

## India Slams Pakistan After Ministers' Contradictory Remarks on Pahalgam Terror Attack



India has taken strong diplomatic action against Pakistan following controversial statements by its top leaders after the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which killed 26 tourists. Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, in a startling admission, claimed the country had supported and trained terrorist groups for over three decades, blaming the West for it. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar referred to the Pahalgam attackers as "freedom fighters," contradicting Pakistan's official stance condemning the attack. India, holding Pakistan indirectly responsible, responded with a series of counter-measures. These include suspending the historic Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 and cancelling all visas issued to Pakistani nationals. The ministers' remarks have strengthened India's long-standing claim of Pakistan's role in sponsoring terrorism and have drawn global attention. As tensions escalate, India continues to press for accountability and justice for the victims of the Pahalgam tragedy.

## China Warns Nations Against Siding With U.S. in Growing Trade War



China has issued a stern warning to countries considering trade deals with the United States that could come at Beijing's expense, amid escalating tensions in the ongoing US-China trade war. The warning came from China's Ministry of Commerce on Monday, following reports that President Trump's administration is pressuring over 70 countries to reduce trade ties with China in exchange for lower US tariffs. According to The Wall Street Journal, Washington is using trade negotiations to counter China's manufacturing dominance globally. In response, China vowed to take "resolute and reciprocal counter-measures" against any nation that aligns with the U.S. in isolating China.

## PM Modi's Saudi Visit: Key Strategic Gains Despite Tragic Interruption



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Saudi Arabia (April 22–23) concluded with key strides in bilateral ties, despite being cut short due to the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. During the visit, PM Modi co-chaired the second India–Saudi Strategic Partnership Council meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Major outcomes included a renewed Saudi investment commitment of \$100 billion in India, expansion of defense cooperation, and new agreements in energy, digital technology, and tourism. The two nations also signed pacts on AI, cybersecurity, and cultural exchange, and vowed to strengthen counter-terrorism collaboration.

# Militant Attack in Pahalgam Claims 26 Lives, Sparks National Outrage

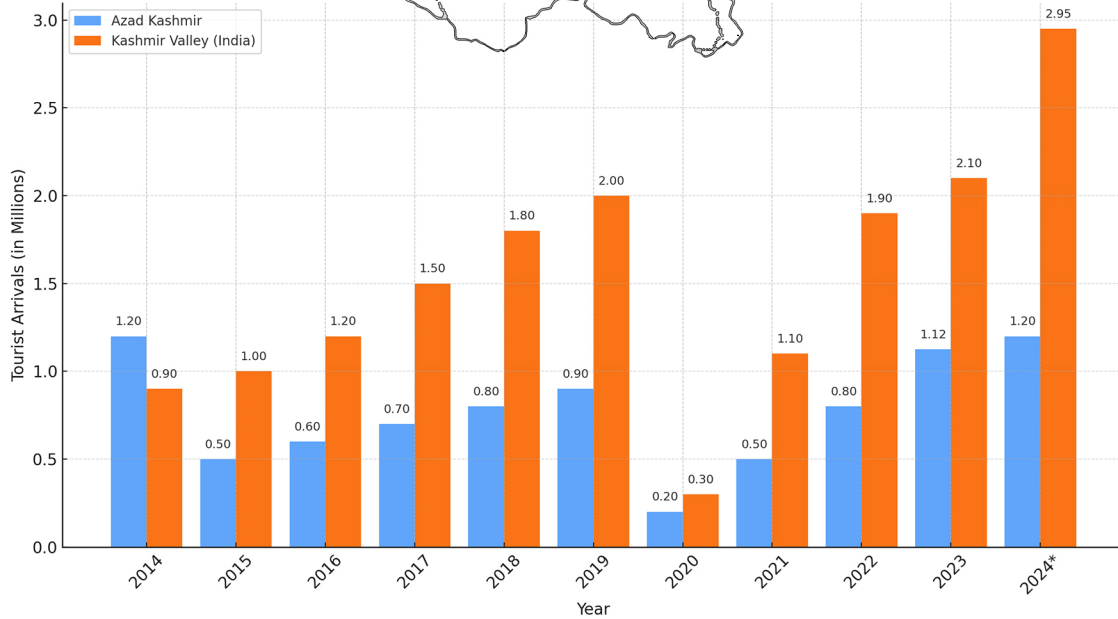


In a brutal terrorist attack, at least 26 people were killed and over 20 injured on Monday when militants opened fire on a group of tourists in Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The group, comprising Indian nationals and foreign tourists from Nepal and the UAE, was ambushed during a guided trek. The Resistance Front (TRF), linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility, citing opposition to the settlement of "outsiders" in the region. The attack, one of the deadliest in recent years, has shocked the nation and the international community. The Indian government launched an extensive manhunt to capture the perpetrators. Security has been tightened across the Kashmir Valley, and tourist activities have been suspended. Home Minister Amit Shah visited the site, vowing justice. Prime Minister Narendra Modi cut short his Saudi Arabia trip, calling the attack "a cowardly act against peace and humanity. Condemnations poured in from around the world, with the UN and foreign governments expressing solidarity with India. The incident has reignited concerns over security in Jammu and Kashmir, especially as the region was seeing a resurgence in tourism. Investigations are ongoing, and authorities have pledged stricter safety protocols for visitors.



## Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

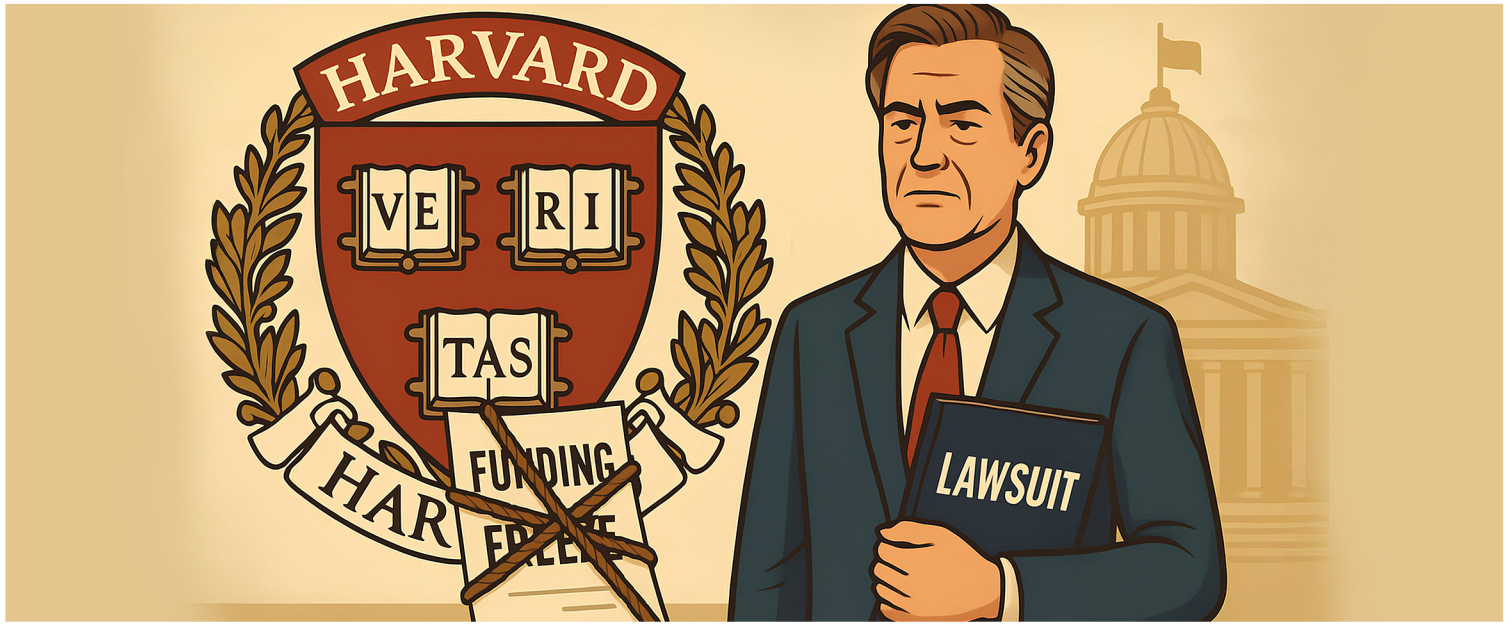
## Kashmir (India)



Since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Indian-administered Kashmir has seen a significant rise in tourism and investments. Improved security, government-backed infrastructure development, and local community support have transformed the region into a thriving tourist hub, attracting over 2 million visitors in 2023. Initiatives in roads, hospitality, and industry have boosted economic activity and drawn private investors, marking a new era of growth and stability.

In contrast, Azad Kashmir (Pakistan-administered) has seen little change over the past two decades. Despite its natural beauty, the region struggles with increasing militancy, security threats, and limited infrastructure. Tourism remains mostly domestic and stagnant, and foreign investment is virtually absent due to ongoing instability. While Indian Kashmir is moving forward with national integration and economic progress, Azad Kashmir continues to face isolation and underdevelopment, hindered by security concerns and lack of long-term planning. The gap between the two regions is now more evident than ever.

**The recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam is a tragic setback for Kashmir's booming tourism sector. Such incidents threaten local livelihoods and investor confidence. However, security forces are actively pursuing the perpetrators, and justice will be served. Despite this disruption, Kashmir's journey toward peace and prosperity will not be derailed.**



## Harvard Sues U.S. Government Over \$2.2 Billion Grant Freeze Linked to Campus Activism

Harvard University has filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. government after it froze over \$2.2 billion in research grants, citing the university's refusal to comply with demands from the Trump administration regarding campus activism and diversity policies. The administration had called for reforms in leadership, admissions, and student club recognition, allegedly to curb antisemitism. Harvard President Alan Garber rejected the demands, prompting the funding freeze. In its lawsuit, filed in Boston federal court on April 21, Harvard argued the freeze lacks a rational connection to antisemitism concerns and instead jeopardizes crucial medical, scientific, and technological research. The university claims the action violates First Amendment rights, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and is arbitrary under the Administrative Procedure Act. Harvard warned the freeze will severely disrupt national innovation and public-interest research efforts.

## India Sets Up National Task Force to Tackle Student Suicide Crisis in Higher Education



In response to growing concern over student suicides in higher education, India has set up a National Task Force on Student Mental Health, following a directive from the Supreme Court. Headed by retired Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, the task force aims to tackle mental health challenges faced by students in premier institutions like IITs and AIIMS. In its April 2025 meeting, the panel discussed measures including enhanced campus counselling, early stress detection, data collection, and better grievance systems. The move comes amid rising cases of suicides linked to academic pressure and emotional distress. The task force will submit its recommendations within three months.

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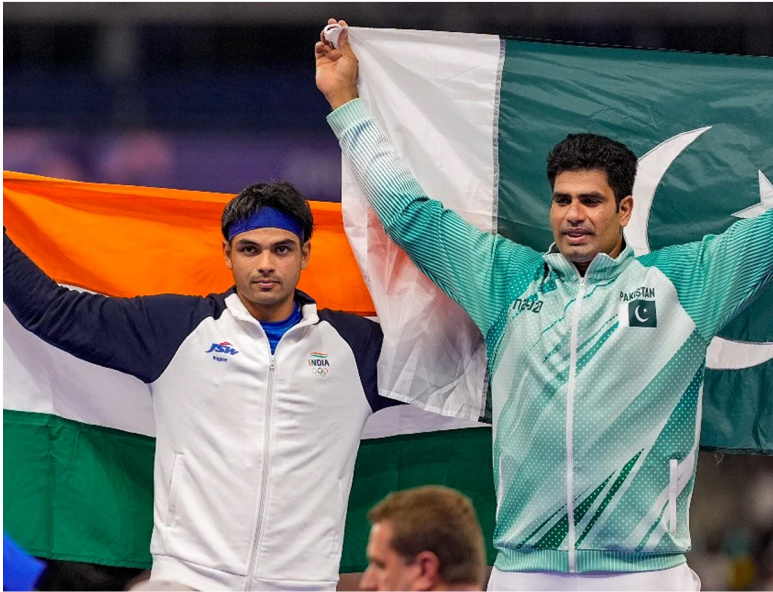


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## How the Indian Education Sector Fuels Real Estate Growth in Student Cities

India's booming education sector is not just transforming minds—it's also reshaping real estate markets, especially in student-centric cities. As the number of universities, private institutions, and coaching hubs has risen sharply, so has the demand for quality student accommodation and related infrastructure. Cities like Pune, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, and Kota have emerged as educational hotspots, drawing lakhs of students from across India and abroad. This influx has led to a surge in demand for hostels, PG accommodations, rented apartments, and even student-specific co-living spaces. Investors and developers are now recognizing student housing as a high-potential real estate segment. Moreover, with initiatives like NEP 2020 and increasing international collaborations in higher education, the student population is expected to grow steadily.



## Neeraj Chopra to Host Global Javelin Event in Bengaluru; Invites Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem

Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra is set to headline a high-profile one-day international javelin event in May 2024, to be held in Bengaluru. Organised by JSW Sports, the event will showcase some of the world's finest javelin throwers and is being named after Chopra himself. In a media interaction on Monday, Neeraj confirmed that he has personally invited several top athletes, including Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, his long-time rival and friend. "Yes, I have spoken to Arshad," Chopra said, adding that Nadeem is yet to confirm his participation pending discussion with his coach and clearance from authorities. If Nadeem participates, it could mark a rare sporting appearance by a Pakistani athlete on Indian soil, subject to government approvals.



## 14-Year-Old Vaibhav Suryavanshi Makes Historic IPL Debut

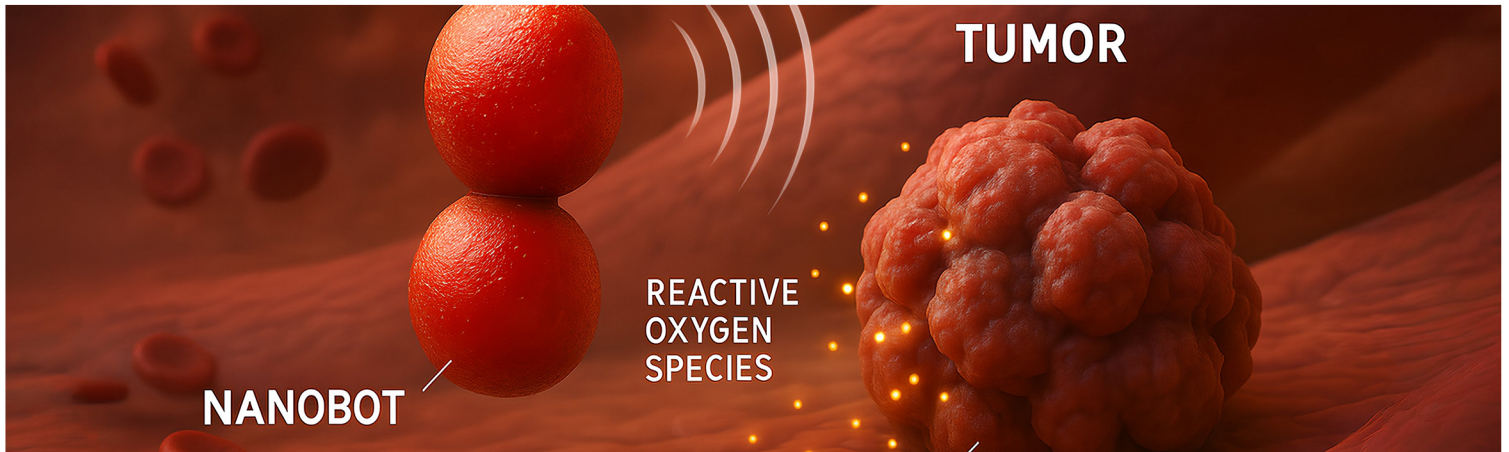
In a moment that will be etched in Indian Premier League (IPL) history, 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi made a sensational debut for Rajasthan Royals, becoming the youngest-ever player to feature in the league. The young talent from Bihar stunned fans and critics alike as he stepped onto the field with incredible composure, smashing a six off the very first ball he faced. Suryavanshi went on to score 34 runs off just 20 deliveries, showing remarkable technique, maturity, and fearlessness beyond his age. His fearless strokeplay against world-class bowlers drew widespread praise across social media and cricketing circles, with several legends calling it the beginning of a "new era in Indian cricket." Cricketers and commentators hailed the teen prodigy for showing that age is no barrier when talent meets opportunity.



## Shrivalli Bhamidipaty Shines Bright in Billie Jean King Cup, Leads India to Playoffs

Indian tennis star Shrivalli Bhamidipaty delivered a stand-out performance at the Billie Jean King Cup Asia/Oceania Group I, emerging as India's most consistent singles player and playing a key role in the team's qualification for the playoffs. The 21-year-old from Hyderabad won all five of her singles matches in the round-robin stage, showcasing grit, agility, and powerful baseline play. Her most notable victory came against World No. 207 Joanna Garland of Chinese Taipei, a higher-ranked opponent, which solidified India's position in the group standings and sent a strong signal to their global competitors. Bhamidipaty's unbeaten run has not only boosted India's hopes in the prestigious women's team tournament but also elevated her stature in international tennis. With this, India now stands just one step away from entering the World Group playoff stage. Shrivalli's rise is seen as a major boost for Indian women's tennis, and her Billie Jean King Cup heroics could well be the start of a promising international career.

## South Korean Scientists Develop Ultrasound-Controlled Nanobot to Target Tumors



Seoul-South Korean scientists have developed a revolutionary “PB robot,” a nanobot capable of targeting and destroying tumors with high precision. Created by researchers at Sungkyunkwan University, this tiny robot can change its state from solid to liquid, allowing it to navigate through the human body and reach cancerous tissues. What makes this innovation stand out is its ability to be remotely guided by ultrasound waves, making it completely non-invasive. Once it reaches a tumor, the robot activates and releases reactive oxygen species, killing cancer cells while sparing healthy ones. Made from biocompatible, phase-changing materials, the PB robot offers a new path for treating cancer without surgery or chemotherapy. Early pre-clinical trials show promising results, and researchers aim to begin human trials soon. Experts believe this breakthrough could re-define cancer treatment by enabling minimally invasive, targeted therapy with fewer side effects.



### AI Pioneer: We're Not Rational, We're Analogy Machines

Renowned computer scientist and AI pioneer Geoffrey Hinton has stated that our understanding of the human brain is undergoing a transformative shift—one that will significantly impact how we perceive human behaviour and reshape disciplines like the humanities. In a recent interview, the University of Toronto Professor Emeritus explained that advancements in brain science are revealing a truth long overlooked: humans are not inherently logical or rational beings, as traditionally believed. “We’re not rational beings - we’re great, big analogy machines,” Hinton said. “We work by seeing analogies.” Hinton likened this paradigm shift to the emergence of psychoanalysis in the early 20th century, which introduced the idea that much of human behaviour stems from unconscious motivations rather than deliberate reasoning. The coming wave, he argues, is even more profound. “This will change the way we understand people, and change the humanities,” he remarked.



### Biotech Firm Claims 'Resurrection' of Extinct Dire Wolf Using DNA Technology

On April 7, Texas-based biotech company Colossal Biosciences announced the birth of three dire wolf pups, claiming to have “resurrected” the extinct predator that vanished over 12,000 years ago. The announcement sparked viral interest, with videos of the pups’ howls, described as the first in 10 millennia, captivating social media. In a preprint paper released on April 11, the company revealed that it reconstructed the dire wolf’s genome, showing a 99.94% similarity to that of the modern gray wolf (*Canis lupus*). Of the 2.447 billion base pairs in the gray wolf genome, 2.445 billion matched those of the dire wolf (*Aenocyon dirus*), supporting the feasibility of recreating the ancient species. The company reportedly used advanced genetic engineering techniques, though full peer-reviewed details are awaited. While some experts have applauded the achievement as a milestone in de-extinction science, others remain cautious, questioning the ethics, environmental impact, and accuracy of reviving long-extinct species.

## Allu Arjun and Atlee Team Up for Rs 800-Crore Pan-India Film

After the buzz around Pushpa 2, Allu Arjun is gearing up for a massive new project directed by Atlee (of Jawan fame). The untitled film, tentatively called AA 22 X A6, recently kicked off with a look test and concept photo-shoot in Mumbai. Arjun tried various styles to craft a fresh avatar, distinct from his rugged Pushpa look. Interestingly, children were also part of the shoot, hinting at an emotional or key plot element. The film is being made on a Rs 800 crore budget, making it the second most expensive Indian film after Rajamouli's SSMB29. Filming is expected to begin by August 2025, with Arjun also scheduled to work with Trivikram in late 2026.



## Pope Francis Passes Away at 88; Film 'Conclave' Mirrors the Real-Life Transition of Papal Power

Pope Francis, the first Latin American pope and head of the Roman Catholic Church for 12 years, was reported dead on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88, according to a Vatican video statement. His passing draws striking parallels with the Oscar-winning film Conclave (2024), directed by Edward Berger and based on Robert Harris's 2016 novel. The film, starring Ralph Fiennes, depicts the secretive and politically charged process of selecting a new pope, following the death of a fictional one. In the movie, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) uncovers scandals as he leads the traditional 800-year-old conclave, a ritual held within the Sistine Chapel where cardinals vote in strict secrecy. The real-life conclave now awaits to determine the next spiritual leader for over 1.4 billion Catholics.



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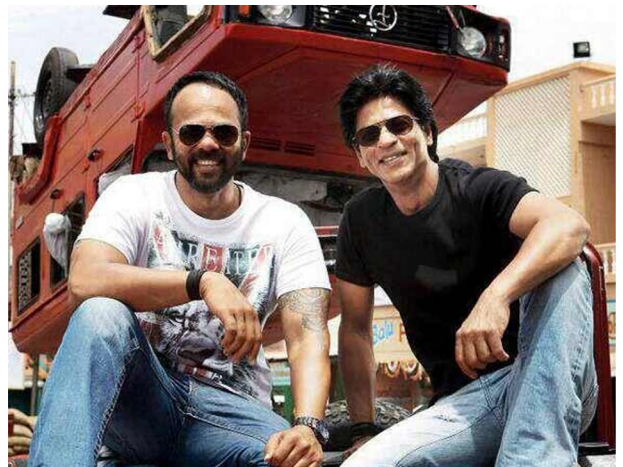


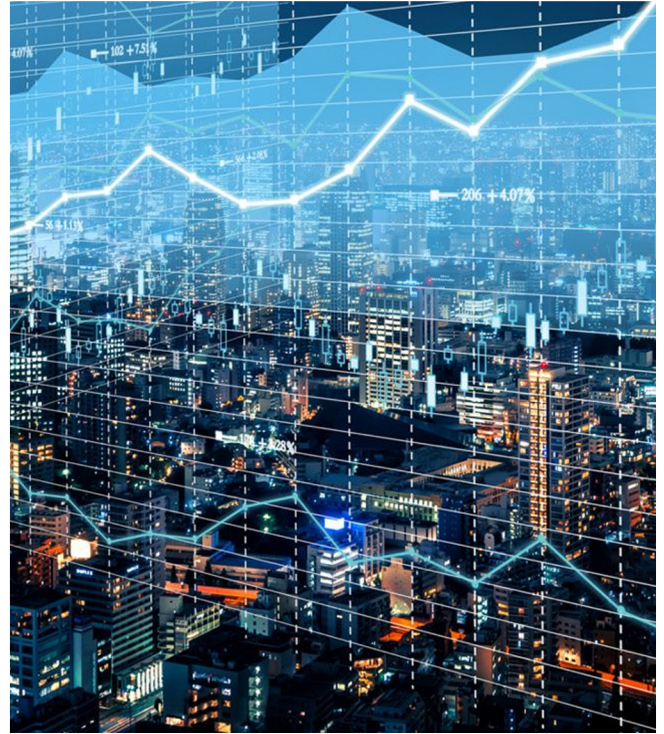
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## India's Real Estate Sector Attracts \$26.7 Billion in Equity Investments, Mumbai Leads the Way

India's real estate sector received a robust \$26.7 billion in equity investments between calendar years 2022 and 2024, with Mumbai emerging as the top destination, according to a new report by CBRE and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The joint report, titled "Bricks & Billions – Mapping the Financing Landscape of Real Estate", highlights the financing trends in the sector, including equity and debt flows and the role of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). Mumbai alone attracted \$6.9 billion, accounting for 26% of total inflows. Along with Delhi-NCR and Bengaluru, the three cities cumulatively received \$16.5 billion, or 62% of the total investments, driven by high-quality projects, strong infrastructure, and growing demand across asset classes. Land and development sites captured the largest chunk of equity investments at 44%, followed by built-up office assets with 32%.

## Rent vs. Buy: Why Now Might Be the Time to Wait

In today's volatile economic climate, the age-old rent-versus-buy debate has gained fresh urgency. While soaring real estate prices and social pressure can trigger FOMO (Fear of Missing Out), a popular Reddit post offers a compelling counterpoint: sometimes, waiting is the smartest move. The Redditor urges prospective buyers to resist emotional decisions driven by peer timelines or media hype. With project delays, unreliable developers, and global economic instability—from trade tensions to recession fears—locking yourself into a 20-year mortgage may not be wise. "Cash is king in uncertain times," the post reminds. In an environment where job markets remain unstable and prices are inflated, patience might offer better returns.

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### Balancing Intelligence: The Human Mind in the Age of AI

In today's rapidly evolving digital world, Artificial Intelligence is transforming how we live, work and think. While its benefits are undeniable, we must be cautious about its unchecked use, especially when it begins to replace the human mind's natural ability to reason, reflect, and create. The more we allow AI to perform tasks we once did ourselves, like writing, planning, decision-making, and even social interaction, the more we risk weakening our own cognitive strength. Our brains, much like our muscles, thrive on active engagement. Overdependence on AI could lead to a decline in critical thinking, problem-solving, memory, and emotional depth. As we move deeper into an AI-assisted era, it's essential to ask: Are we using AI as a tool, or are we letting it become a crutch? Technology should augment our intelligence, not replace it. As educators, professionals, and leaders, we must ensure that our environments still foster curiosity, independent thought, and human creativity. Let AI help us, but let us not forget the value of mindful thinking. The future is not just about smarter machines, but about wiser humans who know when to pause and think for themselves. Balance is the key to true progress.