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PM MODI ARRIVES IN FRANCE TO ATTEND AI SUMMIT, HOLD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MACRON

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in France on Monday night on a three-day visit during which he will co-chair an AI Action Summit with French President Emmanuel Macron and hold bilateral talks with him. Prime Minister Modi was received by French Minister of the Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu at the airport. "Landed in Paris a short while ago. Looking forward to the various programmes here, which will focus on futuristic sectors like AI, tech and innovation," the Prime Minister said. He was greeted by a jubilant Indian diaspora members including a Sikh elderly who said to PM, "You are honouring the memory of Sahibzadas. You are the first prime minister we have seen who respects all faiths." Another group of Indian origin people played drums and sloganeered "Modi ki guarantee." In the evening, the Prime Minister will attend a dinner hosted by President Macron at the Élysée Palace in honour of visiting Heads of Government and State.

The dinner is also likely to be attended by CEOs from the tech domain and a number of other distinguished invitees to the summit. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Modi will co-chair the AI Action Summit along with President Macron "I look forward to co-chairing the AI Action Summit, a gathering of the world leaders and global tech CEOs, where we will exchange views on collaborative approach to AI technology for innovation and larger public good in an inclusive, secure and trustworthy manner," Modi said in his departure statement. Modi and Macron will also hold discussions in both restricted and delegation formats and address the India-France CEO's Forum.



MANIPUR CM BIREN SINGH

'NOT A PRECEDENT': DELHI HC ALLOWS 2-DAY PAROLE TO JAILED MP ENGINEER RASHID



Diary Times Desk : Clarifying it wasn't a precedent, the Delhi High Court on Monday allowed a two-day custody parole to jailed Jammu and Kashmir MP Rashid Engineer to attend the Parliament session. Justice Vikas Mahajan, however, clarified the order was passed on account of Rashid having no other remedy due to non-availability of a court to hear his bail plea and the relief should not be construed as a precedent. Rashid was allowed to attend the Parliament sessions on February 11 and 13. "If access to justice is a facet of fundamental rights, then non-availability of forum for disposal of applicant's application for bail, either interim or regular, renders the petitioner remediless for the time being, and concomitantly deprives him of the aforesaid right," the court said. The order said it would not "completely negate" Rashid's plea for custody parole. Custody parole entails a prisoner being escorted by armed police personnel to the place of visit. Justice Mahajan in a 16-page judgment said the law was "well settled" on the issue of jailed legislators having no statutory right to participate in the session of the house and Rashid therefore had no "enforceable right" to attend Parliament session. The court, said the judge, could not "lose sight" that his plea for regular or interim bail was pending in the NIA court since August 2014. Deprivation of personal liberty without ensuring speedy trial was not consistent with Article 21 of the Constitution of India, and timely delivery of justice was part of human rights, it added. Rashid was saddled with certain riders, including not using a cellphone or internet, or addressing the media or any person except to his limited responsibility as an MP. "The director general (prisons) Delhi, in consultation with the secretary general, Lok Sabha, shall make the requisite arrangements for the applicant/petitioner to attend the parliamentary sessions," ordered the court. The Baramulla MP is facing trial in a terror-funding case with the allegations that he funded separatists and terror groups in Jammu and Kashmir. Rashid moved the high court alleging he was left without a remedy after the NIA court dealing with his bail application left him in a limbo post his election to the Lok Sabha last year on account of it not being a special MP/MLA court. As an interim relief, he sought custody parole. The court order said if the parliamentary sessions went beyond the official jail hours, jail authorities would allow Rashid to surrender after such official hours.

YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia apologises after backlash over his remarks on parents and sex

Diary Times Desk : Influencer Ranveer Allahbadia has apologised for his controversial remark that led to many calling for a ban on his podcast. Several politicians, including Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Opposition leaders of the state, criticised him for exploiting freedom of speech. Allahbadia—who has over 6,00,000 followers on X, 4.5 million on Instagram and 10.5 million subscribers on his YouTube channel—became one of the trending topics on social media after his comment on Samay Raina's YouTube reality show "India's Got Latent" gained traction. On the comedy reality series, popular among today's youth for its edgy bordering on offensive content, Allahbadia asked a question to a contestant on parents and sex, which has been panned by many and led to a BJP functionary lodging a police complaint here against the makers, judges and participants of the show. In an apology video on X on Monday, Allahbadia admitted that his comment was not only inappropriate, but also not funny. "Comedy is not my forte. Just here to say sorry," the YouTuber, popularly known as BeerBiceps, said in the video.



'How can someone return to Parliament after conviction in criminal case?' wonders SC

Diary Times Desk : Expressing serious concern over criminalisation of politics, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre and the Election Commission to respond in three weeks to a PIL seeking life ban on convicted persons from contesting polls. Under the current election law, a convicted person is debarred from contesting polls for six years from the date of completion of his sentence and the disqualification disappears thereafter. A Bench led by Justice Dipankar Datta wondered how a person convicted of crime can be permitted to come back to Parliament and state assemblies. "Once he is convicted, and the conviction is upheld...and after that how can such people come back to Parliament and (state) legislatures?...that they (Centre and EC) have to answer. There is also an apparent conflict of interest. They would be making the laws," said the Bench.

As cops file kidnap case, former minister's son back in Pune after taking flight to Bangkok

Diary Times Desk : Amidst high drama, former Maharashtra minister Tanaji Sawant's son Rishiraj was brought back to Pune along with two friends on late Monday evening, cutting short their trip to Bangkok, hours after police filed a kidnapping case, officials said. According to Ranjan Kumar Sharma, joint commissioner of police, Rishiraj Sawant (32) and his two friends had booked a chartered plane for Bangkok, but an anonymous call spoilt their travel plans. After police registered a kidnapping case following the anonymous call made to the control room, his whereabouts were traced and he was brought back to Pune along with his friends, he said at a hurriedly convened press conference. "Our police control room received a call around 4 pm in which an anonymous caller informed us that Rishiraj was taken away by some unidentified people. Accordingly, we swung into action and registered a kidnapping offence.



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<p>Aries Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.</p>	<p>Taurus Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.</p>
<p>Gemini Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities 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 pain problems.</p>	<p>Cancer Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.</p>
<p>Leo 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.</p>	<p>Virgo Today you should take special control 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. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.</p>
<p>Libra Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.</p>	<p>Scorpio 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.</p>
<p>Sagittarius 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 gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.</p>	<p>Capricorn Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.</p>
<p>Aquarius 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.</p>	<p>Pisces 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.</p>

Misleading ads: SC summons Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and J&K chief secretaries



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday summoned chief secretaries of Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and J&K over their alleged failure to act against illegal advertisements of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs. Noting that there was hardly any implementation of its orders, a Bench led by Justice Abhay S Oka directed the chief secretaries to appear in court through video-conferencing to explain why these states did not comply with its order. Amicus curiae Shadan Farasat submitted that most of the states accepted an apology and took undertakings while acquitting violators. "As rightly submitted by the amicus curiae, the issue of illegal advertisements of Ayurvedic, Siddha or Unani drugs will be substantially taken care of, if all the states start implementing Rule 170 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 in its true letter and spirit. Notwithstanding several orders passed by this court, the states are non-compliant," said the bench.



Himachal: 99.84 percent members verified on e-family, asked to provide data of families at panchayat level

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that 99.84 percent of family members have been verified on the e-family register. In this initiative, the verification work of 75,05,913 members out of a total of 75,18,296 family members has been completed. The Chief Minister said that the e-family system is an online platform, which has been created to manage the data of the families at the Gram Panchayat level. Every Panchayat Secretary has been provided with secure login facility to enter and update the data of the families of his area. To make this system more accurate and effective, it has been made mandatory from 27 April 2024. E-family is an important digital initiative, which has made the process of adding new families and making necessary corrections in existing records easier. Apart from this, the work of linking the family details with the ration card is also going on, so that the services can be further improved. Sukhu said that services like family copy, marriage certificate and BPL certificate are being made available online through e-Parivaar portal. The government is committed to make administration more effective by using modern technology. All departments have been directed to adopt digital solutions so that the quality of services can be improved.



Himachal: Committee formed in Manali Panchayat to fight against drugs, 15 thousand rupees will be given to the person

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.

Himachal News: Electricity board employees wore black badges, management said, no post has been abolished

Diary Times Desk : Employees and management have come face to face against rationalization in the electricity board. On one hand, employees worked wearing black badges on Monday against it, while on the other hand, the management claims that no post has been abolished in the board. Employees of the state electricity board protested against rationalization by wearing black badges on Monday. The joint front of employees and engineers who have gone on work to rule will organize a district panchayat in Hamirpur on Tuesday. A strategy will be made in the district panchayat to fight a decisive battle against the government. Joint front co-convenor Hiralal Verma said that all the employees will work under work to rule from 10 am to 5 pm these days. He said that in the name of rationalization, posts will not be allowed to be abolished in the electricity board.

Himachal Pradesh: Mandi SDM Sagar attacked by mining mafia, officer's tooth broken; admitted to hospital

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Himachal: Jairam said- the matter of nexus between drug mafia, police and politicians is worrying, CM should clarify the situation

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said in a statement issued on Monday that the drug trade in the state is at its peak and the drug mafia is creating havoc in the entire state. At present, the matter of drug mafia, police and political nexus is coming to the fore, which is very worrying and shameful. In the last three weeks, the case of the tragic death of four youths due to drug overdose has come to the fore in the state. When drugs are trapping the youth of the state in its web in this way, the matter of more than 60 people associated with police and politics cooperating in the drug trade in collusion with the drug mafia is worrying. In such a situation, how can the fight against drugs be taken forward? Who will the people of the state trust? What must be going on with this news for the people of the state who want a decisive fight against drugs. What can those whose people are caught in the web of drugs expect from the government and the police. This is a situation of distrust and it should be resolved. The government should clearly tell the people of the state about the facts.

Discussion on exams: Himachal student Ira Sharma had a direct conversation with PM Modi

Diary Times Desk : The eighth edition of the Pariksha Pe Charcha program was organized on 10 February at 11:00 am. Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with children from different states of the country through the Pariksha Pe Charcha program. For this, 36 children were selected from across the country, who met PM Modi. During this, PM Modi gave many tips to the children to move ahead in life and live life. During this, some children also asked many questions to PM Modi. Before the selection of students for this program in Himachal Pradesh, a state-level competition was held. In this, three children from across the state were selected for Delhi. These included Ira Sharma of Hamirpur, Shruti Dharwal of Mandi and Pragati of Bilaspur. But then in the interview for direct interaction with PM Modi in Delhi, only Ira Sharma of Hamirpur was selected. Ira is the only student from Himachal Pradesh who has directly interacted with PM Modi. Ira Sharma is a student of class 11th of Government Senior Secondary School Bahnavi of Bhoranj Tehsil of Hamirpur district. She is a student of Medical Faculty. Prime Minister Narendra Modi answered the children's questions and advised them to eat home-cooked food. Along with this, he also gave tips to deal with exam stress.

HP Panchayats: 90 panchayat buildings will be constructed in the state, department has released the amount

Diary Times Desk : In Himachal Pradesh, the Panchayati Raj Department has released funds for the construction of 90 Panchayat buildings. After the release of funds, the construction work of Gram Panchayat buildings has also started. About 1.14 crore rupees are coming for one Gram Panchayat. The department has released money in crores of rupees for the construction work. Along with this, the contractors building the building have been asked to complete the work quickly. The special thing is that now all the Panchayat buildings to be built in the state will be built on a pattern. For this, the design and drawing have been given by the department itself.

'Is Sitharaman doing an Elon Musk': P Chidambaram on reduced budget of External Affairs Ministry

Diary Times Desk : While addressing the Rajya Sabha on Monday, Congress leader P Chidambaram took shots at Finance Ministry Nirmala Sitharaman by asking if she was doing an Elon Musk on the External Affairs Ministry by reducing its budget. "The finance minister asked this House to appropriate Rs 20,517 crore for the ministry of external affairs. In FY 2023-24, we allocated Rs 28,915 crore, in the current year (FY 2024-25) the revised estimate is 25,277 crore, almost 3,600 crore less. And for next year, the finance minister is asking for Rs 20,517 crore, another 5,300 crore less. I suspect that the finance minister is doing an Elon Musk on the external affairs ministry. Somebody must explain, are we shrinking our world presence? Are we closing down our embassies," he said. The Congress leader also said that the Union Budget was "politically driven". "It is obvious that the Budget was politically driven, I shall not elaborate on that. There was no philosophy behind the Budget," said Chidambaram.

"AAP Was Finished When...": Ex Leader Ashutosh's Post After Delhi Drubbing

Diary Times Desk : Two days after AAP's poll drubbing in Delhi, its former leader Ashutosh said the party was "finished" long back and February 8 had just shown the results. He has warned that the Arvind Kejriwal-led party would struggle to hold on to Punjab as it has "lost the morality of revolution". Mr Ashutosh, once a close aide of Mr Kejriwal, said in a post on X that AAP was "finished" when party leaders "started taking chartered flights, staying in presidential suits and building 'Sheesh Mahals' for themselves". The 'Sheesh Mahal' remark was aimed directly at Mr Kejriwal, who the BJP has accused of massive corruption in revamping the Chief Minister's residence during his term in office. A veteran journalist, Mr Ashutosh was among the leaders of the India Against Corruption movement who later decided to float a political outfit. Mr Ashutosh contested the 2014 Lok Sabha polls but lost to BJP's Harsh Vardhan. He quit AAP in 2018, citing personal reasons. In his post on X, he also flagged AAP leaders' enjoying Z+ security cover and intimidating mediapersons. He also pointed to the AAP's pre-poll allegations that Haryana has poisoned water coming to Delhi. AAP, he said, suffered defeat because it lost its morality. "AAP became an election-fighting party.

For First Time Ever, These Russian, US Stealth Fighters Are Face-To-Face



Diary Times Desk : The biggest air show in Asia, Aero India, kicked off today at the Yelahanka Air Base in Bengaluru. The 15th edition of the air show is special because it features a rare sight: American and Russian stealth fighters together in one frame. The Russian Su-57 fifth-generation fighter jet and the American F-35 Lightning II considered the most advanced fifth-generation fighter, are participating in the show. It's a "significant milestone" in global defence collaboration, and for aviation enthusiasts, it's a treat for the eyes. Su-57 and F-35 will be participating in the Daily Aerial Display for all four days. A video of the Su-57 'Felon' taking off from Yelahanka is now viral. The pilot takes off and performs a vertical climb before conducting a full circular loop - An aerobatic manoeuvre where a pilot climbs into a vertical position and then completes a full circle and then reaches flight level. A picture, capturing both the aircraft on the tarmac went viral with users saying it could only happen in India.

"Why Even Form Alliances": Sena Mouthpiece Chides Congress, AAP

Diary Times Desk : The Congress role in the defeat of Aam Aadmi Party in the recently concluded Delhi Assembly election is ballooning before the Opposition bloc INDIA, which Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy described today as "fractured". After INDIA ally and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's "Aur lado apas mein (keep fighting among yourselves)" jibe, Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena has pointed fingers at the Congress and AAP for the Delhi defeat. And in Bengal, concerns are surfacing in Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress over a Congress action replay in the state elections due next year. "The disunity and discord among opposition parties in Delhi and Maharashtra directly aided the BJP in its victory," read an editorial Sena UBT mouthpiece "Saamna". "In Delhi, both the AAP and the Congress fought to destroy each other, making the victory easier for the BJP.

Ex-Maharashtra minister claims son 'taken' on Bangkok flight 'forcefully', lodges police complaint

Diary Times Desk : The Pune police on Monday registered a kidnapping case after former Maharashtra minister Tanaji Sawant's son went missing from the Pune airport on Monday evening. Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar said the leader told them that two people "took his son forcefully" on a flight to Thailand's Bangkok. "We have got a complaint of Rishiraj Sawant being kidnapped. We have registered a complaint of kidnapping. Tanaji Sawant has told us that two people have taken his son forcefully on a flight to Bangkok. We have got in touch with DGCA and are getting the flight diverted to Indian soil," he told HT. The Pune police control room received an anonymous call at around 4 pm on Monday claiming the 32-year-old son of the Shiv Sena politician, Rishiraj Sawant, had been kidnapped by two people. Ranjan Kumar Sharma, the joint commissioner of police, said they received information that Rishiraj Sawant had boarded a flight from the airport.



Case Against Ranveer Allahbadia, Samay Raina, Others Over Crass Remarks

Diary Times Desk : A police case has been filed against Ranveer Allahbadia and others in Assam over the YouTuber's crass comments on comedian Samay Raina's "India's Got Latent" show that has sparked massive backlash. They have been accused of promoting obscenity and engaging in sexually explicit and vulgar discussion in the show. Besides the 31-year-old podcaster, the others named in the show include Ashish Chanchlani, Jaspreet Singh, Apoorva Makhija and Samay Raina. While multiple complaints have been filed against the YouTuber, the Assam police were the first off the block to file a case. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted the move. During his appearance on the "India's Got Latent" show, the social media influencer had asked a contestant, "Would you rather watch your parents have sex every day for the rest of your life or join in once and stop it forever." It triggered a huge uproar and multiple police complaints were filed against him.

'Cursed by Yamuna...': What L-G told CM Atishi while accepting her resignation

Diary Times Desk : Lieutenant governor VK Saxena reportedly told outgoing Delhi chief minister Atishi that she lost the assembly elections due to a "curse by Yamuna Maiya" when she visited Raj Bhawan to submit her resignation, ANI reported. Quoting sources, the news agency reported that when Atishi arrived at Raj Niwas to submit her resignation, Delhi lieutenant governor VK Saxena reminded her that he had repeatedly cautioned the government on public interest issues, particularly the cleaning of the Yamuna river. Saxena is said to have told Atishi that the AAP lost due to a "curse by Yamuna Maiya," saying despite his repeated warnings on public concerns, including Yamuna's condition, the Arvind Kejriwal-led government had continued to ignore them. In the run-up to the Delhi assembly elections, Yamuna's cleanliness was a key campaign issue.

Iran's Pezeshkian accuses US of fake diplomacy

Diary Times Desk : Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has accused the United States of making fake diplomatic overtures while trying to undermine his government. Addressing a crowd in Tehran to mark the 46th anniversary of the Iranian revolution on Monday, Pezeshkian said US President Donald Trump was trying to bring the country "to its knees". Iran has grown increasingly frustrated at Trump for bringing back the "maximum pressure" campaign he started against the country during his first term. The move seeks to nullify Iran's oil exports and its nuclear activities. Trump has also suggested he wants to reach a deal with Iran over its advancing nuclear programme. "Trump says he wants to negotiate, yet at the same time, he signs off on every possible conspiracy to bring this revolution to its knees," Pezeshkian said at the city's Azadi Square, referring to the US president reimposing sanctions against Tehran earlier this month. "He claims to be open to dialogue, but while saying so, he accuses Iran of destabilising the region."

Donald Trump 'serious' about making Canada 51st state: 'Ottawa will be better off'

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump said that he is serious about Canada becoming the 51st state, noting that Ottawa would be better off being a part of America. In an interview to Fox News aired during the Super Bowl pre-show on Sunday, US President Donald Trump responded to a question about whether Canada as 51st state was a serious matter. Donald Trump said, "Yeah it is". "I think Canada would be much better off being the 51st state because we lose \$200 billion a year with Canada. And I'm not going to let that happen. Why are we paying \$200 billion a year, essentially a subsidy to Canada?" he said. Notably, the US buys products from Canada, the natural resource-rich country, including commodities like oil. While the goods trade gap has blown out in the recent years to \$72 billion in 2023, the deficit still mostly shows America's imports of energy from Canada. Donald Trump has repeatedly suggested that Canada would be better off as the 51st state of US, a proposal deeply resented by Ottawa.

Trump's "Losing Patience" Warning To Hamas Over Israeli Hostages' Appearance

Diary Times Desk : Comparing the emaciated condition of Israeli hostages released by Hamas over the weekend with those of Holocaust survivors, US President Donald Trump suggested the United States was running out of patience with the war in the Gaza Strip, without detailing his next steps. Speaking to reporters on Sunday from Air Force One en route to the Super Bowl, the Republican leader said the hostages "look like they haven't had a meal in a month. No reason for that, and I don't know how much longer we can take it...at some point we're going to lose our patience" "They look like Holocaust survivors. They were in horrible condition. They were emaciated," Trump added. Palestinian group Hamas on Saturday handed over three more Israeli hostages -- Eli Sharabi, Or Levi and Ohad Ben Ami. Their frail appearances after nearly 500 days of captivity sent a global shock wave.

UK's crackdown on illegal immigrant workers hits Indian restaurants



Diary Times Desk : The crackdown in the UK against illegal immigrants has extended to Indian restaurants, nail bars, convenience stores and car washes which employ such individuals. The Home Office described the action as a UK-wide blitz on illegal working in the country. Secretary Yvette Cooper said her department's Immigration Enforcement teams raided 828 premises in January, a 48% increase year-on-year. 609 people were arrested, marking a 73 per cent increase from the previous year, reported PTI. The department said that a significant action was taken against restaurants, takeaways and cafes as well as in the food, drink and tobacco industry. Seven individuals were arrested from an Indian restaurant in Humberside, northern England. The home office also stressed that the teams were taking action against illegal working conditions in all sectors.

US Interior Secretary Congratulates Trump On Renaming Gulf Of Mexico

Diary Times Desk : US Interior Secretary Doug Burgum has congratulated Donald Trump for signing an executive order which renamed the Gulf of Mexico as Gulf of America. Ms Burgum, who is serving as the 55th Secretary of the US Department of Interior, wrote on X, "It's official! Congratulations @POTUS on the Gulf of America! @Interior has implemented your instruction from the Executive Order on Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness. Another big win for President Trump's agenda to Make America Great Again." United States President Donald Trump signed a proclamation on Sunday (local time) declaring February 9 as "the first-ever Gulf of America Day," celebrating the renaming of the area formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico. Trump was on his way to the New Orleans for the Super Bowl 59 and signed this proclamation as Air Force One flew over the area he was renaming. This follows the signing of Executive Order 14172 on January 20, 2025.

How China's Record Decline In Marriages Is Impacting Its Economic Growth

Diary Times Desk : China's marriage landscape has undergone a significant shift, with a record-breaking decline in marriages last year. The country's Ministry of Civil Affairs reported a staggering 20% drop in marriage registrations, with only 6.1 million couples getting married, down from 7.68 million in the previous year. This drastic decline has raised concerns among authorities, who have been actively promoting marriage and childbearing to combat the country's dwindling population. Demographer Yi Fuxian from the University of Wisconsin-Madison described the drop as "unprecedented," highlighting that even during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, marriages only decreased by 12.2%. Fuxian also noted that the number of marriages in China last year was less than half of the 13.47 million recorded in 2013. If this trend continues, Fuxian warned that "the Chinese government's political and economic ambitions will be ruined by its demographic Achilles' heel." China's population, the second-largest in the world, is aging rapidly, with roughly 300 million citizens - equivalent to the entire US population expected to enter retirement in the coming decade. The birth rate has been declining for decades, largely due to the country's one-child policy, which was in place from 1980 to 2015, and rapid urbanisation.

Shift Palestine To Saudi Arabia? Netanyahu Suggestion Draws 'Fantasies' Jibe

Diary Times Desk : Saudi Arabia has rejected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's suggestion that the kingdom hosts the Palestinian state in its own territory. In a statement issued on Sunday (February 9), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said that Netanyahu's statement "aims to divert attention from the continuous crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian brothers in Gaza, including the ethnic cleansing they are subjected to." The Kingdom affirmed that the Palestinian people have a "right to their land", and they are "not intruders or immigrants" who can be expelled whenever the "brutal Israeli occupation wishes". The Kingdom's statement came in response to Netanyahu's remarks during a television interview on Thursday. While discussing the prospect of diplomatic normalisation with Saudi Arabia, right-wing Israeli journalist Yaakov Bardugo misspoke by saying "no."



Punjab Police book 8 immigration consultants for duping US-bound migrants

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Police have launched a crackdown on a multinational human trafficking nexus, registering eight FIRs against fraudulent immigration consultants who promised illegal entry into the United States. This move comes after recently deported illegal migrants from the US filed complaints against these consultants. According to ADGP PK Sinha, who leads the Special Investigation Team (SIT), "We have started to dismantle the multinational human trafficking nexus operating in the region." The SIT has recorded statements from deportees who were defrauded by travel agents with false promises of illegal entry into the US. The SIT, headed by ADGP NRI Affairs Praveen Sinha and including ADGP Internal Security Shive Kumar Verma, IGP Provisioning Dr S Bopathi and DIG Border Range Satinder Singh, is closely monitoring the investigation to ensure effective action against these offenders. Senior police officials have met with returnees to address their grievances and assure them of due process. CPs and SSPs from various districts and commissionerate are working tirelessly in coordination with the SIT to bring these offenders to justice. DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav reaffirmed the Punjab Police's commitment to acting against fraudulent immigration networks.



In AAP's Delhi loss, Cong sees chance to grab power in state

Diary Times Desk : The Aam Aadmi Party's defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections has revived hopes of a comeback in the Punjab Congress, with its leaders predicting a revolt within the ruling party due to a "conflict" between Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his party chief Arvind Kejriwal. According to Congress leaders, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has been regularly eating into their vote base, right from the 2022 state Assembly poll, when AAP stormed into power by winning 92 of 117 seats. The Congress tally was reduced to just 18 seats amid continuous bickering within the party, which eventually led to several of its senior party leaders losing the elections. Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Raja Warring said the state party unit would aggressively target the AAP's "failed Punjab model", which was "based on the Delhi model rejected by voters". He said in the coming days, AAP is set to face "defections" in its ranks. Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa said the Delhi poll results had come as a "blessing in disguise for the Congress". "We will be in a position to get better results (in the 2027 Assembly poll) as AAP will weaken in Punjab. It was for this reason that we had been opposing a tie-up with AAP," he said.

Giani Harpreet Singh removed as Takht Damdama Sahib Jathedar

Diary Times Desk : The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has terminated the services of Giani Harpreet Singh as Jathedar of Takht Damdama Sahib, effective immediately. This decision was made during SGPC's executive body meeting held at its headquarters in Amritsar. SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami, who chaired the meeting, refrained from talking to the media. SGPC secretary Partap Singh confirmed that Giani Harpreet Singh's removal was based on a complaint filed against him. The head granthi of Takht Damdama Sahib, Giani Jagtar Singh, will take over his responsibilities for the time being. For the time being, the head granthi of Takht Damdama Sahib, Giani Jagtar Singh, would continue to hold the charge. The report submitted by the SGPC panel held Giani Harpreet Singh guilty of the allegations levelled against him. It was accepted by the majority of the executive members and the decision was taken to terminate his services in the light of keeping the sanctity of the Takht," he said. The complaint, filed by Gurpreet Singh, a resident of Sri Muksar Sahib, on December 16 alleged misconduct by Giani Harpreet Singh. An SGPC panel, comprising senior vice-president Raghujit Singh Virk, general secretary Sher Singh Mandwala.

Mixed reactions to Centre's reply on city heritage status

Diary Times Desk : "Chandigarh is not a World Heritage City." This reply from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism in Lok Sabha to local MP Manish Tewari's query recently has been met with mixed reactions. The Chandigarh Master Plan 2031 and Expert Committee's heritage report has apparently divided the city into two parts — Le Corbusier's creation of first 30 sectors with heritage status and the rest of the city, which has not been assigned the heritage tag. On one hand, the Centre says that Chandigarh is not a World Heritage City, yet the term "heritage" holds significance in the Chandigarh Master Plan, which thoroughly describes three grades and 13 heritage zones. The Union Ministry has recognised the document and its contents as heritage. This has led to more confusion than clarification. The Centre's statement clarified that the city is not recognised internationally as a heritage site as India has only two cities — Ahmedabad and Jaipur — that are on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list. Chandigarh residents have raised pertinent questions regarding development projects in the city that are hanging fire. Why has the term "heritage preservation" been cited as a reason for these projects being rejected?

Days after swipe at CM Nayab Saini, Haryana BJP puts Anil Vij on notice

Diary Times Desk : "In an unprecedented move, the BJP on Monday issued a show-cause notice to senior Haryana minister Anil Vij for allegedly breaching party discipline through his public statements against Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and state party chief Mohan Lal Badoli. The notice, issued by Badoli on the directions of the national party president, accuses Vij of making "serious allegations that are against the party's policy and internal discipline". Vij, who holds the No. 2 position in the Nayab Singh Saini government, has been asked to respond within three days. The notice strongly criticised the timing of his remarks, stating that such statements by a senior minister during the Delhi Assembly elections were "unacceptable" and aimed at harming the party. Vij, a seven-time MLA from Ambala Cantonment and the BJP's senior-most legislator in the state, recently made disparaging remarks against CM Saini, accusing him of being disconnected from the ground reality. "Ever since he assumed office.

Cops lathicharge protesting Youth Congress workers

Diary Times Desk : The UT police resorted to lathicharge on protesting Youth Congress members outside the party office in Sector 35 today. The Congress was protesting 'inhuman' treatment of youths deported from the US. The protesters were also raising slogans over unemployment, drugs and the ownership rights for residents of rehabilitation schemes in Chandigarh. The Congress workers gathered outside the party office in the afternoon. As they tried to march towards the BJP office in Sector 33 in the form of a rally, a heavy police force deployed there stopped them. As the protest escalated, the police, who had barricaded the road outside the Congress office, first used water cannons and later resorted to lathicharge to disperse the crowd. According to sources, three protesters and a few police personnel, including a woman constable, sustained injuries during the clash. Stones were also hurled at police vehicles. A group of youth among the protesters allegedly hurled stones, prompting a stronger retaliation by the police. The injured police personnel were taken to the Government Multi-Speciality Hospital (GMSH) in Sector 16.



Unified Pension Scheme will be discussed in Cabinet: Vikramaditya

Diary Times Desk : Giving a hint that the state government was open to discussing the Unified Pension Scheme, PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh today said that the scheme would be discussed in the Cabinet and the government would then take a decision on this. "When Old Pension Scheme was restored in the state, the UPS option was not there. We will discuss it in the Cabinet meeting. The main agenda is to protect the interests of the employees. We will see whether it can be achieved through the OPS or the UPS," the Minister said. He further said the financial implications of both schemes would be studied, and then the decision would be taken by the government. The Centre has been sending repeated reminders to the state government to implement the UPS instead of the OPS in the state. Singh's statement suggests that the government is at least ready to consider UPS. The employees, however, are unlikely to give up the OPS and opt for the UPS.

Constitution, democracy strong in India: Pathania

Diary Times Desk : Speaker of the Assembly Kuldeep Singh Pathania attended the 14th edition of the Bharatiya Chattr Sansad in Pune. He said that despite differences in the ideologies of Indian political parties and leaders, Indian democracy and the Constitution remain strong and supreme. Pathania, while addressing students, said that changes in thoughts and revolutionary transformations strengthened good governance. He added, "Change is natural and various ideologies had contributed to the country's struggle for independence. Freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru were part of the revolutionary group, while leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and JB Kripalani were the proponents of peace, yet all shared the same goal - country's independence." He said, "Though India has different political parties and ideologies, their common objective is the welfare of people, strong democracy, nation-building and providing transparent governance."

Dharamsala panchayats 'voluntarily' impose sanitation charges



Diary Times Desk : Many panchayats in Dharamsala block have voluntarily imposed sanitation charges on villagers. In these panchayats, every family will now have to pay a fee of Rs 50 to Rs 75 every month for garbage collection. The decision was taken at gram sabhas held in January and February so that people did not throw household waste in the open and cleanliness was maintained in villages. Sources say that the panchayats in Dharamsala block have voluntarily decided to collect a fee of Rs 50 per month from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and Rs 75 to Rs 80 per month from Above Poverty Line (APL) families. A fee of up to Rs 100 per month has been fixed for small shops and homestays. A fee of Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 has been fixed for big commercial centres running in the panchayats, including hotels, restaurants and schools. The sources say that the Union Government has directed the states to impose sanitation charges in rural areas under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Though the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats has not ordered strict orders for the imposition of sanitation charges in rural areas, it has directed the Block Development Officers (BDOs) to persuade the panchayats to impose sanitation charges on their own.

Eco-tourism project planned near Kasol

Diary Times Desk : Kullu MLA Sunder Singh Thakur, who is also chairman of the Special Area Development Authority (SADA) Committee, has announced a major eco-tourism project near Kasol along the Grhan Nala, which is aimed at promoting tourism while preserving the environment. Thakur says that the project will include the construction of natural bathing pools for both local residents and tourists. Besides, an interpretation centre will be set up to educate visitors about the area's natural beauty and cultural heritage. The project will also focus on family-friendly amenities, with plans to offer bathing facilities and therapeutic hot water treatment to tourists seeking relaxation and health benefits, he adds. He says that in collaboration with the Forest Department, the SADA Committee plans to acquire land for eco-tourism development. The project aims at harnessing natural hot springs in the area, which at present drain into the rivulet, by redirecting them for use in the proposed bathing pools and therapeutic services. Furthermore, a drilling operation will be explored to locate new hot water sources that can add to the site's offerings. To maintain cleanliness and sustainable tourism practices, Thakur also unveiled plans.

Udaipur residents in Lahaul oppose road project, seek fair relief for land

Diary Times Desk : Residents of Udaipur in Lahaul and Spiti district are opposing the acquisition of land for the widening of the Sansari-Killar-Thiro-Tandi road, a vital infrastructure project aimed at enhancing connectivity between Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is overseeing the project while local people are demanding higher compensation for the acquisition of their land, citing disparities in the land value compared to in nearby areas. Udaipur residents are divided over the project, which involves the acquisition of 12.04 bighas of private land. While some people have agreed to give their land voluntarily, particularly those with larger plots, others are resisting land acquisition. Many residents are concerned about their possible displacement and loss of agricultural land, which has been their livelihood for generations. HR Gaur, a local resident, has raised concern over the stark difference in the circle rates of land in Udaipur and district headquarters Keylong. According to Gaur, the circle rate of land in Keylong is Rs 5 lakh per biswa.

Dry spell worries apple growers, puts plants under stress

Diary Times Desk : The winter of 1984 and 1985 saw little precipitation. Majority of the apple plants in lower Kotgarh, Karsog and Rajgarh had dried up in those two years. The current situation is even worse, apple cultivation is passing through the toughest phase at the moment," said Pratap Chauhan, an apple growers from Kotkhai. Most apple growers agree with Chauhan. Like the past two years, this winter, too, is approaching the end almost dry. From January 1 till date, the state has seen 74 per cent less than normal precipitation. And as per the weather department, the precipitation is likely to be less than normal in the coming days. The three consecutive largely dry winters have pushed apple cultivation to the brink in the state. "Apple growers are not even thinking of crop at the moment. Their entire attention and efforts are aimed at saving the plants, which are drying up without adequate snowfall and rainfall," said Chauhan. While the fresh plantation last year saw heavy mortality rate due to dry winters and dry summers (some growers claim the mortality rate was as high as 70 to 80 per cent), the growers fear the same this year too. "If it doesn't rain shortly, a lot of orchards are going to dry up, especially those in the sunny areas. The growers should avoid fresh plantations this year if they do not have water for irrigation," said Dimple Panjta," another orchardist.



Final decision on Bumrah's availability for Champions Trophy on February 11

Diary Times Desk : India are set to take a final decision on Jasprit Bumrah's participation in the Champions Trophy on February 11, the deadline for submission of the final squads to the ICC, as uncertainty lingers over his fitness. ESPNcricinfo has learned that Bumrah has had a scan on his back at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru recently. The BCCI's medical staff will now coordinate with the selectors and the India team management before the decision is taken. Bumrah was included in the provisional 15-man squad for the Champions Trophy announced on January 18, but hasn't been able to play a part in the ODI series against England, India's last fixtures before the tournament begins on February 19. While it was hoped that he would be able to play the third ODI in Ahmedabad on Wednesday, Bumrah has travelled to Bengaluru instead. In January, while announcing the provisional squad for the Champions Trophy, chief selector Ajit Agarkar had said that based on information provided by the BCCI medical staff at the time, Bumrah was not "likely to be fit for the first couple of games" of the England ODI series. Agarkar had said that Bumrah was "asked to offload for five weeks" from bowling, before undergoing fresh scans on his back in first week of February.



"Absolutely Mindless": Rohit Sharma, Gautam Gambhir's Strategy Blasted By Ex India Star

Diary Times Desk : Team India completed a successful run-chase of 305 runs against England in the second ODI at Cuttack on Sunday, with skipper Rohit Sharma leading the charge with the bat. Though it turned out to be another comfortable victory for India, some of the Gautam Gambhir-led team management's decisions continue to baffle experts. Former India cricketer Dodda Ganesh didn't mince words on social media as he asked some critical questions. Strangely, all-rounder Axar Patel was sent ahead of wicket-keeper batsman KL Rahul, not for the first time in this series. Rahul, who is a top-order batter by trait, has often seen his batting position being shuffled on the basis of the team's needs. He isn't a traditional wicketkeeper as well, but has been deployed in that position to help the team strike a better balance. While not many objected to picking Rahul as India's wicket-keeper over Rishabh Pant, who continues to warm the bench, former Ganesh did object to Rahul's batting position. The keeper-batter came out to play at the No. 6 spot in the order, behind Axar, who is considered to be a 'bowling all-rounder'.

Breetzke breaks record for highest score on ODI debut

Diary Times Desk : 150 by Matthew Breetzke is the highest score by any player on ODI debut. Breetzke eclipsed the 47-year old record held by West Indies Desmond Haynes who smashed 148 against Australia in St John's in 1978. Breetzke became the fourth South African batter to score a century on debut after Colin Ingram, Temba Bavuma, and Reeza Hendricks. He is the 19th player overall to do so and the first to do it on debut against New Zealand. Breetzke became the first South African batter to score a 150 and ending up on the losing side. The previous highest by any South African batter on a losing cause was 144 by Temba Bavuma against West Indies in East London in 2023. 150 by Breetzke is the second highest individual score for a South African batter against New Zealand after Dave Callaghan's unbeaten 169.

OCA served show-cause notice for Barabati lights failure

Diary Times Desk : The Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) has been issued a show-cause notice following the disruption caused by a floodlight failure during the second ODI between India and England at Barabati Stadium in Cuttack on Sunday night. The match was halted for more than 30 minutes, leading to avoidable embarrassment for the OCA, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), and the Odisha Government as a whole. "The Odisha Cricket Association is hereby directed to submit a detailed explanation for the cause of the disruption and identify the persons/agencies who were responsible for such lapses and outline the measures taken to prevent similar incidents in the future," a notice sent by Siddhartha Das, the director of sports, government of Odisha, says. The notice, sent on Monday morning, seeks a response from the OCA within 10 days. "The findings must be submitted within 10 days upon receipt of this letter," the notice says and goes on to add, "This incident led to a 30-minute suspension of the match, causing inconvenience to players and spectators." The notice was addressed to OCA secretary Sanjay Behera. The association is without a president currently. The CEO of the association is Subrata Behera, a former state player. Secretary Behera was not immediately available for a comment. He was among the guests during the post-match presentation.

Virat Kohli Told To Talk To 'Sunil Gavaskar, Rahul Dravid' As Poor Form Continues Ahead Of Champions Trophy

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli stunned expression after he was adjudged caught behind via DRS in the second India vs England ODI would be etched for a long time in Indian fans' memories. Over the past three months, the question marks on Virat Kohli's future have increased. One of the greats in modern day cricket, Kohli has not been able to fire according to his potential. In the 2024-25 Border Gavaskar Trophy, barring one century, Virat Kohli was mostly off-colour. Then, he missed the first ODI against England due to an injury before being picked for the second ODI. However, Virat Kohli could score only five off eight balls. Kohli's current form is bound to raise India's headache ahead of the Champions Trophy 2025. Sri Lanka's 1996 World Cup-winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga believes that Kohli must seek help for India greats. "I think what Kohli needs to do is speak to people like Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar or a Rahul Dravid. That's what he can do. They can certainly help him out," Arjuna Ranatunga told The Telegraph on Saturday. Ranatunga, however, dismissed question marks.

Donald Trump surprises everyone with his shocking prediction for Super Bowl

Diary Times Desk : Super Bowl 2025 created another history when Donald Trump arrived for the game at Caesars Superdome on Sunday, becoming the first ever US President to attend the biggest sporting bonanza in the country's yearly calendar. Donald Trump predicted the winner of the game, also showing love to a WAG for her support. According to an ABC News report, Donald Trump was seen roaming the sidelines in the build-up to the Kansas City Chiefs vs the Philadelphia Eagles game. He waved to the crowd and raised his first, the iconic gesture that has been associated with him since an assassination attempt last July. President Donald Trump was accompanied by his family members for the occasion. Several lawmakers also arrived to watch the game with the Commander-in-chief. The Republican also predicted the winner of the game.

Sunil Gavaskar Suggests Rahul Dravid To Be Roped In After Rohit Sharma's Dismissal vs England: "A Recent Coach..."

Diary Times Desk : Cricket, unlike football, has had several rule changes in recent. From two bouncer rule to DRS to non-striker's run out, cricket has not been averse to change in rule. One of the recent rule changes also mandates that batters to not change ends when he or she hits the ball in the air and gets caught out. This essentially means the new batter will have to face the bowler, and the not the non-striker. It has been quite a few years since this rule was implemented. However, former India captain Sunil Gavaskar raised an interesting point. He said that Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) which decides the rules of the game should have the international experience of greats like Rahul Dravid, Graeme Smith. Gavaskar was making the statements after India captain Rohit Sharma got out on 119 after being caught by Adil Rashid off Liam Livingstone and the next batter Axar Patel had to take strike. "The laws are changed by MCC. At the moment, the laws are with the MCC. It's a private club that makes the laws of international games all over the world. And I do believe that there should be some international experience there. Maybe some former captains should be there. Just giving a few names. Graeme Smith, Rahul Dravid somebody who's been a recent.