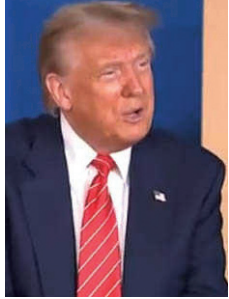




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Bad weather forces return of Indigo flight from Delhi

Dharamshala: Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs Harsh Malhotra, who was scheduled to attend a BJP programme in connection with 50 years of Emergency, could not reach here today as the Indigo flight in which he was traveling could not land at Kāngra Airport due to bad weather. The flight returned to Delhi. BJP spokesperson Vishev Chakshu told UNI that the Indigo flight scheduled to land at 0830 hrs today could not land at Kāngra Airport due to bad weather and went back to Delhi. He said Harsh Malhotra was traveling in the same aircraft so couldn't land here to attend the programme.

Cloudburst in Sainj Valley triggers flash flood

Shimla: The first major spell of monsoon rains has caused widespread disruption across Himachal Pradesh, with a cloudburst in the upper reaches of the Sainj valley in Kullu district triggering a flash flood early today. The flash flood occurred in the 'Jeeva rivulet', sweeping heavy debris downstream and raising alarm in low-lying areas. According to visuals circulating on social media, the cloudburst occurred high up in the valley, unleashing a torrent of water mixed with mud, boulders, and forest debris. As a precautionary measure, operations at a Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (HPPCL) hydropower project in the vicinity were temporarily suspended. No casualties have been reported so far, but an official statement from the Kullu district administration is awaited.

CRPF personnel fulfil brother's duty at bride's farewell in Maoist heartland

Raipur/Sukma: A powerful gesture by Indian security forces in Puverti, the native village of dreaded Maoist commander Hidma, has come to symbolize a changing dynamic between the security establishment and tribal communities in Chhattisgarh's insurgency-affected Sukma district. CRPF personnel stationed in the region attended the wedding of a local tribal bride, stepping in as symbolic brothers during her farewell ceremony.

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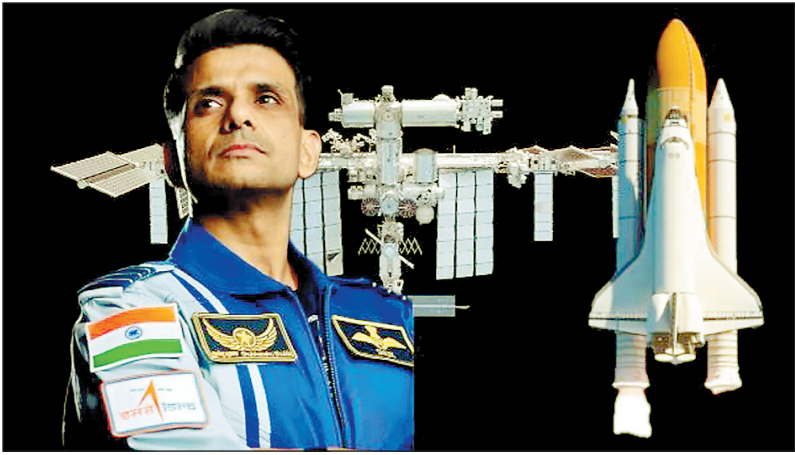
Historic AX-4ISS Mission piloted by Indian Astro takes off for 14-day docking at ISS

Chennai (UNI)
Carrying the hopes and dreams of billions, the Axiom-4 Mission piloted by decorated Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, along with three other crew members to the International Space Station (ISS) for a 14-day experiment, lifts off from Kennedy Space Centre Florida at 12.01 pm IST (02.31 EDT) today on-board the Space Dragon Aircraft.

After about a 28 hour flight duration, the four crew from India, US, Hungary and Poland, will dock at ISS at 7.00 am tomorrow.

The historic and prestigious mission in association with NASA will herald a new milestone in India's chequered space journey that would pave way for exploring new horizons as it comes in the backdrop of India's highly successful three Lunar Missions and the Spadex experimental docking mission that enabled India to become the fourth country after the US, Russia and China to master the docking and undocking technology in space.

This AX-4 mission will be the key for India's first human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, planned one or two years after testing unmanned missions and achieving the ambitious target of setting up the Bharatiya Antarkshiya Space Station by 2040.



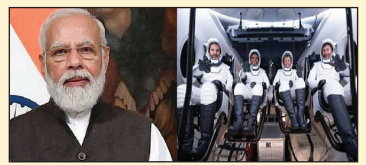
After suffering multiple postponements, six to be precise, due to various factors, including adverse weather conditions, LOX leaks and repair works at ISS ever since the first take-offs scheduled on May 29, the rocket took off majestically from the launch pad with a textbook launch.

Scientists at NASA, Axiom Space, SpaceX and ISRO, after watching the trajectory of the flight to ensure that the crew was docked tomorrow as planned to conduct nearly 60 experiments at ISS, including seven microgravity experiments from ISRO.

The mission lifted off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The crew embarked on a travel to the orbiting laboratory on the new SpaceX Dragon spacecraft after launching on the company's Falcon 9 rocket. The targeted docking time is approximately 7 a.m. Thursday, June 26, NASA said.

"NASA will provide more details and its coverage information shortly", it said. The four-member crew was in quarantine in Florida before they embarked on the mission, and the ISS station is now ready to receive them.



PM welcomes successful launch of Axiom-4 space mission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today welcomed the successful launch of the Axiom-4 Space Mission carrying astronauts from India, Hungary, Poland and the US and said, Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla carries with him wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. The Prime Minister said Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is on the way to becoming the first Indian to go to International Space Station. "We welcome the successful launch of the Space Mission carrying astronauts from India, Hungary, Poland and the US. The Indian Astronaut, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is on the way to becoming the first Indian to go to International Space Station. He carries with him the wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians," the Prime Minister tweeted.

Trump slams major US media over 'Fake News' on Iran operation

Washington: President Donald Trump has taken to his social media platform, 'Truth Social,' to accuse prominent American media outlets of spreading "fake news" and misrepresenting the outcome of "Operation Midnight Hammer," one of the most successful military operations in U.S. history. Trump asserted that Iran's nuclear facilities have been "completely destroyed."



Operation Midnight Hammer reportedly targeted three key Iranian nuclear installations. However, some American media reports have suggested a different narrative. One outlet claimed the U.S. strikes did not destroy Iran's nuclear program but merely set it back by a few months. Another report published on Tuesday echoed similar sentiments, stating that while the strikes may have sealed off the "mouth" of the Iranian facilities, they failed to collapse their underground structures.

Israel struck 1,480 targets in Iran during 12-day war, dropped 3,500 munitions

Tel Aviv: During its 12-day wide-scale military campaign in Iran, Israel struck over 1,480 targets and launched around 1,500 air sorties that dropped 3,500 munitions, Israeli media and defense sources reported.

Iran International, quoting data from the Israeli military and national rescue services (MDA), said 29 Israelis were killed during the conflict — 28 by Iranian missile fire and one woman who died of cardiac arrest during air raid sirens.

Another flight arrives bringing 296 Indians, four Nepalese from Iran

Operation Sindhu

New Delhi (UNI)
As part of Operation Sindhu, another flight arrived today bringing 296 Indian and four Nepalese nationals evacuated from Iran, taking the total number of Indians evacuated to 3,154.

The MEA spokesperson said in a post on X: "#OperationSindhu update

"296 Indian and 4 Nepalese nationals were evacuated from Iran on a special flight that arrived in New Delhi from Mashhad at 16:30 hrs on 25th June.



"3154 Indian nationals have now been brought home from Iran as part of #OperationSindhu".

Earlier, one flight arrived today with 224 Indian nationals evacuated from Israel, and another flight arrived bringing 282 Indian nationals from Iran.

CBSE approves twice-a-year board exams for Class 10 from 2026

Students of Class 10 will get an opportunity to sit for board exams twice from academic year 2026-27 onwards, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) stated on Wednesday (June 25, 2025). CBSE's decision is in line with the National Education Policy 2020 recommendation that to further eliminate the 'high stakes,' aspect of Board Exams, all students be allowed to take Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main exam and one for improvement, if desired.

Majithia under fire: SIT, Vigilance Bureau uncover massive drug money laundering worth Rs 540 cr

Chandigarh (UNI)
Investigations by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing FIR No. 02 of 2021 registered at Police Station Punjab State Crime, along with the Vigilance Bureau, have revealed large-scale laundering of drug money, allegedly facilitated by SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

In a statement on Wednesday, the Vigilance Bureau Punjab said that preliminary findings indicate that over Rs 540 crore of illicit funds have been laundered through multiple channels including unaccounted cash deposits of Rs 161 crore into bank accounts of companies controlled by Bikram Singh Majithia, channelization of Rs 141 crore through suspected foreign entities, excess deposits of Rs 236 crore without disclosure or explanation in company financial statements. Senior



SAD leader and former Cabinet Minister Majithia has also been charged with acquisition of movable and immovable assets without any declared legitimate source of income.

A spokesperson for the Punjab Vigilance Bureau stated that a case has been registered based on a detailed report by the SIT investigating the aforementioned FIR under Sections 25, 27-A, and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Substantial evidence has emerged suggesting extensive laundering of drug money by Bikram Singh Majithia, he said.

According to the statement, the investigations indicate that these laundered funds were funnelled into Saraya Industries, with Bikram Singh Majithia playing a central role. The spokesperson further revealed that Majithia allegedly misused his position as a public servant, being both an MLA and a former Cabinet Minister in the Punjab Government, to facilitate the laundering of Rs 540 crore in drug money.

The Vigilance Bureau also disclosed that assets, both movable and immovable, in the names of Bikram Singh Majithia and his wife, Genieve Kaur, have increased significantly, without any corresponding legal source of income being declared.

Anti-Emergency movement reaffirmed vitality of preserving India's democracy: PM Modi



New Delhi (UNI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today reiterated his commitment to strengthening the principles of Constitution and working together to realise the vision of a Viksit Bharat and said the anti-Emergency movement reaffirmed the vitality of preserving India's democratic framework.

In a series of tweets on the occasion marking fifty years since the imposition of the Emergency, the Prime Minister paid tributes to those Indians who defended democracy during "one of the darkest chapters in the nation's history."

Recalling the grave assault on

constitutional values, he said June 25 is observed as Samvidhan Hatya Diwas — a day when fundamental rights were suspended, press freedom was extinguished, and countless political leaders, social workers, students and ordinary citizens imprisoned.

"No Indian will ever forget the manner in which the spirit of our Constitution was violated, the voice of Parliament muzzled and attempts were made to control the courts. The 42nd Amendment is a prime example of their shenanigans. The poor, marginalised and downtrodden were particularly targeted, including their dignity insulted."

Cabinet passes resolution on Emergency

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi today passed a resolution to commemorate and honour those who sacrificed valiantly resisted the Emergency and its attempt at subversion of the spirit of the Indian Constitution.

CM Yadav: Emergency protests were akin to freedom struggle

Calls it a 'Dark Chapter'



Bhopal: Marking 50 years since the imposition of the Emergency, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Madhya Pradesh observed "Constitution Murder Day" on Wednesday. The BJP's state office was transformed with a mock jail setup, where programs were held to commemorate the event. An exhibition featuring scenes from the Emergency period was also put on display.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav issued a powerful statement, likening the struggle against the Emergency to a movement for the protection of democracy. He lauded the historic roles played by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), BJP, and opposition leaders during that tumultuous period.

"An unforgettable black chapter"

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav declared that the opposition to the Emergency was akin to the nation's fight for independence. He emphasized the crucial contribution of "MISA detainees"—those imprisoned under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act—in safeguarding democracy. Paying tribute to leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, L.K. Advani, Charan Singh, and Morarji Desai, the Chief Minister asserted that "today, the world's largest democracy remains secure." Dr. Yadav unequivocally labeled the Emergency a "dark chapter" that the country will never forget. He highlighted the BJP's significant role in the restoration of democracy and honored those incarcerated during the Emergency as "democracy fighters."

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