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DELHI CM

Delhi's New CM Likely To Be Sworn In After PM Narendra Modi's Return From US: Report

Diary Times Desk: The new Delhi chief minister is likely to be sworn in after February 13, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States, India Today reported. HT cannot independently verify this information.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, which won 48 out of 70 seats to return to power in the national capital after 27 years, has started hectic parleys to decide the new chief minister. BJP president JP Nadda met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday as the party's exercise to pick the new Delhi chief minister gathered pace, PTI reported.

BJP's Delhi unit president Virendra Sachdeva had said that the decision on the chief minister would be taken by the party's central leadership. He added that all newly-elected MLAs were capable of discharging the duties assigned to them.

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to visit the US on February 12-13, and will meet US president Donald Trump. It will be the first meeting between the two leaders since the Republican's inauguration. According to the India Today report, the BJP is expected to stake claim to power next week after Modi's return from the US. The BJP lost power in 1998 to the Congress, which ruled the national capital for the next three terms till 2013 and then AAP remained in power for over a decade.

The AAP was voted out of power after it could win just 22 seats. Several top AAP leaders including party convenor Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Satyender Jain and Saurabh Bharadwaj lost.



MANIPUR CM BIREN SINGH

MANIPUR CM BIREN SINGH RESIGNS TWO YEARS AFTER ETHNIC VIOLENCE BEGAN



Diary Times Desk: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Sunday tendered his resignation to Governor AK Bhalla. Singh's ouster follows his meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah earlier this week and again on Sunday. Singh's resignation has been a long-discussed matter in the BJP, which let him continue despite his alleged role in the violence in the state that led to over 200 killings. The Supreme Court had recently directed the Central Forensic Sciences Laboratory (CFSL) to submit a report on the veracity of the "leaked audio tapes" where Singh is purportedly boasting about his role in the Manipur violence. Singh, a majority Meitei leader, has been at the centre of a long ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki groups in the state with the latter seeking his ouster. Ahead of the submission of the CFSL report to the Supreme Court, which has sought it in a sealed cover given the sensitivity of the matter, Singh on Sunday met the governor and put in his papers. "I Nongthombam Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur, am submitting my resignation herewith. It has been an honour to serve the people of Manipur thus far. I am extremely grateful to the Central government for timely actions, interventions, developmental work and implementation of various projects for safeguarding the interest of every single Manipuri. My sincere request to the Central government through your good office is to continue with the same," the resignation letter reads.

Next Delhi CM: Problem of plenty for BJP

Diary Times Desk: With the BJP's landslide victory in the Delhi Assembly elections, all attention has now turned to who will assume the role of the next Chief Minister. As there are several prominent figures within the BJP who could be considered for the top post, it may become difficult for the party to choose the right person for the job. As the BJP prepares to form the government, the chosen leader will face the immediate challenge of fulfilling the party's electoral promises, including improvements in education, healthcare and infrastructure, while ensuring inclusive development across all sections of society. Notably, the BJP, which has remained in power in the Centre for the last more than 10 years, had been unable to form a government in Delhi or project a popular face for the CM's post for more than 25 years. In 1996, Sahib Singh Verma became the Chief Minister of the NCT of Delhi. He served as the CM for two and a half years but following an onion price crisis in the city, Verma was replaced by Sushma Swaraj. Swaraj served as the CM for 52 days after which the elections were announced. Since then, the BJP had been unable to form a government in the capital.



Atishi danced as Kejriwal's 'ploy to engineer her defeat failed': **Anurag Thakur**

Diary Times Desk: BJP leader Anurag Thakur on Sunday alleged that outgoing Delhi Chief Minister Atishi danced after coming to know that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal's "ploy to engineer her defeat had failed". Thakur was commenting on a leaked video clip purportedly showing Atishi dancing after her victory from Kalkaji. The defeat had revealed the fissures in top AAP leadership, Thakur said. Atishi was among the select AAP leaders who won the polls as others, including Kejriwal and Manish Sidodia, lost the polls. "Look at the politics of Arvind Kejriwal, (he) came into politics by climbing on the shoulders of Anna Hazare, finished him off, then formed his own party. He then finished off the founding members of his party," Thakur alleged. Kejriwal's team worked against senior AAP leaders and ministers, but ultimately Kejriwal got the taste of his own medicine, he said. "Atishi ji's name was missing from the election banner the entire poll.

Manipur CM's resignation 'belated', people now await visit by 'frequent-flier PM': Congress



Diary Times Desk: The Congress on Sunday termed N Biren Singh's resignation from the post of Manipur chief minister as "belated" and said people of the state were now awaiting a visit by "our frequent-flier Prime Minister" Narendra Modi. The opposition party's attack came shortly after Singh tendered his resignation to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at the Raj Bhavan in AICC general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the Congress was all set to move a no-confidence motion against Singh and his council of ministers in the Manipur Assembly on Monday. "Sensing the climate, the Manipur chief minister has just resigned. This was a demand that the Congress has been making since early May 2023, when Manipur erupted," he said in a post on X. "The chief minister's resignation was belated. The people of Manipur now await a visit by our frequentflier prime minister who is off to France and the US now -- and who has found neither the time nor the inclination to go to Manipur these past 20 months," Ramesh said.

President Murmu to visit Maha Kumbh on Feb 10, take holy dip at Sangam

Diary Times Desk: President Droupadi Murmu will visit the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on Monday and take a holy dip at the Sangam, her office said. Maha Kumbh, which began on Paush Purnima (January 13), is the world's largest spiritual and cultural gathering, attracting devotees from across the globe. It will continue until Mahashivratri on February 26. "During her day-long visit to Prayagraj, the President will take holy dip and perform Pooja at Sangam, perform Pooja and Darshan at Akshayvat and Hanuman Mandir, and also visit the Digital Kumbh Anubhav Centre," the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement issued on Sunday. Sangam is the confluence of the Ganga, the Yamuna and the mystical Saraswati rivers.



Elderly woman dead, man injured in fire in Pune flat

Diary Times Desk: A 65-year-old woman lost her life and a man sustained minor injuries in a fire in a residential building in Pune's Kondhwa area on Sunday, officials said. The blaze broke out in a fourth floor flat in SunShri building on NIBM road at 3:00 pm and was doused sometime later after four fire tenders were deployed, they said. "There were three persons in the flat at the time of the incident.



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over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends.

People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened.

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meditation in your daily routine. For
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may increase due to promotion in the
workplace. People doing business may
suffer financial loss from any unknown
person today. There may be difficulty in
walking due to nerve nails problems walking due to nerve pain problems.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business.Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

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Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial pain and headache may bother you.

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people ma have to travel long distances due t office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.



Himachal: People returning from Maha Kumbh are infected with a virus, queues are being seen in hospitals

Diary Times Desk: People in Solan district have once again come under the grip of viral. Among them, there are more number of people coming from Maha Kumbh. These people are complaining of fever, cough and cold along with body pain. Patients are turning to the hospital when they are suffering from viral. At the same time, the health department has also started worrying due to the increase in viral cases. Because hundreds of people are going to Maha Kumbh. If the situation remains the same, then the number of viral patients will increase further. At present, the situation is such that two patients are being treated on one bed in the hospital. These days, long queues are being seen after the OPD of viral patients in the hospitals of the district. At the same time, the number of patients has also increased in the medicine OPD of the regional hospital. Looking at the condition of these patients, they have to be admitted in the ward. Due to this, admission in the ward has increased more than in the past days. This situation has been prevailing in the hospitals for the last few days. However, the health department has issued an advisory regarding this and has urged to consume hot substances.



Himachal News: Earthquake resistant houses will be built in Himachal Pradesh, training is being given

Diary Times Desk: Learning from the damage caused by earthquakes in countries like Japan, Nepal, Taiwan, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu, the Disaster Management Authority in the state has prepared a plan to strengthen construction. Buildings and houses will be constructed using earthquake resistant technology in the state. For this, special training has started for construction professionals. Five professionals from each panchayat of the state are to be trained to build buildings and houses using earthquake resistant technology. According to the officials of the Disaster Management Authority, masons, carpenters and bar binders associated with construction will be taught how they can make buildings safe in seismic areas. Professionals will be especially told about structural design, selection of material and key points to be kept in mind in the construction process. District Disaster Management Authority coordinator Prashant said that the process of special training.

Himachal Pradesh: Took a loan of Rs 14 lakh from the bank by mortgaging fake gold, fraud case registered against three people

Diary Times Desk: In Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, three people took a loan of about Rs 14.28 lakh by pledging fake gold in a bank. The operations manager of Axis Bank's Kullu branch has lodged a complaint with the police regarding this. The police have started investigation. In the complaint given to the police, the bank's branch operations manager said that three people including a woman have taken a loan from his bank. In lieu of this, these people have pledged fake gold with the bank. In the complaint, it was said that Thakur Das resident Jarol, Post Office Bandrol, District Kullu has taken a loan of Rs 3.58.600 Hariram resident Jana, District Kullu has taken a loan of Rs 5.37,700 and Lata Devi resident, Dalashni, Kullu has taken a loan of Rs 5,32,400 from the bank. The gold that these people kept in the bank in lieu of this has turned out to be fake. It was said that these people have cheated the bank.

Delhi Elections: Nadda, Anurag Thakur and Pawan Rana shone in Delhi's victory; all three had important responsibilities

Diary Times Desk: Himachal leaders National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, MP Anurag Thakur and Organization General Secretary Pawan Rana played an important role in BJP's victory in Delhi Assembly elections. Pawan Rana, who was the organization minister of Himachal BJP for eight years, implemented the Panna Pramukh model at the booth level in Delhi elections on the lines of Himachal. He created a strong team by entrusting the responsibility of booth management to Panna Pramukhs. It was Pawan Rana's strategy to create an atmosphere in favor of the party by having a strong presence at every booth. Not only this, temple cells were formed in Delhi to unite the Hindu vote bank. Slum conferences were also a part of Pawan Rana's strategy to break the strong vote bank of Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi, the people living in slums. Rana included promises in the election manifesto to make the people living in slums in favor of BJP. BJP's National President JP Nadda released the first election manifesto of BJP for Delhi elections. Manifesto Part-2 was released by Anurag Thakur while Part Three was released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. MPs Suresh Kashyap and Indu Goswami also sweated a lot in the election.

Medicinal Mushrooms: Trend towards medicinal mushrooms increases, price up to Rs 1 lakh per kg; Directorate is giving training

Diary Times Desk: Across the country, mushroom producers are increasingly turning towards medicinal mushrooms along with button and dhingri. Medicinal mushrooms are used only for medicines. Whereas button and dhingri mushrooms are used for food. The youth's inclination towards medicinal mushroom production has increased. Training is also being provided for this by the Mushroom Research Directorate. Turkeytail mushrooms including Cordyceps, Gynodora, Hericium, Shiitake are now being prepared and training is also being provided for this. More than 500 producers have been trained in this. The most in demand among these is Cordyceps (Kida-Jhadi) mushroom. Its price in the market is up to one lakh rupees per kg. Such an expensive mushroom is full of medicinal properties. This mushroom, which is used to keep the stamina and immune system strong and as a medicine, has been researched at India's only Mushroom Research Center in Solan. Cordyceps Militares mushroom, used as a stamina enhancer, is produced in abundance in China. Chinese athletes preparing for international competitions and Olympics.

Himachal News: State women handball team wins second victory in National Games, defeats Uttar Pradesh by 50-14 margin

Diary Times Desk: The women's handball team of the state has continued its winning streak in the National Games in Uttarakhand. The team registered a spectacular victory by defeating Uttar Pradesh in a one-sided match in its second match. The state women's handball team defeated Uttar Pradesh 50-14. International player Meenika Pal scored the highest number of 9 goals from Himachal. International player Bhavna Sharma scored 7, Kritika scored 6, Gulshan scored 5, Mithali scored 6, Priyanka Thakur scored 5, Jagriti scored 3, Jassi scored 3, Payal scored 4 and Rimpal scored 4 goals. State Olympic Association President Virendra Kanwar, General Secretary Rajesh Bhandari, Joint Secretary DD Tanwar, Chief Coach Sneh Lata, Coach Manoj Thakur congratulated. Himachal's team started with a victory in the men's category of netball in the 38th National Games held at Maharana Pratap Sports Complex Dehradun, Uttarakhand. players of the state registered a victory by defeating the Telangana team by a margin of 44-39 in the first match. The second match will be with the Rajasthan team.

Himachal CM: CM Sukhu said- Bhanupalli railway line is Congress's gift, the Centre should bear the rest of the cost of land acquisition

Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhwinder Sinah Sukhu said that Bhanupalli rail line is the gift of Congress. We have paid 50 percent of the cost of 75 percent land acquisition and part of the construction cost. The state government gave money till Bilaspur. Now the Center should bear the further expenses. Addressing a public meeting at Ghwandal of Shri Naina Devi Assembly on Saturday, Chief Minister Sukhu remembered former CM late Virbhadra Singh and said that Bhanupalli rail line is the result of his thinking. Sukhu said that he was an MLA at that time and Virbhadra Singh had said that we will give its cost of construction so that the cement industry and local people benefit. Raising questions on AIIMS Bilaspur, the Chief Minister said that the hospital has been built but doctors are not available here. The Chief Minister said that the previous BJP government gave free electricity to big hoteliers and free water to businessmen with a turnover of Rs 10 crore. This money belonged to the common man.

'Beef Biryani' in Aligarh Muslim University menu sparks row, administration says 'typing error'

Diary Times Desk: A controversy broke out at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) after a notice was shared saying that chicken biryani would be replaced with beef birvani for Sunday lunch. The notice, found by students at Sir Shah Sulaiman Hall, was shared on social media and quickly triggered a lot of reactions. Issued by two "authorised" people, the notice said, "Sunday's lunch menu has been changed, and beef biryani will be served instead of chicken biryani as per demand." In response to the uproar, the AMU administration clarified that it contained a "typing error" and assured that those responsible for issuing the notice had been issued a show-cause notice. "The matter was brought to our attention. We found that the notice was regarding the food menu. However, it contained a clear typing error. The notice was immediately withdrawn as it had no official signatures, raising doubts about its authenticity," reads the statement.

Father of Shraddha Walker, murdered by live-in partner, dies of heart attack

Diary Times Desk: Shraddha Walker's father, Vikas Walker, died of a heart attack in Mumbai on Sunday. He lived in Vasai with his wife and family. Shraddha Walker was murdered by her 28-year-old lover and live-in partner Aftab Amin Poonawala in a house in Delhi's Mehrauli area on May 18, 2022. Shraddha and Aftab lived in a rented house in Mehrauli

"Shameless": Swati Maliwal On Atishi's Dance Video After Her Poll Win, AAP Rout

Diary Times Desk: Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal on Saturday slammed outgoing Delhi chief minister Atishi after she was seen dancing after her victory from the Kalkaji seat in the assembly elections despite Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) being trumped by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "What kind of shameless display is this? The party lost, all the big leaders lost and Atishi Marlena is celebrating like this," Ms Maliwal, once a close associate of Mr Kejriwal, posted on X and shared a video of Ms Atishi celebrating her win with AAP supporters. Ms Atishi, who won from the Kalkaji seat for the second straight time, defeated BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri, a former MP, by a margin of 3,521 votes. She received 52,154 votes whereas Mr Bidhuri polled 48,633 votes with Congress' Alka Lamba securing the third place with 4,392 votes. The AAP has come down to 22 in the 70-member Delhi.

'So much hooliganism': Atishi slams BJP after meeting Kejriwal over Delhi poll setback



Diary Times Desk: Outgoing Delhi chief minister Atishi accused the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) of indulaina in "hooliganism" to secure victory in the recently concluded assembly election. She made the statement after meeting the Aam Aadmi Party's national convenor, Arvind Kejriwal, at his residence on Sunday. The Kalkaji constituency winner said the ruling party is analysing its defeat in the election and added that it will respect the people's mandate. Atishi also alleged that the saffron party indulged in malpractices with the help of Delhi Police, which is under the control of the Union home ministry. "This election was conducted with so much hooliganism, such an election would have never happened in the history of Delhi. Where money is being distributed openly, liquor is being distributed openly, police are getting it distributed, and whoever is complaining about this is being put in jail," Atishi said, offering to play the role of a constructive

31 Maoists Killed, 2 Security Personnel Dead In Chhattisgarh Encounter

Diary Times Desk: Security forces gunned down 31 Maoists in an encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district today, the police said. The encounter began deep inside the forest in the Indravati National Park area when a security team was conducting an anti-Maoist operation. Two security personnel have been killed in the gunfight. According to a government statement, two security personnel have also been injured. They are out of danger and have been evacuated for treatment. Announcing the news in a post on X, formerly Twitter, Union Home Minister Amit Shah reiterated his "resolve" to root out Maoists by March 31, 2026. Expressing his condolences for the two soldiers who lost their lives, he wrote, "This country will always be indebted to these heroes". A rough translation of his Hindi post read: "In the direction of making India Naxal-free, the security forces have achieved a major success in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh.

Biren Singh Quits As Chief Minister 2 Years After Manipur Violence Began

Diary Times Desk: Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh resigned today two years after ethnic violence broke out in the state -- to quell dissidence in the state BJP against his leadership as his government faces the possibility of a Congress no-confidence motion and floor test. The Chief Minister handed his resignation to the Governor this evening. While the BJP has the numbers despite the withdrawal of support by Conrad Sangma's National Peoples' Party, there was a possibility that the MLAs who sought a change in leadership, would have disregarded a party whip in case of a floor test. To avert that possibility, the Chief Minister stepped down after conferring with the Central leadership. Mr Singh had gone to Delhi this morning where he met party chief JP Nadda and its chief strategist, Union minister Amit Shah. Citing the ethnic violence that broke out in May 2023, a round 12 MLAs have been strongly pushing for a change in leadership, and there are around six fence sitters, party sources said.

Aero India: Defence minister visits HAL's production facility in Bengaluru

Diary Times Desk: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday visited the production facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Karnataka's Bengaluru to attend Aero India 2025, scheduled to be held from February 10 and will conclude on February 14. After arriving at HAL Airport, Singh visited the state-of-the-art Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) MK1A production facility of HAL. The Tejas Mk1A is an advanced version of the LCA Mk1, enhanced to improve combat efficiency. "Landed at the HAL Airport, Bengaluru for Aero India 2025. Visited the state of art LCAMK1A production facility of HAL. MK1A is an advanced version of LCA MK1 with many advanced features," the Defence Minister posted on X. The Tejas MklA is designed to carry out offensive air support, close combat, and ground attack missions with precision and agility. The Defence Minister said that the aircraft was a source of national pride, which would remain an asset to Indian Air Force for the coming decades.

Hyderabad Industrialist Stabbed To Death By Grandson Over Property: Cops

Diary Times Desk: An 86-year-old industrialist was allegedly murdered at his residence by his grandson over a property dispute. The victim sustained multiple stab wounds, police said on Sunday. The incident occurred on the night of February 6 when the accused, K Kirti Teja (aged around 28), 'attacked' his grandfather, V C Janardhan Rao, chairman & managing director of the city-based Veljan Group, with a knife, resulting in his immediate death, they said. The accused also stabbed his mother when she tried to intervene. She sustained injuries and was admitted to a hospital, Panjagutta police said, adding that he was subsequently arrested on Saturday. Teja and his mother, who live in another part of the city, visited Rao's house in Somajiguda on Thursday. While she went to get coffee, an argument broke out between Teja and Rao over the distribution of his property, police said. Teja took out a knife and 'attacked' his grandfather, accusing him of being indifferent toward him since childhood and "refusing" to distribute the property to him, police said, citing preliminary investigations.



'He wants to see people stop dying': Trump confirms talks with Putin on ending Ukraine war

Diary Times Desk: Former U.S. President Donald Trump has confirmed that he spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin by phone about ending the war in Ukraine, The New York Post reported. This marks the first known direct conversation between Putin and a US president since early 2022. Trump, who has repeatedly vowed to end the war but has yet to outline his strategy publicly, described the ongoing conflict as a "bloodbath" and claimed his team had engaged in "some very good talks," according to a Reuters report. In an interview aboard Air Force One, as cited by Reuters, Trump declined to reveal how many times he had spoken with Putin, stating, "I better not say." He told The New York Post that Putin "wants to see people stop dying." The White House has not responded to the report, adds Reuters. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, responding to the New York Post report, told Russia's state news agency TASS that "many different communications are emerging." However, he added, "These communications are conducted through different channels. I personally may not know something, be unaware of something. Therefore, in this case, I can neither confirm nor deny it."

"Happy To Return To Wife, Daughters": Freed Israeli Unaware They Are Dead

Diary Times Desk: After spending 491 days in Hamas captivity, Eli Sharabi was finally freed on Saturday morning, but his return to Israel came with an unimaginable heartbreak. He had no knowledge that his wife and two daughters had been killed during the October 7 Hamas attack in 2023. Mr Sharabi was filmed saying, "I am very happy today to return to my wife and daughters," as per the BBC - completely unaware that his wife, Leanne, and daughters, Noya (16) and Yahel (13), had been murdered in their home in Kibbutz Be'eri. As he was set to be freed, he was also informed that his brother. Yossi Sharabi, had died in captivity - his body still being held in Gaza. Eli Sharabi was among three hostages freed by Hamas as part of the latest prisoner exchange deal, which saw Israel release 183 Palestinian prisoners under an internationally brokered ceasefire agreement.

Donald Trump to deport Prince Harry amid visa issues? What US President said



Diary Times Desk: US President Donald Trump, who has launched a massive crackdown on illegal immigrants since his return to the White House, has reportedly ruled out deporting Prince Harry from the United States, despite ongoing litigation questioning the Duke of Sussex's immigration status. In an interview with The New York Post on Friday, Donald Trump made it clear that he does not want to take action against Prince Harry, a member of the British royal family who, along with his wife, Meghan Markle, stepped down as working royals in January 2020 and moved Meghan's native Southern California. "I don't want to do that," he said. "I'll leave him alone. He's got enough problems with his wife. She's terrible," the New York Post quoted Donald Trump as saying. Donald Trump's statement comes amid legal challenges involving Harry's visa, particularly from the Heritage Foundation, which has raised concerns over his potential failure to disclose past illegal drug use during his visa application process, the report habbn

Earthquake Of Magnitude 7.6 Shakes Caribbean, Tsunami Advisory Issued

Diary Times Desk: An earthquake of magnitude 7.6 rattled the Caribbean Sea on Saturday evening (local time), US monitoring agencies said. The quake struck north of Honduras, about 130 miles (209 kilometres) off the coast of the Cayman Islands. The temblor struck at a shallow depth of 10 km (6.21 miles), the US Geological Survey said. The US Tsunami Warning System said there was a tsunami warning after the quake for the Caribbean Sea and north of Honduras. The agency said a tsunami was not expected on the US Atlantic or Gulf Coast after the quake, but it issued advisories for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. "Hazardous tsunami waves" set off by the quake were possible within 620 miles of the epicentre along the coasts of the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, Honduras, Bahamas, Belize, Haiti, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua.

Japan Prime Minister Gifts Trump Golden Samurai Helmet In White House Meet

Diary Times Desk: Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba presented US President Donald Trump with a golden samurai helmet during their first official meeting at the White House on Friday. The gesture came shortly after Trump, 78, discussed the possibility of imposing tariffs on Japan while seeking to reduce the US trade deficit. Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, however, has expressed optimism that his country could avoid higher tariffs. He said President Trump "recognised" Japan's huge investment in the US and the American jobs it creates. The gift, named "Eternal Helmet", was crafted by Ningyo no Hanafusa, a specialty dollmaking company based in the Prime Minister's hometown, Tottori. Measuring 57 cm wide, 81 cm high, and 48 cm deep, the helmet is valued at approximately Yen 168,000 (Rs 97,000). The item was reportedly inspired by the renewed global interest in Japan's samurai history, fuelled by the success of FX/Hulu's hit series Shogun, according to Kyodo News. The design, made of processed metal, embodies a wish for "eternal brilliance", according to the company's description. Tomoya Hanafusa, the company's president, revealed that they received an order for the golden samurai helmet in November last year from Japan's Foreign Ministry but were only told that it was meant for a foreign VIP.



After Biden, Trump Revokes Security Clearances Of His Top Officials Blinken, Jake Sullivan

Diary Times Desk: After Joe Biden, US President Donald Trump has revoked the security clearances of his Secretary of State Antony Blinken and former national security adviser Jake Sullivan, White House officials said on Saturday. The move came a day after Trump revoked his predecessor Biden's security clearance and stopped his access to daily intelligence briefings. In a new series of rapid-fire power plays, the 78-year-old billionaire also revoked security clearances for former President Biden's Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, who helped coordinate the Department of Justice's response to the January 6, 2021, attacks on the US Capitol, the officials said. Clearances of the New York Attorney General Letitia James and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg who led cases against Trump were also removed, the officials added. Revoking Biden's security clearance, Trump on Friday said, "There is no need for Joe Biden to continue receiving access to classified information

Bangladesh Launches 'Operation Devil Hunt' After Attack On Ex-Minister's House

Diary Times Desk: Bangladesh's interim government launched an operation Saturday after a student group gave a 24-hour ultimatum to track down "culprits" who assaulted their activists during a reported attack by protesters on an Awami League leader's house on the outskirts of Dhaka. The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement leaders claim their activists went to the ex-minister's house to prevent looting but were attacked by miscreants. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's government ordered "Operation Devil Hunt" calling out army troops as a protest by the student organisation was underway in Gazipur, where their activists were assaulted on Friday. In a statement, the Home Ministry said the operation began across Gazipur and would extend nationwide to ensure public safety. It added that details about the coordinated security clampdown comprising army and law enforcement agencies would be announced on Sunday. According to media reports and witnesses, people in the neighbourhood and Awami League workers assaulted the activists during the attack at the Gazipur home of ex-liberation war affairs minister AKM Mozammel Haque, injuring several of them. The students' platform leaders, however,

claim their activists went.

Descendants of Sardar Hari Singh 'Nalwa' unveil new genealogy page in Delhi

Diary Times Desk: The descendants of legendary Sikh general Hari Singh 'Nalwa' on Saturday unveiled a new genealogy page dedicated to their iconic ancestor. The descendants gathered in New Delhi at the residence of Adarsh Chopra, the eldest member of the Nalwa clan, for the launch of the page. This genealogy page is part of the website www.harisinghnalwa.com, which honours the achievements of Sardar Hari Singh 'Nalwa'. It has been created "to inspire younger members of the family to learn about their heritage and connect with their family tree". Hari Singh became known as 'Nalwa' after Maharaja Ranjit Singh, upon witnessing the young warrior single handedly slay a tiger that had attacked him, exclaimed, "Wah mere Raja Nal, Wah!" Although Hari Singh never used the name 'Nalwa' himself, it was embraced by courtiers and historians as a symbol of his bravery and resilient spirit. Hari Singh is remembered for his successful efforts in reclaiming large portions of the subcontinent, previously annexed by Ahmed Shah Abdali's Afghan empire, which now form part of present-day Pakistan. Hari Singh had four sons and two daughters. After being wounded in the Battle of Jamrud (1837), his greatest concern was for his younger, unmarried daughter.



Medical aid to Dallewal stopped as doctors unable to find veins for intravenous drip: Farmer bodies

Diary Times Desk: Two prominent farmer bodies on Sunday claimed that medical aid to fasting farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal has been stopped for the past six days as doctors are unable to find his veins for administering intravenous drip. "Dallewal's medical aid has been stopped for the past six days because his veins are blocked and doctors are unable to find his veins to insert (intravenous) drip," the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) said in a joint statement. Convenor of SKM (Non-Political), Dhallewal has been on a fast-unto-death on the Khanauri border point since November 26 last year, seeking legal guarantee of minimum support price for crops, among other demands. He started getting medical aid after a Centre government delegation led by joint secretary (agriculture) Priya Ranjan on January 18 invited SKM (Non-Political) and KMM for talks to discuss their demands in Chandigarh on February 14. However, Dallewal did not end his fast and was being given intravenous fluids. Meanwhile, both the SKM (Non-Political) and KMM are preparing to hold 'Kisan Mahapanchayats' at Ratanpura in Rajasthan.

Former Malta PM, ex-Israel minister bat for stronger trade ties with India

Diary Times Desk: Former prime minister of Malta Joseph Muscat and former foreign minister of Israel Eliezer Sandberg on Saturday pitched for stronger trade ties with India, citing technology and pharmaceuticals as major possible areas of collaboration. Both leaders expressed their views during a function held to mark the foundation day of a school here. Muscat arrived in the city from New Delhi via Amritsar without any security cover while Sandberg had arrived here three days ago. The former Israeli minister spent his time visiting landmark sites in the area, and also paid a visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. "Our country may be a small Mediterranean archipelago but we are one of Europe's most developed economies. The last time I visited India was when I was the PM in January 2019. During that time, I had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I like this country and its culture, hence I will keep on coming," Muscat said. He added that both India and Malta should work together in the fields of IT and pharmaceuticals. "We have a strong pharmaceutical industry in Malta and export medicines to India. On the other hand, we are not so well-developed in computer software. For this, we need the India's help," he said. "Having said that, our country is strong at manufacturing microchips.

Like Delhi, people of Punjab will soon oust 'AAP-da': Haryana CM

Diary Times Desk: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday said like Delhi voters, people of Punjab will soon oust "AAP-da from power." Addressing the press in Delhi's Haryana Bhavan, Saini said Yamuna will become Delhi's top tourist destination under BJP rule. Taking a dig at AAP chief and former CM Arvind Kejriwal for levelling false allegations about Yamuna pollution on BJP-ruled Haryana, Saini said the voters of Delhi had given a befitting reply. "Just like Delhi, the voters of Punjab will also oust AAP-da (disaster) party," Saini said, adding that the BJP would win local body elections in Haryana also. On Yamuna river cleaning, the Haryana CM attacked Kejriwal for 'making false promises to the people of Delhi'. "Delhi will now progress alongside a Viksit Bharat. The Yamuna Riverfront will be beautified to such an extent that people will prefer visiting it over Kartavya Path and India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has committed to cleaning and beautifying the Yamuna River, and extensive work will be carried out at a fast pace to eliminate pollution," he said, hailing Delhi for endorsing PM's guarantees.



20-year-old powerlifter shot dead in Haryana's Sonepat

Diary Times Desk: A 20-year-old youth was shot dead in broad daylight in Pragati Nagar here on Sunday. The assailant managed to flee the scene with his family said officials members. deceased identified as Vansh of Vikas Nagar, was a gold medalist in powerlifting. According to officials, Vansh, a BA second-year student, had gone to meet his classmates in Pragati Nagar on Sunday afternoon. He parked his motorcycle at the corner of the street. Later, a local named Kuldeep arrived in a car and began honking. However, when Vansh came out to move his motorcycle, Kuldeep allegedly started an altercation with him. Vansh's classmates, Akshita and Vanshika, also came out to stop the but the altercation, accused allegedly beat them. Later, the accused took out a pistol from his car and opened fire on Vansh. Sources said Kuldeep fired around four to five rounds on the victim and managed to flee along with his family members after locking his house. Vansh was rushed to the civil hospital where he succumbed to his bullet injuries.

'Sidelined' for Surajkund fair, Haryana folk artistes cry foul

Diary Times Desk: Folk artistes of Haryana have alleged that they have been ignored by the state authorities organising the Suraikund International Crafts Fair this year. The Haryana Government paid exorbitant amounts to artistes from other states for performing at the Surajkund fair, but it did not engage the state's own folk artistes, many of whom are in dire straits and largely dependent on such events for their livelihood," said Pradeep Bahmani, the president of the Haryana Lok kalakar Sangathan. In a novel way of protest, the folk artistes will observe a 'Black Valentine's Day' on February 14 to attract the attention of the state authorities towards their plight. In a media interaction at Rohtak on Saturday, Bahmani pointed out that the folk artistes from Harvana had been engaged for the Surajkund fair last year, but most of them have been ignored for this year's fair. Sarangi player Dhuni Nath said the folk artistes of the state had pinned hopes on the Surajkund fair and Gita Jayanti Samaroh organised by the state government, but they had not been engaged for the Surajkund fair this year. Sangathan secretary Naresh Kundu pointed out that apart from keeping the local folk artistes away from the fair, the state authorities had also reduced their remuneration this year.

Proposal for hydropower projects opposed in Lahaul

Diary Times Desk: Residents of Lahaul and Spiti district have raised concerns following the Government's Telangana proposal to set up two major hydropower projects in the region. Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka recently met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu in New Delhi, where he submitted a letter expressing interest in developing the SELI HEP (400 MW) and MIYAR HEP (120 MW) power projects. The Government of Telangana has requested the Himachal Pradesh Government to draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) to proceed with the plan. However, local residents are worried about the potential and environmental social impacts of such large-scale projects in an already fragile ecosystem. Rajesh, a resident of Udaipur, said, "We are seeing glaciers melting rapidly and irregular snowfall patterns. This year, we have had no snow at all, when typically there would be over four feet of snow in December and January."

e-book on Dalai Lama's commitments released

Diary Times Desk: The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)'s Department of Information and International Relations released a comprehensive ebook documenting insights from distinguished speakers on the four principal commitments of the 14th Dalai Lama - the promotion of human values. promotion of religious harmony, preservation of Tibetan culture and environment and the revival of ancient Indian values. This digital publication, available in four languages, comes as the Tibetan administration community prepare for a yearlong celebration of the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday as a "Year of Compassion". Published in Tibetan, English, Hindi, and Chinese languages, this e-book features compilation from the December 2020 virtual talk series on the four commitments of the Dalai Lama that brought together over 100 distinguished speakers. The series was held as part of marking the year 2020 as the "Year of Gratitude" to the Dalai Lama, an initiative of the Tibetan government in exile. The concept for the book emerged following the successful talk series.

Rs 100 cr earmarked for beautification of Naina Devi Temple complex: Sukhu



Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today announced the beautification of Shri Naina Devi Temple complex at a cost of Rs 100 crore. Sukhu, during a day visit to the Naina Devi Assembly segment in Bilaspur district, said that the work would be carried out in three phases. "Along with Shri Naina Devi Temple, the state government will also beautify Maa Chintpurni, Maa Jwalamukhi, Baba Balak Nath and other temples in the future," he added. He announced the opening of a division of the Public Works Department and the Jal Shakti Department at Jagatkhana along with the upgrade of Namhol to a sub-tehsil. Sukhu also assured people of providing Rs 8 crore for completing the remaining work of the 50-bed hospital in Naina Devi and full funding for the construction of an indoor stadium at Jukhala. The Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 13 development projects worth Rs 127.09 crore. He inaugurated a Rs 2.54 crore additional accommodation at the PWD rest house, Namhol; metalling of Dolra-Bag Mehla link road at a cost of Rs 3.69 crore, construction of Gohri village to Sayar link road for Rs 2.85 crore, link road from Galwa to Challela for Rs 4.92 crore and the upgrade of the Deoth Lag Ghat Jamli road at a cost of Rs 5.25 crore.

Cong election loss disappointing, wake-up call for party: Pratibha

Diary Times Desk: The Congress' failure to open its account in Delhi for the third consecutive time has left the party leaders disappointed in Himachal, which is the only state in north India where it is in power. For state Congress president Pratibha Singh, the drubbing is not only demoralising but also a wake-up call for the party. "The election result is really disappointing for the party. It's also a wake-up call for us. The party will have to analyse and think hard how to fight and win the next election," she said. While admitting that the embarrassing loss was a bitter pill to swallow, Pratibha said that the party leaders had worked hard in the Delhi elections. "We were hoping that people will look at history as well. The Congress government under Sheila Dikshit had done really well in Delhi, but it seems with the passage of time, people have forgotten her good work. The central leadership will look hard into the reasons behind the defeat," she added. Another Congress leader said that the biggest reason for the party's repeated poor showing in Delhi was the absence of a strong organisation on the ground. Incidentally, the party was without an organisation in the state as well – it's been more than three months since the entire Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC.

JE suspended for Rs 50 lakh loss to electricity board

Diary Times Desk: At a time when the HP State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) is battling its worst financial crisis, a Junior Engineer(JE) posted at Baddi has been suspended for causing loss of around Rs 50 lakh to the power board. In a bid to unduly benefit an industrial house, the officer changed the current transformer and potential transformer energy meter used to measure total power usage of the unit in July 2023. This led to lower reading per month, thus causing a finacial loss of around Rs 1.5 lakh per month to the HPSEBL. Any such change is supposed to be communicated to a senior official. "It was a random examination of the meter by a team of meter and testing staff which detected this laxity. The unit was billed 33 per cent less than actual usage of power. As per the board officials, a loss of around Rs 50 lakh has been caused in a one-anda-half year,"said an official. The JE, who has been posted in Baddi since the last eight to 10 years, has been suspended and directed to report at the board's Shimla office. He was entrusted the task of key industrial houses of the Baddi industrial cluster. His exceptionally long stay in this industrial belt has put a question mark over the board's.

Same fate awaits Cong in state, says Jai Ram

Diary Times Desk: Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today celebrated the BJP's massive victory in the Delhi Assembly elections. He said that the Congress would be routed in the state in the next elections in the same way it had been wiped out in Delhi. "Given the way the Congress is functioning in the state, we are going to see the similar results here in the next elections," he claimed. Thakur said, "The people of the country have rejected the politics of fraud. The politics of guarantees has been buried from where it had started. The Himachal Government should give up its antipeople approach and work in public interest." He said that people had made clear their stance on the Congress. "To win the elections, the Congress used every possible trick like giving false guarantees, telling lies and dividing people. The party could not even open its account in Delhi, and several big faces of the Congress could not even save their deposits," he claimed. Thakur took a swipe at Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and said that he had campaigned for Alka Lamba but she couldn't even save her deposit. He added that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) encouraged the politics of lies, anarchy, drama and allegations and counterallegations. "The people of Delhi have rejected AAP, and accepted the good governance and effective administration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he added.



India seal series after Rohit's blistering ton

Diary Times Desk: Rohit Sharma (119 off 90) produced a blistering century, his 32nd in ODIs, to set up India's series-clinching four-wicket win in the second ODI against England in Cuttack. Chasing a competitive target of 305, India were led by Rohit's sparkling innings and his 136-run opening stand with Shubman Gill (60 off 52). Shreyas Iyer (44) and Axar Patel (41*) also chipped in with useful knocks to see the hosts through despite a few wickets falling towards the end. At the halfway mark, England's total of 304 did appear to be a tricky one on a slow black-soil surface with the odd ball stopping off the hard length. Spinners and off-pace deliveries didn't seem easy to get away. However, as is the case with black-soil surfaces, batting under lights tend to be relatively easier. At least, that's what Rohit made it seem as he got off the blocks in a jiffy. A couple of sixes, one over deep square leg and the other over deep cover showed that the captain was in the zone for the night. His aggression allowed Gill to take his time although the latter also dished out some exquisite strokes. The first ten overs returned 77 for India with all ten wickets intact, and it set the tone for the chase. Even as the field spread, runs continued to flow from both the openers, Rohit in particular. During his terrific knock, he also overcame Chris Gayle to move to no.2 in the all-time six hitters list in ODIs.



Australia make light work of Sri Lanka on fourth day, win series 2-0

Diary Times Desk : Australia comfortably beat Sri Lanka by nine wickets in the second Test in Galle to take the series 2-0. Requiring only 75 runs to win after wrapping up Sri Lanka's batting effort early on Day 4, Travis Head, Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne knocked off the runs inside 18 overs to complete the victory. Nathan Lyon and Matthew Kuhnemann picked up fourwicket hauls in the second innings to add to the three they had picked in the first innings It took Australia less than six overs to wrap up Sri Lanka's batting effort on Day 4. Lyon got one to spin and bounce awkwardly as the hosts' only hope - Kusal Mendis - topedged a pull to short-fine leg. Lahiru Kumara smashed Kuhnemann to the fence for four. The next two overs by Lyon saw two unsuccessful reviews by the tourists and a catch at second slip overturned as it bounced into the fingers of the fielder. But Beau Webster wrapped up the innings with the first ball of his spell to dismiss Kumara. In reply, Nishan Peiris got the new ball to spin and skid, bamboozling Head early on in his

PV Sindhu pulls out of BAMTC 2025 due to hamstring issues

Diary Times Desk : Two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu has pulled out of Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships in China due to a hamstring issue, dealing a huge blow to the country's chances of improving the colour of their medal in the prestigious edition. The tournament is set to be played in Qingdao from February 11-16 with the Indian shuttlers currently undergoing training at a camp in Guwahati. Besides Sindhu, the other leading players in the camp are Lakshya Sen, and HS Prannoy, along with the formidable doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty. Sindhu was a part of the squad that won bronze in the previous edition of the tournament. "It is with a heavy heart that I share I won't be travelling with the team for BAMTC 2025. While training on the 4th (February) in Guwahati.

Freestyle Chess with unique innovations and top names draws alobal attention

Diary Times Desk : Imagine one-day cricket with all fielders placed outside the 30-yard circle in the first 10 overs or the first six overs in case of T20s. The freestyle event which has taken the chess world by storm is a rough equivalent of that. It has divided opinion, created a rift between the organisers of this chain of events and the world governing body of the game known as Fide. However, the point to note is many leading players took part in the first such event of the year, which got over in Weissenhaus in Germany on Saturday. From World No. 1 and five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen to reigning champion D Gukesh, and many more leading players like Fabiano Caruana and Hikaru Nakamura were part of the 10-player elite field. The first major difference between freestyle chess and chess as we know is that the pieces on the back ranks are randomised. This means, behind the initial rank of pawns, the pieces are not placed in conventional positions when a game begins. They can be anywhere in the back rank with two specifications bishops in opposite coloured squares and the king between two rooks.

'Rachin Ravindra being monitored under HIA processes': New Zealand's big update as star suffers Champions Trophy scare

Diary Times Desk: New Zealand Cricket (NZC) provided a major update on Rachin Ravindra's injury on Saturday. The all-rounder was struck in his face with the ball while fielding, which left him bleeding. It happened during the first ODI of the tri-series against Pakistan in Lahore. The incident happened during the 37th over of the second innings when Khusdil Shah slog-swept a delivery from Michael Bracewell. Ravindra steadied himself to take the catch, but lost the ball lost sight of the ball amidst the floodlights as it struck him flush on his forehead. The incident left him dazed as he stared at the ground for a few minutes before blood started rolling down his face, as the packed stadium was left in stunned silence. He was attended by the medical team, along with the Pakistan team doctor on the ground, before being carried off the field with his face covered with a towel. After the match, NZC provided a major update on Ravindra saying that while he is doing well, they have him under observation ahead of the second game on Monday against South Africa. "Ravindra was forced from the field after being struck in the forehead by the ball attempting a catch in the 38th over," a New Zealand Cricket statement said. "He sustained a laceration to the forehead.

Deepti Sharma to lead UP Warriorz in Healy's absence

Diary Times Desk: Indian allrounder Deepti Sharma will be leading UP Warriorz in WPL 2025 in the absence of regular skipper Alvssa Healy. The Australian, who just recently played the one-off Ashes Test purely as a batter due to a stress reaction, has been advised to rest for the next few weeks and as a result, will skip this year's edition. Deepti has been a part of the UP Warriorz right from the inaugural edition and is their second highest wicket-taker with 19 wickets from 17 games. With the bat, she has scored 385 runs with 295 of those coming last year when she was the MVP. During named incredible run last year, Deepti had also become the first Indian to pick up a hat-trick in the WPL. The 27year-old, who is India's leading wicket-taker in T20Is, hails from Uttar Pradesh and will become the first player to lead her home franchise in their home stadium with the tournament expanding to more venues this season. UP Warriorz kickstart their campaign February against Gujarat Giants and are scheduled to play three games at home next month. "I am delighted and honoured to be named captain of the UP Warriorz, which is a team from my home state," Deepti said on her appointment. "The UP Warriorz has a fantastic squad, and we are confident that we will entertain our fans with the Warriorz brand of cricket, at the WPL this season as well. We can't wait to play in Lucknow in front of our home fans, and hope to inspire the next generation of women athletes."

SA replace injured Nortje with Bosch for Champions Trophy

Diary Times Desk allrounder Corbin Bosch has been named as the replacement for the injured Anrich Nortje in South Africa's 15-member squad for Champions Trophy in Pakistan later this month. The 30-year-old Bosch made his ODI debut against Pakistan in December, returning figures of 1 for 69 in nine overs, but was one of the standout seamers in SA20 champions MI Cape Town's campaign. Fast bowler Kwena Maphaka has also been added to the squad as a travelling reserve. They are already without Gerald Coetzee, ruled out with a groin issue, while Beuran Hendricks and Lizaad Williams have been recovering from injuries too. Bosch and Maphaka, along with opener Tony de Zorzi, depart for Karachi on Sunday to join the squad for the remainder of the tri-nation ODI series.