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SENSEX

84,562.78

84.11 (0.09%)

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NIFTY

25,910.05

30.90 (0.12%)

GAINERS & LOSERS

TOP GAINERS/BSE

Eternal
303.75, 6.00

SBI
967.85, 13.90

Axis Bank
1,242, 16.40

Bajaj Finance
1,019, 13.10

Sun Pharma
1,757, 19.70

TOP LOSERS/BSE

Infosys
1,503, -39.00

IndusInd Bank
848.25, -15.21

Tata Motors PV
391.20, -6.75

Tata Steel
174.26, -2.40

Tata Motors CV
317.60, -3.15

TOP GAINERS/NSE

Ipca Labs
1,480, 178.00

Trans & Rectif
318.20, 28.90

Muthoot Finance
3,726, 333.00

HBL Power
1,041, 76.50

Jubilant Food
615.30, 41.80

TOP LOSERS/NSE

Premier Energies
997.90, -63.31

Advent Hotels Intl
312.25, -16.40

DB Realty
146.30, -6.43

Sonata Software
374.15, -15.25

Guj Mineral Dev.
567.60, -21.30

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)
11,5580.85
↓ (-403.91)

SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)
144,025.25
↓ (-7886.27)

USD (\$) / INR(₹)
88.661
↓ (-0.126)

Superhealth Launches “Honest Second Opinion” - a Radical Step Towards Transparent, Patient-First Healthcare

NEW DELHI: The new service helps patients avoid unnecessary surgeries; Superhealth prescribes 50% fewer procedures than the industry average.

Bengaluru, Karnataka, India – Business Wire India

Superhealth, India’s first zero-wait, zero-commission hospital network, today announced the launch of “Honest Second Opinion,” a groundbreaking service that helps patients make informed decisions about their treatment plans and surgical recommendations. The initiative ensures that patients undergo medical procedures only when truly necessary- not out of fear, pressure, or profit. The service is completely free, even for those who are not Superhealth VIP Pass members.

The Story That Sparked a Movement

The idea for Honest Second Opinion was inspired by a true story. A young female patient visited Superhealth for a second opinion after being told by multiple hospitals that she urgently required a pacemaker implantation. For someone her age, that recommendation carried life-long implications- at least four future replacement surgeries, each one major and risk-laden.



The financial impact alone would have been devastating, with the total cost of such procedures reaching as high as ₹15 lakhs.

At Superhealth, her case wasn’t rushed through a quick two-minute consultation. Instead, a multi-specialty team that included a cardiologist, dermatologist and pharmacology consultant spent hours understanding her complete medical history, lifestyle, and prescriptions before making any recommendation. That diligence revealed that her heart rhythm issue wasn’t permanent at all. It was an adverse drug interaction caused by three acne medications prescribed together. With the right diagnosis and medication change, her heart rhythm normalized. No implant. No surgery. No unnecessary risk. As a Superhealth VIP Pass holder, all her consultations and diagnostic tests,

worth nearly ₹35,000, were completely free of charge as part of her VIP package. No implant. No surgery. No unnecessary risk.

Care Comes Before Commerce

“At Superhealth, care always comes before commerce,” said Varun Dubey, Founder and CEO of Superhealth. “Too many patients today are rushed through brief consultations and left to make life-changing decisions without context or clarity. At Superhealth, our doctors are free from the pressures that can often exist in legacy healthcare systems. They listen, ask and understand because medicine is not a race. With Honest Second Opinion, we’re putting the power back in the patient’s hands, guided by transparency, empathy, and science. Every treatment begins with one question: What’s best for the patient?”

India’s telecom systems unmatched, form backbone of digital India: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan

NEW DELHI: The journey of India’s telecom system has been “uncomparable” and “remarkable”, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan said on Friday describing telecommunication as the backbone of digital India, powering everything from framework of governance to education, and finance to innovation.

Speaking at the Diamond Jubilee celebration marking 60 years of Indian Telecommunications Service (ITS), Radhakrishnan emphasised that the next chapter of connectivity must be built on the solid foundations of ethics, ensuring data and networks serve each and every Indian and that no one, however distant or disadvantaged, is left behind.

Be it policy formulation, spectrum management or ensuring safe and robust networks, ITS officers have been the state’s most trusted architects of transformation, he said.

India’s telecommunication growth stands as a reflection of their expert engineering and institutional strength, he further said.

Noting the rapid evolution and growth of the telecommunication system in India, he described the journey as uncomparable, and remarkable.

“Telecommunication is the backbone of digital India, supporting the edifice of governance, education, finance and innovation.

If roads and railways powered the industrial era, it is your vision and stewardship that power the India of the future....a nation powered by ideas and information,” he said.

Constituted in 1965, the Indian Telecommunications Service is an organized civil service of the government. The service was created to meet the techno-managerial requirements of the government in areas related to telecommunications.

Exide Industries Q2FY’26 net profit declines 26pc YoY to Rs 173.6 crore



KOLKATA: Exide Industries Ltd on Friday reported a 26 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 173.64 crore for the quarter ended September, impacted by a transitional phase due to GST changes.

The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 233.40 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago, Exide Industries said in a regulatory filing.

Consolidated revenue from operations saw a marginal decline of 1.9 per cent to Rs 4,364.51 crore during the quarter, down from Rs 4,450.00 crore a year earlier.

For the half-year ended September 2025, consolidated net profit was 1.3 per cent lower at Rs 448.22 crore, compared to Rs 454.15 crore in H1 FY’25.

The company’s performance in the quarter was impacted by the transition to the new GST regime, which saw tax rates on batteries reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent effective September 22, 2025, it said.

In a release, Exide Industries stated that the GST 2.0 reform was a “welcome move” expected to drive consumption, but it led to channel partners postponing purchases in anticipation of new stocks with updated prices, resulting in muted demand in the latter half of the quarter.

Commenting on the results, Avik Roy, MD & CEO, said, “We had a strong first half of the quarter until mid-August... The growth was muted in the second half, especially in trade business, driven by channel de-stocking. However, it is a welcome move by the government, as it will drive demand in H2 FY’26.”

The company also highlighted that its liquidity position remains comfortable with zero debt, and construction of its lithium-ion cell manufacturing project is progressing in full swing, with commercial operations expected to begin towards the end of FY’26.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Bangladeshi jurists call ordinance on referendum ‘unconstitutional’

DHAKA: Bangladesh overnight issued an ordinance in line with interim government chief Professor Muhammad Yunus proposed referendum on a political charter, drawing immediate rebuttal from jurists who called it “unconstitutional”.

President Muhammad Shahabuddin on late Thursday signed into ordinance the “July Charter Implementation Order” while the document was drafted by Yunus-headed National Consensus Commission after protracted consultations with several political parties excluding deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina’s now disbanded Awami League.

In a nationwide televised address Chief Adviser Yunus on Thursday said plebiscite would be staged simultaneously with the planned national election in February next year to elicit peoples mandate for the charter.

“Most of the decisions taken in the July Charter, including



those in the gazette, are contrary to the current Constitution. Since the Constitution is still in force, the President cannot legally sign this gazette,” leading constitutional expert and former law professor Shahdeen Malik said in a newspaper interview.

Bangladesh Constitution kept no provision for referendum or plebiscite while its Article 93 of says no ordinance could be promulgated “for altering or repeal-

ing any provision of this Constitution”.

The charter contained over 80 proposals including issues requiring amendments to the Constitution but Yunus said the proposals were synopsized in four issues while the voters would just need to say “yes” or “no” in a question covering the four issues.

Malik told Bangladesh’s the Business Standard newspaper that the referendum “would have been acceptable if the Constitution had been annulled or suspended under martial law (but) since neither has happened, everything should proceed according to the existing Constitution”.

He feared the voters would be unable to make an informed decision on the referendum issues and will “leave their ballots blank” on the referendum and vote for their chosen MP candidates alone.

“The public first needs to understand the issues they are voting ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ on”, he said.

The ordinance stipulated the next parliament must complete constitutional reform, as outlined in the charter and by the referendum’s result, within 180 working days from the date of its first sitting.

Malik called the directive “absurd” adding “there is no benefit in fixing these dates if the Parliament does not take them seriously”.

Senior Supreme Court (SC) lawyer Mohammad Ruhul Qudus questioned since the current Constitution contained no provision for referendums, “under what legal authority could one now be held”.

Another SC lawyer Rashna Imam said, the issue of the July Charter ordinance to be followed by a referendum raised “serious constitutional and procedural concerns”.

“Today, Bangladesh remains a constitutional democracy, however imperfect, and any mechanism that overlooks this funda-

mental reality risks eroding the legitimacy of our constitutional order,” she said.

Yunus said if the July Charter proposals were endorsed in the referendum, a “Constitutional Reform Council” would be formed comprising parliament members and they would serve simultaneously as Parliament members.

He said the next parliament would have two chambers while the upper house would be constituted on the basis of proportional representation (PR) of votes the parties bagged in the lower house.

The referendum issue earlier sharply pitted former prime minister Khaleda Zia’s Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) against country’s largest Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami though both signed the charter.

BNP, however, gave a series of notes of dissent, which was not mentioned in the final draft irking the party.

4 Taliban militants arrested in Islamabad suicide attack case: Pak govt

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday said that security agencies have arrested four militants belonging to the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) for their involvement in a suicide attack outside a court in Islamabad.

At least 12 people were killed and 36 others injured on Tuesday when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance of the

Islamabad District Judicial Complex in the G-11 area of the capital.

In a statement on social media, the government said that four militants were arrested in a joint operation conducted by the Intelligence Bureau Division and the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD).

During the investigation, the handler of the suicide bomber, identified as Sajidullah alias Sheena, confessed that TTP Commander Saeedur Rehman alias Daadullah contacted him through the Telegram app to carry out a suicide attack in Islamabad to cause maximum casualties of law enforcement agencies, Dawn reported, citing the statement.

A day earlier, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said that the suicide bomber involved in the deadly Islamabad bombing was an Afghan national.

Naqvi said that authorities have identified the attackers as well as those involved in the Islamabad bombing.

US lawmaker to introduce bill to completely eliminate H-1B visa programme

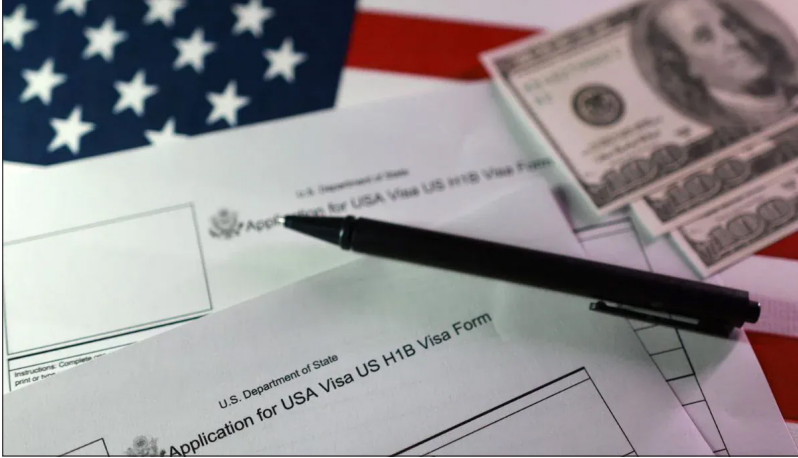
NEW YORK/WASHINGTON: An American lawmaker will be introducing a bill to “completely eliminate” the H-1B visa programme and take away the pathway to citizenship that it offers, “forcing” individuals to “return home” when their visa expires.

“My dear fellow Americans, I’m introducing a bill to completely eliminate the H-1B visa programme, which has been riddled with fraud and abuse and has been displacing American workers for decades,” Congresswoman from Gerogia, Marjorie Taylor Greene said in a video posted on X on Thursday.

She said that there will only be one exemption in her bill, which will allow for a 10,000 per year cap on visas issued to medical professionals like doctors and nurses who provide life-saving care to Americans.

Greene however noted that even this 10,000 per year cap will be “phased out” over 10 years to “allow us time to build our own pipeline of American doctors and physicians.”

Greene added that her bill will also



“take away the pathway to citizenship, forcing visa holders to return home when their visa expires.”

She further said that the intention of her bill is to restore the “original intent” of the H-1B visa, which was “for it to be temporary.

“These visas were intended to fulfill a specialty occupational need at a

given time. People should not be allowed to come and live here forever. We thank them for their expertise, but we also wish them well so they may return to their home country,” she said.

“Now this will completely end the H-1B visa programme and all other sectors in the job force and in the workforce.

Chinese astronauts stranded after debris hit spacecraft return to earth safely

BEIJING: Three Chinese astronauts, who aborted their departure home after their spacecraft was hit by debris, returned to earth safely on Friday.

The return capsule of the Shenzhou-21 spaceship, carrying the astronauts Chen Dong, Chen Zhongrui and Wang Jie, touched down at the Dongfeng landing site in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) said.

They were scheduled to return on November 5, but their journey was postponed at the last minute after “small” space debris hit the station, according to CMSA.

Official media earlier reported that the crew was unable to return on their own spacecraft after tiny cracks were found in the porthole of the Shenzhou-20’s return capsule – damage that was likely caused by the debris impact.

The incident, the first since the space station was launched in 2011, sparked concerns here as the station was built to accommodate three astronauts.

China rotates the crew at the station every six months.

The Shenzhou-21 spaceship undocked from the space station combination and the return capsule touched down at 4:40 p m Beijing time at the Dongfeng landing site in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, CMSA said.

The astronauts are all in good health. They had spent 204 days in orbit, setting a new record for the longest in-orbit stay among Chinese astronauts, the CMSA added.

Kerala teen dies after falling from a building in Dubai

DUBAI: A Kerala teen, who was visiting Dubai, died after falling from the top of a building in Deira, local media reported.

Mohammed Mishaal, 19, from Kozhikode district of Kerala, was visiting his cousins and had been in Dubai for about 15 days, Gulf News reported.

The incident occurred on November 7 when Mishaal reportedly went to the terrace of a multi-storey building to take photographs of flights.

“He was staying with his cousins here while his parents remained in Kozhikode. He had been in Dubai for about 15 days,” Haneefa K K, a family friend, told Gulf News.

Mishaal was rushed to Rashid Hospital immediately after the accident, but could not be saved, Khaleej Times quoted a social worker M K as saying.

“He had several internal injuries,” MK said, adding that Mishaal was alive until he reached the hospital but died soon after.

Mishaal was the only son of his parents. He is survived by his parents and two sisters, the report added.