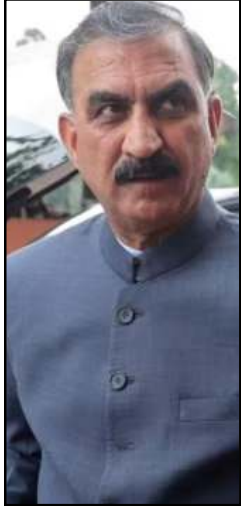


Himachal CM: CM Sukhu Said- Kangra's Tea Gardens Will Be Linked To Tourism, There Will Be More Strictness On Drug Mafia



Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu said that efforts are being made to promote tea tourism along with religious tourism. The tea tourism model of West Bengal will be studied. Tea gardens of Kangra will be linked to tourism. The state government is taking strict action against the drug mafia. This will be accelerated in the coming time. The Chief Minister said that the state government will bring many schemes to strengthen the rural economy in the coming three years, which will also provide employment opportunities to the local youth. Sukhu, while chairing the MLA priority meetings of seven districts on Monday, also directed the officials not to delay in completing formalities like forest clearance, gift deed etc. while preparing the DPR of MLA priority. Strict action will be taken against the officials for negligence in completing the formalities. Development is being done equally in all the assembly constituencies and in view of this, all priorities have been given preference. Recommendations have been made to NABARD without any discrimination. Chief Minister Sukhu said that 90 percent of the population of Himachal Pradesh lives in villages and the state government is making plans to strengthen the economy of the people of the villages. Change is necessary with time. Rules are being changed to improve the system so that the state can become self-reliant.

Himachal: IIT Mandi campus to be built in Bhagotla, Palampur, gets approval from Centre

Diary Times Desk : IIT Mandi campus will now be established in Bhagotla, Palampur. Approval for this has been received from the central government. This information was given by Gokul Butail, Principal Advisor (Innovation, Digital Technology and Governance) to Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu in Palampur. Butail said that the IIT campus will be built on about 52 hectares of land. For this, 21 hectares of land has been transferred to the Department of Technical Education. Apart from this, the proposal has been sent to the central government for clearance as the remaining 31 hectares of land required for the campus belongs to the Forest Department. Butail is also working on the board of directors of IIT Mandi Catalyst.

After Stampede, 2 Crore Take Holy Dip On Basant Panchami Without Hitch At Maha Kumbh

Agencies : The third 'Amrit Snan' at the Maha Kumbh proceeded smoothly on Monday with lakhs of people taking a dip on the occasion of Basant Panchmi and akharas resuming the grand processions curtailed last week when a stampede killed at least 30 people. By 4 pm, an estimated two crore devotees had taken the ritual dip at the Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati, according to figures shared by the Uttar Pradesh government. After the stampede that broke out at the Sangam on 'Mauni Amavasya' (January 29), the state government mounted up safety measures with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directing officials to adopt a 'zero-error' approach. Unlike the Mauni Amavasya dip when crowd pressure built up at the Sangam, many devotees this time took to other ghats instead of jostling for space at the confluence exhibiting self-awareness amid heightened security and crowd control measures in the Mela area, according to officials. Chief Minister Adityanath monitored the situation from his official residence in Lucknow since 3.30 am, they said.



BJP MPs move privilege notice against Sonia over her 'poor thing' remark on Prez Murmu

Agencies : BJP members in the Rajya Sabha have moved a notice for breach of privilege against senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for her "poor thing" reference to President Droupadi Murmu and have sought exemplary action. In a notice to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, the BJP MPs said, "The remarks are a clear manifestation of the elitist and anti-tribal mindset of Sonia Gandhi, who is yet to understand the struggle and sensitivity of a tribal poor." The statement (of Gandhi), the letter says, is inconsistent with the established rules of conduct and Parliamentary ethics and etiquette, which mandate members to uphold the dignity of constitutional offices and refrain from making disparaging remarks. "The Parliament being the highest legislative body of our democratic system is entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining decorum, propriety, and respect for constitutional authorities. Any deviation from the standards diminishes the stature of the institution and compromises the trust that the citizens of India place in it. Given the gravity of this issue, we urge you to take cognizance of the matter and initiate appropriate disciplinary action against Sonia Gandhi. Such action is imperative not only to uphold the sanctity of Parliamentary rules but also to reinforce the principles of decorum and mutual respect that are foundational to the effective functioning of our democratic institutions," the MPs said. They added that in light of the seriousness of the matter, especially since it concerns the President, "We request that exemplary action for breach of Parliamentary privileges, ethics, and propriety.

SC to hear on Feb 12 PILs challenging new law on appointment of CEC, ECs

Agencies : The Supreme Court on Monday said it would take up on February 12 PILs challenging a law on appointment of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) that replaced the CJI with a Union Cabinet Minister in the three-member selection panel. CEC Rajiv Kumar is due to retire on February 18. On behalf of petitioner Association for Democratic Reforms, advocate Prashant Bhushan told a Bench led by Justice Surya Kant that the matter was listed on February 4 but it was unlikely to be heard as there were several cases listed before it. The Bench - which also included Justice N Kotiswar Singh -- said it would decide the issue on merits. Bhushan said the matter required an urgent hearing as current CEC Rajiv Kumar was due to retire on February 18.

Union Budget: Himachal will get 300 crores under the energy development scheme, water system will also improve

Diary Times Desk : In the budget presented by the central government, the foreign funding agency will give more money to Himachal in the energy sector. In the Himachal Pradesh Energy Development Plan, the state will get Rs 300 crore in the year 2025-26. Himachal did not get a single penny in the last year 2024-25. In the year 2023-2024, Himachal got a budget of Rs 163.11 crore. Many power projects are going on in Himachal. Similarly, the Himachal Rural Water Supply Project funded by NABARD will also get a budget of Rs 325 crore in this financial year. In the year 2024-25, Himachal was released Rs 219.11 crore while in 2023-24, Rs 121.15 crore was released. This budget has been increased by the central government. This money will be provided to improve the water system in rural areas. There are remote areas of Himachal where there is a shortage of water. At the same time.



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Himachal Pradesh: Wrestler dies while wrestling at Chhinj fair in Hamirpur, Himachal, the deceased was a Home Guard jawan

Diary Times Desk : A wrestler's health suddenly deteriorated while fighting in the Makkar Chhinj fair under subdivision Barsar on Sunday. Wrestler Home Guard Jawan Udham Singh was immediately taken to Bhota Hospital for treatment, where after examination, the doctors declared him dead. While fighting in the wrestling, he suddenly stumbled. In this case, the police took the body into custody and got it post-mortem done. The real reasons will be clear only after the post-mortem. This incident occurred in the wrestling held in Makkar yesterday. When 56-year-old Udham Singh's health suddenly deteriorated, the organizers and spectators immediately tried to give first aid to the wrestler, but when his condition became critical, he was taken to Bhota PHC Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. After this incident, there was mourning in the fair. The police have started investigating the matter. Udham Singh was a resident of Dhudana village of Galod. He was serving as a Home Guard Jawan since 1996. He had been participating in wrestling for the past 40 years. He also wrestled in the Makkad Dangal on Sunday, but this match proved to be the last match of his life. According to eyewitnesses, during the wrestling, the wrestler felt weakness and suddenly stumbled. At first people thought that he had become lethargic due to fatigue, but when his condition started deteriorating further, he was immediately taken to the hospital. Here the doctors declared him dead. The death of Home Guard jawan Udham Singh is extremely sad. The District Home Guard Battalion has lost one of its experienced and dedicated members. He had been serving for 29 years and was fond of wrestling - Vinay Kumar, Commandant.

SC seeks report from CFSL on 'leaked audio tapes' suggesting Manipur CM's involvement in ethnic violence

Agencies : The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Central Forensic Sciences Laboratory (CFSL) to submit a sealed-cover report on the authenticity of "leaked audio tapes" that allegedly suggested Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's role in ethnic violence that has claimed more than 200 in the state. Asking the CFSL to submit its report in six weeks, a Bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar posted the petition filed by Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR) for hearing on March 24. Noting that the state was gradually limping back to normalcy, the CJI said "We will keep it on hold at the moment." Justice Kumar, a former Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, said, "The chief minister of Manipur had hosted a dinner for me when I was elevated to this court, so if you have an issue with me hearing the matter."

Himachal: CM Sukhu held budget priority meeting with MLAs, said- Government got 903.21 crores from NABARD

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu chaired a meeting of MLAs from Kangra, Kullu and Kinnaur districts in the first session of the first day to determine the priorities of the MLAs for the annual budget 2025-26. He said that the state government has got 127 projects worth Rs 903.21 crore approved from NABARD during the year 2024-25, out of which 50 MLA priority schemes worth Rs 412.75 crore are of Public Works Department and 23 MLA priority schemes worth Rs 179.07 crore are of Jal Shakti Department. He said that these approved projects also include two state priorities, establishment of 1.5 LLPD capacity dairy processing plant at Dhagwar in Kangra district and 96 electric bus charging points. The state government is making efforts to get more MLA priorities approved from NABARD by March. He said that in the year 2024-25, the state government has made a provision of Rs 1087.77 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), which is 5.28 percent more than last year. Sukhu said that with the resolve to change the system, the present government is working sincerely for the all-round development of the common people of the state.

Supreme Court allows all disabled candidates to take scribe in exams

Agencies : The Supreme Court on Monday allowed all disabled candidates to take scribes to write their examinations even if they didn't meet the benchmark disability criteria of 40 percent - a norm followed hitherto. A Bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice R Mahadevan ruled that the artificial distinction and bifurcation drawn between candidates with disabilities and those with benchmark disabilities (40% disabled or more) needed to be diminished. The guidelines issued by the Centre following directions of the top court had to be enforced by extending the benefits for persons with benchmark disabilities candidates to all persons with disabilities candidates in writing their examinations, without any hindrance, the top court said. It asked the examination bodies to implement accessibility measures to ensure that the exam centres were physically accessible and equipped to accommodate disabled candidates and ensure strict compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to prevent discrimination and provide equal opportunities to persons with disabilities. The top court ordered setting up of a grievance redressal portal.

Himachal: Demand for installation of escalators and lifts in Himachal's Shaktipeeths, MP Sikandar raised the issue in Rajya Sabha

Diary Times Desk : The demand for installing escalators and lifts for the convenience of elderly, differently abled and physically disabled devotees at famous Shaktipeeths and other pilgrimage sites of Himachal Pradesh was raised in the Rajya Sabha. Himachal Pradesh MP Sikandar Kumar raised this issue prominently during the Zero Hour on Monday and urged the Central Government to increase the basic facilities at the pilgrimage sites of the state. MP Sikandar Kumar said in the House that Himachal Pradesh is known as 'Devbhoomi' and lakhs of devotees from all over the country come to visit famous temples like Maa Jwalaji, Maa Chamunda Devi, Maa Naina Devi, Maa Baglamukhi, Maa Chitpurni Shaktipeeth and Baba Balaknath located here. He said that Himachal Pradesh is a hilly state where most of the temples are located at high altitude. To reach these temples, devotees have to climb hundreds of stairs, due to which elderly, differently abled and physically disabled people have to face extreme difficulty. MP Sikandar Kumar said that especially elderly and differently abled devotees also reach these religious places in large numbers, but due to lack of adequate facilities, they face difficulty in visiting. Due to heavy crowds at pilgrimage sites, devotees often face additional difficulties. MP Sikandar Kumar urged the central government to make arrangements for escalators and lifts for the convenience of devotees at these pilgrimage sites. He said that it should be ensured that all devotees, especially the elderly and disabled persons, can visit the religious places without any hassle. He said that similar facilities should be provided at Shaktipeeths in Himachal Pradesh so that devotees, especially the elderly, disabled and physically challenged devotees.

On last day of campaign, Kejriwal alleges conspiracy to manipulate EVMs

Agencies : Hours before the close of the election campaign on Monday, AAP leader and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday alleged a conspiracy to manipulate EVMs in the February 5 Assembly election, claiming that the rivals are planning to erase about 10 per cent of his party's votes. Calling upon AAP supporters to vote in large numbers, Kejriwal said, in a video, "Every single party supporter should step out and vote on February 5." Kejriwal also announced the launch of a website on which the AAP would upload six key informational points about each polling booth so that the EVMs are not tampered with after voting. "We have turned wiser after our experience in Haryana and Maharashtra elections," he said. To counter attempts of wrongdoing on the counting day, the six informations to be uploaded on AAP website would include name of the polling booth, name of booth presiding officer, the ID number of control unit, the last count of votes cast till night on the booth, the percentage of battery charge in the last EVM machine used at a booth and the name of the polling agent.



Himachal Weather: In the last 33 days, the rain has been 85 percent less than normal, know how the weather will be for a week

Diary Times Desk : In the current winter season in Himachal Pradesh, from January 1 to February 3, there has been 85 percent less rainfall than normal. Due to this, a drought-like situation prevails in the state. 91.3 mm rainfall was considered normal for this period but in reality, only 13.4 mm rainfall occurred. Bilaspur district has received 95 percent less rainfall than normal, Chamba 89, Hamirpur 95, Kangra 94, Kinnaur 93, Kullu 78, Lahaul-Spiti 79, Mandi 86, Shimla 83, Sirmour 81, Solan 93 and Una 96 percent less rainfall. There is little possibility of good rain and snowfall in the state during the next one week. On Monday also, the weather remained clear in the entire state including Shimla. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, due to the activity of Western Disturbance, there is a possibility of light rain and snowfall at different places in the state on 3, 5, 8 and 9 February. While light to moderate rain and snowfall is forecast at many places on February 4. The weather is expected to remain clear in the state during the remaining days of the week. Cold day is likely at some places on February 4. According to the department, light snowfall is likely at many places from the afternoon of February 4 to the evening/midnight of February 5, while moderate snowfall is likely in the high altitude areas of Kangra, Chamba, Shimla, Mandi, Sirmour.



HP Wildlife: Record number of foreign birds reached Pong Dam Lake this time, bird lovers excited

Diary Times Desk : Neither too cold nor too hot, along with this, availability of abundant food due to the fall in the water level of the dam. When such an environment was found, guest birds were drawn to Pong Dam. This year, the number of birds in the Pong Dam lake has increased by a record 83,555. In the annual water bird count of 2025 in the Pong Sanctuary of the state, 1,53,719 birds of 97 species were recorded, which is the highest number till date. Last year 70,164 birds had arrived. Apart from Russia and Siberia, birds have arrived in Pong Dam from the mountain ranges located north of the Himalayas, Tibet and Central Asia. This year, the number of Bar Headed Geese birds has increased from 53,458 to 90,959. What is special is that this time, rare species of birds like Greater White-fronted Geese, Lesser White-fronted Geese, Red Crested Pochard, Ferruginous Pochard, Pied Avocet and Northern Lapwing have also been found in the Pong Dam area.

Himachal Pradesh: Car falls into a ditch near Sharvi in Kullu, one dead, one seriously injured; one with minor injuries

Diary Times Desk : A car lost control and fell into a ditch about 100 meters below near Urtu on the Katmor-Sharvi-Bagipul road of Nirmand. One person died and two were injured in this accident. According to information, there were three people in the car including the driver. Two people were seriously injured in the accident. One of the injured died in the hospital during treatment. The driver has suffered minor injuries. According to police information, the deceased has been identified as 50-year-old Kundan Lal, son of Tula Ram, resident of Sharvi, while 55-year-old Mela Ram, resident of Pali (Sharvi), has suffered serious injuries. After first aid, he has been referred to the hospital in Khaneri, Rampur. The car owner and driver Suresh Kumar has suffered minor injuries. The incident took place around 10 am on Monday.

Himachal Pradesh: Body of KV teacher found hanging from fan, Gopal Chand was a resident of East Delhi, investigation begins

Diary Times Desk : The body of a teacher from Delhi working in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sandhol was found hanging from the fan in his rented room. The teacher had come to Sandhol after a six-month leave. The police have conducted the post-mortem of the body and handed it over to the family and have started the investigation. Gopal Chand (32), a resident of East Delhi, was working in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sandhol for four years. The teacher had gone home on a six-month medical leave. He had come to Sandhol last Friday. On Saturday, when he did not open the room even after a long time, the people around suspected something untoward. On receiving the information, the police team reached there. On opening the door, the teacher was found hanging from the hook of the fan inside the room. The police called the family from Delhi. On Monday, the police got the post-mortem of the body done and handed it over to the family. DSP Sanjeev Sood said that the incident is being investigated. No suicide note of any kind has been found in the room.

Himachal: Daughters remained undefeated in Kabaddi, defeated Haryana team twice, this is how the team achieved its position

Diary Times Desk : Himachal's daughters who became national champions remained undefeated throughout the competition. Himachal defeated Haryana twice in the competition. Himachal has won the Kabaddi title under the leadership of Pushpa Rana of Millah village of Shillai area of Sirmour district. The special thing is that Pushpa Rana was given the command of the team for the second time. Her strong captaincy and excellent game in the final match played an important role in the historic victory of 27-22 against Haryana. During the conversation, Pushpa Rana said that with the support and hard work of the trainers and fellow players, Himachal's team has become the champion today. She thanked all the trainers and the association. Jyoti did excellent raiding in the team. Bhavna and Sakshi did a great job in defense. Pushpa said that coach Gopal Dasta and manager Devika Chauhan gave full support in making this team.

Himachal: More than 100 cases of mining leases stuck due to non-receipt of environmental clearance

Diary Times Desk : More than 100 cases of mining leases are pending in Himachal Pradesh due to non-approval of environmental clearance. Due to non-approval of mining leases, crushers are not able to get raw material, due to which the state government is losing revenue of more than Rs 50 crore. Industry Minister Harsh Vardhan Singh Chauhan has raised this issue before Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. To resolve the issue, Additional Chief Secretary Industries RD Nazim is holding a meeting of the concerned officials on this matter on February 5 and a meeting has been called under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on February 10. In the meeting, the concerned officials will be asked the reason for not giving approval and instructions will be given to issue mining leases after completing the necessary formalities.

Names of 50 children going to Singapore and Cambodia on exposure visit finalised

Diary Times Desk : The names of 50 children of the state going to Singapore and Cambodia on exposure visit have been finalised. These children will be on the tour from 8th to 18th February. Teachers will also accompany the children, whose list has not been released yet. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will send them off for foreign tour on 7th February from Shimla. 50 students studying in 11th and 12th class have been selected for foreign tour. 20 students from 11th class and 20 from 12th class have been selected who have secured 95% or more marks in 10th class examination. Apart from this, four students participating in national sports competition, two NCC cadets participating in Republic Day parade, one NSS volunteer, one Scout and Guide and one student involved in national cultural activity have also been selected for foreign tour. Teachers will also accompany the children, whose list has not been released yet. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will send them off for the foreign trip from Shimla on February 7.

Sonia Gandhi Faces Privilege Motion Over "Poor Thing" Remark On President

Agencies : A group of Bharatiya Janata Party MPs on Monday moved a breach of parliamentary privilege notice against Congress MP Sonia Gandhi, alleging use of "derogatory and slanderous words" to describe President Droupadi Murmu as she addressed a joint session of Parliament last week. The comments, the MPs alleged, were meant to "lower the dignity of the highest office". "We write this with great dismay about certain unparliamentary, derogatory, and demeaning remarks recently made by Sonia Gandhi, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), against the President of India, which warrant serious consideration and disciplinary action," the notice said. "It is with deep concern we highlight this statement... which appears to demean the stature and dignity of the President of India, the highest Constitutional authority of our nation." "Such remarks not only undermine the dignity of the office but also violate the sanctity of parliamentary conventions," the BJP MPs said in their letter to Rajya Sabha Chair Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Supreme Court says Kumbh stampede unfortunate but rejects plea: Go to High Court

Agencies : The Supreme Court on Monday called the Maha Kumbh stampede, which claimed the lives of 30 people on January 29, an "unfortunate" incident and rejected the plea seeking action against Uttar Pradesh officials. The court told the petitioner, Advocate Vishal Tiwari, to approach the Allahabad High Court. It is an unfortunate incident and a matter of concern, but approach the High Court. A judicial commission has already been constituted," the Chief Justice of India, Sanjiv Khanna, told Tiwari, who raised concerns over the recurring stampede incidents. Representing the state, senior advocate Mukul Rohtagi told the bench a judicial probe was ongoing into the stampede incident. He also pointed to a similar plea that was filed in the High Court. A three-member panel, led by retired judge Harsh Kumar, is conducting a judicial investigation into the incident. Former police chief VK Gupta and retired civil servant DK Singh will also be part of the panel. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also ordered a separate police probe. The plea, filed by Advocate Vishal Tiwari, argued that the Yogi Adityanath government failed.

"How A Leader's Speech Should Be": Priyanka Gandhi Praises Rahul Gandhi



Agencies : Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday hailed Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha speech as an ideal oration, that chalked out a vision for the country's future. Claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' initiative has failed, Rahul Gandhi in his speech presented an alternative vision for the country with a greater participation of Dalits, tribals and OBCs, powered by an energy and mobility revolution that outpaces the Chinese. Speaking with reporters after her brother's speech, Priyanka Gandhi said, "Since I have come into Parliament there have been many speeches of different kinds. This is how a speech of a leader should be, that he gives a vision for the country (and explains) what is the thinking for the future, rises above the bickering and speaks for the country." Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said the speech was an important contribution by the Leader of Opposition to offer an alternative vision to the nation. "So he didn't go through the same list of issues that the President had come up with and try to rebut them."

Chandrababu Naidu's Arvind Kejriwal-Jagan Reddy Parallel At Delhi Poll Rally

Agencies : Amid the Opposition's charge that Andhra Pradesh got a raw deal in this Budget, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has heaped praise on the Narendra Modi government and said the Budget aims to achieve the goal of making India a developed country by 2047. Mr Naidu also said the government's focus in this Budget syncs with the TDP's 10 principles of growth. The Andhra Chief Minister, whose TDP is the BJP's key ally at the Centre, was addressing the media ahead of the Assembly polls in Delhi. Targeting the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Mr Naidu said the Delhi government model.

Delhi Metro To Start Services at 4am On Election, Counting Days

Agencies : Delhi Metro will start its operation on all lines from their terminal stations at 4 am on voting and counting day in order to facilitate the staff deployed for election duty, a statement said on Monday. The trains will run with a frequency of 30 minutes on all the lines till 6 am. After 6 am, regular metro trains services will run throughout the day, it said. "On the day of Assembly election in Delhi on February 5 and vote counting day on February 8, Delhi Metro train services on all lines will start from their terminal stations at 4 am."

"Falsehood": S Jaishankar On Rahul Gandhi's Trump Invite Charge

Agencies : Foreign Minister S Jaishankar Monday rejected the charge that he was sent "three-four times to get an invite for Prime Minister" Narendra Modi, as alleged by Rahul Gandhi in parliament, for Donald Trump's inauguration as US president. "Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi deliberately spoke a falsehood about my visit to the US in December 2024. I went to meet the Secretary of State and NSA of the Biden Administration. Also to chair a gathering of our Consuls General. During my stay, the incoming NSA-designate met with me," S Jaishankar posted on X. "At no stage was an invitation in respect of the PM discussed. It is common knowledge that our PM does not attend such events. In fact, India is generally represented by Special Envoys," said the Minister. The Minister accused the Congress leader of hurting the nation's image abroad with such comments. "Rahul Gandhi's lies may be intended politically. But they damage the nation abroad," the Minister said.

M Kharage Says "Thousand Deaths" At Maha Kumbh, Sparks Uproar In Parliament

Agencies : Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge has put up a condition for him to apologise over his comment that "thousands died" in the stampede at the Maha Kumbh venue in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj. The tragedy that happened due to crowding at the Maha Kumbh on January 29 during the amrit snan or mauni amavasya - considered an auspicious day for holy dips - killed 30 people and left at least 60 injured, the authorities have said. They said a massive crowd heading towards the ghat to take holy dips broke down.

Arvind Kejriwal predicts how many seats AAP will win in Delhi election 2025: 'If women voters...'

Agencies : Arvind Kejriwal of the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday predicted that his party could win up to 55 seats out of the total 70 in the Delhi assembly election scheduled for February 5. Arvind Kejriwal, however, said if women in Delhi put in extra effort and go out to vote in full force and persuade the men in their households to vote for the AAP as well, then the number could even cross 60. "I appeal to my mothers and sisters to convince the male members of their families that there is nothing in the BJP. It is the party of the rich. Only Kejriwal will be useful..." Arvind Kejriwal said during a roadshow in Kalkaji assembly constituency. "This election belongs to women... If women contribute, then we will win more than 60 seats... The AAP will win New Delhi, Jangpura and Kalkaji seats with a historic margin..." news agency ANI quoted the AAP chief as saying.



Donald Trump speaks to Canada's Justin Trudeau amid tik-for-tak moves over tariffs

Agencies : US President Donald Trump said he had spoken on Monday to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau about the punishing tariffs he has levied on Canada, adding that they would talk again later in the day. "Just spoke to Justin Trudeau. Will be speaking to him again at 3:00 P.M," Donald Trump said on his Truth Social network, while pushing his argument that the tariffs were about a "drug war" aimed at stopping the flow of fentanyl. Canada doesn't even allow U.S. Banks to open or do business there. What's that all about? Many such things, but it's also a DRUG WAR, and hundreds of thousands of people have died in the U.S. from drugs pouring through the Borders of Mexico and Canada. Just spoke to Justin Trudeau," the US president added. The interaction comes even as the White House said on Monday it has noticed that Mexico is "serious" about President Trump's executive order on tariffs, but Canada has "misunderstood" it to be a trade war between the neighbouring countries.

Santorini on alert as tremors rattle Greek island

Agencies : Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis has urged islanders on the Greek island of Santorini to "stay calm" after an increase in seismic activity in recent days. His remarks come as schools were told to close on Monday and authorities advised against "large gatherings in enclosed spaces" across the island, which is a popular tourist destination known for its whitewashed buildings and blue domed churches. More than 280 earthquakes were recorded across Greek islands in the past 48 hours, according to the University of Athens' Seismological Laboratory. Tremors of up to 4.9 in magnitude were recorded north-east of the island on Monday, while recent days have seen quakes of 4.3 and 3.9 magnitude reported nearby. Speaking from EU talks in Brussels, the prime minister said the country is working to manage "a very intense geological phenomenon", adding that he has asked the authorities to provide a "comprehensive presentation" of the geological data, to ensure everyone knows the scale of this seismic event. Mitsotakis's remarks come as many people in Santorini spent Sunday night outdoors.

Donald Trump pauses tariffs on Mexico for one month: 'Friendly conversation with Claudia Sheinbaum'



Agencies : United States President Donald Trump on Monday agreed to "pause" the tariffs on Mexican goods for a month. Donald Trump made the announcement after holding talks with his Mexican counterpart, Claudia Sheinbaum. In a social media post, the US President said negotiations would continue to reach a "deal" between the two countries. Claudia Sheinbaum also confirmed that development, saying that Mexico and the US will start working on security and commerce. "Our teams will start working today in two areas: security and commerce," Sheinbaum wrote in a post on X. As part of a series of agreements, Mexico will deploy 10,000 members of the National Guard along the border with the United States to fight drug trafficking, she added. Trump on February 1 had announced tariffs on major US trading partners Canada, Mexico and China. Trump imposed a 25 per cent tariff on Canadian and Mexican imports and a 10 per cent on goods from China.

Car bomb kills 20 in northern Syria, deadliest since Assad toppled

Agencies : A car bomb killed at least 20 people in the northern Syrian city of Manbij on Monday, the Syrian presidency said, marking the second attack there in three days and the country's deadliest since Bashar al-Assad was toppled from power in December. The presidency's statement said it will hold the perpetrators of what it described as a "terror attack" accountable. "This crime will not pass without the most severe punishment against its perpetrators to serve as an example against those who will try to tamper with the security of Syria or harm its people," the presidency said. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the attack in Manbij, located some 30 km from the Turkish border. At least 14 of the dead were women, according to a preliminary toll issued earlier by the civil defence rescue service and another 15 women were wounded. The victims were agricultural workers and the death toll was likely.

Musk takes control of US Treasury payments systems

Agencies : Elon Musk's aides have taken control of the US Treasury Department's payments system which manages trillions of dollars of transactions each year sparking alarm among critics. Musk, the world's richest person, is leading President Donald Trump's federal cost-cutting efforts under the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency". "The corruption and waste is being rooted out in real-time," Musk posted Sunday on X, the platform he owns. Later, replying to a post outlining alleged payments to Lutheran charities, Musk said DOGE was "rapidly shutting down these illegal payments." The Treasury's closely guarded payments system handles the money flow of the US government, including \$6 trillion annually for Social Security, Medicare, federal salaries, and other critical payments. Musk's control of the payments system was approved by incoming Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and was made possible when a career official was put on administrative leave on Friday after refusing to hand over access, The Washington Post first reported. The official subsequently retired from the department, a source close to the matter told AFP.

The role of minerals and tech firms in the DR Congo conflict

Agencies : The conflict between Rwanda-backed forces and the DR Congo is often presented as a struggle to control the valuable minerals that power global electronics. But the focus on "conflict minerals" may obscure other drivers of the violence in one of the world's most volatile regions. DRC and Rwanda together supply around half the world's coltan, the metallic ore that is vital in making phones and laptops. United Nations experts, rights groups and analysts say Rwanda smuggles vast amounts of coltan as well as gold and other metals out of eastern DRC and sells it as its own. They accuse Rwanda of supporting an armed group, M23, that resurfaced in eastern DRC in 2021 and controls many of the region's mines. Last April, they seized Rubaya, whose mines produce an estimated 15 percent of the world's coltan, according to the UN experts, who estimate the M23 earns some \$800,000 per month from the trade. The M23 last week seized the key transport hub of Goma on the Rwandan border, leaving hundreds dead, and is pushing south into the neighbouring South Kivu province. Robert Amsterdam.

Crews return to the Potomac River to recover wreckage from DC midair collision

Agencies : Crews were on scene on the Potomac River on Monday to retrieve the submerged wreckage of an airliner and an Army helicopter that collided midair last week in the deadliest U.S. air disaster since 2001. Authorities have recovered and identified 55 of the 67 people killed in the crash and Washington, D.C., Fire and EMS Chief John Donnelly has said they are confident all will be found. Crews were expected to begin the work of lifting the wreckage on Monday and at daybreak, they could be seen aboard a vessel with a crane. More than 300 responders were taking part in the recovery effort at any a given time, officials said. Two Navy barges were also deployed to lift heavy wreckage. Divers and salvage workers are adhering to strict protocols and will stop moving debris if a body is found, Col. Francis B. Pera of the Army Corps of Engineers said Sunday. The "dignified recovery" of remains takes precedence over all else, he said.



2015 sacrilege cases: Dera chief Ram Rahim wants Supreme Court to keep trial stayed

Agencies : Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim on Monday requested the Supreme Court to keep in abeyance its order allowing a trial court in Punjab to proceed against him in the 2015 sacrilege cases. The Supreme Court had on October 18, 2024, paved the way for the trial of the 2015 sacrilege cases involving the Dera Sacha Sauda chief by lifting the stay ordered by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 11, 2024 on his trial. During hearing on the Punjab Government's petition challenging the high court order, senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi, representing Ram Rahim, told a Bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran that the top court's October 18, 2024, order amounted to allowing the state's appeal. As the Bench said it would hear the main matter, Rohatgi requested the Bench to keep its October 18, 2024 order in abeyance. "The prayer in the IA (interlocutory application) cannot be granted without hearing the matter on merits," the Bench said, posting the Punjab Government's for hearing on March 18. Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh pointed out that the October 18, 2024 interim order was passed in the presence of the accused side.



Retail shops can't take customer's mobile number: Consumer commission

Agencies : In a judgment which is likely to have wider consequences, a Bench of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chandigarh, held that "a retail store cannot take mobile numbers from consumers". The Bench, comprising Padma Pandey, presiding member, and Preetinder Singh, member, passed the order after hearing the complaint filed by advocate Pankaj Chandgothia. He stated that he had bought footwear from A&S Luxury Fashion House, a shop at Elante Mall, on April 29, 2024. The shop took his mobile number on the pretext of issuing a bill. Chandgothia contended that this action violated the data privacy rules and exposed his information to unscrupulous persons. Chandgothia further contended that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs had issued a notification dated May 26, 2023, to all retailers and sellers, that asking customers to give their mobile numbers during the sale of a product as a requisite mandatory condition was a violation of their rights and amounted to being an unfair trade practice under the Act. The notification further states that under Section 72-A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, disclosing personal information of a person.

HC issues notice to Punjab over Ravneet Bittu's plea against Rs 1.83 crore rent demand

Agencies : The Punjab and Haryana High Court today issued notice of motion to the state of Punjab and other respondents on a petition filed by Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu, challenging a demand for Rs 1,82,98,924 as rent/penal rent for government accommodation allotted in Ludhiana on security grounds. The rent is for the period from January 1, 2016 to May 19, 2024. In his petition placed before Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi's bench, Bittu sought quashing of the order requiring payment of the "hefty" amount to obtain a no dues certificate, essential for contesting the parliamentary election from Ludhiana in June last year. Bittu – grandson of Punjab's former chief minister Beant Singh, contended that the accommodation was granted due to a high-security threat perception following his grandfather's assassination. He argued that penal rent could not be imposed when the allotment was based on security concerns. He added the respondents had no jurisdiction to demand any house rent for the accommodation allotted to the petitioner because it was their own arrangement for the safety and security of the petitioner.

Stubble burning: Supreme Court asks CAQM to hold meet with Punjab, Haryana, UP

Agencies : The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM) in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Adjoining Areas to hold a meeting with the governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh on the proposed action plans to tackle stubble burning. A Bench led by Justice AS Oka asked the CAQM to consult the states and submit its suggestions by March 17. "We will issue directions on the basis of the said note on March 28," it said. Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh said the state government supported steps for eradicating stubble burning, but other factors that added to pollution within Delhi should also be taken into account. "We have data on air quality index of Delhi after November 15, which was the last day the fire incident was reported and thereafter the AQI in Delhi touched 400 and in January it is continuing... we are committed to eradicating stubble burning but how much are we contributing as a state, if your lordships can just take a call on that," Singh submitted.



Stray dogs maul 10-year-old boy to death in Karnal village

Agencies : In a tragic incident, a 10-year-old boy was mauled to death by a group of stray dogs in Shekhpura Khalsa village under the Gharaunda police station limits. The deceased, identified as Aditya, went to retrieve his kite from a wheat field when he was attacked by a pack of aggressive dogs. His mutilated body was later found by the family and villagers. As per the villagers, Aditya, the only son of daily-wage labourer Dalip, was flying a kite on the occasion of Basant Panchami on Sunday. In the evening, when his kite got cut and landed in the nearby wheat fields, he ran towards it. Meanwhile, a group of stray dogs attacked him. The child was brutally bitten, with severe injuries on his body. The family had launched a search operation when Aditya failed to return after a prolonged period. Some children who had been chasing kites mentioned seeing kites in the fields, raising fears that Aditya might have gone there. Following the trail, villagers reached the spot and were horrified to find his body, with dogs still growling nearby. Aditya's father was inconsolable upon seeing his son's tragic death. The villagers demanded immediate action to curb the menace of stray dogs. Inspector Deepak Kumar, SHO Gharaunda, confirmed the incident and attributed the boy's death to the attack by stray dogs.

My seniority cannot be snatched: Vij

Agencies : Power and Transport Minister Anil Vij during his visit to Rohtak on Sunday continued with his retorts in response to the recent remarks made by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, in which he referred to Vij as a senior leader of the BJP. "Everything can be taken away from me, but my seniority cannot be snatched. I have been elected MLA for the seventh time," Vij remarked while speaking to mediapersons. When asked about the shifting of officials, Vij said, "It has been over 100 days since I raised the issue on an open platform that officers worked against me during the elections. Now, it doesn't matter whether someone has been shifted or not." In response to another question regarding ministership, Vij stated that, "I have not taken an official house, but I have only an official car. If it is taken away, my supporters have already said they will buy one for me. No one can snatch my legislators, as I was elected by the people. It makes no difference to me." Vij further emphasised, "I want the party and the state government to work."

BJP boycotts MLA priority meeting; alleges DPR discrimination

Diary Times Desk : The BJP boycotted the MLA priority meeting on Monday, alleging that the government was not approving the DPRs submitted by BJP MLAs. "When our MLAs' DPRs are not being considered at all, what is the point of attending the meeting? So, we have decided to boycott the meeting," said Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur. Thakur said that the BJP would decide in its Legislature Party meeting, ahead of the Budget Session, whether it would submit the MLA priorities in writing to the concerned authorities. "We have boycotted the MLA priority meeting, but we will raise issues of public interest in the Budget Session," said Thakur. Further, Thakur alleged that the state government was misusing the financial assistance from the Centre by diverting it to pay employee salaries and pensions. Thakur also advised party member Ramesh Dhawala to air his grievances at a party platform, not in public. "The party has given a lot of respect to Ramesh Dhawala, so he should refrain from airing his grievances in public," said Thakur.

Govt approves common cadre to appoint faculty at medical colleges

Diary Times Desk : The state government has in principle decided to establish a common cadre for all future faculty appointments at government medical colleges and super-specialty institutions to enhance equality, operational efficiency and overall quality of medical education and healthcare services. "The establishment of a common cadre will create robust system, ensuring higher standards in medical education and healthcare delivery across the state," said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, adding that the government was committed to improve healthcare services. At present, faculty appointments follow a college-specific cadre system, leading to administrative redundancies, inconsistencies in service conditions and acute faculty shortages, particularly in newly established medical colleges.

9 Injured As Pickup Truck Overturns In Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur



Diary Times Desk : Nine people were injured when their pickup truck overturned after hitting a hillock in Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur district, police said on Monday. No casualty was reported, according to officials. The accident occurred near Seu village on Sunday night when the vehicle, carrying 13 pilgrims was en route to Kaithal in Haryana after paying obeisance at Baba Balak Nath, Deotsidh, officials said. The devotees from Kaithal in Haryana had come in a pickup truck to pay obeisance at Baba Balak Nath's famous Siddha Peeth temple Deotsidh in Hamirpur and Baba Balak Nath's Taposthali, Shahtalai. The injured were brought to the Community Health Center, Talai and given first aid, a police officer said. Community Health Center In-charge Dr Atul Sharma said the injured devotees have been treated and sent back home. The injured have been identified as, Rajesh (43), Naresh (38), Suresh Kumar (40), Chandron Devi (55), Piyush (18), Ankush (18), Ankit (16), Maneka (40) and Seema (38), officials said. A case has been registered and further investigation is underway, police said.

Govt committed to strengthen rural economy, improve SHGs' income: CM

Diary Times Desk : The implementation of the e-family register had been made mandatory from April 27, 2024 and as many as 18.96 lakh families which is 99.84% in the state have already been registered, said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The Chief Minister said this while presiding over a review meeting of the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department today. He said the state government was committed to strengthening the rural economy. "The department plays a crucial role in this effort and directed the department to digitize its operations, which would go a long way in enhancing service delivery to the common people," he said. "For the first time, the registration of livestock had also been introduced on the same portal from December, 2024," he added. "To improve citizen convenience, 780 Common Service Centres (CSCs) have been set up in Gram Panchayat buildings during 2024-25. Additionally, services like Parivar Nakal, marriage certificates and BPL certificates are now available online via the e-Family Portal and e-District Portal. So far, 11,016 Parivar Nakal, 3,595 marriage certificates.

Teething problems ail Shimla super specialty hospital, AIIMS-Bilaspur

Diary Times Desk : Two major healthcare facilities —Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties on the outskirts of Shimla and All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in Bilaspur—have come up in the state over the last few years. However, both have had a less than smooth start. While the super specialty hospital in Chamyana has barely managed to start out patient department (OPD) services more than two years after its inauguration in September 2022, AIIMS, Bilaspur, is struggling to fill up the sanctioned posts of senior faculty. Inaugurated in October 2022 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, nearly half of the senior posts are lying vacant. Currently, the OPD services of six super specialty departments are functioning from the Chamyana hospital. The in-patient department (IPD) and emergency services are still being offered at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, from where these departments were shifted. "We are quite close to shifting the IPD services of these departments from the IGMC. We have opened the canteen and chemist shop.

Dogra regiment's contribution to country invaluable: Shandil

Diary Times Desk : Health and Social Welfare Minister Dhani Ram Shandil said the 8th Dogra Regiment had made an incomparable contribution to the country. Shandil, a retired Colonel from the Army, participated as the chief guest at an event organised on the 77th foundation day of the 8th Battalion of Dogra Regiment in Jwalamukhi today. He said the Dogra battalion was formed on February 1, 1948, and it contributed in 1962, 1965, 1971 and Kargil wars. Bhandari Ram of Bilaspur from Dogra battalion was awarded the Victoria Cross, due to which this battalion is also known as the Victoria Cross Battalion, he said. He added that wherever this battalion was deployed, it showed its unique valour. Himachal Pradesh is not only devbhoomi but also veerbhoomi. The brave soldiers of the state are known for their indomitable courage, valour and sacrifice, he said. The first Param Vir Chakra of the state was won by Major Somnath Sharma. Captain Vikram Batra, Colonel DS Thapa and Major Sanjay Singh have also displayed amazing valour and registered their names in the category of Param Vir Chakra, Shandil said.



Abhishek Sharma, Shubman Gill "Afraid Of Me": 'Proud' India Great Puzzled By Duo's Behaviour, Lavishes Praise



Agencies : Abhishek Sharma lit up the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday as he scored a scintillating 135 off just 54 balls to help India defeat England by a massive 150 runs in the final T20I of a five-match series. The 24-year-old Abhishek, who made his First-Class debut in 2017 for Punjab and even played the 2018 U-19 World Cup, reached the triple figures in just 37 balls - the second fastest by an Indian. India great Harbhajan Singh, who also hails from Punjab, saw Abhishek Sharma rise up through the ranks from a young age. "This team is ready for the 2026 T20 World Cup. India defeated England by defending as well as chasing. We have players who can break the opposition. Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill made their debut under me. When I was the captain, I asked for them to be included in the Ranji Trophy. I am so happy to see their progress," Harbhajan Singh said on his YouTube channel. "I want Abhishek Sharma to bowl regularly. When he came the first day, I told him he is a good bowler. His seam position is great. He does not work hard on his bowling as much as he does on his batting. I always tell him, he can improve his bowling. He has all the qualities to be a good left-arm spinner. His father has worked hard on him. Abhishek is making his family proud.

Bus driver told me 'bowl fifth-stump line to Virat Kohli and he'll get out': Himanshu

Agencies : Before the Ranji Trophy tie between Delhi and Railways began at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi, Virat Kohli and his return to domestic cricket after 12 years made all the noise. However, despite Delhi registering a staggering win, the focus has shifted to Railways pacer Himanshu Sangwan, who ensured Kohli didn't enjoy a happy homecoming. Sangwan, 29, who made his first-class debut for Railways in 2019 against Uttar Pradesh, is having the time of his life. He sent Virat's off-stump cartwheeling, ending the former India captain's stint at the crease and triggering pin-drop silence among the crowd. Kohli lasted just 15 balls and 23 minutes, getting out for 6. Given Kohli's Achilles Heel, the entire world expected the Railways pacer to bowl outside off-stump to Kohli. However, Sangwan went out of the syllabus, dishing out a perfect inswinger. The ball jagged back in sharply, going through Kohli's defence and sending his off-stump flying.

Sanjiv Goenka's RPSG Group win race for Manchester Originals stake

Agencies : Lancashire have secured the IPL partner they wanted to run Manchester Originals as a joint venture, with Sanjiv Goenka's RPSG Group submitting the highest bid for a stake in the Hundred franchise on Monday. RPSG Group, who own Lucknow Super Giants, were the losing bidders in a three-hour auction for a stake in London Spirit on Friday, which was eventually won by a Silicon Valley tech consortium valuing the Lord's-based franchise at £295 million. But RPSG Group has now secured a stake which values the Manchester-based Hundred at above £100m, understood to be around £116m. The two parties will now enter into an eight-week period of exclusivity in which they will discuss the exact terms of the deal. Lancashire have previously suggested that they are open to a discussion about selling some of their 51% stake in the Originals if the price is high enough that it enables.

Kevin Pietersen Asks Gautam Gambhir "Rana Like-For-Like For Dube?", Gets Stunning Reply

Agencies : As the debate around Harshit Rana being used as a concussion substitute for Shivam Dube rages on, India head coach Gautam Gambhir was asked about his views on the controversy after the conclusion of the 5th T20I between India and England on Sunday. Gambhir, who didn't utter a single word on the row after the 4th T20I, gave a brilliant reply which ended up shutting down Kevin Pietersen, who was quite critical of the match referee's decision after the previous match. The controversy was triggered after ICC match referee Javagal Srinath allowed Harshit Rana to replace Shivam Dube despite there being an obvious difference in traits between the two. Though both are all-rounders, Dube is primarily a batter who can bowl. For Rana, it's the exact opposite. As Pietersen brought up the topic again after the 5th T20I, Gambhir trolled him and the entire England team saying Dube would've bowled 4 overs in the final match of the series. "He would have bowled four overs for sure today," Gambhir said while laughing during a post-match chat on Star Sports. Dube was brilliant with the ball in the 5th T20I, picking up 2 wickets in 2 overs, while only giving away 11 runs. If England weren't bowled out for 97 runs in just 10.3 overs, Dube could've gone on to bowl 4 overs in the match.

SA20 confirms competition window for the next three years

Agencies : SA20 and Cricket South Africa have taken a significant step into the future after formalising a competition window for South Africa's premier T20 competition for the next three years. The fourth season will kick off during South Africa's peak festive season from December 26, 2025, and run through to January 26, 2026. It will lead up to the ICC T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka in February next year. Season five will return to its regular January slot running from January 9 until February 14, 2027. This will allow for a longer rest period between matches and less weekday matches. 2027 promises to be a bumper year for local cricket fans, with the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup set to be staged in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia in October and November. The sixth season of SA20 will take place from January 9 to February 13, 2028. "Confirming the SA20 window for a three-year period allows the League to bring certainty to all stakeholders and assists in securing our place when planning the global calendar," said the League Commissioner Graeme Smith as quoted by a press release from SA20.

"No Chance Of Him Playing...": Jofra Archer's Brutal Delivery Fractures India Star's Finger, Out For...

Agencies : Star wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has fractured his index finger after being hit by a Jofra Archer scorching during the fifth T20 International against England in Mumbai and will be out of action for more than a month, side-lining him from the upcoming Ranji Trophy quarterfinals. It is learnt that Sanju has returned to his home base Thiruvananthapuram and will only start training after completing his rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy (NCA). He would need NCA's green light before returning to competitive action. "Samson has fractured his right index finger. It will take him five to six weeks before he can resume proper nets. So there is no chance of him playing the Ranji Trophy quarter-final for Kerala (vs J&K) in Pune from February 8-12," a BCCI source in the know of things told PTI on conditions of anonymity. In all likelihood, his comeback will happen in the IPL for Rajasthan Royals," he added. Samson, who had a poor series against England and is not a part of the ODI set-up, was hit off the third ball bowled by Archer which was close to 150 clicks. While he hit another six and four, the swelling increased once he was back in the dug-out. The scans showed a fracture. Samson, who came into the T20I series after a stupendous run against Bangladesh and South Africa with three centuries in seven games, missed the Champions Trophy selection as he hadn't played a single Vijay Hazare Trophy game.

Michael Bevan 'The Finisher' Inducted Into Australia's Cricket Hall Of Fame

Agencies : Dubbed one of the world's top limited-over batters, former cricketer Michael Bevan has been elevated to Australia's Cricket Hall of Fame. "One of the best finishers the game has ever seen. Congratulations to former Australian player Michael Bevan on his induction to the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame," Cricket Australia wrote on X. Australia's 'Picasso in Pyjamas' was an artist in the ODI format. He boasts 6,912 runs in 232 matches at an average of 53.58, putting him in the debate for Australia's greatest one-day batters. He was a master in creating moments and memories that are etched in the die-hard cricket fans. During his decorated career, Bevan was a part of Australia's 1999 and 2003 World Cup.