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The United States has implemented new tariffs, bringing the total duty on many Indian goods to a steep 50% as of Wednesday.

The move, enacted by the Trump administration, is in direct response to India's continued purchase of Russian oil, which the U.S. argues is funding Russia's war effort.

According to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), about two-thirds of India's annual goods



Illustration of the Indian flag in the backdrop of a model depicting U.S. President Donald Trump as the U.S. imposes 50% tariff

exports to the U.S., valued at approximately \$60.2 billion, will now face this punitive tariff.

Labor-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewelry, and seafood are

expected to be the hardest hit, with some analysts warning of a potential 70% collapse in these exports and significant job losses. The tariffs, among the highest levied by the U.S. on any major trading

partner, are also seen as a setback to ongoing bilateral trade negotiations, which have stalled over disagreements on issues like agriculture. In a non-retaliatory stance, India's government is

formulating a multi-pronged strategy to mitigate the impact.

This includes providing financial assistance to affected exporters, supporting market diversification efforts to countries in Asia and the Middle East, and considering domestic reforms to boost the local economy and reduce reliance on exports.

Indian officials have reiterated that energy security is paramount, maintaining their right to purchase oil from sources that benefit the nation.

Supreme Court Orders Govt to Draft Social Media Rules to Curb Derogatory Content

The directive came during a hearing on a petition against social media influencers for derogatory remarks against persons with disabilities

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The Supreme Court has directed the Union government to frame comprehensive guidelines to regulate social media content and conduct, emphasizing the need to balance freedom of speech with the right to dignity and privacy.

The directive came during a hearing on a petition against social media influencers for derogatory remarks against persons with disabilities. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi observed



Supreme Court of India

that "commercialized speech" by influencers does not enjoy the same protection as free speech and has the potential to cause significant harm. The court has given the government until

November to present a draft of the proposed guidelines, which must be developed in consultation with the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA) and other stakeholders.

The court's order aims to create a "future-ready" framework that is not a "knee-jerk reaction" but can address emerging challenges in the digital landscape. It stressed that while humor is part of life, it should not cross into

ridicule that offends vulnerable communities, including women, children, and senior citizens.

This move has been welcomed by advocates for persons with disabilities, who have long argued for greater accountability for online content creators.

The court's distinction between private and commercial speech is seen as a key legal precedent in the evolving digital media landscape, signaling a major push for greater accountability on digital platforms.

Ganesha Chaturthi: Uniting Devotion and Community

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Ganesha Chaturthi, also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, is a vibrant Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed deity revered as the remover of obstacles, the god of wisdom, and the harbinger of new beginnings.

Celebrated with immense enthusiasm, particularly in the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, this ten-day festival transforms cities and homes into a spectacle of devotion, art, and community spirit.

A Look at the History

The origins of Ganesha Chaturthi are rooted in Hindu mythology. Legend holds that Goddess Parvati, in the absence of her husband Lord Shiva, created a son from sandalwood paste to guard her while she bathed.

When Lord Shiva returned, he was blocked by this unknown figure. A fierce confrontation ensued, and in a fit of rage, Lord Shiva beheaded the boy. Distraught, Goddess Parvati revealed the truth, and to pacify her, Lord Shiva vowed to bring her son back to life, replacing his head with that of the first creature he found—an elephant.

Thus, Ganesha was born, and from that day on, he was worshipped as the leader of the ganas (followers of Shiva), hence the name Ganapati.

While the festival has ancient roots, its modern, public form was largely revived by the Indian

freedom fighter Lokmanya Tilak in the late 19th century. During the British Raj, public gatherings were restricted, and Tilak saw



Ganesha Chaturthi as a way to unite people from all castes and communities under a common religious and cultural banner.

He encouraged large-scale public celebrations with grand idols and communal festivities, transforming the festival into a powerful tool for social and political unity. This legacy continues today, with large public pandals (temporary structures) and processions that are a hallmark of the festival.

How People Celebrate

The celebration of Ganesha Chaturthi is a beautiful blend of traditional rituals and joyous community participation. The festivities typically begin with the Pranapratishta ritual, a ceremony to invite the deity's presence into the idol.

This is followed by Shodashopachara, a 16-step worship that includes offering durva grass, red hibiscus flowers, coconuts, jaggery, and, most famously, modaks—sweet dumplings believed to be Lord Ganesha's favorite.

In homes, families bring small, beautifully crafted Ganesha idols and install them on decorated altars. Daily prayers, aartis (devotional songs), and the sharing of prasad with family and friends create a

warm and spiritual atmosphere. In public, community pandals are set up, hosting towering idols of Ganesha, often

with elaborate and artistic themes. These pandals become centers of cultural activity, with people gathering for collective prayers, bhajans, and community feasts.

The festival culminates on the tenth day, known as Anant Chaturdashi, with Ganesh Visarjan. In this ritual, the idols are carried in grand processions with music and dancing to be immersed in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or the sea.

The immersion symbolizes Ganesha's return to his celestial abode, carrying with him the obstacles and sorrows of his devotees. The chant "Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya" (O Lord Ganesha, come back soon next year) echoes through the streets, a mix of emotional farewell and joyous anticipation.

New Trends in the Festival

In recent years, Ganesha Chaturthi has embraced several new trends, reflecting a growing awareness of social and environmental issues.

Eco-friendly Idols: One of the most significant changes is the widespread shift towards eco-friendly idols. Traditionally, idols were often made from Plaster of Paris and painted with toxic chemicals, which caused

immense water pollution during immersion. Today, more and more people are opting for idols made from natural clay, mud, or recycled paper, which dissolve easily and are biodegradable.

Some creative variations include Ganesha idols made of coconut fiber, vegetables, or even chocolate, which are then immersed in a bucket of water or consumed, respectively.

Social and Community Initiatives: The festival has also become a platform for social causes. Many public pandals now use their platform to raise awareness about issues like cleanliness, education, and women's empowerment. Blood donation camps, health check-up drives, and community service projects are often organized during the ten days of the festival, reinforcing the spirit of unity and giving back to society that Tilak originally envisioned.

Fusion of Tradition and Modernity: Modern Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations also incorporate a blend of the old and new. While traditional rituals remain, the aesthetics and expressions have evolved. The idol designs themselves have become more contemporary, with Ganesha depicted in various unique forms, from superheroes to popular cultural figures. The music and dances in the processions are a mix of traditional dhol-tasha beats and popular Bollywood music, reflecting a dynamic and evolving cultural landscape.

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“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.”
– Oscar Wilde

Utility Numbers

Police	100	Reservation Enquiry	1345
Fire	101	Disha	112
Ambulance	108		
Rail General Enquiry	131		

'Make in India' at Sea: Two New Frigates Join Navy Fleet

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned two multi-mission stealth frigates

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In a landmark event for India's defense sector, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on August 26, 2025 commissioned two multi-mission stealth frigates, INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.

This marks a historic first for the Indian Navy, as it is the first time two frontline surface



combatants, built at different shipyards, have been commissioned simultaneously. The frigates, part of the advanced Project 17A series, are shining examples of the 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'

initiatives. INS Udaygiri, constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, and INS Himgiri, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, boast significant improvements in design, stealth, and weapon systems. With approximately 75% indigenous content, these vessels are a testament to India's growing self-reliance in naval design and construction, and are set to significantly enhance the Navy's combat readiness in the Indian Ocean Region.

Chief Minister Launches Eco-Friendly Tourism Initiative for Visakhapatnam

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On 29th August, 2025 Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched a new 'Hop-On Hop-Off' Discover Vizag tourist bus service, designed to enhance the travel experience for visitors exploring the city's scenic coastal attractions.

The fleet of electric double-decker buses will operate along a 16-kilometer stretch on Beach Road, connecting key destinations from RK Beach to the Thotlakonda Buddhist heritage site.



During the inauguration, the Chief Minister announced a 50% subsidy on the ticket fare, bringing the price for a 24-hour ticket down to just ₹250. This initiative, a collaboration between GVMC Smart City and the Tourism Department, aims to provide tourists with a convenient, affordable, and eco-friendly way to explore the city's highlights. Mr. Naidu also urged tourists and residents to help maintain the cleanliness of the beaches, aligning with the government's vision of making Visakhapatnam a world-class tourism hub.

Vizag Teacher Wins National Best Teacher Award

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Madabathula Thirumala Sridevi, the dedicated headmistress of Pandit Nehru Municipal High School in Bheemili, has been selected for the prestigious National Best Teacher Award 2025.

She is the only teacher from Andhra Pradesh to receive this honour this year, and one of 45 educators chosen from across the country.

The award recognizes her exceptional contributions to education, including her pioneering use of technology and art-integrated teaching methods.

Sridevi, who began her career as a biology teacher in 2001, is praised for transforming her classroom with modern ICT tools, which significantly improved student engagement and outcomes. She also initiated various community-oriented programs, such as promoting an "anaemia-free campus" and raising awareness about the ill effects of single-use plastics.



RTC Bus Catches Fire in Vizag; Passengers Evacuated Safely

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On 29th August, 2025 a major disaster was narrowly averted when an APSRTC bus carrying over 100 passengers caught fire near a traffic signal in Akkayyapalem.



The swift actions of the bus crew and an alert auto-rickshaw driver ensured that all passengers were evacuated safely before the fire engulfed the vehicle. The incident occurred when the bus, traveling from Kurmannapalem to Vizianagaram, stopped at a signal.

A nearby auto driver

noticed smoke and flames from the engine and immediately alerted the bus driver. Acting promptly, the driver and conductor evacuated all passengers. Within minutes, the bus was ablaze. Initial investigations point to a short circuit as the likely cause of the fire. While the bus was completely destroyed, authorities confirmed there were no injuries or casualties. The incident caused a temporary traffic jam on the busy road, but the situation was quickly brought under control by local police and fire services.

AP Approves ₹53,922 Crore in New Investments

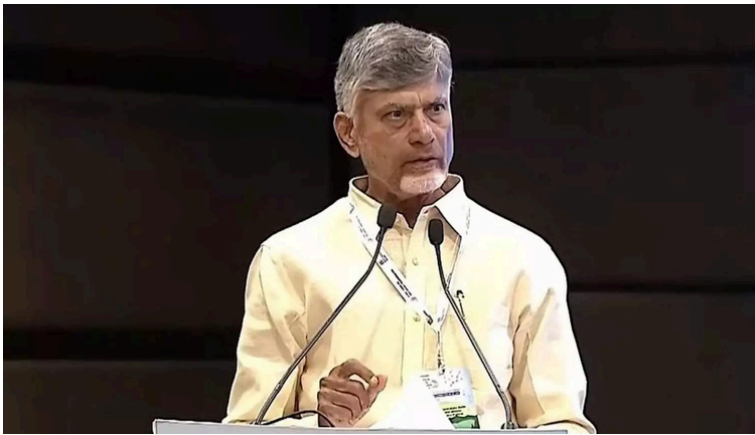
These projects are expected to generate more than 83,000 jobs across various sectors

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The Andhra Pradesh State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB), led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, has given a major boost to the state's economy by approving 30 new investment projects worth a total of ₹53,922 crore.

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The approved investments span key industries,



including renewable energy, automotive, and telecom.

Notable clearances were given to projects by HFCL, Apollo Tyres, and the Dhirubhai Ambani Green Tech Park. Chief Minister

Naidu emphasized the government's commitment to improving the 'ease of doing business' and stated that he would personally monitor the progress of these projects. The approvals are a significant

step towards the state's goal of rapid industrialization and job creation.

Naidu emphasized the importance of food processing industries in a state like Andhra Pradesh, which is heavily reliant on agriculture, and urged the authorities to interact with leading businesses in the industry to draw in additional capital. He said that farmers benefited from the local mango processing businesses in areas like Chittoor and Annamayya.

AP's "Stree Shakti" Scheme Offers Free Bus Travel to Women

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The Andhra Pradesh government on August 15 officially launched the "Stree Shakti" scheme, a landmark initiative offering free bus travel to women, girls, and transgender persons across the state.

The program, a key promise from the recent elections, came into effect on Independence Day, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu personally inaugurating the service. The scheme covers five categories of APSRTC buses, including



Pallevelugu, Ultra Pallevelugu, City Ordinary, Metro Express, and Express services. It's designed to enhance mobility and provide significant economic relief, with an estimated 2.62 crore women expected to benefit. While the free travel is valid only within AP and excludes

premium services and inter-state buses, officials stated that the government would reimburse APSRTC for the fare, ensuring the corporation doesn't incur losses. The move is a significant step towards women's empowerment and financial independence.

Pawan Kalyan Concludes Jana Sena Convention

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The Jana Sena party's three-day state-level convention, "Senatho Senani," concluded today in Visakhapatnam, with party chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan addressing a massive public gathering at the Indira Priyadarshini Stadium.

The event was held to energize party cadres and strengthen the organization from the grassroots level.

During his address, Kalyan urged party workers to work in synergy with the government to deliver on their promises and ensure transparent governance.

He also used the platform to reiterate his criticism of the previous government, a point he had underscored during his visit to the controversial Rushikonda hill structures earlier in the week.

The convention saw the participation of key party leaders and active members from across Andhra Pradesh.



AP Increases Sports Quota to 3% to Promote Athletics

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The Andhra Pradesh government has announced a major policy change to boost sports and support athletes, increasing the sports quota in the state to 3%.

The announcement was made by IT Minister Nara Lokesh during celebrations for National Sports Day.

The decision aims to provide greater opportunities for talented sportspersons, particularly in government jobs and educational institutions. Lokesh stated that the government is committed to nurturing athletic



talent from the grassroots level and that the increased quota will encourage more youth to pursue careers in sports.

He added that the initiative is part of a broader strategy to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in athletics and create a strong pool of national-level talent. The move has been widely

welcomed by sports associations and athletes across the state, who see it as a significant step towards recognizing their contributions and ensuring their future. The chief minister added that Tirupati, Vizag, and Amaravati will all have integrated sports complexes and that Amaravati will be transformed into a sports city.

College celebrates 79th Independence Day

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Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College celebrated an incredible 79th Independence Day with a vibrant parade and captivating cultural performances by our talented students. The event was a true showcase of patriotism and creativity, bringing together the spirit of freedom and the joy of artistic expression.

Guest Lecture held for Engineering students

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On 12th August 2025, Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering (Autonomous) hosted a guest lecture on “Career Planning” by Mr. Lalit Bohra, IRTS, 1998 Batch, with over 31 years of experience. Highlighting India’s 7–8% annual economic growth, Mr. Bohra urged engineering students to seize emerging opportunities, remain curious, work hard, and focus on innovation.

He advised leveraging technology for learning, identifying passions, developing relevant skills, and gaining practical exposure through internships and field visits. Strong communication skills, continuous skill upgrading, and reading for knowledge enhancement were emphasised as keys to career success. Envisioning the next two decades as transformative, he projected “Viksit Bharat” achievable through gender equality, core sector growth, and entrepreneurship, supported by government initiatives.

The session ended with an engaging Q&A, inspiring students to contribute to India’s progress. Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent, Prof. D. Deepak Chowdary, Engineering College Principal, Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, UG & PG Principal, staff, and students participated in the session.

Degree with IAS Program inaugurated on the campus

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Dr. Shanka Brata Bagchi, IPS, Commissioner of Police in Visakhapatnam, inaugurated the ‘Degree with IAS program’ at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College on August 21, 2025. This initiative, designed for the college's students, is being conducted in collaboration with Takshasila IAS Academy.

In his address to the gathering, Dr. Bagchi emphasised the importance of proper planning, determination, and focus in achieving career goals. “Civil services offer immense opportunities, provided students approach their preparation with the right strategy and dedication,” he stated, praising the Degree with IAS initiative as a commendable idea.

Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent of Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya Colleges, urged students to make the best use of technology without becoming overly reliant on mobile phones. Dr. B.S.N. Durga Prasad, Managing Director of Takshasila IAS Academy, highlighted the various courses offered by the institution. The program was presided over by Dr. G. Varun Dev, with participation from principals, vice principals, faculty members, and students of the college.

Blood donation camp held at Bullayya College

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Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College, in association with Round Table India, Ladies Circle India, and Rotary Blood Bank, organised a blood donation camp on the college premises on August 26, 2025. Students and staff members donated blood.

UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty and Engineering College Principal Prof. D. Deepak Chowdary said that 145 units of blood were collected during the camp. Vizag Round Table chairman Bhuvan Gottipati, Ladies Circle chairperson Swetha Singhal, and G. Ajit Kumar of the Round Table also participated in the programme.

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OUTLOOK

Plastic Pollution: A Global Threat and a Path to a Greener Future

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In the blink of an eye, plastic has become the defining material of our age. From the packaging that encases our groceries to the fibers in our clothing, it is a ubiquitous, seemingly indispensable part of modern life.

Yet, its convenience has masked a crisis of global proportions. The single-use mindset has transformed this miracle material into a persistent pollutant, choking our planet and posing a grave, yet often unseen, threat to both the environment and our own health.

The environmental toll of plastic is catastrophic. Every year, millions of tons of plastic waste flood our terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, with an estimated 19-23 million metric tons entering rivers and oceans annually.

This pollution directly alters habitats, disrupts natural processes, and kills countless animals through entanglement and ingestion. The most insidious threat, however, lies in its fragmentation.

As plastic breaks down, it doesn't disappear; it simply becomes smaller, degrading into microplastics and nanoplastics. These nearly invisible particles have been found in every corner of the globe, from the deepest ocean trenches to the Antarctic tundra.

They act as "chemical magnets," absorbing and concentrating toxins from the surrounding environment. This environmental calamity has a direct and alarming impact on human health.

When plastic fragments, the toxic chemicals they contain, such as phthalates and bisphenols, can leach into the environment and subsequently into our food and water supplies.

Research has shown that microplastics have

infiltrated the human body, with particles found in our bloodstreams, lungs, and even in placentas. While the long-term health consequences are still



being studied, these particles have been linked to cell damage and have the potential to disrupt our immune systems.

The very air we breathe is now a carrier for these microscopic particles, a disturbing reminder that there is no escaping the consequences of our reliance on plastic.

Confronting this crisis requires a multi-pronged approach that extends far beyond individual



recycling efforts. While personal responsibility—such as refusing single-use items, carrying reusable bags and bottles, and participating in clean-ups—is essential, it is insufficient on its own.

The problem must be addressed at its source through systemic change. Governments worldwide are beginning to act, with many enacting bans on single-use plastics and supporting legislation like Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which holds companies accountable for the entire life cycle of their products.

Global accords, such as the proposed UN treaty on plastic pollution, aim to create a legally binding framework to reduce plastic production and create a circular economy on a global scale. A truly eco-friendly future is not a far-off dream, but a

tangible goal that requires a collective shift in innovation and culture. Businesses must lead the way by redesigning

products to be inherently circular, minimizing waste from the very start. This means prioritizing reusable and refillable delivery models over disposable packaging.

The future of materials science is already pointing toward exciting alternatives to fossil fuel-based plastics. Innovations like bioplastics derived from cornstarch or sugarcane, packaging made from mycelium (the root

structure of mushrooms), and biodegradable alternatives from seaweed offer a glimpse into a world where products return to the earth without a trace.

Achieving this future requires us to reconsider our relationship with consumption.

We must move away from a "take-make-dispose" model and embrace a regenerative mindset—one where we value experiences over possessions and where circularity is the default, not the exception.

The transition will be challenging, requiring investments in new infrastructure, a commitment to research and development, and a fundamental change in consumer behavior. The plastic crisis is one of the most pressing challenges

of our time, but it is not insurmountable. By combining responsible individual action with bold policy reform and technological innovation, we can turn the tide on plastic pollution.

This monumental task demands that we work together as a global community, recognizing that the health of our planet and our own well-being are intrinsically linked.

The path to a healthier planet and a more sustainable future begins with our shared commitment to a world where convenience no longer comes at the cost of our environment or our health. The time for change is now, for us and for the generations to come.

This is not just an environmental fight; it is a moral imperative that requires us to act with urgency and foresight to protect the only home we have. This collective endeavor requires a profound shift in mindset, from one of passive consumption to one of active stewardship.

It calls on governments to enforce stricter regulations, businesses to innovate with genuinely sustainable materials, and individuals to embrace a lifestyle of conscious choice.

The choices we make today—to reduce, reuse, and advocate for change—will determine the legacy we leave for future generations, ensuring a world where humanity and nature can coexist and thrive.

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India and Japan Cement Ties with \$68 Billion Investment Target

The summit underscored a shared vision for prosperity and a stable Indo-Pacific region

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded a significant and productive two-day visit to Japan, further strengthening economic and strategic ties with the nation.



During the 15th India-Japan Summit, PM Modi and his Japanese counterpart, Shigeru Ishiba, announced an ambitious private investment target of 10

trillion yen (approximately \$68 billion) from Japan in India over the next decade. five lakh people, deepening cultural and technical collaboration.

The leaders also adopted an action plan to promote the two-way exchange of The leaders outlined 13 key outcomes, including new and comprehensive

MoUs focused on joint initiatives in artificial intelligence, supply chain resilience, and green energy financing.

PM Modi also announced that India is now opening its sensitive nuclear sector to the private sector.

The summit underscored a shared vision for prosperity and a stable Indo-Pacific region, with both nations committing to closer cooperation.

Trump's Peace Push Stalls as Russia and Ukraine Exchange Blame

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The war in Ukraine has entered a new and volatile phase, marked by escalating military operations and fragmented diplomatic initiatives.



Russia has launched deadly airstrikes on Kyiv and is reportedly engaged in a full-scale ground assault in Donetsk Oblast. In response, Ukraine has escalated its own attacks, claiming to have hit Russian oil refineries and energy infrastructure with drones.

ever. Efforts by U.S. President Donald Trump to broker a peace deal have hit a wall, with Russia reportedly resisting a direct meeting between President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

While the U.S. has threatened economic repercussions, both Moscow and Kyiv continue to show little readiness to compromise, leading to a deepening military confrontation with no end in sight.

European leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron, have expressed

Amid this renewed violence, the path to peace appears more remote than

Monsoon Fury Leaves Trail of Devastation Across India

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Unrelenting monsoon rains have unleashed a series of natural disasters across India throughout August, with northern states bearing the brunt of the devastation.

A massive landslide near the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir tragically claimed 34 lives, primarily pilgrims, while flash floods and cloudbursts in the same region pushed the total death toll to over 40.

In Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, landslides and swollen rivers have disrupted life, with key highways like the Chandigarh-Manali road being blocked.

Chhattisgarh's Bastar division also reported at least eight flood-related deaths. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has linked these intense, erratic weather patterns to climate change, highlighting a worrying trend of increased frequency and severity of extreme rainfall events across the subcontinent.



Israeli Offensive on Gaza City Intensifies Amid Famine and Global Condemnation

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The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has reached a critical point as Israel pushes forward with its planned military offensive on Gaza City, the territory's largest urban center.



impact" of the assault, with health officials reporting dozens killed in recent Israeli strikes. Turkey has taken a dramatic step by completely severing economic and trade ties with Israel, closing its ports and airspace to Israeli vessels and aircraft. The move signals growing diplomatic isolation for Israel as it proceeds with its offensive despite international pressure.

Diplomatic efforts to secure a ceasefire have stalled despite a proposal that was accepted by Hamas. Meanwhile, international condemnation is mounting.

The Israeli military has declared Gaza City a "dangerous combat zone," ending prior "tactical pauses" and risking the forced displacement of an estimated one million Palestinians already struggling with a severe famine. The UN has warned of the "horrific

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Harmanpreet Singh's Hat-Trick Secures India's Win

The match served as a critical opening victory

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The 12th Men's Hockey Asia Cup got underway in Rajgir, Bihar, with a nail-biting encounter that saw the hosts, India, narrowly defeat China 4-3.

In a match filled with pressure and high drama, India's captain and star drag-flicker, Harmanpreet Singh, was the hero of the day, scoring a hat-trick from penalty corners.



India, who are seeking to secure a World Cup berth by winning the tournament, were made to work hard for their victory.

China took an early lead,

and despite India's quick comeback to lead 2-1 at halftime and 3-1 early in the third quarter.

The Chinese fought back to level the scores at 3-3,

setting up a tense final quarter. Harmanpreet's third and decisive goal in the 47th minute secured the hard-fought win for India.

The match served as a critical opening victory, though it also highlighted areas for the Indian team to address, particularly in their defence against set-pieces.

India's Men's Doubles Pair Secures a World Championship Medal; Sindhu Exits

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India's top men's doubles team, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, guaranteed India a medal at the BWF World Championships on Friday, August 29, with a thrilling quarterfinal victory over their rivals, Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia.

The world No. 3 pair won 21-12, 21-19, avenging their previous losses to the same duo, including a heartbreaking quarterfinal defeat at the Paris Olympics last year.



This win marks the duo's second World Championships medal and continues India's streak of at least one podium finish at the event since 2011.

However, it was a day of mixed fortunes for India in Paris.

In the women's singles quarterfinals, two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu's quest for a record sixth World Championships medal ended with a defeat to Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani.

Djokovic and Alcaraz Advance as US Open Unfolds

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The 2025 US Open, the final tennis Grand Slam of the year, kicked off on Sunday, August 24, with the world's top players taking to the courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

The early rounds have seen some expected wins, as well as a few notable upsets, setting the stage for an intriguing second week.

On the men's side, favorites Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz have advanced to the fourth round, edging closer to a potential semifinal clash.

Djokovic, who is vying



for a record 25th Grand Slam title, defeated Cameron Norrie in a four-set match on Friday, August 29.

Meanwhile, Alcaraz has been dominant, breezing past his opponents in straight sets.

In the women's draw, defending champion and world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka has powered through, including a notable victory over Leylah Fernandez on

Friday, avenging a previous loss.

However, the tournament has also seen history made, with players from smaller tennis nations like Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Indonesia achieving their country's first-ever Grand Slam singles victories in the Open era.

Paris Saint-Germain Wins First UEFA Super Cup in Dramatic Penalty Shootout

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In a thrilling final on Wednesday, August 13, at the Stadio Friuli, Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) claimed their first-ever UEFA Super Cup title, defeating Tottenham Hotspur 4-3 on penalties after a dramatic 2-2 draw.

The victory marks a historic moment for the French club, making them the first from France to win the prestigious trophy.

Tottenham seemed to have the match in hand, taking a commanding 2-0 lead by the 48th minute with goals from Micky van de Ven and Cristian Romero.

However, PSG launched a stunning comeback. Goals from Lee Kang-in in the 85th minute and an injury-time equalizer from Gonalo Ramos forced the match into a penalty shootout.

In the ensuing shootout, both teams held their nerve, but it was Nuno Mendes who converted the winning penalty for PSG.

