

Jairam Thakur: Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said- If there was a BJP government in Himachal Pradesh, UCC would have been implemented



Diary Times Desk : In an informal conversation with media representatives at his official residence in Shimla, Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that Uttarakhand has become the first state in the country to implement the Common Civil Code (UCC). For this, the central leadership as well as the Uttarakhand government deserve congratulations. In response to media questions, he said that if the BJP government had been in power again in Himachal Pradesh, the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would have been implemented in Himachal Pradesh as well. UCC is the demand of the country today and the Bharatiya Janata Party has also expressed its commitment to the Uniform Civil Code in its Sankalp Patra. Responding to media questions, Jairam Thakur said that the platform of Himachal Pradesh's Purna Rajtva Diwas was politically misused by the Chief Minister. Till date, no one had given such a speech from such a non-political platform. During his hour-long speech, the Chief Minister only cursed the previous Bharatiya Janata Party government and lied. Even after completing 2 years of tenure, if the government blames the opposition instead of telling one of its achievements, then it is clear that the government lacks material to speak.

Eminent cardiac surgeon Dr K M Cherian dead

Agencies : Eminent cardiac surgeon Dr K M Cherian, who performed the country's first coronary artery bypass here about 50 years ago, has died, sources said on Sunday. The city-based veteran, in his 80s, died in Bengaluru on Saturday after reportedly collapsing during a function. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Dr Cherian as one of the most distinguished doctors of the country, while Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said his "pioneering work" saved many lives. "Pained by the passing of Dr. KM Cherian, one of the most distinguished doctors of our country. His contribution to cardiology will always be monumental.

India Celebrates 76th Republic Day With Military Prowess On Full Display

Agencies : India celebrated its 76th Republic Day on Sunday with a grand display of its military might that included elite marching contingents, missiles and indigenous weapon systems, with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto gracing the occasion as the chief guest. In a first, a tri-services tableau, depicting the broader spirit of "jointness" among the armed forces, rolled down Kartavya Path, the centrepiece boulevard of the National Capital. It displayed a battlefield scenario, demonstrating a synchronised operation in land, water and air with the indigenous Arjun battle tank, Tejas fighter aircraft and Advanced Light Helicopter. The theme of the tri-services tableau was "Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat" (strong and secure India). The parade commenced with President Droupadi Murmu taking the salute shortly after she and Subianto, flanked by the Indian president's bodyguards, arrived at Kartavya Path in a "traditional buggy". Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, several other Union ministers, the country's top military brass, foreign diplomats and senior officials were among the spectators on both sides of Kartavya Path.



Class 11 student asked to leave classroom after requesting sanitary pad in UP, probe ordered

Agencies : A Class 11 student of a girls' school was allegedly made to stand outside her classroom for an hour after she requested a sanitary pad during her examination, sparking outrage and prompting an official inquiry into the matter, officials said on Sunday. The incident took place on Saturday when the student who started her menstrual cycle, sought help from the principal. Instead of assistance, she was allegedly ignored and mistreated, they said. According to the complaint lodged by the girl's father, his daughter had gone to the school to appear for examination when she realised her period had started. Upon requesting a sanitary pad from the principal, she was allegedly asked to leave the classroom and was made to stand outside for nearly an hour, the complainant said.

Country's democratic, pluralistic traditions face 'triple threat': Congress ahead of Mhow rally

Agencies : The country's democratic and pluralistic traditions face a "triple threat", the Congress said on Sunday and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of flouting the values anchoring the Preamble to the Constitution. The Congress will hold its 'Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' rally in this Madhya Pradesh town, the birthplace of BR Ambedkar, on Monday as it aims to boost its social justice narrative and corner the BJP over alleged insult of the Constitution's chief architect. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh and KC Venugopal, among other senior leaders, are set to attend the rally. Rahul Gandhi, who has been unwell for the past few days and could not participate in the 'Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan' rally in Karnataka's Belagavi last week as well as in campaigning for the Delhi Assembly.

Republic Day 2025: 76th Republic Day organized in Shimla, Governor hoisted the flag; CM was also present

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, the state level Republic Day celebrations were held at the Ridge in Shimla. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla hoisted the tricolor in the 76th Republic Day program. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu was also specially present on this occasion. The Governor inspected the parade and took the salute. Industry Minister Harshvardhan Chauhan hoisted the tricolor on the district level Republic Day in Nahan. Thereafter, he took the salute of the parade. A parade was organized on the occasion of Republic Day at the historic Chamba Chaugan. Animal Husbandry Minister Chandra Kumar was present as the chief guest in the parade. The district level Republic Day celebrations were held at Dhalpur ground in Kullu district headquarters. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania took the salute of the parade at the function. On the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, the district level Republic Day celebrations were celebrated with great enthusiasm in Dharamshala.

BJP sweeps urban local body polls in Uttarakhand; wins 10 of 11 mayoral seats

Agencies : The BJP on Sunday swept the urban local body elections in Uttarakhand, winning 10 out of 11 mayoral seats to emerge as the dominant party in the municipal councils and nagar panchayats. While the BJP won 10 mayoral seats, an Independent candidate bagged the remaining seat, State Election Commissioner Sushil Kumar told PTI. However, the counting which began on Saturday is still under way and the results of all the 100 urban local bodies which went to the polls on January 23 are likely to be out by late afternoon, Kumar said. Polling to 11 municipal corporations, 43 municipal councils, and 46 nagar panchayats was held by ballot.



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Agriculture News: Soil health is deteriorating due to indiscriminate use of phosphorus, Horticulture Department issued advisory

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, gardeners are using phosphorus indiscriminately in their gardens, which is negatively affecting gardening by disturbing the balance of the soil. Soil testing conducted by the Horticulture and Agriculture Department has revealed high amount of phosphorus in the soil. To prevent gardeners from suffering losses due to excess phosphorus, the Horticulture Department has issued an advisory regarding the use of phosphorus. Phosphorus affects the growth, flowering and fruit quality of apple plants. But it is important to use it at the right time and in the right amount. The method of adding phosphorus in the garden is also very important. The Horticulture Department has issued an advisory for gardeners and suggested the correct method of using phosphorus. Phosphorus should be used in alternate years in the month of December, 90 days before flowering. Phosphorus should be dug at a distance of one foot from the stem of the plant and phosphorus should be put in the drain. In this way, phosphorus reaches the roots of the plants and the plant can absorb it well. If phosphorus is applied near the stem or in the wrong way, it cannot reach the roots, and the plants do not benefit. Using phosphorus in the wrong way increases the level of phosphorus in the soil, which can lead to deficiency of other micronutrients like zinc and iron in the soil. It is important to do regular soil tests to monitor the amount of phosphorus in the soil. If the test shows that the amount of phosphorus in the soil is already sufficient or more, do not use additional phosphorus at all.

Navy's R-Day tableau showcases 3 newly commissioned frontline combatants

Agencies : The Indian Navy's tableau at the 76th Republic Day parade showcased its three newly commissioned frontline combatants -- warships INS Surat and INS Nilgiri, and submarine INS Vaghsheer. The three platforms commissioned in Mumbai on January 15, symbolises India's naval prowess and the spirit of 'Atmanirbharta' (self-reliance). A mixed marching contingent and a band from the Navy participated in the ceremonial parade. The average age of the members in the contingent is 25 years. These personnel have been carefully handpicked from all branches of the Indian Navy and have undergone specialised training of over two months for the event, officials earlier said. The commissioning of three major naval combatants marks a significant leap forward in realising India's vision of becoming a global leader in defence manufacturing and maritime security, the Defence Ministry had said earlier.

Himachal: Himachal's apple orchardist Hariman will get Padma Shri, he has prepared a variety of apple which can grow in 46 degree temperature

Diary Times Desk : The story of struggle of Hariman Sharma of Bilaspur, who was selected for Padma Shri, is long. After eight years of research, he prepared the HRMN 99 variety and made apple production successful in the scorching heat of 40 to 46 degrees. Sharma chose apple production as an alternative after mangoes were affected by fog. He started research on this in 1999. In the year 2007, he succeeded in preparing this variety. After this, he got the saplings planted by the gardeners of Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Una, Mandi, Solan. Hariman Sharma's success attracted the attention of Himachal Pradesh and the Government of India. He was made a member of the Integrated Horticulture Development Mission of the Himachal Pradesh Government and the State Level Executive Committee of Dr. YS Parmar Forestry and Horticulture University Nauni Solan. With his inspiration, scientists of universities did research on HRMN 99. After this, the process of sending this variety abroad also started. The production of apple chosen as an alternative has brought Hariman Sharma to Padma Shri today. Today, 14 lakh saplings of HRMN 99 apple variety have been sent to all the states of the country including Germany, Bangladesh, Nepal. This variety is bearing fruit successfully abroad.

Centre, Omar's credibility at stake, J-K statehood must be restored soon: ex-RAW chief AS Dulat

Agencies : Former RAW chief AS Dulat cautioned that the "happiness" of Kashmiris following the election in 2024 is "temporary", and as they await the fulfilment of the promise of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, the credibility of both Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the Centre is on the line. Dulat on Saturday said that Abdullah, who expressed his desire for a good relationship with the central government soon after becoming the chief minister, is not "asking for much" by seeking the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. "What's Omar asking for? What does a Kashmiri expect? Article 370 is gone, it's not that it has gone out of Kashmiris' mind, they still think about 370. But Omar knows it is not coming back. What he craves for his self-respect, the statehood. "I think it is in the interest of both Delhi and Srinagar that the statehood is returned at the earliest. It has to be done for the credibility of both sides, otherwise Omar will lose his and so will Delhi," said Dulat who headed the external intelligence agency during 1999-2000.

Mandi News: Fire broke out in a tent house in Souli Khad of Mandi district, 2000 chairs, mats and mattresses all burnt to ashes

Diary Times Desk : Goods worth lakhs of rupees were burnt to ashes in a fire in a tent house store in Souli Khad, an industrial area of Mandi city. The fire incident took place on Saturday afternoon around 1:45 PM. In the preliminary investigation, the cause of the fire is said to be a short circuit. Two thousand plastic chairs, one lakh square feet carpet mats, mattresses, rugs, quilts, ply boards, sofas, crockery etc. kept in the store were burnt to ashes. The goods were kept in two stores. Shutters were installed from outside. The fire department was informed about the fire at 2:00 PM. At around 2:15 PM, fire department officials and employees arrived with fire fighting vehicles. Seeing the flames in the store, two other vehicles and staff were also called. The fire was brought under control after about two hours of hard work, by then everything had turned to ashes. Due to the shutters installed in the store, the fire personnel had to face some difficulty.



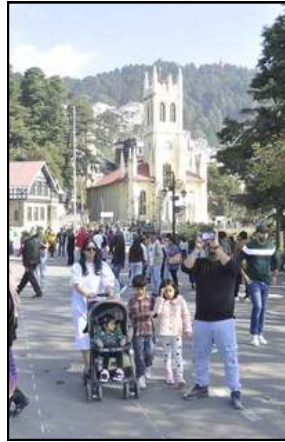
300 artists playing indigenous musical instrument herald at 76th Republic Day parade

Agencies : In a display of diversity of the country, 300 cultural artists, dressed in colourful attire, heralded the 76th Republic Day parade on the Kartavya Path here on Sunday, marching to the tune of 'Saare Jahan Se Acchha'. The 300 artists were playing musical instruments from different parts of the country. The melody emanating from the indigenous mix of instruments resonated the Kartavya Path as the contingent of artists marched down in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu and chief guest for the celebrations Indonesian President Prababowo Subianto appreciating the performance. The ensemble of instruments included Shehnai, Sundari, Nadaswaram, Been, Mashak Been, Ransingha, Flute, Karadi Majalu, Mohuri, Sankha, Tutari, Dhol, Gong, Nishan, Chang, Tasha, Sambal, Chenda, Idakka, Lezim, Thavil, Gudum Baza, Talam and Monbah. This was followed by the showering of flower petals carried out by Mi-17 IV helicopters from 129 Helicopter Unit flying in the Dhvaj Formation. Trooping the National Flag, this formation of helicopters was led by Group Captain Alok Ahlawat.



HP Tourism: Tourists flocked to Himachal on weekends, occupancy in hotels crossed 50 percent

Diary Times Desk : Tourist spots of Himachal Pradesh are crowded with tourists on the weekend. Apart from Hillsqueen Shimla, Manali, Kasauli, Chail, McLeodganj and Dharamshala were crowded with tourists on Saturday. Occupancy in hotels at tourist spots has crossed 50 percent. Apart from Manali and Rohtang in Kullu, snow is attracting tourists in Narkanda in Shimla. Tourism businessmen are excited due to the increase in the number of tourists. On Saturday, there was a gathering of tourists on the Mall Road and Ridge Ground in Shimla. Tourists enjoyed photography and horse riding on the Ridge Ground. A large number of tourists also left for Kufri and Narkanda from Shimla. Tourists who reached Kullu-Manali to play in the snow also headed towards Atal Tunnel Rohtang and Sissu. Shimla Travel Agents Association President Naveen Paul says that a large number of tourists have reached Shimla on the 26 January holiday. Although tourists are disappointed due to lack of snow in the city, we are sending them to Narkanda to enjoy the snow. The number of tourists has increased this week as compared to last week. Rajendra Thakur, chairman of the All Himachal Commercial Vehicle Joint Action Committee.



Himachal Congress: Sukhu, Pratibha Singh and Mukesh Agnihotri will go to Madhya Pradesh on 27th, know the reason

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and State Congress President Pratibha Singh will visit Mhow in Madhya Pradesh on January 27. Congress will start the Constitution Campaign from Mhow. During this, Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and party's National General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi will be present. Chief Minister Sukhu will leave for Madhya Pradesh after the Republic Day celebrations to be held in the capital Shimla on January 26. Chief Minister Sukhu has a program to campaign in the Delhi Assembly elections from February 1 to 3. To save the Constitution, Congress is going to organize a big program in Baba Saheb's birthplace Mhow on January 27. Congress is going to take out a Constitution Bachao Yatra across the country in protest against the statement given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Dr. Ambedkar. During this yatra, Congress leaders will go among the people. This yatra will reach Dr. Ambedkar's birthplace Mhow on January 27. On this occasion, the entire working committee of Congress will be present in Mhow. Chief Ministers, former Chief Ministers, State Presidents, senior leaders and MPs of all Congress ruled states will participate in it.

Drug Alert: Samples of these 38 medicines including diabetes, migraine made in Himachal failed, stock recalled

Diary Times Desk : 38 medicines including those for diabetes, migraine, high blood pressure, stomach gas, vitamin D-3 and infection manufactured in Himachal Pradesh were found to be substandard. Migraine medicines are supplied only to government hospitals. Samples of two batches of this have failed. Samples of 135 medicines across the country have been found to be substandard. Medicine samples were taken in December by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization and the State Drug Controller. State Drug Controller Manish Kapoor said that notices have been issued to the companies whose medicine samples have failed and their stock has been recalled. The process of cancelling the license has also been started. Two samples of Divalproex manufactured at Biodil Pharmaceutical Nalagarh have failed. At the same time, Betahistine of CMG Biotech.

Shimla News: Doctor cheated of Rs 2.7 crore in the name of online trading, 3 arrested including company's IT manager

Diary Times Desk : Police have arrested three people in connection with a cyber fraud of Rs 2.7 crore in the name of investment in online stock trading. The arrested accused include Gaurav Ahuja (42) resident of Sector-57, Amrit Das (40) resident of Sector-4, Gurgaon Haryana and Bal Mohan (40) resident of Tehsil Chinali Saur, District Uttarkashi Uttarakhand. The accused have been accused of financial fraud with a doctor. According to preliminary investigation, the amount of Rs 2,70,19,316.50 of the complainant has been transferred to 13 different bank accounts. Along with this, the accused have used different benami bank accounts to hide the cheated amount. The case is registered on 17 December 2024 at Cyber Crime Police Station, Southern Range, Shimla under Section 61 (2), 318 (4) of IPC and Section 66-D of IT Act. Complainant Dr. Ajay Goyal was trapped by luring him with high returns in online trading. Investigation revealed that the complainant's amount of Rs 2,70,19,316.50 was transferred to 13 different bank accounts. The first bank account in the name of accused Amrit Das came to light in this case.

Himachal: Kangra's Suhani becomes Sharad Sundari, Kartik wins the title of Voice of Carnival

Diary Times Desk : Suhani of Kangra has won the title of Sharad Sundari 2025 in the national level winter carnival. Amisha of Sirmaur was the first runner up while Aditi Negi of Manali was selected as the second runner up. In the final round, the top five participants were asked what is it to be a woman in your sense. Everyone had to answer it in writing in two minutes. After writing, everyone had to read out their answer. Everyone gave their answers. After which the top 3 and Sharad Sundari were selected. Sharad Sundari and Anyone were honored by the chief guest Bhuvaneshwar Gaur by putting a crown on them. At the same time, Kartik became the winner of the Voice of Carnival competition. While Balkrishna was in second place and Ankush was in third place. Five participants participated in the final round of the competition.

Himachal Weather: Bright sunshine in Shimla on Sunday, weather will remain clear in the state till this day

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, the heat has increased due to the clearing of the weather and the sunshine. On Saturday, the highest temperature was recorded in Kangra after seven years and in Sundarnagar after six years. The maximum temperature in Kangra on Saturday was 24.1 degrees. Earlier, the temperature was 24.5 degrees in January 2018. In Sundarnagar, the temperature was recorded at 28 degrees during January 2019. Now the temperature has been recorded at 25 degrees. On the other hand, the temperature of Shimla, Dharamshala, Kasauli and Manali including the plain districts Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur has also increased. The weather is forecast to remain clear in the entire state till January 28. During this time, the temperature is likely to increase further. There are chances of rain and snowfall at many places from January 29 to 31. On the other hand, the bus service from Aut-Banjara-Sainj 305 passing through the 10280 feet high Jalori Pass has started. The NH Authority has restored it for traffic by removing snow from the pass.

Himachal: 316 middle schools with less than 10 students will be merged in Himachal

Diary Times Desk : Preparations have begun to merge 316 middle schools with less than 10 students in Himachal. 813 teachers are appointed to teach 2,116 students studying in these schools. These schools will be merged with nearby schools located at a distance of two to seven kilometers. In many such middle schools, three to five teachers and three non-teachers are providing services. The Directorate of Primary Education has prepared a proposal and sent it to the government. Last year, the government merged middle schools with five students in schools located at a radius of two to three kilometers. Departmental officials said that a decision has to be taken in this regard before the new academic session.

PM Modi calls 76th celebrations 'memorable morning at Kartavya Path,' shares glimpses

Agencies : More than 18 marching contingents, 31 tableaux, and more than 5000 artistes participated at the Republic Day parade 2025 held at Kartavya Path on Sunday. The parade began after President Droupadi Murmu unfurled national flag, followed by salute from parade commander Lt General Bhavnish Kumar. In a rare coincidence, parade commander Lt General Bhavnish Kumar took part in the R-day parade with his son Lieutenant Ahan Kumar who led the contingent of the iconic 61 Cavalry on Kartavya Path. The parade also included mind-blowing stunts by daredevils, and spectacular aerial formations by the Indian Air Force aircraft. The parade concluded with grand celebration after national anthem. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to martyrs at National War Memorial. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto is the Chief Guest — with military contingents from the country also participating in a march-past which will take place on Kartavya Path. Meanwhile, the the capital city is on alert with more than 70,000 police personnel deployed across Delhi. Around 10,000 special guests from different walks of life have been invited to witness the parade as it rolls down Karvavya Path.

Tahawwur Rana extradition: BJP hails Modi govt's will power to fight terrorism

Agencies : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday welcomed the US Supreme Court's decision to extradite 2008 Mumbai terror attacks accused Tahawwur Rana to India, saying that this is a matter of great satisfaction for every Indian, particularly for the victims and their families, and added that this was made possible due to the strong willpower of the Modi government in fighting against terrorism. "In 2008, the horrific Mumbai terror attack took place, and now, the US Supreme Court has decided to extradite its accused, Tahawwur Rana, to India. This is undoubtedly a matter of satisfaction for every Indian. Particularly for those who lost their lives and for the families of those who sacrificed their lives in the attacks, this is a matter of great satisfaction," said BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi. "This was made possible due to the strong willpower of the Modi government in fighting against terrorism," he added. Trivedi also used the occasion to launch.

Kharge slams BJP on Republic Day for attacks on the adoption of the Constitution



Agencies : Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in his 76th Republic Day address on Sunday, accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government of "attacks on our Constitution," unleashing the "degradation of our institutions," and dividing Indian society with a "vicious, hateful agenda." Speaking on the adoption of the Indian Constitution, Kharge highlighted challenges faced by the nation and urged citizens to defend its core principles of "justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity." "Every sacred tenet of the Constitution is being shredded into pieces by an authoritarian regime," he said. Kharge further attacked the BJP, stating that there has been a "systematic degradation of institutions under the current regime." He said that the ruling party has "unleashed a continuous degradation of our institutions, built carefully over decades."

Arvind Kejriwal Questions Gujarat Police Deployment In Delhi.

Agencies : Shortly after former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal claimed the Election Commission has removed Punjab Police and deployed Gujarat Police in the National Capital Territory, top sources in Delhi Police have provided a clarification. The sources said 220 companies of security personnel were received in Delhi, including those from the CRPF, BSF, SSB, ITBP, CISF and RPF. Further, 70 companies were also deployed from Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh Police. These companies were received in Delhi.

Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy Becomes First Doctor to Achieve All Three Padma Awards

Agencies : Dr D. Nageshwar Reddy, founder and chairman of AIG Hospitals, on Saturday became the first medical doctor to be bestowed with all three Padma awards — Padma Shri in 2002, Padma Bhushan in 2016, and the Padma Vibhushan on Saturday. His unparalleled contributions to public health, especially in gastroenterology, have earned him this rare distinction. Dedicating the honour to his patients and his team at AIG Hospitals, Dr Nageshwar Reddy said: This is not just a personal milestone, but a celebration of the spirit.

Doctors' Body Flags Saif's Mediclaim Approval, Cites "Troubling Trend"

Agencies : Days after insurance provider Niva Bupa swiftly approved a medical insurance claim from actor Saif Ali Khan's family after the shocking attack on him, an organisation of medical professionals has written to insurance regulator IRDAI, questioning celebrities' "preferential treatment". Following the knife attack on Mr Khan during a burglary attempt at his Mumbai home, a document of his mediclaim approval emerged on social media. According to the document, a cashless request of nearly Rs 36 lakh.

Republic Day 2025 : Bike stunts, fly-past conclude parade at Kartavya Path

Agencies : President Droupadi Murmu led the nation in celebrating the 76th Republic Day from Kartavya Path in New Delhi. The Republic Day Parade began at Kartavya Path and showcased India's cultural diversity and military prowess through tableaux and marching contingents. State chief ministers and governors celebrated the day with festivities in their respective state capitals. The Republic Day Parade ceremony commenced with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the National War Memorial on Sunday morning. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto was the Chief Guest for Republic Day Parade 2025. Around 10,000 special guests were invited to witness the parade. The parade began with President Droupadi Murmu taking the salute. The Republic Day Parade was heralded by 300 cultural artists playing 'Sare Jahan Se Achha' with musical instruments from different parts of the country. The Republic Day Parade also witnessed a march past by the Marching Contingent of the Indonesian National Armed Forces and the Military Band of Indonesia's Military Academy.



Donald Trump urges Jordan, Egypt to 'take in' Gazans; Hamas rejects peace proposal

Agencies : United States President Donald Trump has caused a flutter in the Middle East with his idea to end Israel-Hamas hostilities in Gaza, saying he would urge the leaders of Jordan and Egypt to take in the beleaguered Gazans. After 15 months of war, Trump said Gaza had become a "demolition site". "I'd like Egypt to take people. And I'd like Jordan to take people," he told reporters. Most Gazans are Palestinian refugees or their descendants. "You're talking about probably a million and a half people, and we just clean out that whole thing," Trump said of Gaza, whose population is about 2.4 million. "I'd rather get involved with some of the Arab nations and build housing at a different location where they can maybe live in peace for a change," Trump added. Hamas, which recently entered into an uneasy ceasefire with Israel, rejected the idea. Bassem Naim, a member of Hamas's political bureau, told AFP that Palestinians would "foil such projects", as they have done to similar plans "for displacement and alternative homelands over the decades".

Israeli forces kill one person in south Lebanon as residents try to return: Lebanese health ministry

Agencies : Israel forces killed one person and wounded 17 others trying to return to homes in south Lebanon where Israeli troops remained on the ground after a deadline for their withdrawal passed on Sunday, Lebanon's health ministry said. Israel has said it intended to keep troops in the south beyond the Sunday deadline stipulated in the U.S.-brokered ceasefire that halted last year's war with Hezbollah, and on Saturday ordered residents not to return until further notice. The deal stipulated that Israeli forces should withdraw from south Lebanon as the Iran-backed Hezbollah's weapons and fighters were removed from the area and the Lebanese army deployed, within in a 60-day period which ended on Sunday morning. Israel has however said the terms have not been fully enforced by the Lebanese state, while Lebanon's U.S.-backed military on Saturday.

Kristi Noem Confirmed As Donald Trump's Homeland Security Secretary

Agencies : The US Senate on Saturday confirmed South Dakota governor Kristi Noem to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), a key agency in President Donald Trump's push to clamp down on illegal immigration. The vote came a day after US lawmakers narrowly confirmed former Fox News co-host Pete Hegseth to be Pentagon chief, adding to previous national security posts already greenlit for Trump's cabinet, including the secretary of state and CIA director. Kristi Noem, 53, a Trump ally and second-term governor of the north central US state, takes control of the US agency overseeing border enforcement and migrant deportations, but which also leads federal efforts on cybersecurity, terrorism and emergency management. Trump on Friday said he would sign an order seeking to scrap the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), after he harshly criticized its response to two devastating hurricanes during last year's election campaign.



Israel Shares Video Of Women Soldiers Being Kidnapped On Oct 7, 2023



Agencies : Palestine-based Hamas released four female Israeli soldiers on Saturday as part of the second hostage release of the Gaza ceasefire deal. Karina Arielev, Daniella Gilboa, Naama Levy and Liri Albag were serving as observers at the Nahal Oz army base on the border with Gaza on 7 October, 2023, when Hamas attacked Israel and captured them. Hours before being released, the four women-- dressed in army green-- were paraded before a crowd of thousands in Gaza City. They were then transferred to the Red Cross vans, which brought them back home to Israel. In exchange, Israel later released 200 Palestinian prisoners as part of the ceasefire agreement. Liri (19), Naama (20), Karina (20), and Daniella (20) were among the first to be abducted by Hamas-led forces, who killed around 1,200 people and dragged another 250 into the enclave. The first few hours of the assault on the army base were filmed by Hamas forces, which showed the four women in their pyjamas, covered in blood, while they were handcuffed against a wall.

South Korea's prosecutors indict President Yoon Suk Yeol for insurrection

Agencies : South Korea's prosecutors indicted President Yoon Suk Yeol on Sunday on charges of leading an insurrection with his short-lived imposition of martial law on Dec. 3, the main opposition party said. "The prosecution has decided to indict Yoon Suk Yeol, who is facing charges of being a ringleader of insurrection," Democratic Party spokesman Han Min-soo told a press conference. "The punishment of the ringleader of insurrection now begins finally." The indictment was also reported by South Korean media. Anti-corruption investigators last week recommended charging the jailed Yoon, who was impeached by parliament and suspended from his duties over the incident.

Ukraine's Zelenskyy on Donald Trump admin halting foreign aid: 'It's not stopped, thank god'

Agencies : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Saturday the US has not stopped military aid to Ukraine amid news that the Donald Trump administration has paused foreign aid for 90 days. According to Zelenskyy, he is focused on military aid and thanked 'God' that it hasn't been stopped. "I am focused on military aid; it has not been stopped, thank God," an Associated Press quoted Zelenskyy as saying at a press conference with Moldovan President Maia Sandu. According to the report, Ukraine relies on the US for 40 per cent of its military needs. The Ukrainian leader did not specify if the humanitarian aid has been paused for the country fighting a bloody war with Russia since January 2022. The newly sworn in US secretary of state Marco Rubio announced on Saturday that he would pause foreign aid grants for 90 days, apart from ones going to Israel and Egypt. In an internal memo, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said, "No new funds shall be obligated for new awards or extensions of existing awards until each proposed new award or extension has been reviewed and approved.", AFP reported.

Trump's deportation flights burn \$852,000 each, carrying just 80 migrants: Report

Agencies : President Donald Trump has intensified his immigration crackdown by utilising Department of Defense (DOD) resources to deport migrants en masse. This includes deploying U.S. military aircraft. However, the approach has raised questions about its cost-effectiveness, as military flights are more expensive than those chartered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Reportedly military aircraft such as C-17s and C-130Es are being used for what are being called "migrant repatriation flights." For instance: C-17 Aircraft: According to the DOD comptroller via The Mirror, costs approximately \$21,000 per hour. A recent 12-hour flight from El Paso, Texas, to Guatemala City carrying 80 migrants likely cost \$252,000. C-130E Aircraft: Costs between \$68,000 and \$71,000 per hour, resulting in an estimated cost of \$816,000 to \$852,000 for a similar trip. In contrast, a chartered flight by DHS costs only \$8,577 for the same journey. Following Trump's declaration of a national emergency, the military has expedited its.

Farmers hold tractor marches in parts of Punjab to press for MSP guarantee

Agencies : On Republic Day, farmers in Punjab held tractor marches across the state to press the Union Government for a guaranteed MSP for crops and withdrawal of National Policy Framework on Agriculture Marketing (NPFAM). The marches, which took place in various districts, including Malerkotla and Ludhiana, were organised by farmer unions, including the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM). Lok Hit Mission-Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) participated in a 5-km march with around 100 tractors on the Baroudi-Kurali-New Chandigarh-Majri block route, while protesters in Mohali held a tractor march from Dardi village to District Administrative Complex in Sector 76. The farmers are demanding a legal guarantee on MSP based on the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee, debt waivers, and the scrapping of NPFAM. The tractor marches were held peacefully, with farmers parking their tractors outside retail outlets and malls to protest against corporate houses in Amritsar. Farmer unions have announced that they will intensify their stir, with another round of talks with the Centre scheduled for February 12.



Punjab's R-Day tableau showcases state as land of knowledge and wisdom

Agencies : The Republic-Day tableau of Punjab showcased the state as the land of knowledge and wisdom, displaying the exquisite handicrafts and rich musical heritage of the region. The tableau was an aesthetic blend of the state's inlay-designing prowess, interspersed with exquisitely woven handicrafts. It also depicted the greatly-revered Sufi saint, Baba Sheikh Faridji, in the trailer portion. Punjab primarily being an agrarian state, the tableau displayed a pair of bullocks with a yoke, depicting the agricultural aspect of the state. The elegant designs of mats ("durri") at the bottom lent an aura of refinement to the novel creation. The tableau also showcased the rich musical heritage of the state, with a traditionally-dressed man holding a "toombi" in his hand with a "dholak" and beautifully decorated earthen pots ("ghara"). A woman in traditional attire was shown weaving a cloth with her hands, thus displaying the art of folk embroidery covered with floral motifs -- popular all over the globe as "Phulkari". The trailer portion of the tableau depicted one of the most deeply-revered Sufi saints of Punjab, Baba Sheikh Farid, "Ganj-i-Shakar" (a storehouse of candy).

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann vows to protect state's peace and harmony on 76th Republic Day

Agencies : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday vowed to crush the forces inimical to the state and foil their conspiracies aimed at disturbing peace, communal harmony, brotherhood and amity of Punjab. He further appealed that the farmers of the country must be heard and their issues be resolved on priority. Addressing the gathering after unfurling the national flag during an event to commemorate 76th Republic Day at Polo Ground here, the Chief Minister said that Punjab is the land of the gurus, saints, seers, martyrs and has always been a torch bearer to mankind for values of brotherhood and communal harmony. "Maintaining the hard-earned peace in the state is the first and foremost priority for this government, and no one will be allowed to disturb it," he said. The CM said that in order to facilitate Punjabi diaspora across the globe, state-of-the-art NRI facilitation centre -- "Punjab Help Centre" has been opened at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi. He also felicitated prominent officers/officials, participants and people from various walks of life during the Republic Day celebration for their remarkable contribution.

Krishna's teachings, industrial aspirations mark Haryana's Republic Day tableau

Agencies : Haryana's tableau at the Republic Day parade on Sunday paid tribute to the Bhagwad Gita's message given during the mythical war between the Pandavas and Kauravas in Kurukshetra. The tableau also depicted the state's advances in technological innovation, women empowerment and the valour of its people. The front section of the tableau depicted the battlefield of Kurukshetra where Lord Krishna delivered his teachings to Arjuna. It emphasised Jyotisar, the site where the divine message was imparted. Jyotisar, now located in the city of Kurukshetra, is a pilgrimage site. The middle section of the tableau featured a craft cart inspired by the Surajkund Mela, showcasing handicrafts like sarkanda craft, leather juttis, chope, bagh, phulkari, brassware of Rewari and surahi. The tableau displayed Haryana, historically rural, as a well-developed industrial state.

State among bottom 5 in NITI Aayog's fiscal health index

Agencies : Haryana has been ranked 14th in NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025 report, placing it among the bottom five of 18 major states. The ranking is based on five parameters: quality of expenditure, revenue mobilisation, fiscal prudence, debt index, and debt sustainability. The FHI covers 18 key states that significantly contribute to India's GDP, demography, public expenditure, revenues, and fiscal stability. The report, released on Friday, examines fiscal performance from 2014-15 to 2022-23. For 2022-23, Haryana received an overall score of 27.4, with individual scores of 24.8 in quality of expenditure, 47.8 in resource mobilisation, 26.1 in fiscal prudence, 24.1 in debt index, and 14.3 in debt sustainability. Even when considering average scores for 2014-19 and 2014-2022, the state ranked 14th. The report highlights Haryana's weak debt profile. The debt-to-GSDP ratio rose from 26% in 2018-19 to 33% in 2020-21, before falling slightly to 31.7% in 2021-22 and stabilising at 31% in 2022-23. Interest payments grew by 9.4% in 2022-23 compared to the previous year, with the interest payment-to-revenue receipt ratio at 23%. "The outstanding liability-to-GSDP ratio exceeded targets from 2018-19 to 2022-23," the report notes. "Short- to medium-term fiscal sustainability is at risk unless the state takes measures to rationalise expenditures, broaden the revenue base.

Chandigarh Administration celebrates Republic Day with patriotic fervour

Agencies : The Union Territory of Chandigarh on Sunday joined the nation in celebrating the 76th Republic Day with full patriotic fervour at Parade Ground in Sector 17 here. UT Chief Secretary Rajeev Verma, who was the chief guest at the event, unfurled the National Flag and inspected a guard of honour. This was followed by a march past by various contingents of the police and NCC. The Republic Day Parade also saw a colourful display of tableaux from different departments, including the Education department, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee, Science and Technology, Department of Industries, Chandigarh Police, Traffic Police and Municipal Corporation, emphasising on social messages and development. Students from different schools, colleges and GRIID of Chandigarh enthralled the audience with their captivating performances. Verma addressed the audience and recalled the struggles and sacrifices of freedom fighters. He re-emphasised the significance of 26th January as the nation completed 75 years of the implementation of the Indian Constitution on this day.



Voting is foundation of nation's future: Governor

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla applauded the Election Commission of India (ECI) for its global recognition in conducting free, fair and transparent elections. He graced the 15th National Voters' Day state-level function held at the historic Gaiety Theatre today. The event, organised by the Himachal Pradesh Election Department, celebrated the theme, "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure," emphasising the importance of electoral participation. Addressing the gathering, the Governor lauded the ECI and its team for strengthening democratic values and setting an example worldwide. The Governor congratulated first-time voters and urged them to create awareness about the significance of voting among their peers. He acknowledged the contributions of various stakeholders, including administrative officials, NGOs and media, in ensuring smooth and inclusive elections. Shukla highlighted ECI's establishment on January 25, 1950, as a pivotal step in India's democratic journey. He emphasised the responsibility of every voter to uphold democracy by exercising their franchise, calling it the foundation of the nation's future.

Kangra police station secures state award, Nurpur is best police district

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu awarded the Kangra police station with the State Award-2024 for its exemplary performance. The station excelled in crime control, grievance redressal, public cooperation, administrative efficiency, use of modern technology and staff performance. Inspector Sanjeev Kumar, the station in-charge, received the award from the Chief Minister. The Nurpur police district secured the first rank for excellence in law enforcement and administrative efficiency, and the award was presented to SP Ashok Ratan. Meanwhile, the Kullu district secured second place and the award was presented to SP Sakshi Verma. The Kangra district ranked third, with SP Shalini Agnihotri receiving the honour.

Governor unfurls Tricolour at Ridge in Shimla



Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla unfurled the national flag at the Ridge, Shimla, on the 76th Republic Day during state-level celebrations, and took salute from an impressive march past led by Parade Commander Lt Gagandeep Chauhan from 22, Jammu and Kashmir Rifles. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was also present on the occasion. The contingents of the Army, Indo-Tibet Border Police, Himachal Pradesh Armed Police, Punjab Police, State Police, Home Guards, Fire Services, Himachal Pradesh Postal Services, Disaster Management, ex-servicemen, National Cadet Corps, National Service Scheme Cadets and Bharat Scouts and Guides, performed the march past. Tableau showcasing various development activities of different departments were the main attraction on the occasion. The culture troupes from Kinnaur, Hamirpur, Shimla and Mandi gave cultural performances. The troupes of North Zone Cultural Centre Patiala - Rajasthan and Uttarakhand also performed on the occasion. Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh, and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

On 55th Statehood Day, Sukhu vows 25,000 jobs in govt sector

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh today said employment generation was the priority for his regime and 25,000 jobs would be created this year in the government sector in the state. While speaking at the 55th state-level Statehood Day celebrations at Baijnath today, the CM said that the recruitment for 25,000 government jobs in the state would start soon. "The government has provided 42,000 jobs in the last two years compared to 20,000 in five years under the previous BJP government. Over 12,500 posts have been filled in the government sector," he stated. The CM said that the coming fiscal year is challenging but with the cooperation of the people of the state and blessings of deities, we would overcome these challenges. "The Congress has been in power for only two years, but the financial liabilities and debts inherited from the previous BJP regime has put a burden on us," he said. Sukhu said the financial situation is such that loans are being taken to repay the principal and interest of previous debts. "In the last two financial years, the government has taken a loan of Rs 30,080 crore. Out of it, Rs 18,854 crore, approximately 63 per cent, has been used to repay the principal and interest on loans.

Dumping of muck led to Rs 2.22 cr damage to water infra: NGT report

Diary Times Desk : Reckless dumping of muck for widening the Paonta Sahib-Shillai-Gumma National Highway 707 in Sirmour district has caused colossal damage to the water supply infrastructure. Villagers fear that they would have to face scarcity of water in the near future if the schemes are not restored permanently. According to the findings of a joint committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) which is hearing a petition on environmental damage caused due to reckless dumping of muck, damage of Rs 2.22 crore has been caused to the water infrastructure even since the road-widening work began. "Water distribution lines and associated infrastructure have been damaged at 58 sites like Kamrau, Shilla, Sataun, Kafota, Shirgaon, Hevna, Pav, Chalani, etc. Apart from the hand pumps, distribution lines etc. have been damaged on which an expenditure of Rs 2.22 crore is supposed to have been incurred," states the report accessed. Several gravity water and lift water supply schemes at places like Dugana, Shimble Dhar, Rithog Shirog, Ishari, Charew.

Health Minister takes stock of facilities at Mandi hospital

Diary Times Desk : Dr Dhani Ram Shandil, Health and Family Welfare Minister, today conducted a surprise inspection of regional hospital Mandi. During the visit, he gathered information about the health services being provided at the hospital. He emphasised that the state government is committed to delivering accessible and state-of-the-art healthcare services to the public. The minister directed the hospital management to ensure that adequate staff and various health services are available, urging them to focus on improving treatment and essential facilities for the patients. He also took the opportunity to inquire about the functioning of the de-addiction centre in Mandi. Shandil highlighted the collective responsibility to protect the youth from the scourge of addiction and emphasised the importance of coordinated efforts for the treatment and rehabilitation of addicted individuals.



Why Is Struggling Virat Kohli Seeking Sanjay Bangar's Help? Report Says: "To Develop..."



Agencies : Sanjay Bangar was a ringside witness to Virat Kohli's peak as an international cricketer between 2014 to 2019 and it was hardly surprising to find the former India batting coach being summoned by the star for a special net session ahead of his Ranji Trophy comeback after more than 12 years. Following the BCCI's diktat to all centrally contracted cricketers to be available for domestic cricket, Kohli, who has been struggling for form, will be playing in Delhi's last league game against Railways at the Kotla from January 30. Kohli's national team colleagues like skipper Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja all fulfilled their 'SOP duty' by playing the just-concluded round of Ranji Trophy. Among the stars, only Jadeja (12 wickets, 38 runs) and Gill (second innings 102) enjoyed fruitful outings. For Kohli, 190 runs in 9 complete knocks in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy raised serious question marks about his future in international cricket. The 36-year-old has been dealing with technical issues against deliveries on and outside the off-stump channel with a similar pattern of dismissals.

"Spectacular Failure": D Gukesh's Strategy vs Nodirbek Abdusattorov Slammed By Magnus Carlsen

Agencies : Chess legend Magnus Carlsen slammed world champion D Gukesh's strategy during the Indian Grandmaster's match against Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the sixth round of the Tata Steel chess tournament at Wijk Aan Zee, The Netherlands. D Gukesh played out a draw with overnight joint leader Abdusattorov. With only decisive game in the 14-player round-robin tournament at the De Morian on Saturday, Abdusattorov and R Praggnanandhaa continued to share the lead on 4.5 points out of a possible six and Gukesh is right on the toes of the leaders with four points. Seven rounds are still left in the first major tournament of the year. Carlsen, who was in the commentary panel for Chess24, criticised Gukesh while praising his opponent Abdusattorov. "Gukesh's strategy has been a spectacular failure," Carlsen said. Talking about Abdusattorov, Carlsen said, "As soon as he gets his chance, he's ruthless. He calculates perfectly, he feels the momentum, and mentally he's right there. It's been very, very impressive!"

Rohit Sharma receives heartfelt letter from 15-year-old fan after Ranji outing

Agencies : India captain Rohit Sharma received a heartfelt and emotional letter from a 15-year-old fan after his Ranji Trophy outing for Mumbai against Jammu and Kashmir. The fan, who identified himself as Yatharth Chhabria, claimed that Rohit is the reason why he watches cricket. Rohit didn't enjoy the best of times while returning for Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy as he managed just 3 runs in the first innings and 28 in the second one. However, the craze to get a glimpse of the Indian captain was at an all-time high, with a fan breaching security to meet Rohit on the field. The Indian skipper has now got a message from the 15-year-old Chhabria, who hailed the Indian star as the greatest batter of all time. The young fan said that he could see Rohit was on the right track.

U19 Women's T20 World Cup: Vaishnavi powers India to semis with win over Bangladesh

Agencies : India began their journey in the Super 6 of the U19 Women's T20 World Cup after beating Bangladesh by eight wickets on Sunday, January 26 at the Bayuemas Oval in Kuala Lumpur. With the win, Niki Prasad and Co. also booked their berth in the semi-final after being unbeaten in the tournament. They are placed on top of their Super 6 table with six points and a net run rate of +4.567. Vaishnavi Sharma, who became the first Indian to take a hat-trick in the history of the tournament, won her second Player of the Match award. She finished with figures of 4-0-15-3 and also became the joint-highest wicket-taker of the ongoing championship, along with South Africa's Kayla Reyneke and Nepal's Puja Mahato. In three innings, Vaishnavi has taken nine wickets at an economy rate of 1.91. After the match was delayed due to a wet outfield, the Indian bowlers took charge and restricted the Tigresses to 64 for eight in 20 overs. Shabnam Shakeel and VJ Joshitha gave India a decent start after dismissing Mosammat Eva and Fahomida Choya respectively. Thereafter, Vaishnavi joined the party and went on to get the wickets of Sumaiya Akter, Jannatul Maoua and Sadia Akter.

'ICC are not running cricket', Cricket legend Ian Chappell calls out ICC

Agencies : Former Australian captain Ian Chappell has criticized the International Cricket Council (ICC), describing it as an "event management company" that is overly influenced by financially stronger boards. According to Chappell, this has led to self-serving schedules that prioritize the financial interests of major nations while sidelining the traditional format of Test cricket. Chappell also expressed his belief that the two-tier system for Test cricket, which he feels should have been established long ago, has not materialized. This lack of a cohesive approach is compounded by the fact that the ICC does not effectively govern the sport. As former West Indies pacer Michael Holding put it, "For all its faults, at least FIFA actually runs soccer. The ICC must run cricket." One of the most pressing concerns, Chappell noted, is the financial imbalance in the sport. The "Big Three" – India, Australia, and England – despite being the wealthiest cricket nations, continue to claim a larger portion of the revenue pie, even as they demand a bigger share. Chappell acknowledged India's overwhelming influence in the ICC, given that it contributes about 70% of cricket's total income.

West Indies take control as Pakistan lose four in chase

Agencies : The Multan Test continued to move forward at full-throttle on a treacherous pitch on Day 2 as Pakistan finished 76/4 in chase of 254 against West Indies. The visitors started Day 2 with a nine-run lead but also with the awareness that Pakistan's spinners could run riot on a spin haven of a surface. West Indies, thus, batted with counter-attacking intent and did well across a little over two sessions to post a daunting target. Pakistan lost their openers early but had Babar Azam steadying the ship, only to fall less than 10 minutes from stumps. West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite headlined his team's attempts to get quick runs, resorting to sweeps and reverse-sweeps against Pakistan spinners in the morning session. He was successful early on, scoring a brisk half-century in the company of No.3 batter Amir Jangoo, who shrugged his first-innings return of a golden duck to score his first runs in the format. Brathwaite found himself on the right side of four DRS calls, two taken by himself and two by Pakistan, to reach his milestone but couldn't make that count further as he fell to first-innings hat-trick hero Noman Ali.

"Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli Forced To Play Domestic Cricket": BCCI Sent Warning From Pakistan

Agencies : Former Pakistan cricketer Rashid Latif claimed that Indian senior duo Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli are being targeted for their red-ball form and are forced to play domestic cricket ahead of the crucial white-ball assignments. India Test and ODI captain Rohit turned up for Mumbai in their ongoing Ranji Trophy match against Jammu & Kashmir. He scored three and 28 runs in the match. On the other hand, Kohli will join Delhi's squad for the match against Railways at Arun Jaitley Stadium from January 30. Other than the star duo, members of the Test squad that faced a 1-3 defeat in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against Australia are also featuring for their respective state sides for the latest round of Ranji Trophy matches. The other notable players include Yashasvi Jaiswal (Mumbai), Rishabh Pant (Delhi), Ravindra Jadeja (Saurashtra) and Shubman Gill (Punjab). According to former Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter, Rohit and Kohli should focus on their upcoming white-ball assignments against England.