

MARKET DASHBOARD

<div>SENSEX</div> <div>▼ 79,809.65</div> <div>-270.92 (-0.33%)</div> <div>NIFTY</div> <div>▼ 24,426.85</div> <div>-74.06 (-0.30%)</div>	GAINERS & LOSERS	TOP GAINERS/BSE		TOP LOSERS/BSE		TOP GAINERS/NSE		TOP LOSERS/NSE		COMMODITIES	
		ITC		M&M		Granules India		Vardhman Textiles		GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)	
		409.75, 8.86		3,200, -95.81		492.25, 25.00		424.35, -25.85		9,7430.85	
		Asian Paints		RIL		Ibull Housing Fin		Jindal Stainless		↑(+128.41)	
		2,519, 29.60		1,357, -28.71		123.96, 5.99		762.95, -43.50		SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)	
		L&T		Infosys		Nava Bharat Vent.		IDBI Bank		111,075.81	
		3,601, 40.90		1,470, -30.50		687.60, 31.40		85.67, -4.24		↑(+1041.66)	
		UltraTech Cem.		NTPC		CG Power & Ind.		Swan Energy		USD (\$) / INR(₹)	
		12,640, 119.00		327.55, -3.25		694.30, 30.30		444.70, -17.86		88.214	
		Kotak Bank		Tata Motors		CreditAccess Grameen		BSE		↑(+0.653)	
1,960, 15.60		669.00, -6.46		1,400, 56.90		2,096, -82.21					

Kerala, EU to hold conclave on Blue Economy

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: In a major step towards positioning Kerala as a global hub in the Blue Economy, the State Government will host a two-day international conclave in partnership with the European union (EU) here on September 18 and 19.

The conclave, titled “Blue Tides – Two Shores One Vision” and organised by the State Fisheries Department at The Leela Kovalam, will deliberate on ways to synergise Kerala’s strategic advantages with the EU’s scientific and policy expertise to create a sustainable and resilient global model.

“A country-first initiative, this partnership seeks to create a global model for sustainable development, ensuring thriving communities and a resilient ecosystem for generations to come,” Fisheries Minister Saji Cherian said.

“The blue economy is the strength and promise of our nature. The conclave will unite global expertise and local innovation to advance fisheries and aquaculture, modernise coastal infrastructure, nurture skills, and unlock investment opportunities,” he added.



Jharkhand flags Rs 2,000 crore revenue loss from GST slab rationalisation

RANCHI: Jharkhand has expressed concern over the Centre’s proposed GST rate rationalisation, warning that the changes could reduce the state’s annual revenue by nearly ₹2,000 crore unless a fresh compensation mechanism is guaranteed.

In a meeting of finance ministers from eight states – Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu – held in New Delhi on Friday, participants highlighted the potential fiscal impact of abolishing the 12% and 28% GST slabs.

Jharkhand, a state rich in coal, steel, and minerals, argued that under the destination-based GST model, manufacturing states like itself are disadvantaged compared to consumer-driven states. Officials said that further slab rationalisation without compensation would jeopardise welfare schemes, tribal development programmes, and infrastructure projects.

RIL sets up AI-centered subsidiary ‘Reliance Intelligence’, partners with Google & Meta for tech expansion across India



NEW DELHI: Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said today, the company is transforming into a deep tech and advanced manufacturing enterprise with artificial intelligence, digital platforms, retail expansion, and green energy emerging as the next growth engines.

He was addressing shareholders at the company’s 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Mukesh Ambani said, “Artificial Intelligence is at the heart of Reliance’s transformation into a deep-tech enterprise. To bring even more focus and speed to this agenda, it is my pleasure to announce the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary called Reliance Intelligence.”

Ambani further stated that “Reliance Intelligence will focus on four key focus areas: next-gen AI infrastructure, global partnerships, AI services for India, and house talent for AI.”

He said that Reliance Intelligence will bring global companies to India and deliver easy-to-use AI solutions for consumers, small businesses, and sectors including agriculture, education, and design.

Reliance also announced its collaboration with Google to transform different sectors, including energy, retail, telecom, and financial services.

To drive AI adoption, the companies will establish the Jamnagar Cloud Region, which will focus on world-class AI computing. Reliance is intended to bring world-class assets with the help of Google’s leading AI technologies.

Reliance will form a joint venture with Meta to build scale enterprise artificial intelligence (AI) solutions for India and expand them to international markets. Ambani termed this partnership as a ‘game-changer’ as it will drive the digital adoption of advanced technologies.

EaseMyTrip appoints Nishant Pitti as Chairman and Managing Director of company

NEW DELHI: EaseMyTrip today informed that Prashant Pitti has stepped down as the Managing Director of the company with immediate effect in an exchange filing.

As per the filing, Nishant Pitti has been elevated to the post of Chairman cum Managing Director effective August 29, 2025, subject to shareholders’ approvals.

On his appointment as Chairman & MD of EaseMyTrip, Nishant Pitti said, “Stepping into the role of Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) gives me an opportunity to work even more closely with our people to unlock new opportunities, scale new heights and continue building a travel-tech brand that India can be proud of.”

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Kiev loses up to 2,735 soldiers in battles with Russia’s Central Forces

MOSCOW: Russia’s Tsent (Center) group of forces has eliminated up to 2,735 Ukrainian soldiers over the past week, the Russian Defense Ministry said on Friday.

“The losses of the Ukrainian armed forces amounted to up to 2,735 servicepeople, a German-made Leopard tank, 34 armored fighting vehicles, including 11 NATO-made armored vehicles, 59 vehicles and 13 field artillery guns,” the ministry said in a statement.

Russia’s Zapad (West) group has eliminated more than 1,580 Ukrainian military personnel, while the Yug (South) group has eliminated over 1,345 Ukrainian soldiers, the ministry said. Russia’s Vostok (East) group of forces eliminated over 1,570 Ukrainian soldiers in the past week.

Kiev has also lost over 1,190 soldiers in battles with the Sever (North) group of forces, the ministry said, adding that Russia carried out seven mass strikes on Ukrainian military infrastructure and airbases in the past week.

Russia’s Dnestr group of forces eliminated over 430 Ukrainian troops, three foreign-made armored vehicles, 75 vehicles, 10 field artillery guns, 42 electronic warfare stations and 23 ammunition, fuel and material depots over the past week, the ministry added.

In addition, Russian air defense systems shot down 1,377 Ukrainian drones, a Su-27 fighter jet, 18 guided aerial bombs, nine US-made HIMARS multiple launch rockets, and a Neptune long-range guided missile over the



past week, the Defense Ministry said.

Since the start of Russia’s special military operation, Ukraine has lost a total of

666 aircraft, 283 helicopters, 80,367 unmanned aerial vehicles, 625 anti-aircraft missile systems, 24,856 tanks and other armored fighting

vehicles, 1,588 MLRS combat vehicles, 29,041 field artillery guns and mortars, and 40,622 units of support military vehicles, the ministry added.

Philippine clash leaves 2 alleged rebels dead

MANILA: Two suspected members of the New People’s Army (NPA) were killed in a clash with Philippine troops in Northern Samar province in the central Philippines, the military has said.

In a recent report, the Philippine Army said troops clashed with a band of alleged rebels on Wednesday in Mapanas town. During the fight, government troops outmaneuvered the enemy, leaving two dead rebels behind and forcing the rest of the group to flee in disarray, the Philippine Army’s 8th Infantry Division said in a statement.

Sri Lanka launches survey to identify state lands for investment

COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan government has launched a survey to identify state-owned lands that can be allocated for investment, a senior official said Friday.

Commissioner General of Lands Chandana Ranaweera Arachchi said the survey is being carried out at the divisional secretariat level, the local administrative unit in Sri Lanka responsible for delivering a broad range of government services.

He said 5,300 hectares of land have already been identified, and the government’s goal is to make investing in Sri Lanka easier.

Sri Lanka is targeting 1.8 billion U.S. dollars in foreign direct investment in 2025.

Iran ready to reach new agreement on nuclear issues: FM

TEHRAN: Iran is ready to reach a new nuclear agreement that will take into account the interests and rights of the Iranian people, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres published on Friday.

“Iran reiterates its commitment to meaningful diplomatic cooperation to reach a new agreement [on the nuclear issue] that will take into account not only Tehran’s rights and interests under the NPT [the Non-Proliferation Treaty], but also all mutual concerns, including sanctions against the Iranian people that affect their lives and well-being,” Araghchi said in a letter published on his Telegram.

Russia registers first imported Chikungunya case - Consumer Watchdog

MOSCOW: The first case of imported chikungunya virus has been detected in Russia, and the patient, who came to Moscow from Sri Lanka, has been hospitalized, Russian health and consumer rights watchdog Rospotrebnadzor said Friday.

“The first imported case of chikungunya fever has been detected in Russia this year ... The patient is currently hospitalized in a moderate condition,” the watchdog’s press service told reporters.

Rospotrebnadzor had previously warned about the risk of importing the virus from other countries and was prepared for this situation, the press service said.

“The infected man flew to Moscow from Sri Lanka, where he had been on vacation for 10 days. The day after his arrival, he sought medical help and was hos-



pitalized to the infectious diseases department with suspected dengue fever. However, test results from the Central Research Institute of Epidemiology of Rospotrebnadzor showed a positive result for the chikungunya virus. The sample has also been sent to the Vector State Research Center of Rospotrebnadzor for confirmation of the diagno-

sis,” the agency said.

Chikungunya is a disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes, with large outbreaks reported mostly in Asia and Africa. Although the virus causes fevers and severe joint pain, it is rarely deadly, with fatal cases usually occurring in young babies or elderly people with existing health problems.

B’desh EC terms upcoming polls ‘most risky’ in history

DHAKA: Bangladesh’s Election Commission (EC) on Friday described the national election scheduled for February next year as the “most risky” in the country’s electoral history, urging officials to brace for unpredictable challenges amid political uncertainty and social unrest.

The remarks came a day after it unveiled a roadmap for the election, which has drawn mixed reactions from political parties.

“The upcoming general election will undoubtedly be the most risky in Bangladesh’s electoral history,” Election Commissioner M Anwarul Islam Sarker said at a training programme for election officials, which was also attended by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin.

“We may have to confront challenges that we do not yet know,” he said. Unveiling the roadmap for the general

election, Bangladesh’s top electoral body had said the poll schedule would be announced at least 60 days before the voting date.

Another election commissioner, Abdur Rahmani Masud, echoed Sarker’s concern, saying that the upcoming election “will be risky but the matter does not end there.”

“A former CEC was recently garlanded with shoes (by a mob), while another is currently in jail,” he said, urging officials to “just follow the law” and not to look to anyone else.

CEC Uddin stressed professionalism and neutrality, directing officials to prepare for possible threats to law and order as well as the spread of misinformation and disinformation through social media.

The commission “wants 100 per cent neutral behaviour from election offi-

cials in the upcoming polls”, he said.

The upcoming polls will be the first since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina’s Awami League government in August 2024, following the violent protest led by Students Against Discrimination (SAD).

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has since been heading the interim government as Chief Adviser, with the Awami League barred from contesting the election pending trials of Hasina and her colleagues on charges, including crimes against humanity.

While former prime minister Khaleda Zia’s Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and several left-leaning groups have welcomed the election roadmap, Jamaat-e-Islami on Friday rejected it as a “blueprint” to “undermine free, fair election”.

Heidi Gardner bids farewell to SNL after eight formative seasons

NEW YORK: The ongoing cast shakeup at Saturday Night Live has escalated into an earthquake with Heidi Gardner, after eight seasons, becoming the latest performer to depart.

Gardner is the fourth SNL cast member to leave the show in the past three days, following Devon Walker, Emil Wakim and Michael Longfellow. She had been the longest-tenured female member of the show’s current cast, reports The Hollywood Reporter.

Gardner, who entered SNL in 2017 as a featured player before being elevated to repertory status two years later, became known for her dual mastery of restraint and absurdity.

Across eight seasons, she carved out a distinctive niche through a spectrum of performances, from her astute impersonation of First Lady Jill Biden to her offbeat Weekend update creations such as Bailey Gismert, the overzealous teen film critic and Angel, the archetypal “boxer’s girlfriend” rendered with affectionate patody.

She also starred in the fan-favourite 2024 sketch, “Beavis and Butt-head,” in which she, alongside host Ryan Gosling, memorably could not stop breaking,