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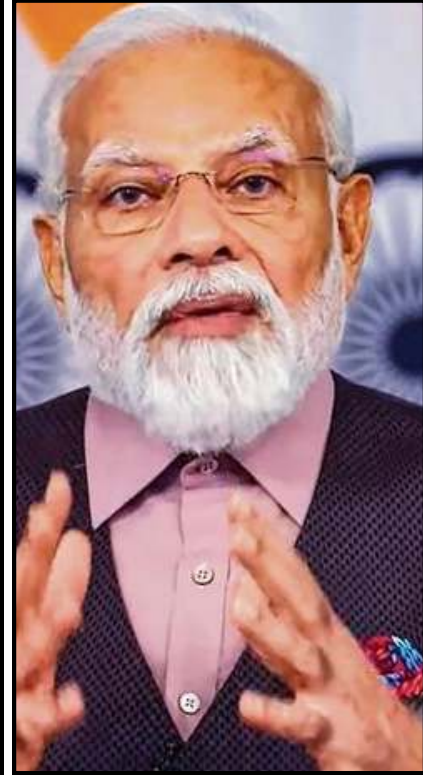
Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its continued success in space sector saying the field has become a favourite choice of career for today's youth.

"I will talk about the wonderful century that India has made in space. Last month, the country was a witness to ISRO's 100th rocket launch. This is not just a number but it rather shows our resolve to achieve new heights in space science," Modi said during his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' address. He said India's space journey started in a normal manner where there were challenges at every step but scientists continued moving forward and achieving success.

With time, the list of our achievements in space science continues to grow longer. Be it building a launch vehicle, or success of Chandrayaan, Mangalyaan, Aditya L1, or carrying out the unprecedented mission of sending 104 satellites into space at one go with one rocket. The ambit of ISRO's success is quite large," Modi said.

The PM said that in the past 10 years, around 460 satellites had been launched and these included many satellites of other countries. He also mentioned the growing participation of women in the space sector. "One major thing of recent years has been that in our team of space scientists, participation of women power has been increasing," the PM said. Modi expressed happiness at the youth showing an inclination towards the space sector.

"I am happy to see that today the space sector has become a favourite of our youth. Just a few years back, who would have thought that in this sector the number of startups and private sector space companies would reach hundreds. For our youth who want to do something thrilling and exciting in life, the space sector is becoming an excellent option. With National Science Day approaching, the Prime Minister urged students and young minds to cultivate a passion for science. He introduced the idea of 'One Day as a Scientist,' encouraging people to visit research labs, planetariums, or space centres to experience the scientific process firsthand. He emphasised that such experiences would enhance curiosity and deepen understanding.



ITALY PM

WHEN TRUMP, MELONI, MODI TALK, THEY ARE UNFAIRLY CALLED THREAT TO DEMOCRACY: ITALY PM



Diary Times Desk : Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has accused left-wing politicians of being "nervous" over Donald Trump's victory, claiming that conservatives are unfairly labelled as a "threat to democracy" while leftist leaders are celebrated for similar global alliances.

Speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) 2025 in Washington on Sunday, Meloni praised Trump and US Vice-President JD Vance while taking aim at "elites" and left-wing leaders.

"The Left is nervous, and with Trump's victory, their irritation has turned into hysteria -- not only because conservatives are winning but because conservatives are collaborating globally," she said.

She highlighted what she called a double standard, recalling how former US President Bill Clinton and former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair were praised for creating a global liberal network in the 1990s, while leaders like Trump, herself, Argentine President Javier Milei and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are accused of endangering democracy.

"When Bill Clinton and Tony Blair created the global leftist liberal network in the 90s, they were called statesmen. Today, when Trump, Meloni, Milei or maybe Modi talk, they are called a threat to democracy. This is the Left's double standard," she said. She added that despite media and political attacks, conservative leaders continue to win elections because "people no longer believe lies". "People are not as naive as the Left considers them. They vote for us because we defend freedom, we love our nations, we want secure borders, we preserve businesses and citizens from green leftist insanity. We defend family and life, we fight against wokeism, we protect our sacred right to our faith and our free speech, and we stand for common sense," she added.

TRUMP TARGETS US AGENCY, CLAIMS 18 MILLION DOLLARS GIVEN TO INDIA TO HELP WITH ELECTIONS

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has claimed that the Biden administration allocated USD 18 million in funding to India to help with its elections, arguing that the country doesn't need this money. His remarks came during a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) on Saturday after he repeatedly attacked the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for allocating USD 21 million in funding to India for "voter turnout". In his speech, Trump also accused India of taking advantage of the US. "Eighteen million dollars for helping India with its elections. Why the hell? Why don't we just go to old paper ballots, and let them help us with their elections, right? Voter ID. Wouldn't that be nice? We're giving money to India for elections. They don't need money," he said. "They take advantage of us pretty good. One of the highest tariff nations in the world...We have a 200 per cent there and then we're giving them a lot of money to help them with their election," Trump said. Trump also criticised the USAID for giving USD 29 million to Bangladesh. "USD 29 million goes to strengthen the political landscape and help them out so that they can vote for a radical left communist in Bangladesh," he said, without naming.



CONGRESS TO HOLD AICC SESSION IN GUJARAT'S AHMEDABAD ON APRIL 8-9

Diary Times Desk : The Congress on Sunday said that it would hold its AICC session in Gujarat's Ahmedabad on April 8 and 9 to deliberate on the challenges posed by the BJP's "anti-people" policies, its alleged attack on the Constitution and charting the party's future road map. In a statement, Congress general secretary, in-charge organisation, K C Venugopal, said the upcoming session will serve not only as a platform for crucial deliberations but also as a reaffirmation of the Congress Party's collective resolve to address the concerns of the common people and present a strong alternative vision for the nation. "This significant gathering will bring together AICC delegates from across the nation to deliberate on the challenges posed by the anti-people policies and the relentless attack on the Constitution and its values by the BJP, while charting the party's future course of action," Venugopal said.

62 CRORE DEVOTEES HAVE VISITED MAHA KUMBH: UP CM YOGI ADITYANATH



Diary Times Desk : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that 620 million devotees had visited the Maha Kumbh mela being held at Prayagraj. Welcoming the guests at the Unicorn Companies Conclave in Agra, CM Yogi said, "I can call it the Unicorn Maha Kumbh of the startup world because, at this time, Maha Kumbh is an attraction for people." CM Yogi highlighted that such a gathering of people during a specific time period is a "rare" event. "So far, 62 crore devotees have come to Prayagraj Maha Kumbh... Such a large gathering of people during a specific period is one of the rare events of this century. This tradition of India has given rise to the arrangement of organising these events at four important places in India since ancient times," Yogi said. Meanwhile, the authorities managing the Maha Kumbh mela have implemented extensive crowd-control measures at Ayodhya Dham Railway Station to ensure smooth management and safety as a huge influx of devotees is expected on upcoming Maha Shivratri festival. Deputy Superintendent of Police Yashwant Singh said that devotees would only be allowed to go to the platform when the train arrives.

ARMY CHIEF TO VISIT FRANCE, TO BE BRIEFED ABOUT FUTURE COMBAT

Diary Times Desk : Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi will be on a four-day visit to France from February 24 to 27 as part of the efforts to bolster the India-France defence cooperation. The Army chief will engage with senior military leadership of France at Les Invalides, Paris. The day will begin with a Guard of Honour followed by discussions with French Army chief Gen Pierre Schill. The two will look to foster stronger military ties between the two nations. The itinerary includes a visit to the French Military School and Institution Complex in Paris, where Gen Dwivedi will be briefed on future combat command. He will be briefed at the technical section of the French Army and visit the 'battle lab' at Versailles. He will also travel to Marseille, where he will visit the 3rd Division of the French Army and will be briefed on the mission and role of the 3rd Division, the bilateral exercise Shakti, India-France training cooperation, and the French Army modernisation programme (Scorpion).



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



KCCB LOAN SCAM: ANOTHER REVELATION IN THE VIGILANCE INVESTIGATION, THE LOAN MATTER WAS ALSO TAKEN UP

Diary Times Desk : Another revelation has been made in the vigilance investigation in the loan fraud case of crores of rupees in connivance with the officials and employees of KCCB. The matter of giving loan to the accused Bains was also taken up in the meeting of the Board of Directors of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank. After discussion here, the loan was given. In such a situation, now the vigilance will also question the members of the former board of directors. To take the investigation forward, the vigilance is going to call these members for questioning one by one. The MD and other officials of the bank are also being questioned in this case. However, the accused Bains is currently on interim bail. Actually, the loan was allotted during the tenure of the previous government. Vigilance has found many important evidence to take the investigation forward during the interrogation of Bains. After the members of the Board of Directors, the former Chairman and Managing Director of the bank are to be called for questioning in the Vigilance office. It has also been revealed in the interrogation that the information about the case registered by the Vigilance against the accused has been given to NABARD, Income Tax, RBI. It is noteworthy that Bains, the owner of M/s Himalaya Snow Village and Hotel Lake Palace, is accused of taking the loan fraudulently in connivance with the bank staff.



SOLAN NEWS: FIVE YOUTHS ARRESTED IN TWO SEPARATE CASES, BANNED NARCOTIC PILLS RECOVERED

Diary Times Desk : In two separate cases under Police Station Sadar Solan, police teams of Police Station Sadar Solan and Police Outpost Saproon have arrested five youths during patrolling. The accused have been arrested with a total of 304 banned narcotic pills. The arrested accused have been identified as Rajan resident Dhobighat District Solan. Kuldeep Kumar, District Solan. Gagan, resident Dhobighat Solan. Rohit Sharma resident District Doda Jammu. Abhishek Verma resident village Garu Solan. The narcotic drugs seized from the said accused are banned under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Action was taken against the five arrested accused under Section 18 Drug & Cosmetic Act. SP Solan Gaurav Singh has confirmed the case. The previous criminal record of the five accused is being investigated.

HIMACHAL BUS FARE: 'BAD' NEWS FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE OF HIMACHAL, SUKHU GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO INCREASE BUS FARE

Diary Times Desk : To improve the financial condition of Himachal Pradesh Path Parivahan Nigam (HRTC), there are preparations to increase the bus fare in the state. In the meeting of the Board of Directors of HRTC held on Saturday, the proposal to increase the minimum bus fare from Rs 5 to Rs 10 and to increase the general fare by 20 percent has been approved. It is now being sent to the government for approval. The cabinet will take the final decision on this. In the meeting of the BOD, a reduction in the discount being given in fares to various sections has also been suggested. Apart from this, it was also decided to buy 700 buses at a cost of about 600 crores. If the government approves the proposal of HRTC, then the bus fare in Himachal (for hilly areas) will increase from Rs 2.19 per kilometer to Rs 2.62 per kilometer. Talking to reporters after the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said that the corporation has completed all the formalities for the purchase of 297 Type-1 e-buses. The Board of Directors has accepted the recommendations of the purchase committee. Now the proposal for bus purchase will be sent to the cabinet. These buses will start operating within four months. The Board of Directors has also approved the tendering of 250 37-seater diesel buses. The process for purchasing 24 super luxury bus.

HIMACHAL : TO DEAL WITH THE WATER CRISIS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL AUDIT THE WATER SOURCES, STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO STOP LEAKAGE

Diary Times Desk : To deal with the water crisis, the Himachal government will audit the water sources in the state. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena has issued instructions to Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Jal Shakti Omkar Sharma to form a committee for this. Before the drinking water crisis deepens in summer, the committee will be asked to prepare an action plan to ensure proper distribution of water by closely studying all the water sources. This committee will take steps to prevent leakage in the pipes from water sources and water supply from them across the state. Details of illegal borewells will be collected. This step is being taken with a view to ensuring water supply to every person in the state. Citing a report, the Chief Secretary has directed that the Jal Shakti Department should take appropriate steps to assess the condition of the existing reservoirs. According to the complaint received by the Chief Secretary, about 40 to 50 percent of the water.

LEADER OF OPPOSITION TOOK A DIP IN SANGAM WITH HIS WIFE, ALSO SPOKE ON PM'S MANN KI BAAT PROGRAMME

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that 'Mann Ki Baat' is the most popular program in the world. People across the country eagerly await it. This program inspires the countrymen. Through this 'Mann Ki Baat' program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a message to the youth that India should consider becoming a leader in every field. Jairam Thakur said that from space to deep-tech and AI, our youth should see science not as a subject but as a mission. The way India is progressing in the field of science, it is clear that the coming century is ours. ISRO launched its 100th mission. This is not just a number, it is an important milestone in India's long leap into space in the times to come. India has achieved historic achievements in space research from time to time, behind this is the Prime Minister's inspiration and every possible cooperation. Jairam Thakur said that this conversation is a dialogue of hope and positivity which reflects India's collective power. Prime Minister Modi's call to dedicate a day to science by visiting research institutes is a step towards inculcating innovation in our national character. Pariksha Pe Charcha is a unique initiative of the country which has proved.

HPU SHIMLA: DATE FOR ADMISSION IN B.ED, UG, PG AND DIPLOMA COURSES EXTENDED, HPU ISSUED NOTIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh University's distance education institute Center for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) ECDOL has extended the date of application and registration for admission in January session. Director Prof. Sanju Karol has issued a notification regarding this. According to the notification, the last date for online registration and admission for B.Ed. course from ECDOL has been fixed as 13th March. Counseling will be held from 17th to 25th March. The date has been extended after the notice issued by UGC's Distance Education Bureau. Students fulfilling the eligibility criteria fixed till 12th March will also be able to apply for admission in MA Education course from CDOE. Counseling of the course will be held on 16th and 27th March. For admission in MBA Professional course, students will be able to apply and register online till 20th March. The first phase of MBA counseling will be held.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PETROL PUMP WORKERS ATTACKED WITH AXE AND SWORD IN UNA, HIMACHAL, RS 60 THOUSAND LOOTED; TWO INJURED

Diary Times Desk : Two bike-borne robbers attacked three employees of Jio Petrol Pump situated in Police Station Tahliwal area with axes and swords on Saturday morning and escaped with cash worth Rs. 60,000. Two employees were injured in the attack. Police have started investigation by registering a case on the complaint of the employee. According to the information received from the police, two bike-borne robbers entered the petrol pump with sharp weapons at 3 am in the morning. The accused attacked three employees with axes and swords. In the attack, one employee suffered serious injuries on the head and other parts of the body while the other employee suffered minor injuries. After this, the accused fled from there after taking cash from the employees. Vipin (20), resident of village Bhawanipur Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur (Punjab) told the police in his complaint that he has been working at Jio Petrol Pump Nangal Kalan Tahliwal for about seven months. On Saturday morning, he was on night duty with his fellow employees Lovely Kumar and Mohit Kumar.

'INDIAN ARMY JOINS IN ON RESCUE OPS' SAYS MINISTER UTTAM KUMAR REDDY

Diary Times Desk : Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said "We have reviewed the rescue operation with the representatives of the Army, NDRF, and Navy. Our Govt is working hard and putting all its efforts into saving the lives of the eight people who are trapped inside. PM Modi and Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi spoke to our CM Revanth Reddy and ensured their full cooperation in the rescue operation..."

KARNATAKA, MAHARASHTRA BUS SERVICES AFFECTED AS BORDER ROW FLARES UP IN BELAGAVI

Diary Times Desk : As the border row in Belagavi flared-up after a KSRTC bus conductor was allegedly assaulted, Karnataka and Maharashtra have suspended their bus services. The decades-old dispute resurfaced on Friday when a bus driver and a conductor were beaten up for allegedly not speaking in Marathi at Marihal in Belagavi, PTI reported. The bus conductor stated in his police complaint that a girl asked for a ticket in Marathi. When he said he did not know Marathi and asked her to speak in Kannada, she and her male friend attacked him. A group of youth beat up the conductor. While police arrested four people for the attack, the conductor has also been booked for 'indecent behaviour' with the minor girl on a complaint filed by the girl, Belagavi Police Commissioner Yada Martin Marbanianang told reporters. In retaliation, miscreants blackened and assaulted a bus driver of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) Bhaskar Jadhav at Guyilal in Hiriyur Taluk of Chitradurga district on Saturday.

MAN SMUGGLES DIAMOND-GOLD NECKLACE WORTH RS 6.08 CRORE AT DELHI AIRPORT, ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A man who was smuggling in a gold necklace studded with diamonds worth Rs 6.08 crore was arrested upon arrival at the IGI Airport from Bangkok, officials here said on Sunday. On the basis of profiling, Customs officers booked a case of smuggling of gold necklace studded with diamonds on February 12 against one Indian male passenger, who arrived at IGI Airport's T-3 from Bangkok. Detailed examination of the baggage and personal search of the passenger resulted in the recovery of a diamond-studded gold necklace weighing 40 grams, having a total value of Rs 6,08,97,329 (Rs 6.08 crore), the Delhi Customs said.

'ANTI-NATIONAL WORK': CONGRESS QUESTIONS BJP OVER 'FAKE NEWS' ON USAID FUNDING



Diary Times Desk : Amid the USAID funding row, Congress accused the BJP of "anti-national work" by spreading "fake news from America" and asked why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and external affairs minister S Jaishankar remain silent on alleged insults to India by Donald Trump and Elon Musk. However, the BJP dismissed Congress' allegations and called Rahul Gandhi a "traitor," accusing him of working with foreign forces to weaken India. Congress general secretary in-charge Jairam Ramesh said, "BJP is a procession of liars and illiterates. The news about USD 21 million, on which the BJP and their bootlickers were jumping on, turned out to be fake. The USD 21 million in 2022 was not for 'voter turnout' in India, but for Bangladesh." The Congress leader said in a Hindi post on X that ever since the Trump administration's DOGE said on February 16 that USAID had canceled the USD 21 million funding for "voting in India," the BJP has been making fabricated allegations against the party.

AVAILABLE FOR CONGRESS BUT HAVE OPTIONS IF PARTY DOESN'T NEED ME: SHASHI THAROOR

Diary Times Desk : Amid a row over his remarks praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Pinarayi Vijayan-led LDF government in Kerala, senior Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said he was available for the party, but warned he had "options" if it did not require his services. Speaking at IE Malayalam podcast, Tharoor, however, refuted rumours of switching parties, saying he did not believe so even if there was a difference in opinions. Tharoor's remarks assumed significance as he earlier praised the Kerala government's policies and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for meeting US President Donald Trump in the US, gestures which have not gone well with the Congress. During the podcast interview, Tharoor reacted to the controversy and said he never thought of himself as a politician and that he had "narrow political thoughts". He called on the Congress to expand its base in Kerala to attract.

'AAP LEFT EXCHEQUER EMPTY': DELHI CM REKHA GUPTA ON ₹2,500 AID SCHEME FOR WOMEN

Diary Times Desk : Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday said that the previous AAP government has left the public exchequer empty, but her administration will still implement the ₹2,500 monthly scheme for women. Ahead of the assembly polls, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had promised a monthly aid of ₹2,500 for women from "poor families" under the 'Mahila Samridhhi Yojana' and ₹21,000 for pregnant women in its Delhi election manifesto. "The situation left behind by the previous government is such that when we review the financial status with officials, the public exchequer appears completely empty. The Mahila Samridhhi Yojana is a regular feature for the people of Delhi, a continuous effort for our sisters, and we will introduce it among the public with detailed planning," said Rekha Gupta while addressing a press conference. She also said that all MLAs would take oath during the first session of the Delhi government. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker would be elected.

PENDING AUDIT REPORTS TO BE TABLED IN DELHI ASSEMBLY, ATISHI SAYS 'ALREADY SENT'

Diary Times Desk : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday reiterated that the newly-elected BJP government will table the pending 14 Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) reports in the first session of the Assembly beginning Monday. However, former Chief Minister Atishi countered the claim, saying the reports have already been submitted to the House. The three-day session, starting Monday, will see oath-taking of newly-elected MLAs, the election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, as well as the tabling of the 14 pending CAG reports on the performance of the previous AAP government. Speaking to reporters, Gupta also accused the previous Arvind Kejriwal and Atishi-led governments of financial mismanagement and asserted that they must be held accountable. "The most important thing is putting the pending CAG report on the House table in the first session.

ATISHI CHOSEN AS LEADER OF OPPOSITION IN DELHI ASSEMBLY

Diary Times Desk : Former chief minister Atishi was on Sunday chosen as the leader of opposition in the Delhi assembly. The decision was taken during a legislative meeting of all Aam Aadmi Party MLAs. The meeting was attended by AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and the party's 22 MLAs, including Atishi. Atishi becomes the first woman to hold the post in the Delhi assembly. The first session of the Delhi Assembly will begin on February 24. In the three-day session, the ruling BJP government has said that pending CAG reports against the performance of the previous AAP government will be tabled in the House. Earlier this month, the BJP regained power in the national capital winning 48 out of 70 assembly seats, while AAP captured 22 seats and the Congress failed to win any. AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal and several top leaders of the party, including Manish Sisodia, also lost the elections. The Delhi assembly session will commence on February 24, where the MLAs will be sworn in and the new Speaker will be appointed. Bharatiya Janata Party's leader Vijender Gupta has been nominated as speaker, whereas Arvinder Singh Lovely has been appointed pro-tem speaker in the meantime.



"Humiliating Ceremonies": Netanyahu Delays Palestinian Prisoners' Release

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that freeing Palestinian prisoners under the Gaza ceasefire deal will be delayed until Hamas ends its "humiliating ceremonies" while releasing Israeli hostages. Since the ceasefire came into effect on January 19, Hamas has released 25 Israeli hostages in well-rehearsed handovers, with masked operatives parading the captives on stage and forcing them to wave at Gazans gathered to watch. In their seventh scheduled prisoner-hostage swap, Hamas released six Israeli captives on Saturday while Israel delayed releasing Palestinian prisoners. The Palestinian group called the move a "blatant violation" of the truce deal. Israel was expected to release more than 600 Palestinian prisoners. "In light of Hamas' repeated violations -- including the disgraceful ceremonies that dishonour our hostages and the cynical use of hostages for propaganda -- it has been decided to delay the release of terrorists that was planned for yesterday (Saturday) until the release of the next hostages is ensured, without the humiliating ceremonies," Netanyahu's office said in a statement on Sunday.

"Mud They Throw At Us...": Giorgia Meloni's Shoutout For PM Modi, Trump

Diary Times Desk : Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni launched a scathing critique of what she describes as a "liberal network," accusing the left of hypocrisy and of reacting with "hysteria" to the rise of conservative leaders globally. Speaking via video link at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington DC on Saturday, PM Meloni praised US President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance while attacking what she referred to as "elites" and left-wing politicians. PM Meloni argued that liberals have become increasingly frustrated with the rise of right-wing leaders, particularly following President Trump's return to the White House. "When Bill Clinton and Tony Blair created the global leftist liberal network in the 90s, they were called statesmen," she said. "Today, when Trump, Meloni, (Javier) Milei, or maybe (Narendra) Modi talk.

Thousands attend funeral for slain Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah



Diary Times Desk : Tens of thousands of people in Lebanon paid their last respects to Hezbollah's late leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli attack in the southern suburbs of the capital, Beirut, last September. The public funeral, delayed for security reasons, began at 1pm local time (11:00 GMT) on Sunday at Beirut's Camille Chamoun Sports City Stadium, which has a capacity of about 50,000 people. The event kicked off with a speech by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that was read out at the funeral. Then, the decorated coffins of Nasrallah and his heir apparent Hashem Safieddine – killed in another Israeli air attack a week later were slowly driven into the stadium. Both coffins were draped with yellow clothes – the colour of the Iran-backed group. At the sight of the coffins, the crowd erupted in cheers and then followed the journey into the stadium in silence. In a televised speech, Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem said the group would keep following the path of Nasrallah.

Elon Musk Recalls How He Fired Ex-X CEO Parag Agrawal After New DOGE Diktat

Diary Times Desk : Elon Musk took a swipe on Saturday (local time) at Parag Agrawal, former X chief executive officer (CEO), who was sacked in 2022 after the Tech billionaire took over the platform. This came as Musk, who has been roped in by US President Donald Trump to head the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), issued a diktat to federal employees to justify their work over the past week or lose their jobs. Replying to a post on X that said "Almost three years ago Elon Musk asked Parag Agrawal what he got done last week. Now he's asking every federal worker the same question", the Tesla CEO wrote, "Parag got nothing done. Parag was fired." Ever since Musk's order to federal workers, netizens have been posting memes and screenshots of an old conversation between Agrawal and the Tesla chief before he acquired the microblogging platform in 2022.

Trump's transactionalism the compass now for Ukraine war

Diary Times Desk : Three years after the Russia-Ukraine war and the immense human and capital losses on both sides, there are flickering signs of an end -- though its shape is yet unclear. The war was marked by the shifting of balance from one side to the other throughout, and it was clear that an end could only come about off the field and at the negotiating table. To that end, the US opening talks with Russia, in the normal course of things, would have been perceived as a significant positive. The US, along with Nato, backed Ukraine against Russia's aggression, and expectations were that it would back Kyiv's interests in negotiations with Moscow. Now, however, prospects for peace have come against the backdrop of US president Donald Trump's blatant transactionalism. After the American and Russian sides held talks in Saudi Arabia early last week -- with Ukraine conspicuously absent -- US secretary of State spoke of supporting peace in Russia, and hyphenated it with "incredible opportunities ... economically" from Washington partnering Moscow. Days after, Trump called Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky a dictator and said Kyiv was responsible for the war. On Saturday, he made a U-turn, recognising Russian president Vladimir Putin as the aggressor, though tempering this by saying Ukraine (and the Joe Biden administration) "shouldn't have let him attack".

Defense secretary defends Pentagon firings, says more dismissals may come

Diary Times Desk : Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is defending President Donald Trump's firing of the nation's senior military officer and a wave of dismissals at the Pentagon, insisting that they weren't unusual despite accusations that the new administration is injecting politics into the military. "Nothing about this is unprecedented," Hegseth told "Fox News Sunday" about Air Force Gen. CQ Brown Jr. being dismissed Friday night as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "The president deserves to pick his key national security advisory team." Hegseth said "there are lots of presidents who made changes" citing former commanders in chief from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to George H.W. Bush to Barack Obama who the defense secretary said "fired or dismissed hundreds" of military officials. Months into his first term, Obama relieved Army Gen. David McKiernan as the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, making him the first wartime commander.

"We're Draining Swamp": Trump Defends Mass Deportations

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has defended the mass deportation of undocumented foreign nationals, saying his administration draining the swamp by sending home fraudsters, cheaters, globalists and deep state bureaucrats. Trump has made the mass deportation of undocumented migrants a key policy. Addressing the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) outside Washington on Saturday, he said, "The fraudsters, liars, cheaters, globalists, and deep state bureaucrats are being sent packing." "Illegal alien criminals are being sent home. We're draining the swamp and restoring government by the people," he said. As of 2022, unauthorised immigrants represented 3.3 per cent of the total US population and 23 per cent of the foreign-born population, according to Pew Research Centre. US President Donald Trump has moved to overhaul parts of the US immigration system since returning to office and promised "mass deportations" and arrests.



NOT MY CONCERN, HERE TO SERVE PEOPLE, SAYS DHALIWAL AMID ROW OVER PORTFOLIO

Diary Times Desk : Minister Kuldeep Dhaliwal has been at the centre of a controversy after a report revealed that he headed the Department of Administrative Reforms, which never existed, for 20 months. Dhaliwal, who now only holds the portfolio of NRI Affairs, downplayed the issue, saying his focus is on serving Punjab, not on whether the department exists or not. He said, "You must have read that they had wound up the department. As for me, I had returned from the US to serve Punjab and not to take up any departments. My only aim is to save Punjab and bring it back on track. It is up to the CM to take whatever kind of work he wants to take from me. The department's existence is not my concern." The response of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to the report, however, was different from Dhaliwal. "We have only changed the nomenclature of the department," he told the reporters at Bhawanigarh.



6 JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BOOKED FOR RAGGING

Diary Times Desk : The Rai police have booked six students of Jindal Global University (JGU) for allegedly ragging and beating up a second-year student. In his complaint to the police, Pravesh Kumar, a second-year student of BA (criminology), said around 8.30 pm on February 20, he was in his friend's room when the accused — Vihan Paliwal, Piyush Jakhar, Kanishk Sihag, Prashant Sharma, Adhir and Aasim — along with five to seven people reached there and started ragging him. As he opposed them, they allegedly hit him on the head with a steel bottle and also beat him up with a belt. They also tried to strangle him with a silver chain that he was wearing. They allegedly recorded the entire incident and threatened to make the video viral on social media. They also broke his mobile phone. The police said they had registered an FIR and begun investigating the matter. In another incident, a third-year LLB student was beaten up near the cricket ground on the university campus on late Friday night. Kanishk Singh, a resident of Patna, in his complaint to the Rai police, accused another student, Abhgyan Rana, of punching him on the nose in an inebriated state. Kanishk was admitted to a private hospital in Sonapat. The Rai police booked the accused.

YAMUNA AT ENTRY TO DELHI NOT FIT FOR OPEN BATHING: CPCB

Diary Times Desk : One day before the newest Delhi CM Rekha Gupta took six ministers to the Yamuna's Vasudev ghat for Yamuna 'aarti' last Thursday, pledging to clean the river, soon after she took her oath at Ramlila Maidan, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) submitted a report to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) stating that the water quality of the river at the Palla and Wazirabad monitoring stations were not even fit for bathing. According to the CPCB report, the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) level at Palla was as high as 6 mg/litre and 5 mg/litre at Wazirabad on October 29, 2024. BOD is a parameter which measures the oxygen quality of water, the lower the better. It should be as little as 3 mg/litre.

'SO SORRY, NEK CHAND': PUBLIC OUTRAGE TO FORE AS CHANDIGARH'S ICONIC ROCK GARDEN FACES DEMOLITION

Diary Times Desk : Nek Chand's iconic Rock Garden in Chandigarh, known for its innovative and artistic use of recycled materials, is facing a significant challenge as some parts of it are being demolished for a road-widening project. The plan aims to create additional parking space near the High Court, but it has led to the destruction of a section of the garden's wall. This demolition has sparked outrage among locals, as the Rock Garden, a symbol of creativity and sustainable art, holds immense emotional and cultural importance for Chandigarhians. Nek Chand's son, Anuj Saini, has also expressed deep concern over the damage inflicted on his father's legacy. The move has drawn criticism from heritage conservationists, who argue that the destruction of such a unique landmark compromises both Chandigarh's environmental and historical integrity. In response to the destruction, an urgent call to action has been issued by concerned citizens. A protest will be organised at the Rock Garden (High Court parking side) at 3 pm on Sunday. A poster circulating online emphasises the need for people to stand together to resist the demolition and protect the city's unique heritage. The image shows the heartbreaking sight of bulldozers tearing down sections of the Rock Garden's wall, serving as a stark reminder of what is at stake.

MAYOR SEEKS AID AS PER 3RD DELHI FINANCE PANEL

Diary Times Desk : With the proposals of the 4th Delhi Finance Commission (DFC) yet to be approved by the Centre for the Chandigarh MC, Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla has urged UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria to release grant-in-aid as per the previous recommendations. Earlier, the MC House had adopted the proposals of the fourth commission for financial grant. In a letter to the Administrator, Babla has stated that the Chandigarh MC House had adopted the recommendations of the 4th commission for grant-in-aid. However, despite persistent follow-ups by the Chandigarh Administration with the Home Ministry over the matter, there has been no progress in their implementation here. "The MC is facing extreme financial difficulties and is struggling to meet even its committed liabilities. Hence, it is requested that the matter be raised at the appropriate level for the release of grant-in-aid as per the recommendations of the 3rd DFC under a stopgap measure until the 4th DFC recommendations are accepted or a new finance commission is constituted," she stated in her letter. The 4th DFC recommendations, aligned with Section 84-A of the Punjab Municipal Act.

CM SAINI CONDOLES DEATH OF UNION MINISTER KRISHAN PAL GURJAR'S MATERNAL UNCLE

Diary Times Desk : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has expressed condolences over the death of Rajpal Nagar, maternal uncle of Union Minister of State and local MP Krishan Pal Gurjar, who passed away following a brain haemorrhage at a hospital here early on Sunday morning. Nagar was 60. CM Saini, who was in Faridabad for political engagements on Sunday, attended the funeral along with senior leaders and ministers, including Vipul Goel and Rajesh Nagar. Offering his sympathies, Saini said, "It is a personal loss for the family of the Union Minister and also a loss for his supporters within the party." Rajpal Nagar had been admitted to a private hospital after suffering a heart attack on Thursday. During treatment, he suffered a brain haemorrhage, which proved fatal, sources said. Nagar had been actively involved in the family's political and business interests for several years, playing a significant role in local affairs. The sudden demise led Krishan Pal Gurjar to cancel his scheduled political engagements, including participation in CM Saini's roadshow, as he mourned the loss with his family.

CLEAN YAMUNA, MAKE RIVER WATER POTABLE: CPS KHULLAR TO OFFICIALS

Diary Times Desk : With the BJP back in power in Delhi, the Haryana Government has taken the lead step to clean the Yamuna, which became a big political issue during the elections in the national capital. Chief Principal Secretary (CPS) to the Chief Minister Rajesh Khullar on Saturday held a meeting of the officials concerned on the Yamuna Action Plan at the DC Camp office on Saturday and sought a detailed report. He also directed the officials to clean the Yamuna and maintain the parameters at Tajewala Head in Yamunanagar district, from where the river water is released up to the last point in Haryana. The Yamuna enters Panipat from Rana Majra village. After covering a total 33 km up to Rakshera, it enters Sonapat district. Khullar said approximately 11MLD (million liter per day) sewage is being discharged into drains without treatment from the city. The capacity of sewage treatment plants is more than 168.8 MLD, but the total discharge from the city is approximately 95 MLD. However, as per a report of the HSPCB, 70% of waste water reaches STPs.

YELLOW ALERT FOR SNOW, RAIN AT MANY PLACES IN HIMACHAL FROM FEBRUARY 25

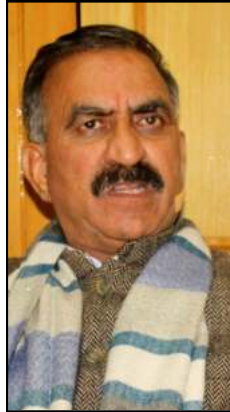
Diary Times Desk : The weather department has issued a 'yellow' alert for light to moderate rain/snow at many places over the state from February 25 to February 28. There's a possibility of one or two spells of heavy rain/snow at isolated places from February 26 to February 28 as well, it added. There will be no large change in minimum and maximum temperatures till Monday, but thereafter the minimum temperatures are likely to rise by 3-4 degree Celsius and maximum temperatures are likely to fall by 5-7 degree Celsius over many parts of the state. Cold day conditions likely at isolated places in mid-hills on February 26-27, it said. The state had a widespread rain and light-to-moderate snow at some places a few days back, which reduced the winter precipitation deficiency in the state from 80 to 66 per cent. The upcoming wet spell will further bring down the precipitation deficiency in the state.

LIVE GRENADE FOUND NEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL, DEFUSED IN NURPUR

Diary Times Desk : A live, powerful hand grenade, marked model H-E-36, was discovered under mysterious circumstances near a private public school at an isolated location along the seasonal Kutkana rivulet in Kher village here on Sunday. The grenade was first spotted by a local resident who had gone to graze cattle in the area. Upon noticing the suspicious object, the resident immediately informed the police. A police team quickly rushed to the site and identified the object as an Unidentified Explosive Object (UXO). Fatehpur SDM Vishut Bharti notified the district administration, which, in turn, contacted the army authorities. Following coordination between the district administration and the bomb disposal team of the 202nd Engineer Regiment, Mamoon Cantonment (Pathankot), the area was cordoned off. The grenade was successfully defused without incident. He confirmed that the grenade was live, with its pin intact, and could have caused a significant explosion if detonated accidentally. Further investigation is underway, he added.

GOVT AMENDS PRISON MANUAL TO END CASTE-BASED WORK ALLOTMENT

Diary Times Desk : On the direction of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state government has amended all caste-based provisions in the Himachal Pradesh Prison Manual, 2021, to ensure equality and elimination of caste-based work allocation among prisoners. The step has been taken to ensure that there is no caste-based discrimination in the prisons of the state. A spokesperson for the government today said that a para had been inserted in the manual, prohibiting caste-based discrimination in prisons and correctional institutions. "The newly added provision in para 5.66 ensured that no discrimination, classification or segregation of prisoners will occur on the basis of caste. Whereas, para 5.67 mandates that there will be no discrimination against prisoners in the allotment of duties or work in prisons on the basis of their castes. Para 5.68 invokes the provision that the prisoners will not be engaged in manual scavenging, sewage maintenance and septic tank cleaning. Earlier, there was a provision in the Prison Manual allowing the employment of paid sweepers in the absence of female prisoners for cleaning tasks. This clause, previously under para 214, has been deleted," he added.



PATWARIS, KANUNGOS TO BE STATE-CADRE EMPLOYEES

Diary Times Desk : The patwaris and kanungos of the Revenue Department in Himachal Pradesh will henceforth be state cadre employees. A notification to this effect was issued by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today. Earlier, these employees were district cadre employees. The notification declared that the divisional, district or settlement cadre of all naib tehsildars, kanungos and patwaris of the Revenue Department would be "State Cadre" for all purposes with immediate effect. Consequently, the Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary and the Secretary would be the appointing and disciplinary authority in respect of naib tehsildars, while the Director of Land Records would be the appointing and disciplinary authority in respect of patwaris and kanungos. The seniority of naib tehsildars, kanungos and patwaris would be maintained or disposed of at the level of the Director and till the time the recruitment rules are amended, the undergoing process of filling the vacant posts of naib tehsildar, kanungo and patwari through direct recruitment or promotion would be carried under the prevalent Recruitment and Promotion Rules, the notification added. The patwaris and kanungos of the Revenue Department in Himachal Pradesh will henceforth be state cadre employees.

HRTC TO PURCHASE 700 BUSES: DEPUTY CM

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) will add 700 new buses to its feet, including 297 electric and 24 super luxury buses, within the next four months. Deputy Chief Minister Agnihotri, while addressing mediapersons here today, said that the HRTC had decided to purchase 297 electric buses. "The proposal for the purchase of 297 electric buses will be placed before the Cabinet and the buses will be added to the HRTC feet within the next four months," he added. He chaired the Board of Director's meeting of the HRTC held here. He said that the process to purchase 24 new super luxury buses was in the final stage and a proposal in this regard would be sent to the Cabinet for approval. "In the meeting, approval was also given to invite tenders for the purchase of 250 diesel buses. These buses will be of 37-seater capacity. Besides, it was decided that the process for re-tendering would be initiated for the purchase of 100 mini buses," he added. Agnihotri said that the arrival of 700 new buses would facilitate transportation to the remote villages of the state, benefiting local residents and tourists as well. "Following the instructions of the Central Government to discard 15-year-old diesel.

FASTAG FACILITY TO BE INTRODUCED AT 6 ENTRY TAX BARRIERS

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Government will introduce FASTag-based entry tax collection at all 55 toll barriers in a phased manner to streamline entry tax payments and reduce waiting time for commuters entering the state. In the first phase, the FASTag-based entry tax facility will be implemented at six places, namely Garamaura in Bilaspur district, Parwanoo (main), Tipra bypass (Parwanoo) in Solan district, Govindghat in Sirmaur district, Kandwal in Kangra district, Mehatpur in Una district and Baddi in Solan district. A government spokesperson said that the government had decided to auction-cum-tender all entry tax barriers for the financial year 2025-26, expecting a 7.5 per cent increase in entry tax revenue compared to the financial year 2024-25. The successful toll lessees for the selected toll units must complete all formalities related to FASTag-based entry tax system implementation within 45 days, failing which their lease will be cancelled. They will bear the entire cost of installation and operation, including charges of the issuer bank, NPCI, IHMCL and the acquiring bank. Senior departmental officers have been directed to ensure timely implementation in their respective jurisdictions. The spokesperson said the toll lessees must submit an undertaking confirming FASTag-based entry tax system implementation at their own expense. Additionally, they must issue receipts to commuters making to-and-fro trips within 24 hours and they would be strictly prohibited from charging any amount beyond the approved toll rates, the spokesman added.



CLINICAL INDIA LEAVE PAKISTAN ON THE ROPES

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan were left to comprehend the very real possibility of eviction from their own party as India clinically dispatched them off in the Champions Trophy 2025 clash at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Every Indian bowler played his part as the defending champions were restricted to a sub-par score of 241, which was then overhauled comfortably as Virat Kohli led the way with a masterful unbeaten hundred - his 51th in the format. India-Pakistan contests - without factoring in for the tournament context - often tend to be a contest as much of mental fortitude as of cricketing skills. For a good part of the last decade and a half, India have been superior on both counts and so it proved to be as the two teams began reading from a very familiar script. Pakistan did win what seemed an important toss given the expected nature of the Dubai pitch - slow and low - but their batters veered the extremes between trying too hard or not trying hard enough and imploded to waste what was a much better PowerPlay than the one they'd produced four nights ago in Karachi. India on the other hand, did what they do well in these contests - do the small things well and let the opposition work themselves into a frenzy. They were there to accept every opportunity that Pakistan presented and by the end, the gulf between the sides was very apparent. Interestingly, it was India that made the more nervous start as Mohammed Shami bowled a 11-ball first over.



ROHIT SHARMA GIVES EPIC REPLY AS RAVI SHASTRI COMMITS FAUX PAS DURING INDIA VS PAKISTAN TOSS

Diary Times Desk : India captain Rohit Sharma had a fun little chat with former head coach Ravi Shastri after Pakistan skipper Mohammad Rizwan won the toss and decided to bat first. With the conditions in Dubai favouring the team batting first more, both captains were looking to put runs on the board. But, it was Rizwan whose wish was fulfilled. However, Shastri committed as faux pas as he also asked India skipper Rohit, who hasn't had tosses going his way for a long time. The Hitman, however, saved Shastri's blushes, preventing further damage from being done. After speaking to Rizwan, who had won the toss, Shastri asked Rohit, "What have you decided?" before realising that it was the Pakistan captain who had won the toss. A smiling Rohit then said, "Doesn't really matter, they won the toss so we'll bowl first." Rohit also revealed that India are playing the same XI against Pakistan. "Looks similar to the last game, the surface is on the slower side. We have an experienced unit in batting so we know what we need to do if the pitches get slower. Need an overall performance from the team - with bat and ball. The last game wasn't an easy one for us, which is always nice. You want to be under pressure and test yourself. We are playing the same team," he said.

KOHLI FASTEST TO 14,000 ODI RUNS; BREAKS TENDULKAR'S RECORD

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli has become the fastest batter to reach the milestone of 14,000 ODI runs, getting there in his 287th innings in the Champions Trophy match against Pakistan in Dubai. Kohli began the game against Pakistan 15 runs short of 14,000, and passed the milestone during India's successful chase of 242, leading his team to victory with an unbeaten hundred, his 51st in the format. He reached his century by hitting the winning runs, a cover-driven boundary off part-time spinner Kushdil Shah. Kohli is only the third batter to score 14,000 in ODIs after Sachin Tendulkar, who reached the landmark in 350 innings, and Kumar Sangakkara, who took 378 innings. Kohli got to 14,000 in 63 fewer innings than Tendulkar. He is currently averaging over 57 in the format, while Tendulkar (44.19) and Sangakkara (41.73) were averaging in the early 40s when they got to 14,000 runs. He is also the fastest to 14,000 runs in terms of balls faced, needing 14984 balls, much quicker than both Tendulkar and Sangakkara, who needed 16292 and 17789, respectively.

"WHY WOULD THEY...": SUNIL GAVASKAR'S BLUNT TAKE AS PANT, CHAKRAVARTHY, ARSHDEEP REMAIN ON BENCH

Diary Times Desk : Team India went with an unchanged XI for their second Group A match against Pakistan in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 on Sunday. After beating Bangladesh in their tournament opener, India went ahead with the same combination for the high-profile clash against Pakistan, leaving the likes of Rishabh Pant, Varun Chakravarthy, Arshdeep Singh, and Washington Sundar on the bench. When India great Sunil Gavaskar was asked about his opinion of India's XI, he gave a straight-forward response, suggesting there was no need to India to make changes. "Why would they change?" said Gavaskar. "It's a slow wicket and they have a winning combination. One change they could've made is bringing in Varun Chakravarthy but Mohammed Shami picked up 5 wickets in the last match and Harshit Rana didn't do anything wrong." The last time India and Pakistan clashed in a Champions Trophy event was during the 2017 edition's final, when Virat Kohli-led star-studded unit was humbled by Men in Green at the peak of star batters' run-chasing powers, being skittled out for 158 runs while chasing a mammoth 338 runs.

ABRAR AHMED GIVES FIERY SEND-OFF TO SHUBMAN GILL, SIGNALS TOWARDS DRESSING ROOM; INDIA OPENER LOOKS BACK IN ANGER

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan spinner Abrar Ahmed came up with the ball of the match as he dismissed India's opening batter, Shubman Gill, in the 18th over of the Group A match of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025. Such was the brilliance of the delivery that even Virat Kohli looked impressed at the non-striker's end. After rattling Gill's stumps, Abrar gave a send-off to the right-hander as he signalled towards the pavilion. Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar also said on commentary that the delivery reminded him of Ravichandran Ashwin's carrom-ball or the flicker. On the third ball of the 18th over, Abrar Ahmed bowled a quick leg-break and ended up squaring Gill, who was well set in the middle. The absolute ripper beat Shubman Gill's defence, and his stumps were rattled. As the Pakistan supporters celebrated in the stands, Abrar signalled to Gill to walk back to the dressing room. Virat Kohli's reaction at the non-striker's end was priceless as he looked amazed by the delivery that Abrar dished out to end Gill's knock of 46 runs off 52 balls. Earlier, Abrar was not taken aback by the challenge of bowling to Virat Kohli as he stared.

IND VS PAK: 'INZI WOULD BE UPSET' - RAVI SHASTRI DIGS OUT INZAMAM-UL-HAQ'S RUN-OUT RECORD AFTER NEPHEW IMAM'S DISMISSAL

Diary Times Desk : Despite the loss of Babar Azam's wicket, Pakistan had enjoyed the better of the first Powerplay in the high-profile Champions Trophy clash against India in Dubai. That was when Inzamam-ul-Haq decided to take on Axar Patel's arm at mid-on in pursuit of a suicidal run. Axar's throw was unerring, and Inzamam was well short of his crease. It was his sixth run-out dismissal in 73 ODIs, and prompted Ravi Shastri, on commentary for Star Sports, to ask if it 'ran in the family genes'. Inzamam's uncle, Inzamam-ul-Haq, is widely considered one of the greatest batters in Pakistan cricket history, having played a pivotal role in their World Cup win in 1992. Inzamam was also a notoriously poor runner between wickets. While Wasim Akram deflected Shastri's question by saying 'Inzi would be upset', the numbers speak for themselves. In 120 Tests, Inzamam was run out six times, a fairly unremarkable stat. But in the 50-over format, he was caught short of the crease an astonishing 40 times in 378 matches.

