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## India to take up plight of stranded citizens in Sao Paulo with Brazil minister

Brazil Foreign Minister Mauro Viera landed here on Sunday . He will hold the ninth India Brazil joint commission meeting with EAM S. Jaishankar . They will also discuss the agenda for the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro on November 18 and 19 . India is part of the G20 troika .

India may raise the plight of hundreds of men and women stranded at Sao Paulo airport , Brazil as they are thought to be undocumented immigrants .

Currently more than 660 people , including 100 Indians are stranded at Sao Paulo airport , as they are undocumented migrants trying to get asylum in Brazil .

After entering Brazil , they cross Mexico and try to enter the USA or Canada and later ask for asylum in these countries .

Brazil has said that it will make new laws and bar people from certain Asian countries from illegally entering . Indians , Chinese , Vietnamese , and Nepalese are expected to be the targets .

## Big names quit : government forms SIT to probe sexual abuse allegations in Malayalam film industry

The Justice K Hema Committee report on the issue faced by women in Film industry has continued to rock the film world .

The state government under pressure has formed a Special Investigation Team ( SIT ) led by senior women Police officers to investigate the charges levelled by women against some actors .

Actor Siddiqui quit as general secretary of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists ( AMMA ) , following allegation of sexual assault by a young actor on the pretext of giving role in film .

Kerala State Chalachitra Academy Chairperson Ranjith , submitted his resignation after Bengali actor Sreelekha Mitra accused him of inappropriate behaviour . Several other women actors has also alleged sexual harassment against him .

Many say that this is a “ Me too “ movement for the film industry . And something concrete will come out in terms of protection of women in Film industry .

## CBI completes the Polygraph test in Kolkata Rape murder

CBI on Sunday completed polygraph tests on seven in rape and murder case at RG Kar medical college.

Former principal Sandip Kumar Ghosh , two civics volunteers , and those who had dinner a few hours before with the doctor have been tested under Polygraph test .

Protest however continues at R G kar medical College .

## Rajnath visits US submarine testing facility as India eyes similar centre

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, during his ongoing tour of the US , visited the William B Morgan Large Cavitation Chamber ( LCC ) on Monday in the Naval Surface warfare centre in Memphis , Tennessee . This is the world's largest and most technically advanced facility for testing submarines , torpedoes , Naval Surface ships and Propellers .

India is also looking to set up a similar facility .

During the visit the two countries signed an agreement on having more Indian Military liaison officers at key US military commands . India will deploy liaison officers at Headquarters Special Operation command in florida .

The two countries also signed the Security of Supply Agreement ( SoSA ) , a Reciprocal Defense Procurement ( RDP ) agreement that will promote long term supply chain stability . Under this both countries will be able to procure industrial resources they need for defence manufacturing to resolve any supply chain disruption .



Mr Singh and his counterpart Clive Lloyd appreciated progress in operationalising Indo Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA). IPMDA announced at QUAD aims to establish a system for monitoring and securing maritime activities in the Indo Pacific.

## Classical language centres ask for autonomy

Special centres set up for promotion of Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia after they were designated as classical languages, are demanding autonomy in their functioning in order to better functioning.

India has six classical languages - Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Odia. Four of these languages work under Center Institute of Indian Language (CIIL), Mysuru. The Center for Tamil is autonomous. And Sanskrit centres are run by dedicated universities. The four languages centre wants autonomy from CIIL, citing fund allocation and functioning related problems. A language under classical language gets separate funds for its promotion from the government.

**World :** \_\_\_\_\_

## Attacking Hezbollah, Israeli fighter jets launch strikes across Lebanon

Israel launched a wave of air strikes across southern Lebanon early on Sunday. Hezbollah in the avenger of a senior commander Foad Sukkur, launched a heavy barrage of rockets and missiles on Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said that this Israeli side intercepted thousands of short range rockets and drones.

He said that the airstrike by Israel was "not the final word", in the campaign against Hezbollah.

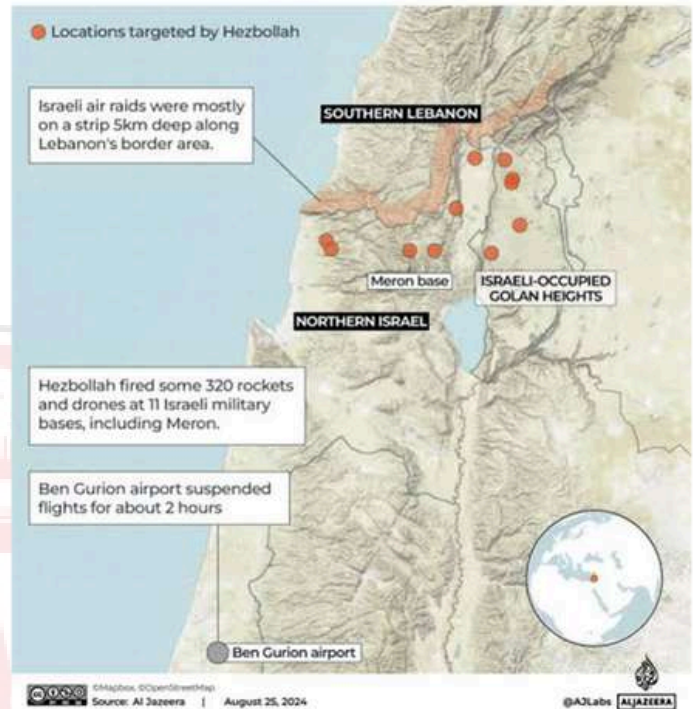
Israeli media later reported that the target of the Hezbollah strike was Mossad headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Hezbollah chief Hasan Nasrallah said that the target was Gilot, "The main Israel military intelligence base is in Gilot near Tel Aviv".

### ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

#### Israeli forces, Hezbollah trade attacks

Israel said it launched a "preemptive" air attack on southern Lebanon, while Hezbollah said it launched hundreds of rockets at Israeli targets.



## China and Philippines clash in South China sea yet again

The Philippines and China clashed in the disputed South China Sea once again over what China said is a resupply mission for fishermen.

In an incident near Sabina shoal, the Philippines sea task force said that Chinese vessels rammed and used water cannons against Philippines ships for transporting food.

China's coast guard said that it had taken "control measures" against the vessel that "illegally" entered the waters and repeatedly approached Chinese ships in a dangerous manner.

## No one will be discriminated on the basis of their religion, says Yunus

Citizens of Bangladesh will not be discriminated against on the basis of their religion or political beliefs, Mohammad Yunus said on Sunday.





This comes before the festival of Krishna Janmashtami, which is celebrated hugely and is a national holiday.

## Telegram CEO held at Paris airport, as Russia slams exercise.

The founder and CEO of popular encrypted messaging service Telegram was detained by French authorities as he landed at Paris airport. Pavel Durov, Telegram chief, has been facing charges that his platform, Telegram, has been used for money laundering, drug trafficking and content linked to sexual exploitation of minors.

Mr Durov is a Russian, Russia has criticised the arrest and has cited double standards of the West.

## NASA seems to use a Boeing capsule risky set to, keep 2 astronauts in the capsule till Feb.

NASA on Saturday announced that the two astronauts stuck at the International Space Station (ISS) will be able to come back to earth only in February.

The faulty Boeing Starliner capsules will try to land back to earth in autopilot mode.

Barry Wilmore and Sunita Williams had gone to the ISS onboard a Boeing Starliner capsule for a week in June. The capsule thruster failure and helium leaks made it dangerous for the astronauts to travel back to earth.

The two astronauts will return back to earth on the SpaceX Orion capsule in February.



Stuck in space: Boeing's Starliner capsule docked at the International Space Station. AP

## Science :

### Frequent mass wasting in Tibet a cause for worry in India

A study by China's Chengdu University has said that more than 700 Million cubic metres of debris have been mobilised in the Sedongpu gully catchment area since 2017.

Sedangou Gully is a catchment area from which river Tsangpo flows, the river takes a turn at Namcha Barwa and meets with Lohit and Dibang later to form Brahmaputra in India.

The debris accumulation in Sedangou gully, and Chinese planned projects of 60 GW project on Tsangpo has raised fears of more flood and soil erosion in India's North East region.

### Himalayan super-dam plan

China's *Medog dam* -- mentioned in an unscheduled plan revealed in March -- would produce triple the electricity of the Three Gorges, the world's largest power station

#### Major dam projects

On the upper reaches of the Brahmaputra/Yarlung Zangbo, and associated tributaries

● Operational dams ● Under construction ● Planned

**Medog**  
Proposed  
60GW-capacity  
Super-dam



Source: Stimson/Britannica

AFP



## Editorial :

### Middle path

## The modified pension scheme overcomes shortcoming of NPS

According to RBI the total pension disbursed by states and UTs in 2023 -24 was more than five lakh crore , which is 6- 21 % of their revenue receipts . Such a high percentage spent on pensions only makes it hard for the government to spend on developmental projects .

New Pension Scheme (NPS) was brought to curb this , under NPS deduction for pension was invested in the equity market , on retirement one had to get part of it as a lump sum and part to be reinvested .

Pensioners were not happy with NPS . It was also a major political agenda for Congress as they had rollbacked to OPS in many states .q  
The Old Pension Scheme employed used to get 50 % of his last drawn salary .

The Center has launched the Unified Pension System ( UPS ) , the difference from OPS is that the pensioner will have to put 10 % of funds from their account , which earlier was solely borne by the government .

The editorial says that UPS is a middle path on NPS and OPS and should be welcomed by all .



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