



Wendy Cocchia is sworn in as British Columbia's 31st lieutenant governor during her installation ceremony at the BC Legislature in Victoria, BC



Friedrich Merz, German Opposition leader speaks in a meeting, in the German parliament Bundestag, Berlin, in Germany



Billie Eilish (L), performs with Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day during the FireAid benefit concert, at The Forum in Inglewood, California



Dy PM of the Netherlands Fleur Agema delivers remarks during a press conference after the weekly ministers' cabinet meeting, in The Hague

# Boats return to Potomac River for DC plane crash recovery, investigation

AP, ARLINGTON: Police boats returned to the Potomac River on Friday as part of the recovery and investigation after a midair collision killed 67 people in the United States' deadliest aviation disaster in almost a quarter century.

More than 40 bodies have been pulled from the river as the massive recovery effort continued, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Friday. The officials were not authorised to discuss details of the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Investigators have already recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data



Wreckage is seen in the Potomac River near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, in Washington

recorder of the American Airlines plane that collided with an Army helicopter as the plane was landing on

Wednesday night at Ronald Reagan National Airport next to Washington, DC Officials are scrutinising a range

of factors in what National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer Hommendedy has called an all-hands-on-deck event.

All aboard the two aircraft were killed, with officials examining the actions of the military pilot as well as air traffic control after the helicopter apparently flew into the path of the American Airlines jet.

Air crash investigations can take months, and federal investigators told reporters Thursday they would not speculate on the cause.

Authorities were still looking for the helicopter's black box recorder, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth

said Friday on Fox News Channel. Other factors in the crash, including the helicopter's altitude and whether the crew was using its night vision goggles, are still under investigation, Hegseth said.

Military aircraft frequently conduct such flights in and around the nation's capital for familiarisation with routes they would fly in case of a major catastrophe or an attack on the US that would require relocation of key officials from the capital region.

You need to train as you fight, you need to rehearse in ways that would reflect a real world scenario, Hegseth said. He

## TWO INDIAN-ORIGIN PERSONS AMONG VICTIMS OF US AIR CRASH

PTI, WASHINGTON: At least two Indian-origin persons are among the 67 people killed in a midair collision between an Army helicopter and a jetliner at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport, according to media reports. Vikesh Patel, a GE Aerospace engineer and Asra Hussain Raza, a Washington DC-based consultant were on the doomed American Airlines flight 5342 that collided with the Army helicopter as it approached the airport on Wednesday night. Patel, from Greater Cincinnati, had recently switched jobs at the company and was an MRO Transformational Leader who travelled around the country, according to his LinkedIn page.

stressed that it remained the Pentagon's duty to also mitigate risks, while conducting such training. But he underscored US forces

need to ensure, if unfortunately, there were a real world event where things needed to happen we could respond to it day or night.

## AstraZeneca cancels UK plant after subsidies cut

AFP, LONDON: UK pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca announced Friday that it was abandoning plans to build a £450 million (\$560 million) vaccine plant, delivering a major blow to the Labour government's plans to revive a sluggish economy.

"Following protracted discussions with the government, we are no longer pursuing our planned investment," planned for Speke in Liverpool, northwest England, a company spokesperson told AFP.

The company cited "timing" issues and a "reduction" in the public subsidies offered by the Labour government compared with its Conservative predecessor.

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### SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Teacher Grade-I in Biology, with M.Sc., B.Ed on Maternity Leave Vacancy. Walk-in interview along with your Application and Testimonials on 03rd February 2025 at 09 am at Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School, Fator-da.

2025003434

Wanted Female Office Assistant in Margao knowing Computers (CorelDraw, Word). Freshers considered. Whatsapp CV: 9112021525

2025003435

Urgently required All Rounder & Tandoori chef for a Restaurant in Navelim. Provided with good salary & food. Contact: 7972762352/ 9823216597

2025003436

Wanted smart female dental assistant For clinics in Carambolim (old Goa) & Margao Attractive salary package assured Contact/ wsap 7020900219

2025003438

Wanted an experienced partner for setting and operating Cafeteria in Panjim. No investment only good knowledge and experience required. call +91-8007510568

2025003439

Wanted Civil Engineer/ Civil Supervisor with knowledge of excavation. Walk in interview on Monday 03-02-2025 from 9:30 a.m. at Dillan Earthmovers, R/12, 2nd Floor, Souza Enclave, near KTC, Margao. Contact: 9422062866

2025003441

Urgently require experienced Beautician for a new Ladies Salon in Fator-da, Opp. City Café at Fator-da; with Good salary package. Contact: 7745879676

2025003442

Wanted Sales Girl / Sales Boys for a readymade Garments Store. Address: Metro Garments, New Market, Margao. Kindly contact at store for more details.

2025003443

Required Male/ Female as Sales Executive (Indoor sales) cum Office assistant in IT cum Electronics company located in Verna. Attractive salary for deserving candidate. 12th Pass and above in any stream. Send resume @: hrdsccs2003@gmail.com or Whatsapp on 8208664206

2025003444

Bale & Bale, Chartered Accountants, require commerce graduates as accounts/ audit assistants/trainees for Curchoem. May apply to balenbale@gmail.com or post to 1 Floor, Mauranne, Opp Police Station, Curchoem Goa 403706.

2025003446

Job Opportunity: Mechanical Engineer /Experienced Mechanical Draftsman A leading Fire Protection System Installation Services firm based in Panjim, Goa, is looking for a Diploma Mechanical Engineer with AutoCAD experience or an Experienced Mechanical Draftsman. Email/ WhatsApp your resume to: h.r.a.i.s.g.o.a@gmail.com / 09422392328

2025003447

Wanted apartments for sale in Candolim, Calangute, Arpora, Mapusa, Siolim Contact Mob: 9890329460

2025003449

Wanted a Trained Primary Teacher to teach in primary section on Contract basis on maternity leave vacancy. Attend interview on 08/02/2025 at 08:30 am sharp along with handwritten application, resume, valid residence certificate and relevant documents at St. Thomas Girls' High School, Aldona Bardez Goa

2025003455

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Sales Staff for shoes store in Umiya Mercado Mall, Benaulum. Freshers can also apply Contact: 9960272676, 9730147437.

2025003457

Required House keeping staff (F) for a showroom in Navelim Margao Goa interested candidates please call on 8149376866 (Strictly 9-6)

2025003458

Wanted for Real Estate firm in Panjim. 1. ) Estate Manager (Maintenance) - Any candidate experienced in the maintenance of construction sites (Preferred Retd. Military officials) Please contact 7028355523 or share your CVs to hr@ashraydevelopers.com

2025003467

Wanted experienced counter sales girls for Marc brown cake shop and cafe at Dabolim, Vasco. Salary Rs. 13000 plus pf and other benefits. Call or WhatsApp on 8888265999

2025003472

Wanted B.Com graduate For A Leading Consultancy Firm in Margao, Hindus Only. Good Salary & Perks. Send CV 9420687137 (WhatsApp)

2025003474

Accountant having 1 year experience in Tally wanted in Mapusa. Call: 9881467090

2025003478

Experienced Accounts Assistant knowing Tally, Book Keeping, Filing required from in /around Parra, Bardez. Contact: 9822143792

2025003479

Brendwin Enterprises requires A/C, Refrigeration technician Salary 22,000/- & helper having Knowledge of A/C Servicing in south Goa. Contact 9579873606

2025003480

Wanted Assistant Accountant for Mapusa based Trading company. Candidate should be BCom Graduate and have knowledge about Tally. Contact 7020476321 Email: jobsaoc1@gmail.com

2025003481

Urgent requirement of container pack vehicles- Tata Ace, Mahindra Meximo, or Super Carry for a reputed company for entire North Goa and reporting at Mercedes Panjim. Contact: 7058363569, 9971776970

2025003482

Urgently required Billing Engineer, Office Staff and Site Supervisor for an office in Nuvem, Margao. Call: 9923197767 / 9112227173

2025003483

Wanted librarian on contract basis under the scheme till March 2025 at Holy Cross High School Bastora. Walk in interview with testimonials (residence and employment card) on 05.02.2025 at 9.00a.m.

2025003486

NGO with office at Azzossim requires two Drivers to drive light vehicles. Min 5 years exp. Contact: 9930949489.

2025003489

Wanted new Restaurant cook, utility, waiter & helper at Margao. Mob No. 7822019981/ 7620543730

2025003490

Wanted Room Boy for night shift for a lodge in Margao. Salary 13k. Contact: 9823116505

2025003491

Wanted Multi tasking staff Restaurant) at Guardian Angel IHMCT. Preferably with a F&B course or 2 years working experience in F&B. Salary: 18,000 Contact: 7350279174

2025003493

### SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted Chinese cook and kitchen helper for a Bar & Restaurant at Fator-da. Contact 9822388670

2025003495

Reputed Goan Restaurant in South Goa seeks talented team members. All Rounder. Cooks (2) - Goan cook (1) - Trainee Cook (1) - Galley Utility (2) -- Waiters, Waitresses (2) - Tandoori Cook. Requirements: 2-5yrs exp. in respective fields. Benefits:- Competitive salary & benefits, Accommodation provided, Professional growth Apply: Ph: +919922254122 9370940502

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Vacancy for Assistant cooks, cooks and helpers in Chicago Pizza located in Old Goa. Contact or what's resume 9145013009

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Urgent hiring for Sales Staff, HR Associate for branded retail stores in Bambolim and Margao Competent salary, benefits plus incentives offered. Candidates email resume at operations@nirxretails.com whatsapp 9307383416

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### TOURS & TRAVELS

Zion Tours- Holyland Pilgrimage- 16th March & 11th May 2025, Amazing Vietnam- 07th May 2025, Georgia- A Hidden Gem- 19th May 2025, Exotic Turkey- 27th April 2025. Contact: 7498023167/ 8208537106. Margao Office: 2739932, 7822969683Email: holyland@ziontours.net.in, www. ziontours.net.in

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### VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Lady driven Kwid (automatic) 2018 Red 45008km 20kmpl/p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking abs airbags newtyre excellent condition (exchange any manual auto wagon r consider) 7769811763.

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Sports Honda City IVTEC Black 42008KM p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking airbags, magwheels sports silencer (exchange wagon r, Alto, Swift) 7769811763 Margao.

2025003241

NRI Wagon r Ixi (newshape) 2008 frost 76008km 20kmpl p/steering, cd, c/locking newtyre rto passing 2028 excellent condition 9326811763.

2025003242

Mini Suv Ford fusion 4x2 diesel 2009 white 86008km 22kmpl/p/steering, p/windows, cd, c/locking, new tyre new tyre rto passing 2029 (exchange Alto, Wagon r & Santro) 9326811804 Margao.

2025003243

Alto 2008 Silver only 15008KM 20km/lt. Alto LXI 2009 Silver 75008KM 20KM/lt p/windows, cd, c/locking newtyre excellent condition . RTO Passing 2029 call 7769811804.

2025003244

Single owner driven Maruti Ertiga 2014, excellent condition 68000kms., granite grey, p-steering, p-windows, C-locking, CD enhanced sound system- Call: 9552600283.

2025003459

### VEHICLES WANTED

We buy all Car's & Bike's. Maruti, Toyota, Hyundai, Honda (Vintage Car's) etc, even accidental and scrap car's. Spot payment-8381027157

2025000409

Wanted Dio/Activa very very urgent budget upto 15,000, 18,000/- thousand owners please contact 9657719098 brokers strictly excuse.

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## voice of business

# Give back entrepreneurs, households their time and mental bandwidth: CEA

PTI, NEW DELHI: Give entrepreneurs and households back their time and mental bandwidth, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said while making a strong case for significant roll back of regulations both by the Union and state governments.

In the Preface of the Economic Survey 2024-25, he said 'Getting out of the way' and allowing businesses to focus on their core mission is a significant contribution that governments around the country can make to foster innovation and enhance competitiveness.

## ECONOMIC SURVEY 2024-25

"The most effective policies governments - Union and States - in the country can embrace is to give entrepreneurs and households back their time and mental bandwidth. That means rolling back regulation significantly. That means vowing and acting to stop micromanaging economic activity and embracing risk-based regulations," Nageswaran wrote.

Effective government policies also means changing the operating principle of regulations from 'guilty until proven innocent' to 'innocent until proven



Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran addresses a press conference in New Delhi, on Friday

guilty'.

Adding layers of operational conditions to policies to prevent abuse makes them incomprehensible and regulations needlessly complicated, taking them further from their original purposes and intents, said Nageswaran, who led the team which authored the key pre-Budget document.

Observing that there is no choice but to trust the people, he cautioned that "business as usual carries a high risk of economic growth stagnation, if not economic stagnation".

"Yes, trust is a two-way street and the non-government actors in the economy have to vindicate the trust reposed. In fact, quite a significant chunk of the complicated compliance re-

quirements stem from the efforts of businesses wanting to keep out domestic and foreign competition to the detriment of other industries and the economy," he added.

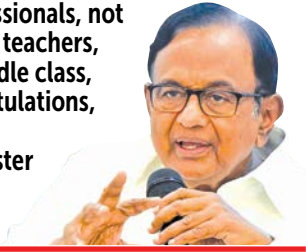
The chief economic advisor emphasised that wiping out the trust deficit in the country as it is imperative and government agencies have to set the agenda in this regard.

"Then, it is a good bet that the Indian public will overcome the challenges and turn them into opportunities on the way to Viksit Bharat by 2047," he said.

The survey argues that the government needs to embrace risk-based regulations and change the operating principle of regulations from 'guilty until proven

His (Nageswaran's) advice to the government to 'Get out of the way' is the most sensible piece of advice that I have heard from any government official in the last 10 years. The CEA has given more pointed advice. Among them are - give entrepreneurs and households back their time and mental bandwidth; roll back regulation significantly; stop micromanaging economic activity

Nobody trusts this government and its weaponised agencies - not business, not academics, not professionals, not farmers, not workers, not teachers, not students, not the middle class, and not the poor. Congratulations, Mr CEA! And thank you Honourable Finance Minister for letting the CEA speak his mind frankly



innocent' to 'innocent until proven guilty'.

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Referring to global developments, Nageswaran said India faces limitations in producing critical goods at the scale and quality required to serve the infrastructure and investment needs of an aspiring economy.

For instance, he said India has low production capacity in the solar energy

sector for key components like polysilicon, ingots, and wafers.

The production capacity of monocrystalline silicon ingot is expected to quintuple by 2025 from 2 GW in 2023, but it won't be enough to meet the demand in the country.

"Several solar equipment manufacturers in the country significantly depend on Chinese supply chains and related services. The single-source concentration risk in several product areas exposes India to potential supply chain disruptions, price fluctuations and currency risks. India's task is cut out," he said.

## Labour problem due to AI will be magnified in India, says Survey

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Economic Survey on Friday highlighted the growing unease and anxiety around Artificial Intelligence disrupting labour markets, and warned that if companies do not optimise the introduction of AI over a longer horizon or handle it with sensitivity, demand for policy intervention and the demand on fiscal resources to compensate, may become inevitable.

The pre-Budget document cited an IMF paper to say that governments may be forced to tax incremental profit of corporates that use AI to replace labour.

"It will leave everyone worse off and the country's growth potential will suffer, as a result," it warned.

A labour-surplus country like India cannot afford protracted labour displacement, the Economic Survey asserted.

With an entire chapter dedicated to 'Labour in the AI era' - a reflection itself of the seriousness being accorded to the issue - the Economic Survey noted that while impact of AI on labour will be felt across the world, "the problem is magnified for India, given its size and its relatively low per capita income".

"If companies do not optimise the introduction of AI over a longer horizon and do not handle it with sensitivity, the demand for policy intervention and the demand on fiscal resources to compensate will be irresistible," it said.

The state, in turn, has to resort to taxation of profits generated from the replace-

If companies do not optimise the introduction of AI over a longer horizon and do not handle it with sensitivity, the demand for policy intervention and the demand on fiscal resources to compensate will be irresistible - Economic Survey

ment of labour with technology to mobilise those resources, as the IMF suggested in its paper, it noted.

The Survey called for regulatory framework tweaks to align AI use with societal values, and noted that structural changes to how children are educated will be needed too, in addition to safety nets that can shield existing workers from economic and social fallout.

Notably, it advocated a mechanism of enabling, insuring, and 'stewarding institutions' to help workers adapt to changing demands while providing essential safety nets.

The document, which details the state of the economy over the current fiscal year, went in-depth into the impact of AI on jobs, and not for the first time.

The Economic Survey, even in 2024, had said the advent of AI casts a "huge pall of uncertainty" with regard to impact on workers across skill levels.

On Friday, it highlighted that the rapid advancement of AI presents both unprecedented opportunities and significant challenges for labour markets worldwide.

## 'Over 60-hr work week could have adverse health effects'

PTI, NEW DELHI: Amid a debate over 70-90-hour work week, the pre-Budget Economic Survey on Friday cited studies to state that spending over 60 hours a week on work could have adverse health effects.

The survey noted that spending long hours at one's desk is detrimental to mental well-being and individuals who spend 12 or more hours (per day) at a desk have distressed or struggling levels of mental well-being.

"While the hours spent at work are informally considered a measure of productivity, a previous study has documented adverse health effects when hours exceed 55-60 per week," the survey said, citing findings by Pega F. Nafradi B (2021) and 'A systematic analysis from the WHO/ ILO Joint Estimates of the Work-related Burden of

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Disease and Injury'.

Citing data from a study done by the Sapien Labs Centre for Human Brain and Mind, the economic survey, said, "Spending long hours at one's desk is equally detrimental to mental well-being. Individuals who spend 12 or more hours at a desk have distressed/struggling levels of mental well-being, with a mental well-being score approximately 100 points lower than those who spend less than or equal to two hours at a desk."