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Army of Protestant King William III of England defeats deposed Roman Catholic King James II in the Battle of the Boyne at Oldbridge, Ireland

1858

Joint reading of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace's papers on evolution to the Linnean Society renders audience awestruck and silent



1863

Battle of Gettysburg begins in Pennsylvania, Union forces halt Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia

1916

First day of the Battle of the Somme in World War I: The British Army suffers its worst day, losing 19,240 men

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The Sevilla Platform for Action, which was launched at #FFD4 today, offers an ambitious response to the global development crisis. It provides a springboard toward a more just, inclusive & sustainable world. And it proves that progress is possible if we work together.

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It's a matter of immense pride that Buddhist relics from India have got much respect in Vietnam

@narendramodi

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Europe chooses science...and beauty! I cannot wait to see the new @EU_ScienceHub HQ get off the ground. It will be guided by the principles of the New European Bauhaus. Blending innovation, sustainability and aesthetics

@vonderleyen

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Calls in Iran for the arrest and execution of IAEA Director General Grossi are unacceptable and should be condemned. We support the IAEA's critical verification and monitoring efforts in Iran and commend the Director General and the IAEA for their dedication and professionalism.

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Trump says not offering Iran 'anything', nor speaking to them

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday he was not offering Iran anything nor talking to it "since we totally obliterated" the country's nuclear facilities.

"I am not offering Iran ANYTHING, unlike Obama," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

"Nor am I even talking to them since we totally OBLITERATED their Nuclear Facilities."

The statement comes as Iran's deputy foreign minister told the BBC that talks between Washington and Tehran cannot resume unless the US rules out further strikes on Iran.

Majid Takht-Ravanchi told the British broadcaster that the US had signalled it wants to return to the negotiating table, a week after it struck three Iranian nuclear facilities.



Under a 2015 deal, Iran was allowed to enrich uranium below 3.67% purity for fuel for commercial nuclear power plants. Trump abandoned the agreement in 2018 and Iran responded by producing uranium enriched to 60% -- above levels for civilian usage but still below weapons grade.



People sit next to remains of an Iranian missile that fell at the settlement of Neria near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank

"We have not agreed to any date, we have not agreed to the modality," said Takht-Ravanchi.

"Right now we are seeking an answer to this question. Are we going to see a repetition of an act of aggression while we are engaging in dialogue?"

The US needs to be "quite clear on this very important question", he said.

The two countries were in talks over Tehran's nuclear pro-

gramme when Israel hit Iranian nuclear sites and military infrastructure this month, with the US joining by bombing three nuclear sites -- Fordo, Natanz and Isfahan -- on June 21.

The deputy minister revealed to the BBC that the US had signalled it did "not want to engage in regime change" by targeting Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Takht-Ravanchi also said Iran

should still be allowed to enrich uranium.

"The level of that can be discussed, the capacity can be discussed, but to say that you should not have enrichment, you should have zero enrichment, and if you do not agree, we will bomb you, that is the law of the jungle," he said.

Israel claims that Iran's nuclear programme is close to producing a bomb, whereas Tehran

says it is for peaceful purposes.

It is not clear yet how much damage the strikes inflicted on Iran's nuclear facilities, which Trump has said were "totally obliterated". UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi said Iran would probably be able to begin to produce enriched uranium "in a matter of months".

Takht-Ravanchi said he did not know how long it would take.

India's Shubhanshu Shukla working on experiment to power Gaganyaan Mission

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India's first astronaut on the International Space Station, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, is working on the space microalgae experiment sent by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Shukla deployed sample bags and captured images of the algae



Ax-4 Pilot Shubhanshu Shukla and Mission Specialist Tibor Kapu enjoys views of Earth from the cupola.

strains. These tiny organisms could play a big role in the future of space exploration, offering a sustainable, nutrient-rich food source for long-duration missions.

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spaceflight that could be used as foods, fuel, or even in life support systems. In this experiment, three strains of microalgae will be grown, and the impact of microgravity on the growth, metabolism, and genetic activity will be investigated ver-

sus algae grown on the ground.

The results could provide Isro with new options to develop the critically needed life support system for the Gaganyaan Mission, the Indian human spaceflight mission.

The Axiom crew, meanwhile, also collected data for the Neuro Motion VR project, where astronauts don VR headsets and perform attention-based tasks while their brain activity is monitored using functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS). This research explores how microgravity affects cognitive and motor functions, which could provide valuable insight for future deep space missions.

Mission Commander Peggy Whitson is working on the Cancer in LEO investigation by capturing imaging samples that could unlock new insights into how cancer behaves under the unique stressors of microgravity. She also turned her lens toward creativity, photographing student hardware, science experi-

ments, and artwork for the Saudi Space Agency's Microgravity Challenge.

Ahead of conducting the experiment, Shuk spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ISS and said that he was safe and doing fine aboard the Space Station, calling it a "whole new experience". He also said he was extremely glad to represent India in space.

Shukla was launched on a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida to the Space Station on Wednesday. The spacecraft completed a 28-hour journey before executing a flawless docking manoeuvre at the ISS's Harmony module.

He is joined by mission commander Peggy Whitson of the US, and mission specialists Sawa-sz Uznanski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary.

Shukla told PM Modi that he saw Earth as a complete planet with no borders visible and "it is our home".