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ARIES
If you are a gadget freak, today you will have enough opportunity to flaunt your knowledge and impress everyone else. Students with a scientific bent of mind will excel in studies. Ganesha advises housewives to experiment with their own recipes, and not to worry about the oven – it will not burst.

TAURUS
This day, you need to watch out against your selfish and possessive tendencies. Ganesha advises you not to be too determined or demanding. Try to not to be self centred. Do not impose your need and wishes on anyone. You should act generous and large hearted towards one and all; particularly towards your spouse.

GEMINI
You will be more inclined towards religious teachings and rituals today. You will probably visit a place of worship and spend some time there and this will bring you mental peace and calm. However, you still need to do justice to your duties, says Ganesha.

CANCER
It is high time you paid attention to your family. You have been so lost in work and in making money that you have almost forgotten the very people you have been slogging for. Your spouse has been trying hard to improve the relationship.

LEO
If you are wondering whether you'll get the carrot or the stick today, then Ganesha has some good news for you: the day promises to bring only rewards for you. This will be especially true for your workplace, where your innate talents get recognised today.

VIRGO
Ganesha feels that today may be an important turning point in your life. You will look to secure the money much required for your bright future. Relationship matters will top your priorities during the afternoon today. You may also feel the need for spirituality, so try your hand at meditation and yoga.

LIBRA
Get a bigger wallet, since it is very likely that today shall prove to be a money-making day for you. It might be through some sort of a partnership deal that this may happen, predicts Ganesha. Destiny lends you a helping hand and guides you in your goals. But it is your sentiments that may darken your thoughts today.

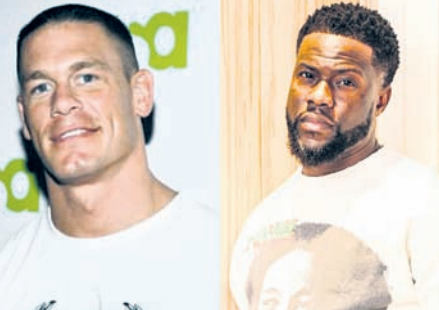
SCORPIO
You are quite vocal about your ambitious plans, says Ganesha. But, being too harsh on yourself or others for that matter may spoil your relationships with many people. Stay away from lengthy discussions to avoid any conflicts.

SAGITTARIUS
You nearly become a superhero in the eyes of your near and dear ones, says Ganesha. And what more? You loving your new avatar. Good news is on its way as promotion or increment is on the cards.

CAPRICORN
Paradise is where patience leads you, success is the other terminus, says Ganesha. Keeping your cool will benefit you in more ways than you would have imagined, so think twice before you unleash your vengeance on your foes. You are also likely to have a heart-to-heart conversation with your beloved and make him/her feel wanted.

AQUARIUS
Today, you will understand the value of your job. You decide to do away with everything that has been hampering your work till now. You realise you need to set some long-term goals in your career. Grab the opportunity while the intention lasts, says Ganesha.

PISCES
Today you will feel generous and calm. You will shower those in the family who are younger than you with this generosity and as a result be the object of their fondness. With a clear perspective you will be able to see things for what they are. The only downside of the day is that your expenses might take a toll on your wallet, says Ganesha.



JOHN CENA, KEVIN HART TO STAR IN *THE LEADING MAN*

Hollywood actors Kevin Hart and John Cena are set to star in an upcoming action comedy *The Leading Man* from Netflix. The film is based on the comic book series from Jeremy Haun and B Clay Moore. Hart and Cena will also produce the project

KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS NOT TO DIRECT HERSELF

Actor-filmmaker Kristin Scott Thomas says she wouldn't want to direct herself again. The actor stepped into direction with *The Sea Change*, in which she also acted. The film was released in 2017. Her latest film, *My Mother's Wedding* (2023), which she scripted, saw her portraying Diana alongside other cast members



Rashmika on importance of journaling

Mumbai: Actress Rashmika Mandanna has emphasised the importance of self-reflection and journaling to stay connected with her inner self.

Talking about what keeps her grounded through all the fame, travel, and chaos of being a pan-India star, Rashmika told this news agency, "It's the people that surround me. My family, my friends & my team provide me with utmost support, but they also help me stay grounded."

"Of course, my fans, who remind me why I do what I do; help me push through and give my best."

The actress says there are times when she tells herself to hit the pause button.

"All of this, plus there are days when I remind myself con-

stantly to pause and reflect on everything. That's where journaling really helps. No matter what's happening around me, I try to stay connected to what's happening within me. That's what Dear Diary is all about, too - checking in with your own truth and leading with kindness, always," said the actress, who is the founder of Dear Diary.

The actress will next be seen in the Telugu drama *The Girlfriend*, which is touted as a compelling romantic drama and is funded by GA2 Pictures, Mass Movie Makers and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment. It was in December 2024, when the film's teaser was released. IANS

Natasha: Casting couch is a reality

Mumbai: Natasha Fernandez, who debuted with *Ek Haseena Thi Ek Deewana Tha* (2017), is set to return to the big screen after eight years in Suneel Darshan's ambitious project *Andaaz 2*, co-starring newcomers Aayush Kumar and Aakaisha. In a recent interview, Natasha candidly shared the struggles she faced after her debut film's box-office failure. She revealed encountering the darker side of the industry, particularly the casting couch. "Certain people promise connections and opportunities, only to later ask if you're willing to 'party' or have the 'qualities' they want. When you refuse, they deem you unfit to be an actor. Your talent gets judged by what you can do for them, not your skills," she said, calling it a harsh reality that still affects many aspiring actors.

Clarifying her stance,

Natasha stressed that not the entire industry is corrupt — she believes 60% genuinely offer opportunities to talented newcomers. The problem, she said, lies with the mediators who exploit hopefuls. Her advice to aspiring actors was encouraging: "Don't give up on your dreams. Be smart, practical, and persistent. Take up work for steady income — one day, your 'apna-time-aagaya' moment will come."

AGENCIES

Priyanka's nostalgic dive

Mumbai: Priyanka Chopra took to Instagram to share memories of her 2012 hit *Barfi!*, in which she starred alongside Ranbir Kapoor under the direction of Anurag Basu. She recalled how Ranbir, during the filming of *Anjaana Anjaani* in 2009, mentioned Barfi! and Basu's involvement. Thrilled at the idea of playing Jhilmil, a young woman on the autism spectrum, Priyanka met Basu at her Mumbai home. However, he initially struggled to imagine her in the role, leading to a five-day workshop.

They immersed themselves in research — reading, watching videos, meeting children with autism — and performing unconventional "Basu-style" exercises, including shouting expletives to push her out of her comfort zone. Many scenes, she revealed, were improvised. The film was special for another reason — it marked one of her father's last visits to her set.

Released in 2012 on a budget of Rs. 30 crore, *Barfi!* became one of the year's highest-grossing films and India's official entry for the 85th Academy Awards. It won seven Filmfare Awards, including Best Film. Priyanka fondly credited Ranbir, Ileana D'Cruz, cinematographer Ravi Varman, and Basu's magical storytelling. Currently in Hyderabad shooting SS Rajamouli's *SSMB 29* with Mahesh Babu, Priyanka is accompanied by her daughter, Malti Marie. AGENCIES

New book celebrates legacy of Odissi icon Sanjukta Panigrahi

Bhubaneswar: A new book titled *Grace in Motion - Life and Art of Sanjukta Panigrahi* pays tribute to the renowned Odissi dancer, highlighting her groundbreaking contributions to the classical dance form.

Authored by senior journalist and writer Bhaskar Parichha, the book delves into Sanjukta's remarkable journey, showcasing her dedication to the art form and her extensive work.

For the unversed, Sanjukta Panigrahi, an Padma Shri awardee, was a trailblazer in popularising Odissi globally. Her performances,

marked by elegance and precision, continue to inspire generations of dancers.

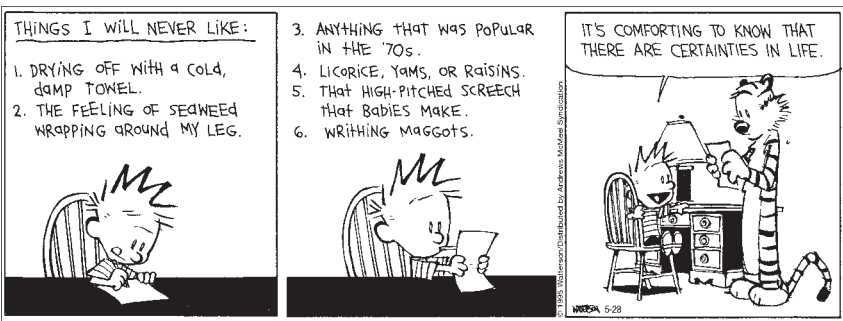
One of India's oldest classical dance forms, Odissi dates back to the second century BCE. The dance style is characterised by its therapeutic, spiritual, and metaphysical dimensions, making it a unique and captivating art form. The book is slated for an August 24 release coinciding with the dancer's birth anniversary. PNN



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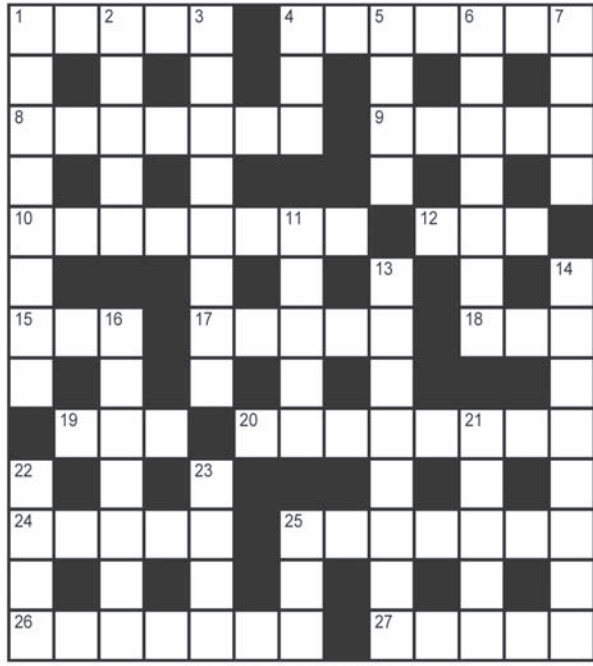


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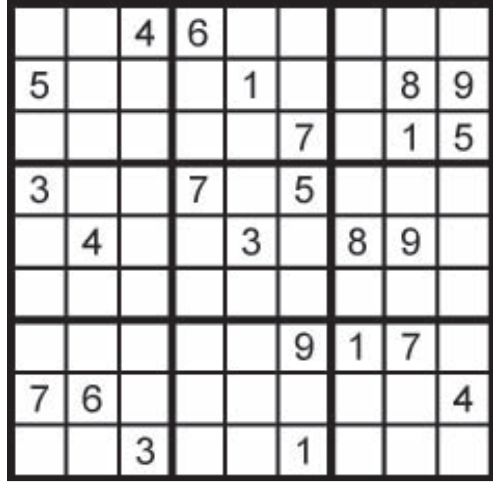
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 - Australian state
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 - Hard wood
 - Perceive
 - Kimono tie
 - Explosive compound
 - One of the senses
 - Buddies
 - Fuel type
 - Young haddock
- Down**
- Untouched
 - Fencing swords
 - Old salt
 - Append
 - Chess piece
 - Young swans
 - Just O.K. (2-2)
 - Tusk material
 - Egypt's attraction
 - Set free
 - Hot sauce
 - Kind of tube
 - Escalator part
 - Star in Lyra
 - Doctor's charge

SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, fill in the boxes in such a manner that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



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At Shankha Bhavan, senior BJD leaders—including Debi Prasad Mishra, Pratap Jena, Ashok Panda, Sudam Marndi, Snehangini Chhuria, and others—attended the celebratory event.

Addressing the media, the BJD alleged that despite having a tribal Chief Minister, the government has cut the Tribal Welfare budget, reduced student stipends, and failed to fulfil promises of socio-economic upliftment.

Similarly, the Congress celebrated the day at Congress Bhawan with tribal dance and music performed by tribal artists. The event was attended by OPMC president Bhakti Charan Das, former Union minister Srikant Jena, state Congress tribal chairperson Yashbant Narayan Singh Laguri, and other tribal leaders.

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CEREBRAL CLASH: MYRIAD MOMENTS

The seventh edition of **Mettle Meet** got off to an electrifying start at a City hotel Saturday, drawing participation from over 80 premier educational institutions from the state and beyond. The edition marked a significant milestone in terms of its reach with inclusion of four national teams from prestigious institutions. Following a rigorous preliminary round, 16 top teams—eight each from junior and senior categories—earned their spots in the Grand Finale scheduled for Sunday. **OrissaPOST** brings you some of the most memorable moments from day-1 of the eastern India's biggest quizzing extravaganza



Members of eight senior teams, who qualified for the Mettle Meet 2025 grand finale, during a photo op with **Orissa POST** Editor Tathagata Satpathy and Chief Executive Adyasha Satpathy in Bhubaneswar, Saturday



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of the day quote

Not a single Pakistani aircraft was hit or destroyed by (the) Indian (side). For three months, no such claims were voiced - while Pakistan, in the immediate aftermath, presented detailed technical briefings to the international media

KHAWAJA ASIF | DEFENCE MINISTER, PAKISTAN

The involvement of non-regional players should strengthen the peace agenda, not create new divisions

SERGEI LAVROV | FOREIGN MINISTRY, RUSSIA

21 donor countries, including the United States and China, will not be invited to the region's top political meeting, a move that follows pressure from Beijing to exclude Taiwan

JEREMIAH MANELE | PRIME MINISTER, SOLOMON ISLANDS

SHORT TAKES

Thai soldiers hurt by landmine in Cambodia

Bangkok: Three Thai soldiers were injured by a landmine Saturday while patrolling a border area near Cambodia, the Thai army said in a statement, days after the two neighbours agreed to a detailed ceasefire following a violent five-day conflict last month. One soldier lost a foot and two others were injured after one of them stepped on a landmine as they patrolled an area between Thailand's Sisaket and Cambodia's Preah Vihear provinces. The soldiers are being treated at a hospital, the army said. Thailand said the incident took place within its territory and in an area recently cleared of landmines.

Explosion kills 6 army experts in Lebanon

Beirut: Munition in an arms depot in south Lebanon exploded Saturday as army experts were dismantling them, killing six of them and wounding several others, the army said. The incident occurred on the edge of the southern village of Zibqin in Tyre province, the army said. It added that efforts were being made to determine the cause of the blast but gave no further details. The depot is believed to have been used by the militant group Hezbollah. The blast took place south of the Litani River in an area where Hezbollah withdrew its fighters under the terms of a ceasefire that ended a 14-month conflict with Israel in November. Over the past months, Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers have been taking over Hezbollah posts in the area. Lebanese Cabinet voted in favour of a US-backed plan to disarm Hezbollah and implement a ceasefire with Israel Thursday.

Gunman wounds 3 in Times Square shooting

New York: Three people were wounded during a shooting at New York City's iconic Times Square, police said Saturday. One person was held in custody and questioned over the shooting, the New York Police Department said. No charges have been pressed yet. Video on social media shows people running away from the scene, police surrounding a vehicle and attending to the wounded lying on the ground. Several people have been hospitalized, but their injuries are not life-threatening, the police said. The shooting took place at 1:20 am. No details have been released so far on how it unfolded.



As I have been telling my friends in India, one of the most consequential things they could do to improve India-US relations is to help President Trump end this bloodbath in Ukraine

LINDSEY GRAHAM | US SENATOR

SINGAPORE CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Singapore celebrated 60 years of independence, SG60, with a National Day Parade (NDP) by the Armed Forces and civil units at the Padang Saturday, marking the diamond jubilee of the city state. President Tharman Shanmugaratnam led the celebration, joined by Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, his cabinet members and the members of parliament



Zelenskyy rejects land concessions

REUTERS

Kyiv/London, August 9: Ukraine will not cede its land, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Saturday, rejecting US suggestions that a deal with Russia could involve swapping territories as Washington and Moscow prepared for talks between their leaders on ending the war.

US President Donald Trump announced Friday that he would meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Alaska August 15, saying the parties, including Zelenskyy, were close to a deal that could resolve the three-and-a-half-year conflict.

Details of the potential deal have yet to be announced, but Trump said it would involve "some swapping of territories to the betterment of both". It could require Ukraine to surrender significant parts of its territory - an outcome Kyiv and its European allies say would only encourage Russian aggression.

"Ukrainians will not gift their land to the occupier," Zelenskyy said in a video address, adding that Ukraine's borders were fixed in the country's constitution.

"No one will deviate from this - and no one will be able to," he said.

US Vice President JD Vance



Zelenskyy rules out Trump's Russia-Ukraine land swap plan



Trump to meet Putin August 15 in Alaska



Vance will meet Ukrainians and Europeans Saturday

Nagasaki mayor warns of N-war as city marks 80 years since bombing

REUTERS

Nagasaki, August 9: Thousands bowed their heads in prayer in Nagasaki Saturday to mark the 80th anniversary of the city's atomic bombing, as the mayor warned that current global conflicts could push the world again into nuclear war.

The western Japanese city was levelled August 9, 1945, when the United States dropped a 10,000-pound plutonium-239 bomb, nicknamed "Fat Man", instantly killing some 27,000 of the city's estimated 200,000 people. By the end of 1945, the death toll from acute radiation exposure had reached about 70,000.

Nagasaki's destruction came three days after a US uranium-235 bomb destroyed Hiroshima. Japan surrendered August 15, ending World War Two.

After a moment of silence at 11:02 am, marking the time of the blast, Mayor Shiro Suzuki called on leaders to return to the principles of the UN Charter and show a concrete path toward abolishing nuclear weapons, warning that delay was "no longer permissible".

"This is a crisis of human survival that is closing in on each and every one of us," Suzuki told the crowd, estimated by Japanese media at 2,700.

He quoted the testimony of a survivor to illustrate the reality of a nuclear attack, "Around me were people whose eyeballs had popped out... Bodies were strewn about like stones."

"Is it not this 'global citizen' perspective that will serve as the driving force behind stitch-

will meet Ukrainian and European allies in Britain Saturday to discuss Trump's push for peace, Downing Street said, adding that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer had spoken about it with Zelenskyy.

"They agreed this would be a vital forum to discuss progress towards securing a just and lasting peace," the Downing Street spokesperson added.

"CLEAR STEPS NEEDED" Zelenskyy has made a flurry of calls with Ukraine's allies since Trump's envoy Steve Witkoff's visit to Moscow Wednesday which Trump described as having achieved "great progress".

"Clear steps are needed, as

well as maximum coordination between us and our partners," Zelenskyy said in a post on X after his call with Starmer.

"We value the determination of the United Kingdom, the United States, and all our partners to end the war."

Ukraine and the European Union have pushed back on proposals that they view as ceding too much to Putin, whose troops invaded Ukraine in February 2022, citing what Moscow called threats to Russia's security from a Ukrainian pivot towards the West.

Kyiv and its Western allies say the invasion is an imperial-style land grab.

Moscow has previously

claimed four Ukrainian regions - Luhansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson - as well as the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea, which was annexed in 2014.

Russian forces do not fully control all the territory in the four regions and Russia is demanding that Ukraine pull out its troops from the parts of all four of them that they still control.

Ukraine says its troops still have a small foothold in Russia's Kursk region a year after its troops crossed the border to try to gain leverage in any negotiations. Russia said it had expelled Ukraininan troops from Kursk in April.

Leaders of Armenia, Azerbaijan sign deal at WH peace summit



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, August 9: The leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan shook hands at a White House peace summit before signing an agreement aimed at ending decades of conflict.

President Donald Trump was in the middle as Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan flanked him on either side Friday. As the two extended their arms in front of Trump to shake hands, the US leader reached up and clasped his hands around theirs.

The two countries in the South Caucasus signed agreements with each other and the US that will reopen key transportation routes while allowing the US to seize on Russia's declining influence in the region.

The deal includes an agreement that will create a major transit corridor to be named the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity, the White House said.

Trump said at the White House Friday that naming the route after him was "a great honour for me", but "I didn't ask for this."

B'desh polls in 1st week of Feb 2025

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Dhaka, August 9: Bangladesh's poll body chief on Saturday said general elections would be held in the first week of February 2025 but ensuring it in a free, fair and impartial manner remained a major challenge.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin, however said the exact date would be disclosed two months before the schedule was announced.

"People have lost confidence in the election system, the Election Commission and the administrative machinery involved in the electoral process," said state-run Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) quoted Uddin as saying at a function in north-western Rangpur district.



Uddin said his office, however, was "working tirelessly to restore this lost trust."

The CEC's comments come four days after interim government Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus announced that the polls would be held in February next year. Yunus had made the announcement coinciding with the first anniversary of the ouster of prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League regime August 5.

Uddin feared that there was a growing apathy among vot-

Jim Lovell, commander of Apollo 13, dies at 97

REUTERS

Washington, August 9: James Lovell, the commander of Apollo 13 who helped turn a failed moon mission into a triumph of on-the-fly can-do engineering, has died. He was 97.

Lovell died Thursday in Lake Forest, Illinois, NASA said in a statement Friday.

"Jim's character and steadfast courage helped our nation reach the Moon and turned a potential tragedy into a success from which we learned an enormous amount," NASA said.

"We mourn his passing even as we celebrate his achievements."

One of NASA's most travelled astronauts in the agency's first decade, Lovell flew four times - Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8 and Apollo 13 - with the two Apollo flights riveting the folks back on Earth.

In 1968, the Apollo 8 crew of Lovell, Frank Borman and William Anders was the first to leave Earth's orbit and the first to fly to and circle the moon. They could not land, but they put the US ahead of the Soviets



in the space race.

Letter writers told the crew that their stunning pale blue

dot photo of Earth from the moon, a world first, and the crew's Christmas Eve reading from Genesis saved America from a tumultuous 1968.

But the big rescue mission was still to come. That was during the harrowing Apollo 13 flight in April 1970. Lovell was supposed to be the fifth man to walk on the moon. But Apollo 13's service module, carrying Lovell and two others, experienced a sudden oxygen tank explosion on its way to the moon. The astronauts barely survived, spend-

As Gaza faces starvation, Germany starts to curb support for Israel

REUTERS

Berlin, August 9: The worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Israel's plans to expand military control over the enclave have pushed Germany to curb arms exports to Israel, a historically fraught step for Berlin driven by a growing public outcry.

Conservative Chancellor Friedrich Merz, hitherto a staunchly pro-Israel leader, made the announcement Friday arguing that Israel's actions would not achieve its stated war goals of eliminating Hamas militants or bringing Israeli hostages home.

It is a bold move for a leader who after winning elections in February said he would invite Benjamin Netanyahu to Germany in defiance of an arrest warrant against the Israeli prime minister issued by the

International Criminal Court.

The shift reflects how Germany's come-what-may support for Israel, rooted in its historical guilt over the Nazi Holocaust, is being tested like never before as the high Palestinian civilian death toll in Gaza, massive war destruction and images of starving children are chipping away at decades of policy.

"It is remarkable as it is the first concrete measure of this German government. But I would not see it as a U-turn, rather a 'warning shot'," said Muriel Asseburg, a researcher at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs.

It caps months of the German government sharpening its tone over Israel's escalating military campaign in the small, densely populated Palestinian enclave, though still shying away from



tougher steps that other European countries and some voices in Merz's ruling coalition were calling for.

The suspension of arms deliveries to Israel would affect just those that could be used in Gaza.

The move reflects a harden-

ing mood in Germany, where public opinion has grown critical of Israel and more demanding that its government help ease a humanitarian disaster - most of the 2.2 million population is homeless and Gaza is a sea of rubble.

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«GERMANY TO SUSPEND ARMS EXPORTS THAT COULD BE USED IN ISRAEL'S WAR IN GAZA STRIP

«BOLD STEP FOR PRO-ISRAEL CONSERVATIVE CHANCELLOR MERZ

«REFLECTS PUBLIC ANGER OVER WAR-INDUCED HUMANITARIAN DISASTER IN GAZA

«GERMAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL LONG ROOTED IN GUILT FOR NAZI HOLOCAUST

ARD-DeutschlandTREND survey released Thursday, a day before Merz's announcement, 66% of Germans want their government to put more pressure on Israel to change its behaviour.

That is higher than April 2024, when some 57% of Ger-

mans believed their government should criticise Israel more strongly than before for its actions in Gaza, a Forsa poll showed.

Despite Germany helping air drop aid to Gaza, 47% of Germans think their government is doing too little for Palestinians there, against 39% who disagree with this, the ARD-DeutschlandTREND this week showed.

Most strikingly perhaps, only 31% of Germans feel they have a bigger responsibility for Israel due to their history - a core tenet of German foreign policy - while 62% do not.

Germany's political establishment has cited its approach, known as the "Staatsraison", as a special responsibility for Israel after the Nazi Holocaust, which was laid out in 2008 by then-Chancellor Angela Merkel to the Israeli parliament.

business

of the day quote

As we moved ahead in the Green Revolution, we moved forward with a utilitarian concept. Now we have to change from utilitarian to deontological concept

DEVESH CHATURVEDI | UNION AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

We must attract global tourists. They will more than make up for 50 per cent tariff levied by Trump on goods

AMITABH KANT | EX- CEO, NITI AAYOG

From tier I cities to tier IV towns, we're witnessing a workforce that is bold, mobile, and hungry for growth. It's a clear signal that India's next big leap will come from the ground up, and platforms like ours have a responsibility to fuel that momentum

NILESH DUNGARWAL | CEO, WORKINDIA

SHORT TAKES

NBCC profit rises

New Delhi: State-owned NBCC (India) Ltd has reported a 26 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to ₹135.03 crore for the first quarter of the current fiscal on higher income. Its net profit stood at ₹107.19 crore in the year-ago period. The total income grew to ₹2,465.48 crore during the April-June period of 2025-26 fiscal from ₹2,196.20 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, according to a recent regulatory filing. NBCC Ltd is into project management consultancy (PMC) and real estate businesses. During 2024-25, NBCC Ltd posted a net profit of ₹557.42 crore and a total income of ₹12,272.99 crore.

Tata Motors' net plunges

New Delhi: Tata Motors Limited's (TML) net profit for the first quarter of the first financial year (Q1 FY26) stood at ₹4,003 crore, down 62 per cent year-on-year (YoY), as per an exchange filing Friday. The automobile manufacturer had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹10,597 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago (Q1 FY25). The profit declined by over 50 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter too, from ₹8,556 crore in the preceding quarter.

Ramco Sys records profit

Chennai: Global enterprise software company Ramco Systems Ltd has reported a consolidated net profit of ₹1.08 crore for the April-June 2025 quarter. The city-based company incurred a net loss of ₹19.55 crore during the corresponding quarter of the last financial year. For the year ending March 31, 2025, the net loss was ₹34.21 crore, Ramco Systems Ltd said in a company statement Saturday.

Millennials, Gen Z makes two-third of all blue collar jobs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mumbai, August 9: In the blue collar category, Millennials and Gen Z continued to remain among the country's highest job-seeking population, accounting for 65 per cent of all job applications in 2024 as well as 2025, a report said Saturday.

Among these, the surge in jobseeking has been most among the 20-223 years cohort, which saw a 50.7 per cent year-on-year increase in applications, according to a report by blue and grey-collar job platform WorkIndia.

This youngest working-age group, largely comprising recent graduates, contributed to an 85.5

ITD releases ITR-5 excel utility for AY 2024-25

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 9: The Income Tax Department, Saturday, released the ITR-5 Excel Utility for Assessment Year 2024-25. This utility can be used by partnership firms, Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), and cooperative societies to file their annual returns.

Associations of Persons, Bodies of Individuals, artificial juridical persons, cooperative societies, societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, local authorities, and certain business trusts and investment funds are other eligible entities.

Entities other than individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), companies, and those

required to use ITR-7 can use the ITR-5 form.

The ITR-5 structure includes detailed financial disclosures, including general information, balance sheet, manufacturing and trading accounts, profit and loss statement etc.

Income schedules from various sources, loss set-off, depreciation, deductions, exempt income, foreign assets, GST reconciliation, and tax relief are part of the ITR-5 filing structure.

Key updates for AY 2024-25 include new sections for MSME registration and Section 80-IAC startup deductions, along with expanded reporting for emerging income categories like virtual digital assets (crypto/NFTs).

The updated ITR-5 now per-

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SWAMINATHAN JANAKIRAMAN | DEPUTY GOVERNOR , RBI



mits reporting of buyback losses only if the related dividend has been taxed.

The deadline for filing returns for non-audit cases is September 15. Taxpayers can do e-verification or physically verify their

TESLA SET TO ARRIVE IN DELHI

Musk-run electric car maker Tesla is all set to inaugurate its second showroom in India in Delhi, August 1, after it opened the Mumbai showroom last month. In a post on social media platform X, Tesla posted, "Arriving in Delhi - stay tuned," along with a graphic showcasing its upcoming arrival in the national capital. The new Tesla Experience Centre will open at Aerocity's upscale Worldmark 3 complex in the national capital



Intel CEO refuses to resign

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, August 9: US tech major Intel's CEO Lip-Bu Tan has said he would not resign despite US President Donald Trump's public call for his resignation for alleged "deeply conflicted" links to China.

In a letter to Intel's employees, Tan affirmed his commitment to the company and US national security, adding that he has the full support of Intel's board.

The controversy stemmed from Tan's previous role as CEO of another US company Cadence Design Systems. This firm pleaded guilty in a criminal case involving the sale of chip design to a blacklisted Chinese military university.

Further, media reports suggested that Tan also invested \$200 million in hundreds of Chinese tech startups, including some linked to the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Two Republican senators questioned Tan's leadership of Intel and US President Trump's comments increased attention and strained relations between Tan and Intel's board over corporate direction. Intel's stock fell 3 to 5 per cent in response to the controversy.

In the letter to Intel employees, Tan called the accusations "misinformation" and stressed his long-standing ties to the United States.

"I've lived in the US for over 40 years. I love this country and am beyond grateful for its chances," he wrote.

Tan stressed that Intel is in active talks with the White House to clarify the facts and reaffirmed his commitment to Intel and US national interests. Tan also noted that high-volume manufacturing using the most modern US semiconductor process technology will begin later this year.

Intel's board has publicly expressed support for CEO Lip-Bu Tan's leadership and reform efforts. The stock had dipped over 3 per cent after US President called for Tan's resignation on social media.

Intel shares, however, recovered slightly Friday after Tan's response, closing at \$19.95, up 0.9 per cent from the previous day's close of \$19.77. The stocks earlier showed a 15 per cent upsurge after Tan's appointment as CEO in March 2025, to a high of approximately \$25.94.

SEBI proposes norms to boost Indian participation in FPIs



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, August 9: The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed easier norms for resident Indians and mutual funds to invest in foreign funds. The regulator proposed to enable retail schemes based in IFSCs in India with resident Indian non-individuals as sponsors or managers to register as FPIs.

The investment limit is capped at 10 per cent of the targeted corpus, in line with IFSC rules, a release from SEBI said.

The suggestion is to replace the sponsor and manager with a

fund management entity or associate for IFSC FPIs. SEBI has also proposed allowing Indian mutual funds to invest in overseas funds with India exposure.

These proposals aim to increase investment options for Indian investors to diversify their portfolios. If implemented, these reforms could bridge the gap between India's domestic savings pool and international opportunities.

Currently, only certain institutional investors meeting SEBI's criteria can register as FPIs to invest in foreign securities. The proposed changes

focus on retail-oriented investment schemes set up in IFSC, which would allow a broader range of India-based entities to channel domestic capital into foreign assets through a regulated framework.

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At present, non-resident Indians (NRI), overseas citizens of India (OCI) or resident Indians are not eligible to register as FPIs. However, NRIs, OCIs or resident Indian individuals are permitted to be constituents of FPIs, subject to certain conditions in terms of limits on contribution and control of the FPIs.

The Reserve Bank of India's liberalised remittance scheme permits individuals to remit up to ₹2.5 lakh annually for overseas investments. Retail investors depend on indirect channels and FoF opportunities in global mutual funds for foreign market exposure.

IFSC is a special economic zone (SEZ) acting as a global financial hub within India, allowing institutions to conduct international financial transactions and operations.

The capital market regulator has sought public feedback on its proposals till August 29.

Gold prices end firm amid tariff concerns

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Mumbai, August 9: Indian bullion prices ended marginally higher this week amid global market cues and higher festive demand. By mid-week, gold prices saw a significant dip, with the price of 24-carat gold dropping by ₹91, but the price inched up higher toward the weekend.

Despite the short-term dip, gold continues to price in the broader impact of trade tariff uncertainty and dollar weakness, keeping the overall trend supported. Gold is expected to trade in a volatile range of ₹99,000 to ₹1,01,500, analysts said.

The price of 24-carat gold (10 gram) started the week at ₹1,00,167 Monday, rose to ₹99,017 Wednesday, and ended the week at ₹98,534, according to data published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA).

"Gold prices traded volatile,



with rupee weakness supporting domestic prices, as MCX Gold settled at ₹1,01,180 with gains of ₹350, while Comex gold hovered around \$3390 in a tight range between \$3380 to \$3405. Going ahead, prices are expected to remain choppy as Trump's tariff stance continues to create uncertainty, especially with the India deal appearing off the table for now. Any positive movement in the rupee could limit gold's upside," said Jateen Trivedi from LKP Securities.

India's wealthiest households hold nearly 60 per cent of their financial assets in physical assets like real estate and gold, according to a report from Bernstein.

Large trade and budgetary deficits are straining the US, which threatens the dollar's reserve currency status. Gold is the only plausible alternative attracting reserve flows. Global foreign exchange reserves are \$12.5 trillion, while India holds 15 per cent of the \$23 trillion global gold market. A 5 per cent transfer of global reserves towards gold might spark a huge price surge, according to analysts.

The RBI forecast 3.1 per cent CPI inflation for FY2025-26, citing the sustained rainfall and strong kharif sowing, while food prices remain low.

Unfavourable base effects and policy-induced demand side effects will likely push CPI inflation beyond 4 per cent by the end of FY26. An increase in gold prices helped boost core inflation to 4.4 per cent in June from 4.1-4.2 per cent in February-May, the RBI said.

TATA TEA PREMIUM'S 'DESH KA GARV' TRIBUTE



POST NEWS NETWORK

Pune, August 9: Tata Tea Premium, the flagship tea brand from Tata Consumer Products, continues its unwavering commitment to honoring India's vibrant cultural heritage with the launch of the 2025 edition of its acclaimed 'Desh Ka Garv' campaign.

"At Tata Tea Premium, our hyperlocal strategy is rooted in the belief that India's rich diversity is its greatest strength," said Puneet Das, President – Packaged Beverages (India & South Asia), Tata Consumer Products. "With 'Desh Ka Garv – Pradesh Ki Kala',"

Arnab Chatterjee, Design Head, Tree Design, adds "In our country, there are artists still keeping alive age old traditions of storytelling through hand painting, which we have harnessed to showcase India's diverse art forms and brought them alive on Tea Kettles as a fitting tribute to India's tea

drinking tradition."

Azazul Haque, Group Chief Creative Officer, Creative land Asia further states, "This film is a first of its kind branded content that uses only AI and VFX to create hyperlocal content that proudly celebrates culture and art forms of India."

Mrinalika Jain Bhardwaj, Founder of Kaushalam, further adds, "This collaboration is about giving folk art a new language. At Kaushalam, we believe that tradition is not just preserved in museums but thrives in everyday life. These kettles are not just functional objects—these are canvases to tell stories. We are proud to be associated with one of India's iconic brands, Tata Tea Premium."

This year's Desh Ka Garv Collection will be available for purchase exclusively on www.IndiakiChai.com, with 100 per cent of the proceeds directed to train and empower women through Indian Army Skill Development Centers.

Kalinga Stadium set to host historic meet today