

PM MODI FRANCE VISIT

INDIA AND FRANCE ELEVATE DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH INTEGRATED COMBAT SYSTEM AND R&D PARTNERSHIPS

Diary Times Desk : India and France are taking their defence cooperation to the next level by exploring the development of an integrated combat system (ICS) for Indian submarines. This move is part of a broader effort to deepen research and development partnerships in defence, with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) set to collaborate with its French counterpart, the Directorate General of Armament (DGA).

The Indian Navy currently operates six French-origin submarines, the Kalvari class, and is considering the acquisition of three additional Kalvari class subs. The two nations have discussed the possibility of introducing an ICS into future submarines, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron welcoming ongoing discussions between DRDO and French body L'Office National d'Etudes et de Recherches Aérospatiales (ONERA) to identify technologies for R&D partnerships.

In another significant development, Prime Minister Modi has invited the French Army to consider acquiring the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher, which is currently used by the Indian Army. This potential acquisition would mark another milestone in Indo-French defence ties.

The two sides discussed continuation of cooperation of air and maritime assets in line with the ambitious 'Defence Industrial Roadmap' agreed upon in 2024.

Modi and Macron discussed ongoing discussions in missiles, helicopter and jet engines, with French company Safran, collaborating with Indian Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to develop engines for next-generation copters and jets. India has also joined as observer in the Eurodrone UAV programme.



NEW INCOME TAX BILL

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Also, the word 'notwithstanding', which was used excessively in the Income Tax Act, 1961, has been done away with in the new Bill and almost everywhere replaced with the term 'irrespective'.

The Bill uses shorter sentences and has been made reader friendly with the use of tables and formulae. Tables have been provided for provisions relating to TDS, presumptive taxation, salaries, and deductions for bad debt.

The 'Taxpayer's Charter' has been included in the Bill which outlines the rights and obligations of the taxpayers.

The Bill replaces the term 'previous year' as mentioned in the Income Tax Act, 1961 with 'tax year'. Also, the concept of assessment year has been done away with. Currently, for income earned in the previous year (say 2023-24), tax is paid in assessment year (say 2024-25). This previous year and assessment year (AY) concept has been removed and only tax year under the simplified bill has been brought in.

Once introduced in the Lok Sabha likely on Thursday, the Bill will be sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance for further deliberations.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the new I-T Bill said that the Income-tax Act passed in 1961 has been subjected to numerous amendments since its passage 60 years ago.

PM Modi, Macron inaugurate India's new consulate in France's Marseille

Diary Times Desk : On the last day of his visit to France, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday jointly inaugurated India's new consulate in France's Marseille city. The consulate will be India's second diplomatic mission in the country after the embassy in Paris. It will reduce the need for people to travel to Paris for consular work. The two leaders jointly inaugurated India's new consulate in Marseille with the press of a button amid cheers from the gathered crowd. Many of these people had come bearing national flags of both India and France, while some sported a tricolour headgear, adding colour to the occasion. The inauguration marked a culmination of the announcement that was made during Modi's France visit in 2023 about India opening a consulate in the city located in the South of France on the Mediterranean coast. Marseille is a key strategic location and marks the entry point for the ambitious India Europe Economic Corridor. India has plans to use the Marseille port, where no foreign power has current presence. Prior to the inauguration, Modi and Macron visited the historic Mazargues Cemetery, and paid tributes to the fallen Indian soldiers of World War-1.



Samay Raina removes all 'India's Got Latent' episodes, says will cooperate with agencies

Diary Times Desk : Comedian Samay Raina on Wednesday said he has removed all episodes of "India's Got Latent" from his YouTube channel in the wake of the controversy over influencer Ranveer Allahbadia's remark on the comedy show. In his first response since the controversy erupted earlier this week, Raina said he will fully cooperate with all the investigating agencies in their probe. "Everything that is happening has been too much for me to handle. I have removed all 'India's Got Latent' videos from my channel. My only objective was to make people laugh and have a good time. I will fully cooperate with all agencies to ensure their inquiries are concluded fairly. Thank you," Raina, 27, posted on X. Allahbadia, 31, stirred up a major controversy with comments on parents and sex on Raina's show that went viral on social media on Monday, leading widespread criticism and multiple police complaints in Mumbai and Guwahati.

Andhra Pradesh planning to promote 'work from home' in a big way: CM Chandrababu Naidu



Diary Times Desk : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that the state government was planning to promote 'work from home' in a big way, especially for women. In a post on X, he said, "Andhra Pradesh is planning 'work from home' in a big way, especially for women." "... As we know, the work landscape underwent a shift during the COVID-19 pandemic. With technology readily available to scale, 'work from home' gained prominence. Concepts such as remote work, coworking spaces (CWS) and neighbourhood workspaces (NWS) can empower businesses and employees alike to create flexible, productive work environments," he said. He further said that such initiatives could help to strike a better work-life balance as well. We plan to harness these trends to drive meaningful change in AP. The Andhra Pradesh IT & GCC Policy 4.0 is a game-changing step in that direction. We're offering incentives for developers to create IT office spaces in every city/town/mandal and supporting IT/GCC firms to generate employment at the grassroots," said the Andhra CM.

1.6 crore people take holy dip during Maha Kumbh on Maghi Purnima

Diary Times Desk : Amid elaborate arrangements, nearly 1.6 crore people took a dip at the Sangam till noon on Wednesday on the occasion of Maghi Purnima during the Maha Kumbh mela here, the Uttar Pradesh government said in a statement. The sacred bath began early on Wednesday and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been monitoring the event from Lucknow. With the Maghi Purnima bath, the month-long Kalpavas will also end and around 10 lakh 'Kalpvasis' will start leaving the Maha Kumbh. The administration has requested them to follow traffic rules and use only authorised parking spaces. While lakhs of devotees are headed to the Sangam Nose to take a dip, the Uttar Pradesh government in a statement said that by noon, 1.59 crore people had taken the ritual dip at the Triveni Sangam and other ghats. Flower petals were also showered on devotees from a helicopter. CM Adityanath has been monitoring the Maghi Purnima Snan since 4 am at the war room in his official residence in Lucknow, the statement said. Cricket legend Anil Kumble, along with wife Chaitna Ramtirtha, took a holy dip in the Triveni Sangam. After arriving in Prayagraj on Tuesday, Kumble chose to take the holy dip on Magh Purnima, a day when no VIP protocols are observed. He joined the devotees as a regular pilgrim, taking a boat to the confluence with his wife for the ritual.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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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>



Himachal News: Satpal Singh Raizada said- DGP is trying to topple the government at the behest of the central investigation agency

Diary Times Desk : Former Vice President of the State Congress and former MLA Satpal Singh Raizada said that nothing has come out of the raids conducted by the DGP in the houses of police employees. The raids were conducted at the behest of the Central Investigation Agency. The DGP wants to topple the Himachal government at the behest of the Central Investigation Agency. If he had such strong inputs against the employees, then why did he remain empty handed in the action. It would have been better if the DGP had gathered some solid information before conducting the raid through other investigation agencies. The DGP is trying to defame the government. He said that the DGP should clarify what was the basis behind the action taken at the behest of the Central Investigation Agency. Did the Central Investigation Agencies have so many wrong inputs, on which nothing has been found after taking action. Attacking the former State President of BJP and MLA Satpal Satti, he said that before looking into his personal business, he should look into his own affairs. The video of Satti's own BJP leader beating up an entrepreneur and his wife during his tenure and currently going viral has exposed everything. Satti has been crushed due to nepotism. Satti can come to his hotel whenever he wants and take any kind of CCTV footage.



Jairam Thakur: Leader of Opposition said- Sukhu government did not make any arrangements for the devotees going to Maha Kumbh

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that Maha Kumbh, a symbol of Sanatan faith, is going on in which people from all over the country and the world are going and taking bath. Every day thousands of people from Himachal are also going to Triveni Sangam Prayagraj to take bath in Maha Kumbh, but the sad thing is that the Himachal government has not made any arrangements for the people of the state to reach Prayagraj. Due to this, the people of the state are forced to spend more money to travel to Maha Kumbh. This anti-Sanatan face of the government has come to the fore by not making any arrangements for the Hindu devotees of the state on such a holy occasion. This coincidence of Maha Kumbh has come so fortunately, but due to the indifference of the government, many people are being deprived of taking advantage of this virtue of Kumbh. Jairam Thakur said that I also received hundreds of messages from people through different mediums from different areas of the state on this step-motherly attitude of the government. Everyone had the same complaint that we are going to Maha Kumbh by buses of other states, private buses, spending thousands of rupees, so can't the government run buses for us? Jairam Thakur said that thousands of people are going to Kumbh from Himachal every day. For that, they have to pay arbitrary amount of money to bus and taxi operators. No steps were taken by the Himachal Pradesh government in such a big event.

Sanjay Awasthy: MLA Sanjay Awasthi said- BJP is not concerned about the youth, it is doing politics even on the issue of drugs

Diary Times Desk : Former working state president of Congress and MLA Sanjay Awasthi said that BJP leaders are doing politics even on the issue of drugs. BJP is not concerned about the youth, while in power, former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur neither took any strict action against the drug mafia nor took any steps towards making a strict law. The PIT-NDPS Act remained pending during the entire five-year tenure of the previous BJP government, while the Congress government issued its notification within just four months of coming to power and started strict action against the drug mafia. He said that this legal provision allows the detention of those who are repeatedly found involved in drug trafficking, so that they do not harm the security of the society. So far, the sponsoring authority has presented 81 cases under this law. In a press statement issued on Wednesday, Sanjay Awasthi said that on the instructions of CM Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu.

38th National Games 2025: Saavan won gold in 5,000 meter race by running fast, also broke 10 year old record

Diary Times Desk : In the 38th National Games being held in Uttarakhand, Sawan Barwal, a resident of Jogindernagar of Mandi, on Wednesday set a new record by completing the 5,000 meter race in 13 minutes 45 seconds. Along with winning gold, he also broke a 10-year-old national record. 10 years ago, Maharashtra runner Laxman had set a record by completing the 5000 meter race in 13 minutes 58 seconds in the National Games. This time, Sawan has won the second gold medal individually and Himachal's fourth gold medal in the National Games. On the occasion of the inauguration of the competition, Sawan Barwal had broken the one-year-old record of Uttarakhand runner Abhishek Pal by completing the 10,000 meter race in 27 minutes 49 seconds. Coach Gopal Thakur said that Sawan Barwal is bringing laurels to the state by setting records at the national and international level. After joining the Indian Army, Sawan is now working hard to showcase his talent in the Commonwealth Games as well. Sawan has thanked his sports trainers for his achievement. He will bring glory to his country across the world by winning a medal for the country in the Olympic Games.

Himachal News: NDRF base center will be built on 50 bigha land in Dakoldh, Rampur, people will get help during disaster

Diary Times Desk : NDRF base centre will be opened in Rampur. People will be able to get immediate help from NDRF in relief and rescue operations during disasters. This base centre will be built on about 50 bighas of land in Rampur. Land has been given to NDRF in Dakoldh, where a base centre will be established soon. There will be training facility for about 500 soldiers here, who will provide immediate help in times of disaster in Shimla, Kullu, Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti districts. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has a special contribution in dealing with any kind of disaster. Three companies of NDRF are working in disaster-sensitive Himachal Pradesh. NDRF companies from Mandi, Nalagarh and Rampur are working to deal with disasters. Rampur and Kinnaur are also very sensitive in terms of disasters. There is a possibility of flood in Sutlej river here, while NDRF is also needed for relief and rescue.

Himachal News: IIT Mandi receives a donation of 85 thousand dollars, research and academic excellence will increase

Diary Times Desk : Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi will promote research and academic excellence with US \$ 85,000 (about Rs 74 lakh). IIT Mandi has received a donation of US \$ 85,000 from US-based IIT Roorkee alumnus Mohinder L Nayyar. This donation is the largest contribution ever received by the IIT Mandi Dora office from a US-based philanthropist. This amount will be used to establish the IIT Mandi Endowment Fund. Which will play an important role in improving the quality of research, assisting needy students and promoting academic excellence in higher education. A tripartite agreement has been signed between Nayyar, IIT Mandi and IIT Roorkee Foundation to ensure effective use of this amount. Its objective is to promote academic development and promote talent in line with the long-term vision of the institute. IIT Mandi Director Prof. Laxmidhar Behera and Dean of Resource Creation and Alumni Relations Prof. Varun Dutt said that philanthropic support will play an important role in making IIT Mandi a world-class innovation and knowledge creation center. The Institute will continue to utilize such contributions.

Examinations for non-board classes from March 4, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan released the date sheet

Diary Times Desk : Assessment examinations will start from March 4 in schools having summer vacations in Himachal Pradesh. The State Project Office of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan has released the date sheet for examinations of class 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. No student is failed in these classes. Annual grading will be prepared on the basis of marks obtained in the assessment examination. The examination will start at 10 am in all the centers. The three-hour examination will run till 1 pm. Orders have been issued to all the District Deputy Directors to conduct the examinations smoothly.

"Are We Not Creating Class Of Parasites?" Supreme Court's Big Remark On Freebies

Diary Times Desk : Making strong observations on the practice of political parties announcing freebies ahead of elections, the Supreme Court has said people are "not willing to work" because of them and wondered whether a "class of parasites" was being created in the country. Hearing a matter on the right to shelter of homeless persons in urban areas, a bench of Justices BR Gavai and AG Masih said people were getting ration and money without working. "Rather than promoting them to be a part of the mainstream of the society by contributing to the development of the nation, are we not creating a class of parasites?" the bench asked. Pulling no punches, Justice Gavai referred to the 'Ladki Bahin' scheme in Maharashtra - under which women in the age group of 21-65 with an annual family income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh get Rs 1,500 per month - and similar programmes run by ruling parties in other states and said, "Unfortunately, because of these freebies, which just on the anvil of elections are declared, like 'Ladki Bahin' and other schemes, people are not willing to work... They are getting free ration and money without doing any work."

Meat found in Hyderabad temple triggers outrage, BJP questions police probe

Diary Times Desk : Tension gripped a Hyderabad temple on Wednesday after pieces of meat were found near the Shiva Lingam inside the premises. Devotees, shocked by the sight, immediately informed the police, who rushed to the spot to assess the situation. According to authorities of Jirra Hanuman Temple in Tappachabutra locality, the priest discovered pieces of meat and alerted the committee members. As the news spread, a crowd gathered outside the temple, with local BJP workers also taking up the issue. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Chandra Mohan confirmed that the police opened an investigation. "We received information about meat being present near the Shiva Lingam. Upon reaching the spot, we found the doors of the temple were locked. We suspect that some animal might have brought the meat inside. CCTV footage is being examined, and further details will be shared," he said. BJP MLA Raja Singh alleged that such acts had become common in Hyderabad. "Previously, similar incidents have taken place. Police always say that a dog or cat brought the meat. This has become their regular explanation."

Dumbbells Hung From Private Parts: Ragging Horror At Kerala Medical College



Diary Times Desk : Stripped naked, dumbbells hung from private parts, stabbed with geometry box compasses and beaten bloody for three months - a fresh ragging incident has rocked a government college in Kerala where five third-year nursing students have been arrested for allegedly subjecting their juniors to months of brutal physical and mental abuse. The incident took place at Government Nursing College in Kottayam where three first-year students - all from Thiruvananthapuram - filed a formal complaint with the Kottayam Gandhinagar police, detailing a series of violent acts that began in November 2024 and continued for nearly three months. The complaint led to the suspension of the students and their arrest under the Anti-Ragging Act. According to the police, the first-year students were forced to stand naked while their seniors hung dumbbells from their private parts. The victims were also subjected to injuries using sharp objects, including a compass from a geometry box.

Ex Congress MP Sajjan Kumar Convicted In 1984 Anti-Sikh Riots Case

Diary Times Desk : A Delhi court on Wednesday convicted Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in a case over the murders of two persons in Saraswati Vihar area during the anti-Sikh riots. Special judge Kaveri Baweja passed the conviction order and posted the arguments on sentence on February 18. Kumar was produced before court from Tihar jail for the pronouncement. The case relates to the killings of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984. Though Punjabi Bagh police station registered the case initially, a special investigation team later took over the investigation. On December 16, 2021, the court framed charges against Kumar, finding a "prima facie" case against him. According to the prosecution, a huge mob, armed with deadly weapons, resorted to large-scale looting, arson and destruction of properties of Sikhs to avenge the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

All Episodes Of 'India's Got Latent' Under Lens Amid Ranveer Allahbadia Row

Diary Times Desk : Following the massive row over podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia's crass remarks on 'India's Got Latent', the cyber cell of Maharashtra police is scanning every episode of the roast show to find other instances of comics making objectionable remarks on the show. According to sources, jury members who used objectionable remarks in any of these episodes will face action too. India's Got Latent is a roast show hosted by comic Samay Raina. Raina's YouTube handle has links to 12 episodes. Celebrities who have attended the show as guests include actor Rakhi Sawant, comic Bharti Singh, influencer Uorfi Javed and former Roadies anchor Raghu Ram. Sources have said that the investigators will also speak to those who attended the show as an audience and record their statements. The participants who made objectionable remarks on the show are also under the scanner. The cyber cell is also reaching out to YouTube for the deletion of all the episodes of India's Got Latent.

Guillain-Barre Syndrome: Mumbai Reports First Death, Total 8 In Maharashtra

Diary Times Desk : A 53-year-old patient died at the Nair Hospital in Mumbai of the Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said on Wednesday. With this the number of fatalities from the rare neurological disorder has gone up to 8 in Maharashtra. The 53-year-old person was admitted to Mumbai's Nair Hospital and died during the treatment. As per the Maharashtra health department till February 11, a total of 192 people have been suspected to have contracted Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). A total of 172 cases GBS cases have been confirmed and a total of seven deaths have been reported so far due to the disease. Most cases are from Pune and surrounding areas. As per information, 40 cases are from the Pune MC area whereas 92 are from the newly added villages of the PMC area. 29 cases have been reported from Pimpri Chinchwad.

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Russia rejects swapping Ukrainian territory for Kyiv-held parts of Kursk

Diary Times Desk : Russia has rejected trading the Ukrainian territory it occupies for areas in its own western Kursk region held by Kyiv forces, hours after launching a barrage of drones and missiles on the Ukrainian capital that killed one person. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Wednesday that accepting the idea floated by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in an interview late on Tuesday was "impossible". "Russia has never and will never discuss the topic of exchanging its territory," he said, saying that Ukrainian forces holding territory inside Russia would either be "destroyed" or pushed out. Ukraine staged a lightning incursion over the border last August and seized chunks of Kursk. Russian troops are still battling to eject them. Russia, in turn, controls just under 20 percent of Ukraine, or more than 112,000 square kilometres. Ukraine controls about 450 square kilometres of the Kursk region, according to open-source maps of the battlefield. Zelenskyy said, "We will swap one territory for another," adding that he did not know which part of Russian-occupied territory Ukraine would ask for back. "I don't know, we will see. But all our territories are important, there is no priority," he said.

"Nothing To Buy, Will Take It": Trump Doubles Down On Gaza Takeover Plan

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Tuesday (local time) doubled down on his threat of the United States "owning" the Gaza Strip by displacing the 2.2 million Palestinians living in the enclave to neighbouring countries as he met Jordan King Abdullah II-- now of America's closest Middle East allies. "We're going to have Gaza. We don't have to buy. There's nothing to buy. We will have Gaza...We're going to take it, we're going to hold it, we're going to cherish it," Trump told reporters from the Oval Office as he met the Jordanian King. But Trump, who made his fortune as a real estate tycoon did however deny that he would seek to personally develop property in Gaza. "No. I've had a great career in real estate," he said. Trump, who had earlier said his plan to "take over Gaza".

AI, nuclear energy, and startups: Key outcomes of PM Modi's 3-day France visit



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day visit to France has resulted in several important agreements and declarations aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two nations in the coming years. The Prime Minister's visit highlighted the strengthening Indo-French partnership across key areas, including technology, nuclear energy, sustainability, and cultural ties. Taking to X, PM Modi also said that India and France were working together to enhance cooperation in logistics, sustainability and global trade, reinforcing a shared vision for a better maritime future. "Strengthening Maritime Ties in Marseille! President @EmmanuelMacron and I visited the control room of CMA-CGM, a global leader in shipping and logistics. As India expands its maritime and trade networks, collaborations with industry leaders will play a crucial role in boosting connectivity, supply chains and economic growth. We are working towards enhancing India-France cooperation in logistics, sustainability and global trade, reinforcing our shared vision for a better maritime future," he tweeted.

Elon Musk's son X delights Trump with his cute antics at Oval Office

Diary Times Desk : Tech billionaire Elon Musk's four-year-old son X Æ A-Xii accompanied him to the Oval Office as US President Donald Trump signed an executive order to continue downsizing the federal workforce on February 11. In a post on X, The White House shared a short clip wherein little X was seen standing beside the US President's Resolute Desk as Musk fixed his son's coat. Trump was clearly delighted by little X's cute antics. "President Trump, @ElonMusk, and little X in the Oval Office," The White House captioned the post. Meanwhile, an X user posted two pictures of Trump with little X, and John Kennedy Jr. along with former US President John F Kennedy, and captioned it: "We are living in incredible times."

Mark Zuckerberg claims he was 'almost sentenced to death' in Pak over blasphemy

Diary Times Desk : Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has claimed that he was "almost sentenced to death in Pakistan" after being sued for blasphemous content on his social media platform. Zuckerberg made the claim during a recent interview with podcaster Joe Rogan while discussing challenges to social media platforms posed by different frameworks across the world. There are laws in different countries that we disagree with. For example, there was a time when someone was trying to get me sentenced to death in Pakistan because someone on Facebook had a drawing of the Prophet Muhammad, and someone said 'that's blasphemy in our culture'. They sued me and opened criminal proceedings... But I am not planning to go to Pakistan, so I'm not worried about it," he said. The Facebook CEO did acknowledge that the situation was a "little disconcerting", adding that "it's not great (if you're) flying over that region, you don't want your plane to go down above Pakistan".

Trump's Citizenship Order's Big Impact On Expecting Indian Parents

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to ban birthright citizenship for children of temporary visa holders was a bolt from the blue for immigrants, especially Indians, in America. Although on hold for now after a legal challenge, the policy has left thousands of Indians, expecting to be parents shortly, in limbo. For Indian professionals on H-1B visas, the impact is huge. Many assumed their US-born children would automatically get citizenship, but the order now threatens to upend those expectations. "This impacts us directly," said Akshay Pise, an Indian engineer in San Jose, California, whose wife, Neha Satpute, is due this month. "If the order takes effect, we don't know what comes next - it's uncharted territory," he told BBC. With their due date approaching, the couple briefly considered inducing labour early but decided against it. "I want the natural process to take its course," said Ms Satpute. Mr Pise added, "My priority is safe delivery and my wife's health. Citizenship comes second." The panic has led to reports of parents going for early C-sections to secure their child's US citizenship. But Sathesh Kathula, president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPAI), advised against it. "In a country with strict medical laws.

Elon Musk walks back Trump administration's \$50-mn Gaza condom aid claim

Diary Times Desk : US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) chief Elon Musk appeared to retract the Trump administration's claim that \$50 million worth of condoms had been allocated for Gaza under the previous administration. Musk, who was seen carrying his son on his shoulders while standing next to US President Donald Trump in the Oval Office, addressed the controversy after a reporter pointed out a recent report debunking the claim. The report revealed that the alleged aid had actually been allocated to a province in Mozambique under a US Agency for International Development (USAID) program to combat AIDS. "Some of the things I say will be incorrect and should be corrected," Musk admitted. "Nobody is going to bat 1,000. We will make mistakes, but we'll act quickly to correct any mistakes." Questioning the allocation of such a large sum for contraceptives, Musk added, "I'm not sure we should be sending \$50 million worth of condoms anywhere... I'm not sure that's something Americans would be really excited about. That really is an enormous number of condoms."



1984 anti-Sikh riots: Delhi court holds former Congress leader Sajjan Kumar guilty of murder

Diary Times Desk : A Delhi court on Wednesday held former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar guilty of murder in a 1984 anti-Sikh riots case in connection with the murder of two persons in Saraswati Vihar area of the national capital. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja, who had on February 7 deferred the pronouncement of the verdict till today – posted the matter for hearing arguments on quantum of punishment to be awarded to the convict on February 18. Kumar (79) is already serving life imprisonment in another anti-Sikh riots related case. After hearing additional submissions made by Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat, Special judge Baweja had on January 31 reserved the verdict. Earlier, the prosecution had sought time to further argue on certain points raised by the defence counsel on January 8. Kumar is currently serving life imprisonment in Tihar Jail in another anti-Sikh riots case. The case relates to the killings of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984. Punjabi Bagh police station registered the case and the probe was subsequently taken over by a special investigation team. On December 16, 2021, the court framed charges against Kumar, finding a "prima facie" case against him. According to the prosecution, a huge mob, armed with deadly weapons, resorted to large-scale looting, arson and destruction of properties of Sikhs to avenge the assassination of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



Clear legacy waste by March 31: Secretary

Diary Times Desk : Home Secretary-cum-Secretary Local Government Mandip Singh Brar today visited the dumping ground and legacy mining site at Dadu Majra to take stock of waste-management project. He was accompanied by Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Amit Kumar, Chief Engineer Sanjay Arora and other senior officers of the MC. Brar assessed the current status of the waste management and bio-mining project. The visit was aimed at reviewing ongoing waste disposal processes and exploring more technologies to enhance the capacity of the site. During the visit, the MC Commissioner briefed the Secretary on the present condition of the dump site. The Commissioner elaborated on the segregation process of wet and dry waste, explaining how different types of waste were handled to minimise the hazardous impact to preserve environment. He apprised the Secretary that special attention was being given to horticulture waste management. The Commissioner also highlighted the ongoing efforts to ensure daily waste processing at the site. A key focus of the discussion was the initiative to produce bio-soil from organic waste, which can be utilised for agricultural and landscaping purposes.

Year on, Shambhu closure remains a hurdle for traders, commuters

Diary Times Desk : One year on, the closure of Haryana-Punjab interstate Shambhu border continues to be a cause of inconvenience for commuters, local businessmen as well as agitating farmers. The Shambhu toll plaza saw cemented barricades and barbed wires come up, besides heavy police deployment to prevent the farmers from marching towards Delhi on February 13 last year. It has been lying sealed since. A large number of vehicles heading for Punjab can be spotted taking a U-turn near the toll plaza and seeking alternative routes. Transporters and commercial vehicle owners claimed to have suffered heavy losses.

Farmers' unity talks remain inconclusive in absence of Dallewal faction

Diary Times Desk : The meeting between Samyukt Kisan Morcha leaders and the Kisan Mazdoor Manch, for forging a 'unity' between all farmer unions, remained inconclusive in the absence of Jagjit Singh Dallewal-led Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political). The three-hour long meeting was held here on Wednesday. Both sides – SKM and KMM – agreed that they need to synchronise their protests and jointly fight for the cause of farmers. The Kisan Mazdoor Manch will now take up the proposal with SKM (Non-Political) farmer leaders, who are protesting at the Khanauri border for a year now. Dallewal, who is the convener of the SKM (Non-Political), has been on the indefinite hunger strike at the Khanauri border point since November 26 last year in support of various demands including a legal guarantee to minimum support price for crops. The third round of 'unity' meeting was called on Wednesday ahead of the February 14 meeting called by the Centre with the KMM and SKM (Non-Political) leaders to end the impasse, ever since talks between the two sides broke in February last year without reaching any conclusion.

'Take it or leave it attitude' of insurance companies unwarranted: Consumer Commission

Diary Times Desk : Observing that the 'take it or leave it' attitude of the insurance companies are unwarranted, the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission directed an insurance firm to pay Rs 15,000 as compensation to a city resident for denying the claim without valid reasons. The commission also directed to reimburse an amount of Rs 54,228, spent on the treatment, to the complainant along with an interest of 9 per cent per annum. The commission said it is generally seen that the insurance companies are only interested in earning premiums and find ways and means to decline claims. In his complaint, Sanjiv Rana, a resident of Sector 38, stated that he obtained a health insurance policy and on April 10, 2024, visited a private hospital in Mohali for consultation after feeling uneasiness. As there was no relief, he again approached the hospital and was advised admission. At the time of discharge, the hospital filed a claim with the insurance company but it was rejected. As per bills, the complainant had to pay Rs 54,228 for his medical treatment from his own pocket. Despite notices, the insurance company did not put in appearance before the Commission and accordingly they proceeded against ex-parte vide order dated October 30, 2024.

Haryana Assembly's budget session to begin on March 7

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Assembly's budget session will begin here on March 7, according to an official notification issued on Wednesday. The session will commence with the address of Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, said the notification issued by the Haryana Vidhan Sabha Secretariat. The governor has summoned the state assembly to convene its budget session from March 7, it said.

Deportation from US: Ambala travel agent arrested, two FIRs registered

Diary Times Desk : In a significant breakthrough, Ambala police have arrested local travel agent Gurjant Singh in connection with the deportation of youth Jitesh Walia from America. Gurjant, a resident of Ambala City, was produced before a court and remanded in police custody for five days. The arrest comes after a complaint filed by Sushil Kumar Walia, a retired police official and father of Jitesh. According to Sushil Kumar, Gurjant Singh, along with associates Jasvinder Singh, Amrik Singh, Prashant and Chacha Hyderabad, promised to secure an overseas settlement for his son in return for a fee of Rs 40 lakh. The money was transferred in multiple instalments to account numbers provided by the agents. Sushil Kumar alleged, "Jitesh was first taken to Delhi and kept there in a hotel for a week and then sent to Dubai where he stayed for next 20-25 days and then sent to Kazakhstan where he stayed for 15 days and then Ethiopia. After staying in Ethiopia for next 14 days, Jitesh was brought back to Dubai and then sent to Netherlands where he stayed for one week. From Netherlands Jitesh was brought back to India and after keeping him there in a hotel for nine days, he was sent back to Dubai. He again came back to Delhi from Dubai and then sent to Suriname. From Suriname his four-month long journey started by car, bus, on foot and boats, and on January 18 this year he was sent to America through Mexico border where he was caught and deported to India," he claimed. The complex itinerary, spanning multiple countries, underscores the alleged modus operandi of the travel agents who purportedly lured victims with promises of overseas opportunities, only to subject them to a relentless cycle of transfers and eventual deportation. A case has been registered at the Sector-9 police station under the Immigration Act.

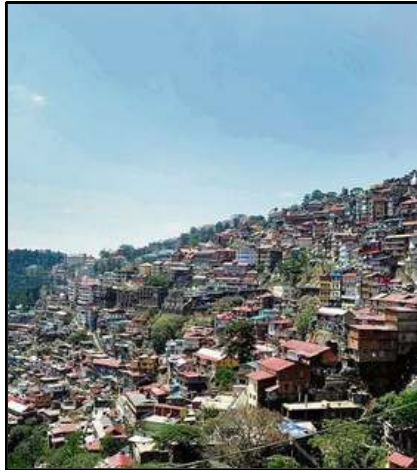
Bhanupalli-Leh rail line project makes steady progress in Mandi dist

Diary Times Desk : The construction of much-anticipated Bhanupalli-Leh railway track is steadily advancing with significant progress being made in Mandi district. The latest phase of the project saw the installation of several 'burjis'— temporary support structures — near Takoli, an important milestone in the construction process. 'Burjis' serve a vital role in stabilising the railway trackbed, particularly as the railway route navigates the challenging terrain of the Himalayas. These structures are essential in maintaining the alignment and integrity of the track, especially in areas with steep gradients and difficult topography. The installation of these 'burjis' is part of the broader effort to ensure the railway can handle the region's rugged landscape while providing a safe and reliable transport route, when completed. The work near Takoli is just the latest in a series of ongoing efforts to lay the groundwork for the Bhanupalli-Leh railway line.

SEBI restrains Manjholi-based industrial firm from securities markets

Diary Times Desk : The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) restrained Manjholi-based LS Industries, its promoter Profound Finance and four others from the securities markets till further orders. The directions were issued yesterday following allegations of fraudulent activities and stock price manipulation as per its probe. The said firm is located at Bairsen village in Manjholi area of Nalagarh. "They have been restrained from buying, selling or dealing in the shares of LSIL either directly or indirectly until further order" as per the SEBI order issued today. The SEBI noted that the company and its promoter devised a scheme in which ex-director of the company, Suet Meng Chay, first transferred 12.12 per cent holding of the company for just USD1 to JPP, then entities namely Multiplier Share & Stock Advisors Private Limited, Setu Securities Pvt. Ltd., Paresh Dhirajlal Shah and Ruchira Goyal caused the sudden spike.

No relief in sight, dry spell continues in Himachal Pradesh for next week



Diary Times Desk : The dry spell is likely to continue in Himachal over the next few days. According to the weather department, the state is unlikely to receive any snowfall or rainfall over the next seven days. There could be some snowfall or rainfall at isolated places in the higher reaches, but overall, the state is likely to experience dry conditions. This forecast will disappoint farmers and horticulturalists who are eagerly waiting for a fresh spell of precipitation. The long dry spell has put apple trees under severe stress, and the majority of apple growers are complaining that plants are drying up in the absence of adequate moisture. Even the tourist sector is taking a big hit due to the prevailing dry conditions. Due to the dry spell, the average maximum temperatures at most places are 3 to 5 degrees higher than the normal temperature. At many places in the upper Shimla area, natural water sources have dried up or the water has reduced significantly, due to which people are facing problems in getting drinking water supply. At many places, people are depending on water tankers in the middle of winter.

SC upholding contract staff rights, govt mulls options to avoid burden

Diary Times Desk : With the Supreme Court upholding the High Court decision on grant of seniority and increments to contract employees, the Himachal government is exploring its options to avoid grant of benefits to the eligible employees at par with regular employees. Anticipating a huge financial liability in case of an adverse court order, it was on December 20, 2024 that Himachal Vidhan Sabha had enacted and passed the Himachal Pradesh Recruitment and Conditions of Service Rules Bill, 2024. The Bill has become an Act with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla giving assent on February 7 last week the possibility of the employees challenging it again in the apex court cannot be ruled out, resulting in a long drawn legal battle. Now with the Supreme Court upholding the claim of contract employees, the state government is faced with a piquant legal position which is likely to be discussed at the Cabinet meeting to be chaired by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on February 13. The cash-strapped government is no position to bear the financial implication of the SC order. The main objective cited by the state government while tabling the Bill in the Assembly was that this is being done in order to avoid a huge burden on the state exchequer and not unsettle the settled position.

CM for skill development to boost job opportunities

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today emphasised the need for skill development to enhance employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth. Chairing a meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Kausal Vikas Nigam (HPKVN) here today, he directed the officials to implement training programmes aligned with market demand to improve employability and support small-scale business start-ups. The Chief Minister said that the state government would allocate Rs 25 crore to HPKVN to complete the ongoing construction of eight buildings with a target for completion by June 2025. He emphasized the need for their optimum utilisation and directed that nearby HPKVN buildings be handed over to the Technical Education Department for training of the youth. Additionally, the HPKVN has funded the upgradation of equipment across 67 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the state, benefiting students, he added. Sukhu stated that from January 1, 2023, a total of 38,713 youth have been enrolled in various HPKVN schemes and projects. Of these, 38,572 have received training certificates and 8,630 have secured placements.

Kangana's dream comes to life in Manali this Valentine's Day

Diary Times Desk : Bollywood actress and Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut is all set to venture into the food and beverage business as well with her cafe — The Mountain Story — which is slated to be inaugurated on February 14 in Prini village near Manali. Kangana shared photographs and curtain raiser of her cafe on social media recently. The actress calls this her dream venture, revealing that apart from cinema she is also passionate about food. She conceived the idea for this venture in 2021 and now, she has announced the date for the launch of her cafe. She tweeted on social media platform X, "A childhood dream comes true, my little cafe in the lap of the Himalayas. 'The Mountain Story' is a love story. Opening on Valentine's Day, it is not just a place to eat — it's a celebration of heritage and heart. A perfect blend of Himalayan architecture, cozy interiors and pahadi flavours." She added that she was delighted to witness the majestic beauty of the region near her café, with herds of sheep passing by. She expressed her happiness by posting all these pictures on social media. The cafe is housed in a large structure built with wood and stone, showcasing traditional craftsmanship and adorned with antique artefacts. The design has been curated by Shabana Gupta, who previously worked on the decor of Kangana's other properties in Mumbai and Manali. Apart from the cafe and restaurant, Kangana has recently purchased land in Manali with the intention of building a hotel, signalling her interest in the hospitality sector. Moreover, she is also involved in several other business ventures, which are being managed by her sister.



England's misery complete as Gill ton makes it 3-0

Diary Times Desk : England's miserable tour came to an end following another lopsided win for the home side as India hammered the visitors in the final ODI in Ahmedabad. India's massive win was headlined by Shubman Gill's seventh ton which came in his 50th ODI appearance for India and there were also contributions from the likes of Shreyas Iyer, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul. In reply, England's chase fizzled out around the halfway mark as they lost by a massive margin of 142 runs. With a daunting target of 357 ahead of them, England came out all guns blazing on expected lines. Ben Duckett in particular was severe against India's new ball bowlers as he hit four boundaries against Harshit Rana before finding the fence on four successive occasions against Arshdeep Singh. As a result of this onslaught, England raced to 60/0 in just six overs, setting themselves up for the tall chase. However, things quickly turned when Duckett completely mistimed a knuckleball from Arshdeep to get caught for 34. Tom Banton, getting an opportunity at No.3, started off with a switch-hit six against Washington Sundar but at the other end, another slower delivery from Arshdeep consumed Phil Salt. While England had 84 runs in the first nine overs, the two wickets did cause a dent. Joe Root and Banton consolidated for a brief period with the latter employing the switch hit once again for another six, this time off Axar Patel. However, Kuldeep Yadav managed to send Banton back to the pavilion with a googly.



Asalanka ton powers SL to win in Colombo low-scorer

Diary Times Desk : Charith Asalanka (127 off 126 balls) and Maheesh Theekshana (4 for 40) inspired Sri Lanka to a memorable come-from-behind win over Australia, by 49 runs, in the ODI series opener in Colombo. The hosts were down and out at 55/5 in the 15th over but the skipper waged a lone battle, leading from the front with his fourth ODI century that took Sri Lanka to a respectable 214. Asitha Fernando provided a fiery start to their defence, and Theekshana troubled the lower-order to keep the visitors to just 165 in reply. Spencer Johnson struck in the opening over to dismiss the dangerous Pathum Nissanka cheaply after Sri Lanka opted to bat first, and later sent back Kamindu Mendis in his new-ball spell, reducing Sri Lanka to 31/4 in the seventh over. In between was Aaron Hardie, who also struck in his opening over to claim the wicket of the other Sri Lankan opener, and then in his third to curb the boundary-filled start of Kusal Mendis. That soon became 55/5 when Sean Abbott had Janith Liyanage caught by Steve Smith on 11. Asalanka then joined hands with Dunith Wellalage to stabilise the crumbling innings with a 67-run partnership for the sixth wicket, taking their side past the 100-run mark. Against the run of play, an excellent catch in the slips from Smith brought curtains on this partnership.

'I batted well in WTC final but got dropped... Abhi bhi cricket bacha hai mera': Ajinkya Rahane eyes Test return

Diary Times Desk : Ajinkya Rahane has said that he continues to be hungry for a return to Test cricket but for now, his sole focus is on performing as best as he can for Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy. Rahane has hit top form in the last 10 matches, registering three 90-plus scores, one 80-plus knock, and a century in the quarterfinal. "I am batting well now. Mushtaq Ali went very well. I have scored runs in earlier matches. I am happy with my batting," Rahane said following Mumbai's entry into the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy with victory over Haryana. Rahane, who made a surprise return to India's Test squad after two years during the last WTC final against Australia in 2023, was the team's top scorer (89 and 46) in an otherwise disappointing outing for the batters. After scoring 135 runs on a challenging surface, Rahane was picked as the vice-captain for the West Indies but after three low scores, the veteran batter was dropped. Rahane said selection is not in his hands, but he believes he did his best in the WTC final and still has a lot to offer at the Test level. "I batted nicely in the World Test Championship final in 2023 too. After that, I got dropped. Being selected or not selected is another matter, and the job of the selectors.

Stubborn Kerala deny J&K to enter Ranji semis

Diary Times Desk : A dramatic quarter-final in Pune came to an end as Kerala held fort with the bat to make it through to the Ranji semi-finals courtesy of their one-run lead from the first innings. The last day was well poised with Kerala requiring 299 runs while J&K had to pick up eight wickets. Sachin Baby and Akshay Chandran stitched a third-wicket partnership of 58 runs for almost 43 overs before the latter fell to offspinner Sahil Lotra. He later managed to prise out Kerala skipper Baby who scored 48 off 162 balls, as J&K brought themselves back into the hunt. The second session went J&K's way as they picked up three wickets in the session to leave Kerala at 180 for 6 at one point, when they smelt blood. Apart from Baby, Jalaj Saxena and Aditya Sarwate both fell to Abid Mushtaq. With the prospects of chasing 399 having diminished immensely, hero and centurion from the first innings Salman Nizar batted alongside Mohammed Azharuddeen for over 40 overs in a seventh-wicket partnership of 105 runs. J&K threw everything at Kerala but they remained unfazed and stood their ground.

Starc out of Champions Trophy for personal reasons; Smith to lead Australia

Diary Times Desk : Australia's Steve Smith-led squad for the upcoming ICC Men's Champions Trophy will be without Mitchell Starc. The left-arm seamer, who recently featured in both Tests in Galle, has withdrawn from the tournament due to undisclosed personal reasons. Cricket Australia have not provided further details, respecting Starc's request for privacy. With Marcus Stoinis retired and the likes of Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Marsh injured, the selectors have brought Ben Dwarshuis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Spencer Johnson, Tanveer Sangha and Sean Abbott into the new-looking 15-man squad, with Cooper Connolly as the travelling reserve. "We understand and respect Mitch's decision," George Bailey, chair of men's selectors, said of Starc who will also miss the two ODIs in Sri Lanka. "Mitch is deeply respected for his commitment to international cricket and the priority he places on performing for Australia. "His well documented ability to play through pain and adversity, as well as forgoing opportunities in other parts of his career to put his country first should be applauded. "His loss is of course a blow for the Champions Trophy campaign but does provide an opportunity to someone else.

Bumrah ruled out of Champions Trophy; Varun a late inclusion in India squad

Diary Times Desk : In a significant jolt to India's plans for the Champions Trophy, Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the tournament. ESPNcricinfo has learned that Bumrah is yet to completely recover from the discomfort in his back, an injury he picked up during the Sydney Test in January that also ruled him out of the England white-ball series. Yashasvi Jaiswal has also been left out of the provisional squad, and Varun Chakravarthy has been named as his replacement. While Bumrah's latest scans, which he underwent in Bengaluru over the weekend, did not reveal anything severe, he is not entirely ready to return to bowling. There is no confirmation on the timeline of his return. It is likely he will resume running in a couple of weeks and then gradually get back to bowling. His progress will be monitored by the BCCI's medical team in Bengaluru. This is the second ICC tournament Bumrah will miss because of injury, having sat out the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia owing to a back injury that eventually required surgery.

