remanded in custody.



"I was picked up from my office around 7:30 pm," he said at the court.

"These small obstacles won't hold us back. We are the soldiers of Imran Khan, and we stand with him," he said.

Several of the group were rounded up by police as they left the National Assembly building in the capital on Monday night, PTI's media team said.

Gohar Ali Khan, PTI chairman in Imran Khan's absence, was also taken away by police but later released, he told reporters.

"These are not the offences where you should charge people with terrorism legislation," he told the media.

Thousands of Khan supporters turned out for Sunday's rally, the largest in the capital since February elections when rival parties formed a coalition to keep

PTI from power, despite the party winning the most seats.

It was the first demonstration since the government passed a new law regulating public gatherings, which it said would allow for peaceful assembly subject to reasonable restrictions.

Political, religious and civil rights groups frequently stage sit-ins and protests in Pakistan that can see cities shut down for days.

However, rights groups say the law is a curb on freedom of expression and it part of a continued crackdown on peaceful protests. City authorities gave permission for the demonstration to go ahead but it continued beyond the stipulated time and authorities used to tear gas to disperse crowds.

Authorities had earlier warned of legal action "for violation of the permission".

Imran Khan rose to power in 2018 with the help of the military, analysts say, but was ousted in 2022 after reportedly falling out with the generals.

A United Nations panel of experts found this month that his detention "had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for political office".

Several convictions against him have been overturned by the courts.

Several members of the PTI's social media and press team were rounded up last month and accused of "anti-state propaganda". (AFP)

Former Bangladesh PM Khaleda Zia admitted to hospital

DHAKA (TIP): Former Bangladesh prime minister Khaleda Zia was admitted to a private hospital in the early hours of September 12, according to a media report.

The 79-year-old Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairperson arrived at Evercare Hospital from her Gulshan residence around 1.40 am, BNP media cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune newspaper.

Her physician, Professor AZM Zahid Hossain, said the medical board has recommended several tests and she has been placed in a private cabin following her admission to the hospital.

"The next course of her treatment will be determined after reviewing the test results," he said.

On August 21, Zia had returned home after 45-day treatment at the same hospital.

The former prime minister, who was under house arrest for the past five years, was freed by an order of Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin on August 6.

She was acquitted of all charges against her following the fall of the Awami League government led by her arch-rival Sheikh Hasina on August 5.



The BNP chief has long been battling various ailments, including liver cirrhosis, arthritis, diabetes, and issues related to the kidney, lung, heart and eyes. A pacemaker was successfully installed in her chest on June 23 by a group of specialist doctors.

Her doctors have been recommending sending her abroad since she was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis in November 2021.

Earlier this month, Zia was acquitted in five separate cases, including one filed over allegations of celebrating a "fake birthday" and another for supporting war criminals.

Zia served as the prime minister of Bangladesh from March 1991 to March 1996, and again from June 2001 to October 2006. (PTI)

Nepal lifts ban on TikTok

NEPAL (TIP): Effective on Sep 13, Nepal has lifted the ban on popular social media App TikTok with some pre-conditions.

Nepal had banned TikTok on November 12 last year, arguing that the social networking site was responsible for disturbing social harmony in the country, which invited widespread criticism from the general public.

A notice by Nepal Telecommunication, said, "This is to notify all the Internet Service Providers and Mobile Service Providers that the ban imposed on TikTok has been withdrawn."

Mission accomplished, says Dr Gurinderpal Singh Josan

SARAGARHI PARK IS NOW OPEN TO TOURISTS



BY PRABHJOT SINGH



British and Sikh Army officers at the 127th-anniversary celebration of the Battle of Saragarhi at Wolverhampton in England

On July 8, 2019, the Foundation hoisted 'Nishan Sahib' at Saragarhi. With the help of the British, American, Canadian and Indian Army and the support of the Government of Pakistan, we have been able to recapture the ethos and spirit of one of the eight most historic battles recognized and published by UNESCO," adds Dr Josan.

A gurdwara has also been set up at Hangu in the Khyber Pakhtoon region where the battle was fought on September 12, 1897.



Dr Gurinderpal Singh Josan is cleaning the statue of Havaldar Ishar Singh at Wolverhampton Memorial

raised at the venue with the names of all 21 soldiers inscribed on it in 1901 by the British was reduced to ruins in the absence of any upkeep and maintenance.

"We have been successful in re-enacting the 'Minar' with the names of the heroes of the battle written on it. Because of our efforts and work, the historic battlefield is now fenced and protected. With the start of the Gurdwara at Hangu, our first mission of revisiting the epic battlefield has been completed.

New York-based Dr Josan has taken upon himself the onerous task of not only tracing the families of all those gallant soldiers from 36 Sikh, now the 4th battalion of the Sikh Regiment, who while holding a small fortress atop Samana ridge between two forts, decided to fight to their last then desert the battlefield.

He set up the Saragarhi Foundation in Amritsar in 1987. Now 56 galleries in the world carry the portraits of

Dr Josan talks about Prem Nagar, a fenced locality at the foothills of Saragarhi where Hindu, Sikh and Christian families live. Incidentally, Indians and Americans are prohibited from visiting this belt of Pakhtoon area which is known to be the Taliban's belt. He says he has been to Hangu valley, where the battle of Saragarhi was fought, several times. "With the help of locals, I have been able to revive some of the historic sites, including the "pyramid" where gallant Sikh soldiers were cremated. A "minar" (tower) was



A ceremonial marchpast by Sikh officers of the British Army at Wolverhampton.

all 21 Sikh soldiers.

The 127th anniversary of the epic Battle of Saragarhi falls on September 12 (Thursday). Fought on September 12, 1897, in the Tirah region of Northwest Frontier Province, then part of British India, 21 Sikh soldiers made their last stand against thousands of Pathans.

Overwhelming odds notwithstanding, the soldiers held off repeated enemy attacks on the fortress. The tribesmen finally set fire to the bushes and shrubs surrounding the post and under the cover of smoke managed to breach the wall. This was followed by fierce hand-to-hand combat.

When the British Parliament heard of the battle, its members stood in unison to give an ovation to the defenders of Saragarhi. The story of the heroic deeds of these men was also placed before Queen Victoria. The account was received all over the world with awe and admiration.

All 21 soldiers were awarded the Indian Order of Merit (posthumously) then the highest gallantry award applicable to Indian troops. It was considered equivalent to the Victoria Cross. The battle is included in the school curriculum in Punjab, and Haryana may also do the same.

The Sikh Regiment carries the Battle



Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sahib at Wednesfield in the Midlands in the UK.

"OUR MISSION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED," SAYS DR GURINDERPAL SINGH JOSAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SARAGARHI FOUNDATION, HOLDING "NOW TOURISTS CAN WALK DOWN THE PARK CREATED ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF SARAGARHI. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Honour Saragarhi 1897 and Saragarhi Day is observed in India, the USA, Canada, Great Britain and many other countries. The battle has also been featured in a Bollywood film that Dr Josan claims is based on his coffee table book on the Saragarhi battle.

Dr Josan was recently in the UK where the 127th anniversary celebrations marked the holding of Sri Akhand path sahib at Gurdwara Wednesfield in the midlands. There is a memorial raised in front of the Gurdwara carrying the statue of Havildar Ishar Singh, who led the Sikh soldiers.

A ceremonial band and march by the Sikh Regiment of the British Army marked the event.

In November, Dr Josan says, Saragarhi Stadium will be inaugurated at Dumanda village, near Adampur. Surrey-based Co-Chairman of the Saragarhi Foundation, J. Minhas, is from Dumanda. Two Saragarhi heroes - Gurmukh Singh and Jeewan Singh - belonged to his village. In June this year, one of the commemorative galleries of the Saragarhi battle was inaugurated in Surrey.

The Stadium will have football, basketball and volleyball playfields of international standards. There will be the latest gymnasium hall in the Stadium whose gate will be the replica of the Saragarhi fort in Pakistan.

A day before the 127th anniversary, a musical tribute to Saragarhi, by Satnam Punjabi, was released.

(Prabhjot Paul Singh is a Toronto-based award-winning independent journalist, He was celebrated by AIPS, the international body of sports journalists, for covering ten Olympics at its centennial celebrations held at UNESCO Centre in Paris during the 2024 Olympic Games. Besides, he has written extensively about business and the financial markets, the health industry, the public and private sectors, and aviation. He has worked as a political reporter besides covering Sikh and Punjab politics. He is particularly interested in Indian Diaspora and Sikh Diaspora in particular.

His work has also appeared in various international and national newspapers, magazines and journals.)



Saragarhi Memorial at Wednesfield in the Midlands in the UK.

165 Havildar Ishar Singh
834 Narayan Singh
845 Gurmukh Singh
872 Jivan Singh
1739 Gurmukh Singh
1558 Ram Singh
1257 Bhagwan Singh
1268 Bhagwan Singh
1556 Bula Singh
791 Bholai Singh
8532 Jivan Singh
332 Naik Lal Singh
546 Lance Naik Chanda Singh
1231 Sunder Singh
287 Ram Singh
492 Jagan Singh
182 Sath Singh
359 Hira Singh
687 Daya Singh
760 Jivan Singh
1223 Nand Singh

Foods to reverse ageing, reduce wrinkles

Anti-ageing involves strategies and treatments designed to counteract or slow the visible effects of ageing on the skin. Key causes of effective anti-ageing include a healthy lifestyle, proper skincare, and advanced cosmetic treatments. A balanced diet rich in antioxidants, regular hydration, and protection from UV radiation are crucial. Additionally, skincare products containing retinoids, peptides, and hyaluronic acid can help stimulate collagen production and improve skin texture.

Berries

Berries, such as blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries, are packed with antioxidants like vitamins C and E. These compounds help neutralise free radicals, reducing oxidative stress and inflammation. This promotes healthier, more resilient skin by supporting collagen production and reducing signs of ageing such as fine lines and wrinkles.

Avocado

Avocados are rich in



monounsaturated fats and vitamins E and C, which are essential for maintaining skin elasticity and hydration. The healthy fats in avocados help to keep the skin's lipid barrier intact, while antioxidants fight oxidative stress, reducing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles and promoting a youthful complexion.

Nuts

Nuts like almonds, walnuts, and

Brazil nuts are high in healthy fats, antioxidants, and vitamin E. These nutrients help to maintain skin hydration, protect against oxidative damage, and reduce inflammation.

Fatty fish

Fatty fish such as salmon, mackerel, and sardines are excellent sources of omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3s help maintain the skin's elasticity, reduce inflammation, and keep it hydrated.

FOOD CORNER

Crispy fried chicken wontons

Ingredients

Chicken - 300 gms, cooked, minced, Onion - 2, large, minced, Spring Onions - 3, minced, green parts only, Egg - 2, separated, egg yolks beaten well, Fish Sauce - 2 tbsp, Sugar - 2 tbsp, Pepper Powder - 1 tsp, Wonton Wrappers - 20 to 25, separated, Oil as required

Method

- Mix the chicken, onions, spring onions, egg white, fish sauce, pepper powder and sugar in a large bowl. Mix well for 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly stiff.
- Separate the wonton wrappers and cut each into triangles. Add 1 or 2 tbsp of the chicken mixture on each triangle. Brush the edges with the egg yolk and place another triangle on top.
- Press the edges and seal completely. Heat oil in a deep frying pan over medium flame. Fry the prepared wontons for 2 to 3 minutes each side or until golden brown and crispy. Remove and drain excess oil.



Egg mask for hair growth and thickness

Eggs are a nutrient-dense source of proteins, vitamins, and minerals, all of which are beneficial to hair as well as overall health. They're high in vitamin B-complex and biotin – both help to strengthen your hair's roots. The nutrients in eggs help encourage new hair growth and enhance volume, which is one of the many benefits of applying egg on hair. Let's have a look at what's more in store for you if you use egg mask for hair growth.

Here are some easy egg hair mask recipes that will leave your hair looking healthy, lustrous, and frizz-free. Continue reading to see how to make a simple egg mask for hair growth and thickness:

Here are some easy egg hair mask recipes that will leave your hair healthy, lustrous, and frizz-free. Continue reading to learn how to apply egg on hair and how to use egg for hair thickening, ensuring growth and improved volume:

Egg Hair Mask for Dry Hair

This hair mask is a protein hair treatment with a lot of power. Protein, fatty acids, and vitamins A, D, and E are all abundant in egg yolk. These nutrients help to encourage hair development and keep it from falling out. This mask also contains olive oil, which thickens and softens your hair while exfoliating it. This egg mask for hair growth also inhibits premature greying. This hair mask contains vitamin-rich egg yolk and olive oil, helping prevent hair loss, specifically in dry and rough hair.

Ingredients: 2 egg yolks, 2 tbsp olive oil, 1 cup water

Instructions: Toss the egg yolks with two tablespoons of olive oil in a mixing bowl. Add half a cup of water and stir well. Using your fingers, spread the mixture evenly on your scalp. Use a shower cap after applying the mixture to allow the solution to permeate your scalp



to the roots. Wash it out after 15-20 minutes as you normally would. You can shampoo your hair after this natural remedy, depending on the texture of your hair. This is an effective treatment. As a result, merely doing it once or twice a month should suffice.

Mix egg yolks with two tablespoons of olive oil in a mixing bowl. Add half a cup of water and stir well. Wondering how to apply egg on hair? Use your fingers to spread the mixture evenly on your scalp. Cover your hair with a shower cap to allow the solution to permeate your scalp to the roots. After 15-20 minutes, wash it out as you normally would. Depending on your hair texture, you may shampoo afterwards. This treatment is effective, so it should be used once or twice a month. This method demonstrates how to use egg for hair thickening and improved health.

Egg Hair Mask for Oily Hair

Excess hair oil can cause a variety of issues, ranging from clogging pores to causing acne and other scalp issues. The oiliness of your hair can be reduced with this hair mask. Honey, which is an excellent acne treatment, and olive oil, which has moisturising properties, are both used in the mask.

Ingredients: 2 egg whites, 1 tbsp honey, 1 tbsp olive oil

Instructions: To form a thick paste, combine all of the ingredients in a mixing bowl. With your fingers, spread the mask evenly on your scalp. After applying the mixture, cover it with a shower hat to allow it to dry. Allow for a 20-minute rest period. Depending on the texture of your hair, rinse it out and shampoo it. If your hair is long, you can prepare more of this hair mask.

Egg Mask for Hair Growth and Thickness

The egg mask for hair growth and thickness works miracles on dry hair, allowing you to get all of the deep conditioning benefits. Both almond and coconut oil have characteristics that can help your dry hair come back to life, so combine them with the protein in egg whites and let the treatment work its magic on your locks.

Ingredients: 2 egg whites, 4 Tbsp almond oil, 2 Tbsp coconut oil

Instructions: To create an egg mask for hair growth and thickness, in a mixing dish, add 4 to 5 tablespoons of almond oil, 3 to 4 tablespoons egg whites, and 1-2 tablespoons coconut oil. Combine all the ingredients in a mixing bowl and gently massage the mask into your hair and scalp. Shampoo and rinse your hair with cold water. Don't apply a conditioner to your hair. Use the mask three times a week for optimum results and see your dry hair come back to life.

Drug regulator suspends permission for eye drops claiming to replace reading glasses

Taking serious note of Mumbai-based Entod Pharmaceuticals' claims that it can help reduce dependency on reading glasses for those suffering from presbyopia, the Drugs Controller General of India has suspended the permission granted to manufacture and sell their new eye drops.

According to the National Eye Institute, presbyopia is a refractive error that makes it hard for middle-aged and older adults to see things up close.

The drug regulator said the company made claims for the drug product for which it had not obtained approval from the Central Licensing Authority, thereby violating provisions under the New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules, 2019.

In an order issued on September 10, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) said the Directorate had issued permission on August 20 for the manufacture and marketing of Pilocarpine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution for the treatment of presbyopia in adults.

Then on September 4, the drug regulator had asked for an explanation from the company for the claims it made in the press



following which the drug-maker also submitted its response.

In response to the claim "first eye drop in India designed to reduce the need for reading glasses", the order stated that the company said there are currently no other eye drops approved for the treatment of presbyopia in India.

"In this regard, you are informed that the Pilocarpine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution USP 1.25 per cent w/v has not been approved for any such claim that it is designed to reduce the need for reading glasses," the order said.

In response to the claim that "this eye drop offers a non-invasive option that can enhance near vision without the need for reading glasses", the company submitted

that in the clinical trial conducted, subjects did not wear glasses to participate.

"In this regard, you are informed that the Pilocarpine Hydrochloride Ophthalmic Solution USP 1.25 pc w/v is approved for the treatment of Presbyopia in adults and is not approved for such claim that these eye drops can enhance near vision without the need for reading glasses," the order said.

In response to the claim "PresVu can provide an advanced alternative that augments near vision within 15 minutes", the firm in its response stated that one doctor had evaluated the drug product as compared to reading glasses.

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The drug regulator stated that the company had failed to respond to the queries and tried to justify the claims for the product for which no approval was granted.



Late bedtimes linked to 50% higher diabetes risk

Night owls -- a person who is habitually active or wakeful at night -- tend to have a higher body mass index (BMI), larger waists, and more hidden body fat and thus are almost 50 per cent more likely to develop type 2 diabetes (T2D) than those who go to bed earlier, shows new research on Monday.

Previous studies have indicated that late chronotype -- people who prefer to go to bed late and wake up late -- live an unhealthy lifestyle, and are at higher risk of obesity and metabolic disorders including type 2 diabetes.

The new study showed that a late chronotype had a 46 per cent higher risk of developing diabetes, which suggests that the increased risk of T2D can't be explained by lifestyle alone.

"We believe that other mechanisms are also at play," said lead researcher Dr. Jeroen van der Velde, from Leiden University Medical Centre, in the Netherlands.

"A likely explanation is that the circadian rhythm or body clock in late chronotypes is out of sync with the work and social schedules followed by society. This can lead to circadian misalignment, which we know can lead to metabolic disturbances and ultimately type 2 diabetes," van der Velde added.

To explore, the team studied the association between sleep timing, diabetes, and body fat distribution in more than 5,000 individuals who were divided into three groups: early chronotype (20 per cent), late chronotype (20 per cent), and intermediate chronotype (60 per cent).

The team measured all participants' BMI and waist circumference, while visceral fat and liver fat were measured in 1,526 participants, using MRI scans and MR spectroscopy, respectively.

About 225 were diagnosed with diabetes after a follow-up of 6.6 years. Late chronotypes were found to be at higher risk of developing diabetes, had a 0.7 kg/m² higher BMI, 1.9 cm larger waist circumference, 7 cm² more visceral fat, and 14 per cent higher liver fat content, compared with those with an intermediate chronotype.

Source: IANS

Mpox doesn't easily spread through air: How it transmits among humans

Amid the global outbreak of mpox, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report suggests that, unlike Covid-19, the mpox virus (earlier known as monkeypox), doesn't easily spread through the air.

Mpox, which is caused by the Monkeypox virus (a zoonotic virus belonging to the Orthopoxvirus genus), can spread from person to person mainly through close contact skin-to-skin.

This includes touching or sex and mouth-to-mouth, or mouth-to-skin contact (such as kissing), and can also include being face-to-face with someone who has mpox (such as talking or breathing close to one another, which can generate infectious respiratory particles).

The CDC's 'Morbidity and Mortality' weekly report included a study on 113 persons with mpox who travelled on 221 flights during 2021-22.

The results showed that none of the 1,046 passenger contacts got infected.



The findings suggest that "travelling on a flight with a person with mpox does not appear to constitute an exposure risk or warrant routine contact tracing activities."

Though the WHO does reveal that face-to-face contact with someone who has mpox could spread, but it is less likely.

During the 2022 mpox outbreak, the virus was mainly transmitted

through sexual contact.

However, more research is needed on how mpox spreads during outbreaks in different settings and under different conditions, say WHO researchers.

The main symptom of mpox is skin rash that develop into pus-filled lesions, which may last for two to four weeks.

Other symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, sore throat and cough, and lymphadenopathy (swollen lymph nodes).

People with mpox are considered infectious until all their lesions have crusted over, the scabs have fallen off and a new layer of skin has formed underneath, and all the lesions on the eyes and in the body (in the mouth, throat, eyes, vagina and anus) have healed too.

The skin rash can vary depending on the variant of mpox: clade Ib and clade II.

Clade Ib, the new strain that prompted WHO to make it a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), is more severe and dangerous than clade II.

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Ancient moon lost in time could be behind Mars's extreme terrain

A long-lost moon could explain Mars' unusual shape and extreme terrain, according to a new hypothesis proposed by Michael Efroimsky, an astronomer at the US Naval Observatory.

In a paper submitted to the *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets*, Efroimsky suggests that Mars may have once had a much larger moon, named Nerio, which could have dramatically altered the planet's landscape.

Mars is known for hosting some of the most extreme terrain in the solar system, including Olympus Mons, the tallest volcano, and Valles Marineris, the largest canyon.

One of the most notable features is the Tharsis bulge, a massive highland region near Mars' equator. Opposite this region lies Terra Sabaea and Syrtis Major, further highland areas and a large shield volcano.

These features create an unusual imbalance in the planet's shape, which Efroimsky believes could be explained by Nerio's gravitational influence.

"The new study the possibility of a young Mars having had a massive moon, which synchronised the rotation of Mars, and gave Mars an initial asymmetric triaxiality to be later boosted by geological processes," the paper read.

Efroimsky proposes that the large moon's mass could have caused tidal bulges in Mars' molten surface, similar to how Earth's moon raises tides in our oceans.

However, because Mars is smaller than Earth, it cooled more quickly, locking the planet's surface into its current distorted form. Nerio's presence could have set the stage for the Red Planet's dramatic landscape, with subsequent geological processes enhancing the initial deformations.

The fate of Nerio remains a mystery. Efroimsky suggests the moon could have been destroyed in a collision, leaving behind Mars' two small moons, Phobos and Deimos, or it may have been ejected from the solar system due to gravitational interactions with another body.

Apple debuts iPhone 16 with AI software in American English coming next month

Apple on September 9 unveiled its artificial intelligence-boosted iPhone 16, showing off the long-awaited phone hours after Chinese rival Huawei's tri-fold phone began racking up orders.

"The next generation of iPhone has been designed for Apple Intelligence from the ground up. It marks the beginning of an exciting new era," Chief Executive Tim Cook said at a product launch.

Apple and technology companies around the world are racing to add AI to products, and phones are expected to be one of the most important battlegrounds. The Cupertino, California-based company also is betting the AI feature will drive consumers to upgrade amid a slowdown in iPhone sales.

Apple Intelligence, the company's AI software, will be used to improve its personal assistant as well as enhancing features such as understanding and identifying objects captured by the phone camera.

"Apple Intelligence marks the start of a new era for Siri and makes it more natural, more contextually relevant and more personal to you," said Apple's software engineering chief, Craig Federighi.

A test version of Apple Intelligence will be available in English as spoken in the U.S. next month. It will be available for other localized versions of English in December, with versions in languages



including Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish next year.

The iPhone 16 will use the new A18 chip and have an aluminum back, as well as a new customizable button that can be used for camera controls. The iPhone 16 will start at \$799 and the iPhone 16 Plus will start at \$899.

Apple also unveiled iPhone 16 Pro and 16 Pro Max, titanium models with a faster chip, the A18 Pro, and more AI capability, such as offering suggestions on how to set up a photo shoot more effectively. The iPhone 16 Pro will start at \$999 and the 16 Pro Max starts at \$1,199.

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consumers are hankering for more AI features and are willing to pay for them.

WATCHES AND AIRPODS

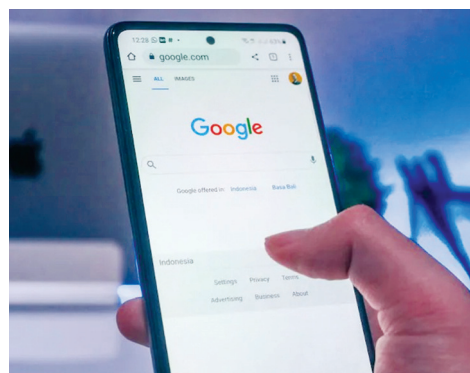
Apple also unveiled new Watches and AirPods. The new Series 10 Watch starts at \$399, is thinner than its predecessor and has an up to 30% larger screen than previous generations. Apple highlighted the Watch's ability to help with sports and health issues, including finding longer-term conditions such as sleep apnea as well as detecting and responding to emergencies such as a fall.

Apple also launched a new version of the more rugged Watch Ultra 2, starting at \$799. The new AirPods 4 have a new design for more comfortable wearing and improved acoustics. And Apple rolled out hearing-aid features that it has submitted for U.S. *Source: Reuters*

Google Search results will now show archived web pages via Wayback Machine

Google Search results will now include the historical context of links, providing information about recently updated web pages, the company announced on Wednesday. This initiative is part of a collaboration between the Mountain View-based tech giant and the Internet Archive – a US-based non-profit digital library that archives billions of web pages for future reference. This development builds upon the removal of the "cached" links feature in February that allowed users to view an older version of the web page.

Archived Web Pages on Google Search
In a blog post, the Internet Archive announced that archived web pages will now show in Google search results. To access previous versions of links, users need to select the three-dot option that appears next to a search result and choose More about this page in the About this result panel. It will show up



alongside a link to the previous versions of that website with the See previous versions text.

The new feature leverages the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, displaying the website exactly how it looked on a previous date.

In a statement given to 9to5Google, Google said, "we've added links to the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine to our 'About this page' feature, to give

people quick context and make this helpful information easily accessible through Search."

Google's new archived links feature is still being rolled out and users globally may be able to see it in the coming days. It will be available to users in 40 languages. Gadgets 360 staff members were able to verify its availability on multiple websites.

While the tech giant previously offered similar functionality with one of its oldest features dubbed "cached" links, it was silently removed in February. Following its removal, users could leverage the operator "cache:[insert URL]" but this feature was also speculated to be removed soon. At the time, Google Search Liason theorised that one of the ways similar functionality could be brought back was via a link to the Wayback Machine, and this feature has finally been rolled out.

RBI penalises Axis Bank, HDFC Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance

The RBI has imposed penalties totalling Rs 2.91 crore on Axis Bank and HDFC Bank for certain deficiencies in statutory and regulatory compliance. In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said a penalty of Rs 1.91 crore has been imposed on Axis Bank for contravention of certain provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, and non-compliance with certain directions on 'Interest Rate on Deposits', 'Know Your Customer (KYC)' and 'Credit Flow to Agriculture-Collateral free agricultural loans'.

A penalty of Rs 1 crore has been imposed on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'interest rate on deposits', 'recovery agents engaged by banks' and 'customer service in banks'.

Regarding Axis Bank, the RBI said a supervisory evaluation of the bank was conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2023 and a review of activities of its subsidiary company was carried out. A notice was issued. After considering Axis Bank's reply to the notice, the RBI said charges against the bank were sustained, warranting imposition of monetary penalty. The RBI said the bank had opened certain savings deposit accounts in the name of ineligible entities.

International investors seeing higher returns in India: US Ambassador

India is a country with immense investment opportunities where international investors are seeing higher returns compared to the other parts of the world, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said.

"We see that investment opportunities are growing quickly here (in India). More and more international investors are seeing returns that are above and beyond in other parts of the world," Garcetti said while addressing an event hosted by the Milken Institute in collaboration with the United States Mission in India. He said as a diplomatic mission, the US is encouraging institutional investors to pay greater attention to India and understand that the country is a complicated place just as the US is. "This (India) isn't a place to make a quick rupee. If you are here for the long haul, you will be richly rewarded," Garcetti said. As partners, India and the US need to be more strategic, he stated. "It isn't just about bottom line returns, but if we are overly dependent on any one country, we will all see economic risk, not just security risk to our people. We have to diversify together and make investments that are catalytic to our people's economic and physical security," he said.

Core US inflation picks up, damping odds of outsize Fed cut

NEW YORK (TIP)

Underlying US inflation unexpectedly picked up in August on higher prices for housing and travel, undercutting the chances of an outsize Federal Reserve interest-rate cut next week. The so-called core consumer price index — which excludes food and energy costs — increased 0.3% from July, the most in four months, and 3.2% from a year ago, Bureau of Labor Statistics figures showed Wednesday. The three-month annualized rate advanced 2.1%, picking up from 1.6% in July, according to Bloomberg calculations.

Economists see the core gauge as a better indicator of underlying inflation than the overall CPI. That measure climbed 0.2% from the prior month and 2.5% from a year ago in August, marking the fifth straight month the annual measure has eased and dragged down by cheaper gasoline prices.

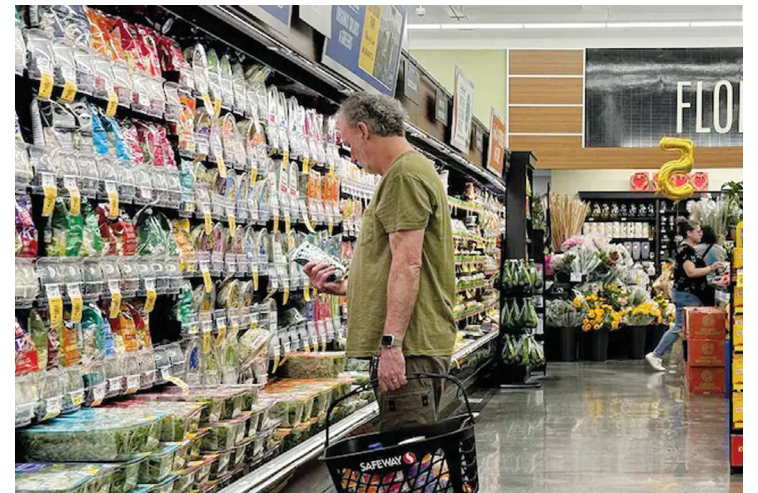
The BLS said shelter was "the main factor" in the overall advance.

While Wednesday's reading won't deter the Fed from cutting interest rates next week, it reduces the chance of an outsize reduction. Even so, policymakers have made it clear that they're highly focused on softness in the labor market, which is more likely to drive policy discussions and decisions in the months ahead. They'll also have more data to consider leading up to their November and December meetings.

Traders trimmed the probability that the Fed cuts rates by a half point next week to near zero. Treasury yields rose, S&P 500 futures edged lower and the dollar pared its losses on the day. Though the figures are reported on a one decimal point basis by the BLS, Fed officials and economists often look further out for a better sense of the inflation trajectory. On a two-decimal basis, core CPI rose 0.28% from July.

In addition to shelter, the advance was boosted by airfares, apparel as well as daycare and preschool. Car insurance costs continued to rise, as did hotel stays.

Shelter prices, the largest category within services, climbed 0.5%, the most since the start of the year. That marked the



second month of acceleration and defied widespread expectations for a downshift. Owners' equivalent rent — a subset of shelter and the biggest individual component of the CPI — rose at a similar pace.

Excluding housing and energy, service prices advanced 0.3%, the most since April, according to Bloomberg calculations. While central bankers have stressed the importance of looking at such a metric when assessing the nation's inflation trajectory, they compute it based on a separate index.

That measure — known as the personal consumption expenditures price index — doesn't put as much weight on shelter as the CPI does, partly why it's trending closer to the Fed's 2% target.

The PCE measure, which will be released later this month, draws from the CPI as well as certain categories within the producer price index. The PPI report, due Thursday, is projected to show a tame pace of wholesale inflation.

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India's retail inflation at 3.65% in August 2024, within RBI's 4% target: Govt data

NEW DELHI (TIP)

India's retail inflation was 3.65% in August 2024, according to the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) data released on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The combined inflation (rural and urban) fell to 3.65% in August 2024, compared to 6.83% in August 2023. However, it has increased by 110 basis points when compared to the previous month's 3.54%. This was the second time in nearly five years that overall retail inflation fell below the Reserve Bank of India's 4% inflation target. The last time was July 2024. The RBI's inflation target is 4% with a tolerance band of +/- 2 percentage points, meaning that the target is within the range of 2% to 6%.

What were the urban and rural inflation rates in India?

Urban inflation fell to 3.14% in August



2024, compared to 6.59% in August 2023.

Rural inflation fell to 4.16% in August 2024, compared to 7.02% in August 2023.

How much was India's food inflation in August 2024?

The combined Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), which shows food inflation

was 5.66% in August 2024, compared to 9.94% in August 2023.

Urban food inflation fell to 4.99% in August 2024, compared to 10.42% in August 2023.

Rural food inflation fell to 6.02% in August 2024, compared to 9.67% in August 2023.

Tomatoes have exhibited the lowest year on year inflation (-47.91%) as well as lowest MoM change in index (-28.8%).

The prices of vegetables rose the most by 10.71%, compared to the other item categories. In urban areas, the rise was 13.22% and in rural areas, it was 13.22%.

The Indian stock market rallied today, with the benchmark BSE Sensex closing at 82,962.71 after the trading session today. This was a gain of 1.77% or 1439.55 points.

The NSE Nifty closed at 25,388.90, a gain of 1.89% or 470.45 points.

Source: HT



BEJAN DARUWALLA AND CHIRAG DARUWALLA



ARIES : Ganesha says this week may be a little difficult for you. You may face a lot of difficulties in completing your tasks and you may also face some uncontrolled situations in your personal life. But do not be disappointed, because after this week you will get a chance to reach the heights of success. You should remain focused on your work and not forget to face difficulties. This week your mind may remain a little sad and worried. You may need cooperation and support from your friends and family. This week you will also have to pay attention to your health. You should include a healthy diet and exercise in your daily routine. This will improve your health and help you complete your tasks. This week can prove to be very good for students.



TAURUS : Ganesha says this week can be difficult for Taurus people. You may face many problems in your daily work. It will be very important for you to take care of your health, because if you ignore it, you may have to face big problems. This week you may get some special gifts from your relatives, which will give you happiness and satisfaction. Love will blossom in your married life and you will get full understanding and support from your partner. Employed people will be very busy with work this week and your work will be appreciated. People preparing for government jobs may get to hear some good news this week. But you have to control your increasing expenses, otherwise, you may have to face problems later. Do not do any work with excessive enthusiasm this week, otherwise you may be misunderstood.



GEMINI : Ganesha says this week is expected to be very auspicious for the people of the Gemini zodiac sign. You will have a lot of success in your life and will get good support to take you to higher levels of your life. This week will be full of ups and downs for you from the beginning. You will get a chance to do something new and you will go in search of a new partner in your life. This week will be a good time for you to take the next step in the race of life. You will achieve new successes in your life and get a chance to achieve your goals. This week there will be happiness in your life and you will get success in your work. You will

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get a chance to spend quality time with your family and you will get a chance to spend more time with your family. This week you will get good support in financial matters and you will be successful in handling your expenses.



CANCER : Ganesha says your horoscope for Cancer people predicts that the public days of the coming week will be troublesome for you. For Cancerians, your horoscope is telling you that this week can be very difficult for you. You will need to be more cautious about your work. You have to be careful of your opponents and pay more attention to your work. You also have to protect your family and friends from your opponents. You have to control your emotions and control your anger. You will also need to control your expenses. You have to be careful about your money and spend it wisely. You also have to pay attention to your mental health. You have to use your time properly and complete your tasks on time.



LEO : Ganesha says the beginning of the week will be very auspicious for you. You will get an opportunity to spend this week with lots of happiness and prosperity. Your financial position will be strong and you will be able to handle your financial matters properly. This week you will get a chance to spend more time with your family members and you will be able to share your thoughts with them. The goddess of fortune will be with you and you will get success in achieving your goals. This week you should take care of your health and do regular exercise. Students should pay more attention to their studies and try to achieve their goals. This week you should move forward with new work and keep new relationships in mind. You will need to be consistent and work hard in your work.



VIRGO : Ganesha says this week's horoscope for Virgo says that you may have to go through some difficult days. You will have to face many challenges in your daily routine. You have to take care of your health and should not ignore it. If you ignore your health then it can cause big problems for you. This week you may get some special gifts from your relatives which will touch your heart. The juice of love will flow in your married life and you will get a chance to spend quality time with your partner. Employed people will be very busy at work this week and their work will also be appreciated. If you are preparing for a government job, you may hear some good news this week. You need to control your expenses otherwise you may face problems later.



LIBRA : Ganesha says this week's horoscope for Libra people may be full of some challenges for you. You may have to take care of your health. You are advised to eat good food and behave healthy. You may feel extremely tired which may hamper your work. This week you will have to focus on your work and try to complete your work on time. This week you may have to face some problems in your family life also. Your family may have high expectations from you, due to which you may remain under some stress. Therefore, you should try to maintain communication with your family members. This can solve your problems and your family will also support you. This week you will also have to pay attention to your financial matters.



SCORPIO : Ganesha says this week can be a bit challenging for Scorpio people. You may face difficulty in your work. You have to be careful of your opponents. You should not trust your colleagues. You don't have to react to everything this week. You will have to stay calm and avoid disputes among your family. Control your anger, because it can spoil your work. This week you may need to pay attention to your expenses, because you may feel short of money. You need to remain mentally strong. Spend some time in a hobby of your choice, which can give you peace and relaxation. Students may have to take a break from their studies for some time.



SAGITTARIUS : Ganesha says this week's horoscope is indicating that it will be very good for Sagittarius people. You will get great success in your work and get a chance to make your day extremely enjoyable. Today will be a very auspicious day for you. You will get the opportunity to give complete dedication towards your work and you will be successful in achieving your goals. You may get a chance to make a big agreement related to your property. If you have any legal matter going on then time may be in your favor. You will get a chance to spend a very happy time with your spouse. New colors of love will appear between you and you will get a chance to spend a lot of quality time with your partner. You need to be cautious about your health and it is also very important to take care of your eating habits.



CAPRICORN : Ganesha says for Capricorn people, this week can be a bit challenging from the beginning. You may have to face some problems in your life. You may have to face some personal issues, which may bother you a bit. Therefore,

you may need to pay attention to yourself. To keep yourself healthy, you may have to pay attention to your eating habits. This week you may need to do something new. You may be ready to start something new in your life. Believe in yourself and work hard to achieve your goals. You may have to keep your mind very energetic to complete your work. This week can be very favorable for students. You may succeed in your studies. You may get very good marks in your favorite subjects.



AQUARIUS : Ganesha says this week will start with some painful days for the people of the Aquarius zodiac sign. You may have to face many problems due to which your mind may become quite restless. You will have to be a little careful in your daily work and also take care of your health. You may feel a little emotionally weak which may affect your health. Therefore, take care of your diet and exercise. This week you may be very busy with a project which may be a bit challenging for you. Students may get success in their favorite subjects this week and you may need to work harder in your studies. You may also get a chance to participate in your social activities which may increase your respect. This week you may get a chance to reveal some new secrets about your love life.



PISCES : Ganesha says this week is going to be very auspicious for Pisces people. You will get a chance to spend the most memorable week of your life. This week, any of your unfulfilled wishes may be fulfilled and you may fulfill your dreams. Your mind will be very happy which will have a positive effect on your health also. This week you may have to be very busy with some projects, but you should not stop working hard. Students may be successful in their favorite subjects this week. You should communicate well with your teachers and follow their advice. This week you may get a chance to participate in some social activity in the evening. Your prestige is likely to increase and you should try to strengthen your contacts.

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SEPTEMBER 16 : Ganesha says that although productive, the rewards of this day may be gradual, so you should give it your all. Although it may be better to do business today, partnerships and joint ventures should be avoided. If you are not able to get people to support your current endeavor, you will feel frustrated and disappointed. Romance may blossom and some lovers may even decide to get married.

SEPTEMBER 17 : anesha says that women can experience great fruits during this time. Prosperity and fortune may come your way if the stars are kind to you. Good financial inflow can improve your living conditions and savings. If you become obsessed with the other gender, it may take a while to be able to think again. A remarkable leap forward in your professional career is predicted if you take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves before you. There can be some concern about the health of parents, but try not to worry too much.

SEPTEMBER 18 : Ganesha says that today your expenses may increase, which

will make it difficult for you to save. Investments made during this time can eventually give good returns, if not immediately. Academic excellence and participation in extra-curricular activities can be acknowledged by the students. Though slow progress of work and arguments over small things may make you angry and even affect your health, at the end of the day you may be happy and satisfied with your achievements.

SEPTEMBER 19 : Ganesha says Financial gains on this day can come from many fronts, but doubts in your relationships are likely to be a black area on the chart of your success and achievements. Socializing, gatherings, and pleasant outings can all be frequent and enjoyable. Wedding bells may ring for the deserving and others may find romance to keep them going. Don't trust others more than necessary. Time management and planning can be of utmost importance.

SEPTEMBER 20 : Ganesha says A promotion or increase in responsibilities on this day may give you a reason to

rejoice. Your profile may gain some sophistication with new initiatives. In the home, there can be a healthier, more loving environment that can promote prosperity and excellent health. Professionals willing to work abroad may be welcome. Housewives may have to deal with the problem of frequent visits from family and friends. It is possible to go on a spiritual journey to a distant place.

SEPTEMBER 21 : Ganesha says If you get a promotion or get more responsibility then you will have a reason to rejoice on this day. Your resume can look more polished with new projects. There can be a better and more loving environment in the home, which can result in prosperity and good health. Professionals looking to make a career abroad may be welcome. Housewives may have to deal with the problem of frequent visitors and family members. Traveling to a distant place is possible for spiritual progress.

SEPTEMBER 22 : Ganesha says You are skilled in making new relationships, which helps you gain a lot of popularity

and profit. Today, you will get a chance to raise your standard of living through new contacts made by you. Your professional advancement should be your main focus as it can give the required results. Your parents' health may be a matter of concern, but your spouse and children may be supportive. If you go out and join clubs and social activities, you will be quite successful socially.

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Sikh History This Week

SEPTEMBER 13 TO SEPTEMBER 19

13th September

1604 The Holy Sri Guru GRANTH SAHIB was ceremonially installed in Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar. Baba Buddha Ji was appointed the first priest.



1670 Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji released from prison.

1923 SGPC's second Enquiry Committee to investigate the Doaba excesses was arrested by the Police.

1926 Orderes previously declaring the Sharomani Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee (SGPC) and Sharomani Akali Dal as unlawful bodies were withdrawn by the Punjab Government.

1931 Master Tara Singh led a Jatha of 100 Akalis in the Gurudwara Daska Morcha.

1944 All India Sikh Student Federation established in Lahore.

1981 Warrants were issued for Jarnail Singh Bhindrawalae n connection with Lala Jagat Narayan's murder. The police went to Chando Kalan, a Haryana village, to arrest Jarnail Singh. However, he had already left that place. When Jarnail Singh could not be found, the police burnt the volume of Holy Scriptures of the Sikhs, three vehicles of Bhindranwala Jatha and various other articles of the School. A large number of Sikhs were arrested and beaten by the police. The next day the police sieged the headquarters of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwalae.

14th September

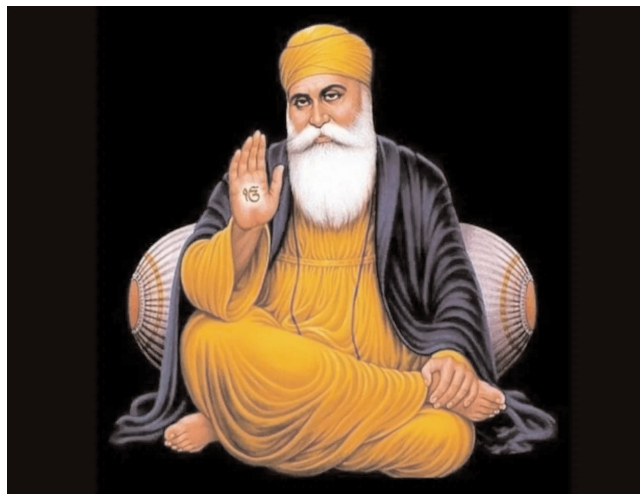
1777 Nawab Zaibta Khan Ruhela, impressed by the character of Khalsa decided to become a member of the Khalsa order. He was baptise and named Dharam Singh.

1848 Raja Sher Singh Attari declared war against British Rule in Punjab. He was son of Sardar Chattar Singh Attari and at that time his sister was engaged to Maharaja Dalip Singh.



1923 Began the Jaito Morcha by Sikhs. The Maharaja of the kingdom of Nabha, Ripudaman Singh, sided with the Akalis, against the British. He was stripped of his kingly status, and in protest of this action of the British, the Sikhs initiated a string of Akhand Paths.

15th September



1539 Jotti Jot, First Patshah, Guru Nanak Dev Ji. GURU NANAK (1469-1539): In a world rife with falsehood, sunk in superstitions and plagued by all kinds of inequities and inequalities, Guru Nanak rang in the gospel of truth, universal love and brotherhood. The Founder Guru of the Sikhs and one of the greatest and saintliest of saviours, he redeemed the soul of a moribund society that had experienced a total eclipse, if not annihilation, of all abiding human values. The condition of the contemporary society has been vividly described by the First Master in the well-known words

Guru Nanak was born in a Bedi family at Talwandi (Nankana Sahib), near Lahore, in 1469. At an early age he learnt Sanskrit, Persian and the prevalent form of Gurmukhi. He was a precocious child with a pronounced penchant for religion. His father, Mehta Kalu, made vain efforts to woo him to a mundane mode of life. Accordingly, he was got employed in a Government store of the Nawab of Sultanpur where he served for 13 years.

It was in 1499 that the day of destiny of ecstatic communion with God came. While taking his daily bath in the rivulet Bain that flows near Sultanpur, Nanak had his illumination through a soul-stirring vision of Almighty God. It was here that the Guru delivered his great sermon in the memorable words: There is no Hindu, there is no Musalman. The spiritual enlightenment enjoined on him a mission to the propagation of which he consecrated his entire life. He set out on his great Udasi's (Missionary journeys) to deliver God's message to sinning and suffering humanity.

He toured the whole of India and many foreign countries, preaching the gospel of true religion and rooting out ignorance and evil. The great Guru undertook five major missionary journeys in this behalf.

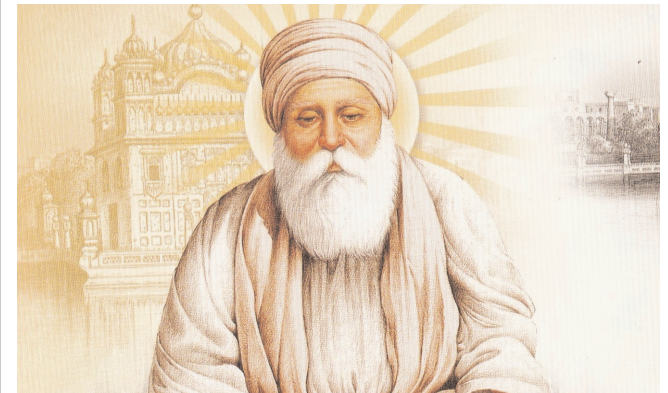
In the course of his first long travel, Guru Nanak visited celebrated Hindu places of pilgrimage like Kurukshetra, Banaras and Jagannath Puri. He taught people how to distinguish Dharma from Adharma and abandon such pretentious rituals and prayers as constituted the accepted religious practice of the times. During his second journey the Guru went as far as Sangla Deep and having done his ministry returned to the Punjab.

1843 Maharaja Sher Singh shot dead by Ajit Singh Sandalwallia while inspecting troops.

1993 Punjab Police forces interrupted Akhand Path at Gurudwara Gurusar, Patshahi Sixth, at Gujrawal, Ludhiana. This event took place under Beant Singh's government.

16th September

1581 GURU AMAR DAS (1479-1574), the seventy-three



years old disciple who had distinguished himself for his humility and simplicity in Guru Angad's holy company was nominated Guru in 1552.

1631 Baba Buddha Ji passed away.

BABA BUDHA JI: born on 7 katak sanmat 1563 at Kathunangal (Dist. Amritsar) to father Sudhae and mother Gora. Parents named the child as Budda. In sanmat 1574, Guru Nanak Dev Ji visited Kathunangal village. While grazing cattle, Budda met Guru Nanak and served milk in sewa. During their conversation, Guru Nanak declared that though young in age, he was "Budha" in terms of understanding and wisdom. Since then he came to known as Budha.

1843 Dalip Singh was enthroned as the Maharaja of Punjab. This only happened after some serious internal fighting for successsion, upon the death of Maharaja Ranjit Singh on June 22, 1839.



17th September

1922 The working committee of the Indian National Congress set up an inquiry committee to report on the brutal treatment meted out to the Akal Satyagrahies by the Govt. forces in Guru-Ka-Bagh.

18th September

1708 Guru Gobind Singh Ji Patshah was attacked by two Pathans in Nanded. These Pathans were commissioned by Governor of Sarhind or the Mughal emperor.

1924 13th Jatha of 500 Akalis, under the leadership of Shaheed Lakha Singh Jahan Shah (Gujara Walae), departed from Amritsar for Jaito.

19th September

1922 Sri Madan Mohan Malvia visited the injured GurSikhs in Guru Ka Bagh incident and organized a huge procession to pay homage to the Shaheeds.

1923 Harbans Singh of Sirhala Khurad arrested.

Vamana Jayanti

Vamana Jayanti is celebrated as the birth anniversary of the Vamana Avatar of Lord Vishnu. It is observed on the Dwadashi Tithi of Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha. As per the Bhagwat Purana, Vamana was the fifth Avatar out of Dashavatara of Lord Vishnu and His first incarnation in the Treta Yuga. After the first four Avatars in the animal form, namely, Matsya (fish), Kurma (tortoise), Varaha (boar) and Narasimha (lion), Vamana was the first Avatar of Lord Vishnu in the human form. Vamana was born in Treta Yuga to Goddess Aditi and Rishi Kashyapa on the Dwadashi Tithi of Bhadrapada Shukla Paksha during Abhijit Muhurat when the Shravana Nakshatra was prevailing.

Vamana Jayanti is also known as Vamana Dwadashi.

Vamana Jayanti Puja Vidhi

On the day of Vamana Jayanti, Lord Vishnu is worshipped in his Vamana Avatar. On this day, Panchopachara or Shodashopachara Puja of golden or clay idol of Vamana is performed in the morning. Fast is also observed on Vamana Jayanti. After performing the Puja in the evening, Vamana Jayanti Vrat Katha is narrated and the fast is broken with Prasad. Donation of rice, curd and Mishri is also given on this day. The significance of Vamana Jayanti increases multiple times if it coincides with the Shravana Nakshatra.

The Birth of Lord Vamana

According to Hindu mythology, Lord Vamana is the fifth incarnation of Lord Vishnu and the first among the Dashavatara to appear in a human form, albeit as a dwarf.

His birth was a divine intervention to restore dharma and protect the universe from the tyranny of the demon king Mahabali.

Mahabali, the grandson of Prahlada and a great devotee of Lord Vishnu, was known for his generosity and righteousness. However, his growing power and dominance over the three worlds alarmed the Devas (gods), who sought the help of Lord Vishnu to reclaim their lost glory.

The Divine Plan

Lord Vishnu decided to incarnate as Vamana, a dwarf Brahmin, to subdue Mahabali without causing harm to his devotee. Born to Aditi and Kashyapa, Vamana's appearance as a small, humble Brahmin boy was deceptive, hiding his immense divine power.

Encounter with Mahabali

During a grand yajna (sacrificial ritual) conducted by Mahabali, Vamana approached the demon king, seeking alms. Despite his advisors' warnings, Mahabali, known for his benevolence, welcomed Vamana and offered him anything he desired.

Vamana requested a seemingly modest gift: three paces of land. Amused and unaware of Vamana's true identity, Mahabali agreed. As soon as the promise was made, Vamana began to grow in size, expanding to a cosmic form.

With his first step, Vamana covered the entire earth. With his second step, he covered the heavens. Realizing there was no place left for his third step, Mahabali offered his own head as a resting place for the third step, thus surrendering his pride and power.

The Blessing and Immortality

Impressed by Mahabali's humility and devotion, Vamana placed his third step on Mahabali's head, pushing him down to Patala (the netherworld). However, as a boon, Lord Vishnu granted Mahabali the privilege of visiting his kingdom and people once a year, a festival celebrated as Onam in Kerala.

This story of Vamana and Mahabali is a profound lesson in humility, devotion, and the ultimate victory of dharma over adharma.

Vamana Jayanti is observed with various rituals and ceremonies that reflect the devotion and reverence towards Lord Vamana. These rituals vary across regions but generally include the following practices:



Vamana Jayanti on Sunday, September 15, 2024

Dwadashi Tithi Begins - 08:41 PM on Sep 14, 2024

Dwadashi Tithi Ends - 06:12 PM on Sep 15, 2024

Shravana Nakshatra Begins - 08:32 PM on Sep 14, 2024

Shravana Nakshatra Ends - 06:49 PM on Sep 15, 2024

Fasting (Upavasa)

Devotees observe a day-long fast, abstaining from food and sometimes even water. This fast is broken only after performing the evening prayers and rituals dedicated to Lord Vamana.

Morning Prayers

The day begins with a purifying bath, followed by the chanting of Vedic mantras and prayers dedicated to Lord Vishnu and his Vamana avatar. Special prayers and hymns like the Vishnu Sahasranama and Vamana Stotra are recited.

Idol or Picture Worship

An idol or picture of Lord Vamana is placed on a clean altar. The idol is bathed (Abhishekam) with holy water, milk, and other sacred substances, symbolizing purification and reverence.

Offering of Flowers and Incense

Fresh flowers, incense sticks, and lamps (diyas) are

“Everyone thinks how to become a better son or daughter, mother or father, brother or sister, husband or wife, and man or woman. But no one puts actual thoughts on that they are all HUMAN and how to become a better HUMAN. What can we do to learn how to be a better humanRs ”

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offered to the deity. The fragrance of flowers and incense purifies the environment and invokes divine presence.

Offering Naivedya

Devotees prepare a variety of vegetarian dishes and offer them to Lord Vamana as Naivedya (sacred food). This offering is later distributed as Prasad among family members and devotees.

Vishnu Sahasranama Recitation

The recitation of the Vishnu Sahasranama, a hymn comprising the thousand names of Lord Vishnu, is considered highly auspicious. This practice is believed to invoke divine blessings and protection.

Charity and Donations

Inspired by Mahabali's generosity, devotees engage in charitable activities, donating food, clothes, and money to the needy. This act of charity is seen as a way to earn divine merit and blessings.

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“If India's own children don't cling to their faith, who shall guard itRs ”

“Indians alone can save India, and India and Hinduism are one.”

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Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and...

After exchanging a few words, the campaign rivals lined up for the commemoration, standing only a few feet apart. Senator JD Vance, Donald Trump's running mate, also attended the event.

At this year's solemn commemoration of the hijacked-plane attacks that claimed nearly 3,000 lives on September 11, 2001, victims' names were read out. The alleged Al Qaeda Islamist militants carried out several plane attacks on this day. Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon while another went down in a Pennsylvania field after passengers stormed the cockpit.

Some relatives of September 11 attack victims appealed to the leaders for accountability ahead of US elections. A daughter of 9/11 victim and an administrative assistant, Walsh-DiMarzio said, "We are pleading for your help, but you ignore us," reported AP. Challenging the two key leaders- Donald Trump and Kamala Harris - Walsh-DiMarzio demanded answers about Saudi Arabia's official involvement in the attacks. However, the kingdom has denied any involvement in the terror attacks even though most of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens, says the Mint report.

Donald Trump Revisits Long Island...

suggested everyone go to Trump's rallies to witness supporters leave early out of boredom.

"Nassau County has also felt the dangerous effects of Kamala Harris' open border bloodbath," Trump's campaign posted online while inviting supporters to attend the rally. "The flood of illegal immigrants into nearby 'sanctuary,' New York City has unleashed crime and chaos into their community."

The rally is the third Trump has held on Long Island in his three bids for the White House. During the 2016 campaign, he held rallies in Bethpage and Patchogue, but did not return in 2020 before he was unseated by Democratic President Joe Biden, who is not seeking a second term. "Anthony D'Esposito must be in an awful lot of trouble if he's bringing Donald Trump's abortion-banning, billionaire-loving, autocrat-enabling, incoherent circus to Nassau County," Battleground New York said in a statement, referring to congressman who represents the district in which the coliseum is located. "We're looking forward to seeing what kind of bizarre mess Trump leaves for D'Esposito to clean up after."

The rally is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, with doors opening at 3 p.m.

Trump and Harris Debate Focuses on...

"I think you've heard tonight two very different visions for our country, one that is focused on the future and the other that is focused on the past and an attempt to take us backwards. But we're not going back," Vice President Harris, 59, said in her concluding remarks.

"And I do believe that the American people know we all have so much more in common than what separates us, and we can chart a new way forward," she said. Trump, 78, asked why Harris had not done those things in these three and half years of the Biden-Harris administration.

"She just started by saying she's going to do this; she's going to do that. She's going to do all these wonderful things. Why hasn't she done it? She's been there for three and a half years. They've had three and a half years to fix the border. They've had three and a half years to create jobs and all the things we talked about. Why hasn't she done it?" Trump asked in his concluding remarks.

This was the second presidential debate, but the first between Trump and Harris. The first presidential debate in Atlanta on June 27 was between Trump and President Joe Biden.

Following his terrible performance, Biden withdrew from the race and paved the way for Harris to be the Democratic Party's nominee for the November elections.

"I believe very strongly that the American people want a president who understands the importance of bringing us together and that we have so much more in common than what separates us. And I pledge to you to be a president for all Americans," Harris said.

"Everybody knows what I'm going to do, cut taxes very substantially and create a great economy like I did before. We had the greatest economy. We got hit with a pandemic. We did a phenomenal job with the pandemic," Trump said. But soon the debate took a nasty turn with both Trump and Harris accusing each other of telling lies. Trump alleged that Harris is a Marxist, while Harris called the former president a disgrace and someone who wants to take the country backwards.

"Everything that she believed three years ago and four years ago is out the window. She's going to my philosophy now...But if she ever got elected, she'd change it, and it will be the end of our country. She's a Marxist. Everybody knows she's a Marxist. Her father is a Marxist professor in economics, and he taught her well," Trump alleged.

Trump claimed that Harris has been the Biden administration's "border czar." "But when you look at what she's done to our country and when you look at these millions and millions of people that are pouring into our country monthly, where it's, I believe, 21 million people, not the 15 million that people say, and I think it's a lot higher than the 21 million, that's bigger than New York State pouring in," he claimed. Many of these people coming in are criminals, and that's bad for America's economy, he said.

"Well, bad immigration is the worst thing that can happen to our economy. They have and she has destroyed our country with a policy that's insane," he alleged. The debate moderators from ABC News had to inject fact-checks multiple times during the debate.

"As I said, you're going to hear a bunch of lies, and that's not actually a surprising fact," Harris said.

Harris said if Trump was re-elected, he would sign a national abortion ban bill. "There would be a national abortion monitor that would be monitoring your pregnancies, your miscarriages," she alleged.

"I think the American people believe that certain freedoms, in particular, the freedom to make decisions about one's own body, should not be made by the government," she said.

Trump countered her and said that abortion policy should be determined by the states.

"There she goes again. It's a lie. I'm not signing a ban, and there's no reason to sign a ban because we've gotten what everybody wanted. Democrats, Republicans, and everybody else and every legal scholar wanted it to be brought back into the states, and the states are voting. And it may take a little time, but for 52 years, this issue has torn our country apart, and they've wanted it back in the states," Trump said.

Harris said the US needs a leader who engages in solutions and addresses the problems at hand.

"But what we have in the former president is someone who would prefer to run on a problem instead of fixing a problem. And I'll tell you something," she said.

Harris was seen interrupting Trump multiple times during the debate. It was not heard as the mikes of the non-speakers were muted during the debate.

Trump multiple times taunted Harris and fought with her over whether people leave his rallies early.

He accused Harris- without providing evidence - of paying people to attend her campaign events.

"We have the biggest rallies, the most incredible rallies in the history of politics. That's because people want to take their country back. Our country is being lost," Trump said. Trump vowed that he would end the war between Russia and Ukraine in Ukraine if he wins the November 5 general elections.

The former president, who raised Afghanistan several times during the debate, called the withdrawal of American troops "the most embarrassing moment in the history of the United States".

President Biden's chaotic withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan in 2021 has been criticized -

mostly by Republicans - as an embarrassment to the US military and an avoidable failure.

Harris said she agreed with Biden's commitment to get the US out of the country. But she said that it's important to remember how the withdrawal came to be. "Donald Trump as president negotiated one of the weakest deals you can imagine," she says, referencing his negotiations with the Taliban.

Trump claimed that Harris "hates Israel" while she fired back that he "admires dictators."

He claimed Israel would be destroyed within two years if he lost the election and Harris assumed office as president.

Harris attacked Trump for his favorable past statements about Putin and claimed that in meetings she had with world leaders they made fun of Trump. (With inputs from PTI)

New York City's police commissioner...

"My complete focus has always been on the NYPD - the department and people I love and have dedicated over 30 years of service to. However, the news around recent developments has created a distraction for our department, and I am unwilling to let my attention be on anything other than our important work, or the safety of the men and women of the NYPD," the statement from Caban reads in part.

"I hold immense respect and gratitude for the brave officers who serve this department, and the NYPD deserves someone who can solely focus on protecting and serving New York City, which is why - for the good of this city and this department - I have made the difficult decision to resign as Police Commissioner."

Adams, a Democrat, was expected to address Caban's resignation at noon, according to a source with knowledge of the decision.

Caban's expected departure marks a major shakeup in the highest ranks of the Adams administration.

The investigation involves Caban's brother and enforcement around nightclubs in New York City, a source familiar with the investigation tells CNN. Details of the probe remain unclear.

Several members of the mayor's staff are being investigated by the US attorneys in the Eastern and Southern Districts in New York. The US attorneys' offices and the FBI declined to comment.

Federal investigators also seized electronic devices from the homes of several top administration officials last week, including First Deputy Mayor Sheena Wright, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Phil Banks III, Schools Chancellor David Banks and Tim Pearson, a former police inspector who is a special adviser to the mayor. Subpoenas were also issued for the phones of three lower-ranking police officials, sources briefed on the investigation say.

Earlier this year, the homes of a top Adams aide, Winnie Greco, were also raided by the FBI as part of a separate inquiry by the US attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

Two days before Caban's resignation, Adams stopped short of publicly supporting his embattled commissioner, repeatedly saying he was confident of the NYPD's ability to do its job despite the federal investigation.

Adams deflected multiple times after being asked if he wanted Caban to resign or if he had asked him to do so. The NYPD has said it is aware of the investigation and is cooperating with federal authorities.

Neither Adams nor his staff members have been accused of any wrongdoing. Adams has repeatedly said he is cooperating with the federal inquiry.

A spokesperson for Adams, who appointed Caban in July of last year, did not immediately return a request for comment. Caban, the son of Puerto Rican parents, has served for 13 months, making history as the NYPD's first Latino commissioner. He has been with the NYPD for 32 years. Caban is not the only police commissioner to serve for a short term under Adams. Keechant Sewell resigned after just 18 months amid a power struggle over her control of the department and City Hall. (Source: CNN)

The most popular Mahavihara of the ancient times, a significant Buddhist seat of academic excellence and a modest pilgrim center, all wrapped in a wisp of spirituality, Nalanda continues to be an equally enriching location in the present. It offers vibrant substance of spirituality, history, culture, architecture, and tourism. This city houses one of the world's oldest and finest residential universities which itself was an architectural masterpiece. Although in ruins, the entire complex presents a pretty picture and is flocked by tourists day in and day out. It has "viharas" or monasteries to the east and "chaiyas" or temples to the west. In addition to this, the complex houses a charming little museum, which has a collection of several of original Buddhist stupas, Hindu and Buddhist bronzes, coins, terracotta jars, a sample of burnt rice etc. The district is believed to be a cradle of religions. Apart from Buddhism, it is an important center for Jainism, Hinduism, and Sufism as well. Considering the rich heritage and the historical importance, it is a hot tourist destination.

Nalanda University

Nalanda University is a UNESCO world heritage site is located South Bihar. Considered as one of the oldest universities in the world and known as Nalanda Mahavira back in time, its origins date back to the 3rd century. Mahavira is a Sanskrit term for a great 'Vihara'(Buddhist Monastery). Located about 85 km away from Patna, it is regarded as one of the greatest and oldest universities recorded in history. It finds references in the oldest epics of India as well as in the travels of Hiuen Tsang. The Gupta kings built various monasteries in old Kusan style of architecture. Emperor Ashoka and Emperor Harshavandhana were also patrons of this university who built few temples, viharas, and monasteries for the university. Former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam pitched the idea of reviving the university in March 2016. With reference found in the Tibetan and Chinese culture, the university was a centre of advanced Vedic learnings until it was ransacked by Bakhtiyar Khilji in the 12th century. Lord Buddha visited Nalanda several times during his lifetime, but the university became popular in the later years when Hieun Tsang stayed here in the 7th century AD and he left a detailed description of the education system and monastic life of this place. The site was recovered by Archeological Survey of India in 1915. It's said that the library of the university had so many books and manuscripts that it kept on burning for six months after the entire structure went up in flames.

The Great Stupa

Present amongst the ruins of the Nalanda University, this Stupa was built in the 3rd century by Ashoka in the honour of Sariputra. After the seven accretions to it, this structure is shaped like a pyramid and is flanked by flights of steps and splendid sculptures as well.

Hiuen Tsang Memorial Hall

The Hiuen Tsang Memorial Hall was built in memory of the Chinese scholar in

Nalanda: The ancient seat of knowledge



the location where he was said to have resided for over 12 years during his time in the country. The memorial hall is home

to writings of the scholar about his observations regarding medieval India, which forms the basis of much of the

knowledge of that time.

Pawapuri

Pawapuri is a holy site for the Jains. It is situated in the Nalanda district of Bihar state in Eastern India. A long time ago, Pawapuri was the twin capital of Mall Mahajanpad. Mahajanpad later became a part of the kingdom of Magadha and Ajatshatru was a devotee of Lord Mahavira. During the rule of Ajatshatru, the king of Pawapuri was known as Hastipal. When in Pawapuri, Mahavira stayed in the Rajikshala of the king. It is considered as a sacred place because Lord Mahavira was buried here in 500 BC.

Nalanda Archaeological Museum

Housing the ancient relics of Nalanda University, this museum offers a glance into the culture of ancient Nalanda. Pala Art is displayed through the assorted artifacts maintained here. The statues here are mainly engraved on basalt stone, but others made out of stucco, bronze, stone and terracotta are also present.

Kundalpur

Located just outside Nalanda, Kundalpur is the place which is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Mahavira, the 24th and last of Jain Tirthankaras. It is also the place of birth of Gautam Swamiji who was the first disciple of Lord Mahavira. A grand temple with beautiful spires has been built here to mark the birthplace with a four and half feet tall idol of Bhagwan Mahavira Padmasana. Within the complex, there is a serene Trikal Chaubeesi Jinmandir where there are 72 idols of Tirthankaras, representing 24 each of the past, present and the future age.



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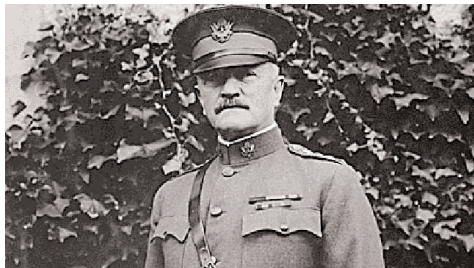
SEPTEMBER 13

September 13, 1788 - The U.S. Congress chose New York as the Federal capital of the new American government.

September 13, 1814 - The Battle of Fort Henry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

September 13, 1971 - State police and National Guardsmen stormed Attica prison in New York State ending a five-day prisoners' revolt. Thirty one prisoners and 11 guards were killed.

Birthdays - American Army physician Walter Reed (1851-1902) was born in Gloucester County, Virginia. Best known for his Yellow Fever research, he served as an army surgeon for more than 20 years. The U.S. Army's general hospital in Washington, D.C., is named in his honor.



Birthdays - Army General John J. Pershing (1860-1948) was born in Laclede, Missouri. He commanded the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) during World War I and oversaw the Meuse-Argonne operation that helped bring about the Armistice of November 11, 1918.

SEPTEMBER 14

September 14, 1741 - Composer George Frederick Handel finished Messiah after working on it nonstop for 23 days.

September 14, 1812 - Napoleon and his troops first entered Moscow as the retreating Russians set the city on fire. Napoleon found it was impossible to stay through the winter in the ruined city. He then began a retreat from Moscow which became one of the great disasters of military history. Fewer than 20,000 of the original 500,000 men with him survived the Russian campaign.

September 14, 1901 - Eight days after being shot, President William McKinley died from wounds suffered during an assassination attempt in Buffalo, New York. He was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.

September 14, 1927 - In Nice, France, famed ballet dancer Isadora Duncan was killed in a freak accident as the long scarf she was wearing became caught in the moving wheel of the car in which she was riding, strangling her.

September 14, 1930 - The Nazi Party became the second largest party in Germany following a stunning election triumph by Adolf Hitler.

September 14, 1960 - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC) was formed by representatives of oil-producing countries meeting in Baghdad.

September 14, 1975 - Elizabeth Ann Seton became the first American saint.



September 14, 1982 - Princess Grace of Monaco died following an accident in which her car plunged off a mountain road in Monte Carlo. Her daughter Stephanie, also in the car, survived and was treated for shock and bruises. Princess Grace (Grace Kelly) was a Hollywood actress who met Prince Rainier III of Monaco during filming of the Hitchcock film *To Catch a Thief*. She then gave up a successful acting career and married him in 1956.

SEPTEMBER 15

September 15, 1776 - British forces under General William Howe captured New York during the American Revolution.



September 15, 1916 - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

September 15, 1935 - Nazis enacted the Nuremberg Laws depriving German Jews of their rights of citizenship.

September 15, 1940 - The height of the Battle of Britain occurred as massive German air raids took place against London, Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester. The British claimed 185 German planes were shot down.

September 15, 1944 - The first entry of American troops into Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the U.S. 7th and 5th Corps reached the southwestern frontier of Germany.

Birthdays - American novelist, historian and social critic, James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851) was born in Burlington, New Jersey. Best known for *The Last of the Mohicans*.

Birthdays - William Howard Taft (1857-1930) the 27th U.S. President was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served as President

from 1909-1913, then became a law professor at Yale University until his appointment as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1921.

Birthdays - British mystery author Agatha Christie (1890-1976) was born in Torquay, England. She wrote nearly a hundred books including mysteries, dramas, poetry and nonfiction.

SEPTEMBER 16

September 16, 1620 - The Mayflower ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.

September 16, 1810 - Mexico's break from Spain began in the town of Dolores Hidalgo as Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang his church's bells and exhorted local Indians to "recover from the hated Spaniards the land stolen from your forefathers..."



September 16, 1908 - General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.

September 16, 1976 - The Episcopal Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women priests and bishops.

September 16, 1982 - Beginning of a two day massacre in Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut as Christian militiamen (the Phalangists) entered Sabra and Shatila and began shooting hundreds of Palestinians, including elderly men, women and children.

SEPTEMBER 17

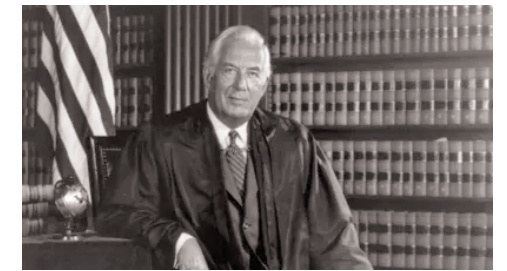
September 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

September 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.

September 17, 1908 - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, his 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 spectators at Fort Myer, Virginia, observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Wright himself was seriously injured.

September 17, 1939 - Soviet Russians invaded Eastern Poland, meeting little resistance and taking over 200,000 Poles

prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

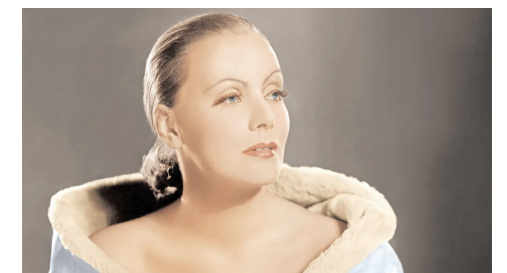


Birthdays - Supreme Court Justice Warren E. Burger (1907-1995) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. Appointed by President Nixon, he had the longest tenure (1969-86) of any Chief Justice in the 20th Century. In 1973, he voted in the majority on *Roe vs. Wade* which upheld a woman's right to an abortion. In 1974, he voted to force Nixon to surrender White House audio tapes to the Watergate special prosecutor.

SEPTEMBER 18

September 18, 1810 - Chile declared its independence from Spain after 269 years as a colony.

September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.



Birthdays - Movie actress Greta Garbo (1905-1990) was born in Stockholm, Sweden (as Greta Lovisa Gustafsson). She retired and became a recluse after making 27 films, spanning the silent era through the beginning of sound movies.

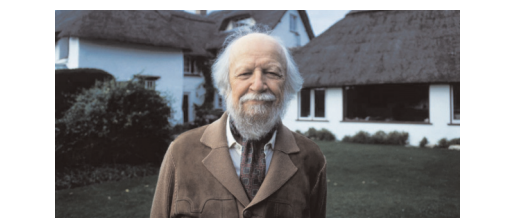
SEPTEMBER 19

September 19, 1676 - Jamestown, Virginia, was attacked and burned during a rebellion led by Nathaniel Bacon against the Royal Governor, Sir William Berkeley.

September 19, 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

September 19-20, 1985 - Earthquakes in Mexico City killed an estimated 5,000 to 20,000 persons and left more than 100,000 homeless, causing \$4 billion in damage. The quakes registered 8.1 and 7.5 on the Richter scale.

September 19, 1994 - U.S. troops invaded Haiti, with the stated goal of restoring democracy.



Birthdays - British author William Golding (1911-1993) was born in Cornwall, England. Best known for *Lord of the Flies*, he received a Nobel Prize in 1983.

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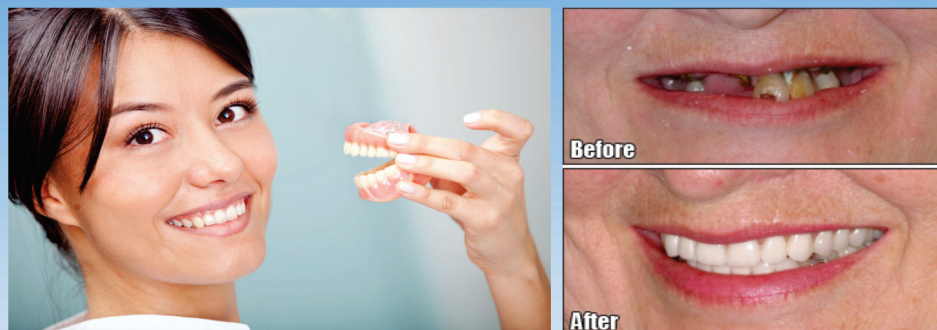
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Ronaldo creates history, becomes first to breach one billion barrier on social media

Since his career began, Cristiano Ronaldo has been known to break records on and off the field. The Portugal star has once again scripted history, becoming the first individual to reach one billion followers on all social media channels.

Ronaldo is the most followed individual on Instagram, and recently started his YouTube channel 'UR. Cristiano.' The channel registered 50 million subscribers under one week, and also it took him only 90 minutes to break one million subscribers.

The Al Nassr star announced the news on social media. Taking to X, he wrote, "We've made history — 1 BILLION followers! This is more than just a number - it's a testament to our shared passion, drive, and love for the game and beyond."

"From the streets of Madeira to the biggest stages in the world, I've always played for my family and for you, and now 1 billion of us stand together."

"You've been with me every step of the way, through all the highs and the lows. This journey is our journey, and together, we've shown that there are no limits to what we can achieve."

"Thank you for believing in me, for your support, and for being part of my life. The best is yet to come, and we'll keep pushing, winning, and making history together."

Ronaldo recently appeared on Rio Ferdinand's podcast, where he revealed that he was happy with the way the club was being run by its administrators, led by INEOS boss Jim Ratcliffe. He also had some advice for manager Erik Ten Hag, urging him to use former United teammate Ruud van Nistelrooy properly, with the Dutchman being hired as an assistant coach.

The social media record comes just after Ronaldo created another record, becoming the first-ever football player to score 900 career goals. He also bagged the feat by scoring the winner in Portugal's Nations League encounter vs Croatia.

Source: HT

Hockey Asian Champions Trophy: India beat Korea 3-1 to continue unbeaten run

HULUNBUIR (TIP)

Defending champions India remained unbeaten in the Asian Champions Trophy as it registered its fourth consecutive victory with a 3-1 win against Korea here at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, China on Thursday, September 12.

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh (9', 43') scored a brace in India's win while Araijeet Singh Hundal (8') gave an early lead in the team's win.

Having already booked a place in the semifinals, India looked to continue its winning ways against Korea in the penultimate league-stage match. The defending champions showcased this intent very early in the match with the eighth minute goal by Araijeet Singh Hundal. It was a fierce cross pass by Vivek Sagar Prasad that was picked up by Hundal from the top of the circle to scoop it in. In the following minute, Harmanpreet scored from a penalty corner to extend India's lead to 2-0. This was Harmanpreet's 200th international goal.

South Korea, who registered a fantastic 3-2 win against hosts China to climb up to second spot in the points table, was not going to let India have it easy. After shaking off the nerves in the first quarter, Korea bounced back with tactical defence curbing Indian attackers from keeping the ball possession.

In the last seven minutes of the second quarter, Korea punished India



with interjections and counter attacks, eventually setting up a PC in the 30th minute of the match. Jihun Yang, who had scored a goal in its win against China on September 11, came up with a fine PC execution to narrow India's lead to 2-1.

The third quarter saw both India and Korea trade equal number of PCs with each earning four. However, only India could successfully put one in the net with Harmanpreet coming up with a powerful dragflick to fetch his team a strong 3-1 lead. India played this quarter patiently, and constructed a compact attack to stay ahead of a tactful Korea. Meanwhile, Krishan Pathak held sway at the goalpost to keep Korea from scoring. The final quarter saw India do well as they

dominated with ball possession, and resorted to half-press that led to potential counter attacks. Though Korea made ambitious attempts to score, Suraj Karkera did well in the goalpost to ensure India don't concede a goal. India will take on arch nemesis Pakistan in their next encounter.

On September 11, young striker Raj Kumar Pal struck a hat-trick as title-holder India sealed a semifinal spot after thrashing Malaysia 8-1 for its third consecutive win in the Hero Asian Champions Trophy. Apart from Raj Kumar (3rd, 25th and 33rd minute), Araijeet Singh Hundal (6th and 39th minute), Jugraj Singh (7th minute), skipper Harmanpreet Singh (22nd minute), and Uttam Singh (40th minute) sounded the board for India.

PM meets India's Paralympic medallists, congratulates them on record haul

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met India's trailblazing Paralympians at his residence on Thursday, September 12, to congratulate them for their record-smashing haul of 29 medals at the recently-concluded Paris Games.

In a 43-second video shared by the Sports Ministry, the PM can be seen congratulating the medal winners before an interaction with them.

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) head Devendra Jhajharia were also present during this interaction.

Wheelchair-bound shooter Avani Lekhara, who won a second successive Paralympic gold in women's 10m air rifle (SH1) and visually-impaired judoka Kapil Parmar, India's first Paralympic medal-winner in the sport, were among those who were seen posing with the



PM Narendra Modi during an interaction with India's Paris Paralympics contingent. PTI

PM. Parmar could be seen getting his medal signed by Modi.

India gave its best-ever performance in the Paralympic Games by winning 29 medals, including an unprecedented seven gold, nine silver and 13 bronze medals. The 84-strong contingent

surpassed the previous best of 19 medals that was achieved in the Tokyo Games three years ago. The stupendous performance included many firsts such as medals in track events of athletics, and a gold in archery (through Harvinder Singh). Source: PTI



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