

AMIT SHAH ON J&K

"ZERO TOLERANCE" POLICY": AMIT SHAH PRAISES EFFORTS TO TACKLE TERRORISM IN J&K

Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday reiterated Modi government's zero tolerance policy towards terrorism and lambasted previous dispensations for being 'soft on terror'.

Amit Shah, while replying to the debate on the working of Ministry of Home Affairs in the House, listed out some path-breaking decisions of Modi government including abrogation of Article 370 and how it brought lasting peace in the valley. Home Minister, speaking in Rajya Sabha, said that after the removal of Article 370, the involvement of locals with terrorists has completely ended, marking the restoration of peace in the entire region.

He further said that the glorification of terrorists, which was often seen during UPA rule, has come to an end during the NDA's decade-long rule. He also noted a 70 percent reduction in deaths due to terror-related incidents. Comparing figures, he said that between 2004 and 2014, the region saw 7,217 terror incidents, whereas between 2014 and 2024, this number dropped to 2,242.

The Home Minister expressed deep respect for the sacrifices made by police personnel and also took the opportunity to highlight their achievements in strengthening the nation's security and governance. "I want to pay tribute to all the police personnel who have sacrificed their lives for the safety and security of the people. Thanks to their immense sacrifice, India is now poised to play an important role in global affairs, a position we've been working toward for over 76 years. My heartfelt gratitude goes to the families of these brave officers for their unwavering service," he said.



TRUDEAU EXIT

"OUR HOPE IS...": AFTER TRUDEAU EXIT, INDIA RECALLS "LICENCE TO EXTREMISTS"

Diary Times Desk : Days after Mark Carney replaced Justin Trudeau as Prime Minister of Canada, India, on Friday, recalled "the downturn in India-Canada relations". New Delhi squarely blamed the "licence given to extremists" under Justin Trudeau for the strained ties, hoping to rebuild them after the change in Canada's leadership.

Justin Trudeau's ouster was complete last week when Canada's ruling Liberal Party replaced him with a new prime minister. An entirely new Cabinet was sworn in on March 14. Both Ottawa and New Delhi now hope to rebuild ties, which currently are at a historic low.

On a question regarding Canada at a weekly press briefing, India's Ministry of External Affairs today said that "The downturn in India-Canada relations was caused by the license that was given to the extremist and secessionist elements in the country", adding that "Our hope is that we can rebuild our ties based on mutual trust and sensitivity."

Shortly before taking oath as Prime Minister, Mark Carney had also expressed his keenness to build on ties with "like-minded countries" and had called the chance to rebuild ties with India as an "opportunity" he would like to work on.

"What Canada will be looking to do is to diversify our trading relationships with like-minded countries - and there are opportunities to rebuild the relationship with India. There needs to be a shared sense of values around that commercial relationship, and once I am the prime minister, I look forward to the opportunity to build that," he had said. Ties between India and Canada saw a sharp decline after a surge in incidents of radicalisation and extremism by rogue elements of 'Khalistani' separatist groups, which Justin Trudeau permitted, describing them as "free speech" and "freedom of expression".





'CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE': SC DISPELS 'MISINFORMATION AND RUMOURS' ABOUT DELHI HC JUSTICE YASHWANT VARMA'S TRANSFER

Diary Times Desk : Amid reports about the transfer of Justice Yashwant Varma of the Delhi High Court to the Allahabad High Court following alleged recovery of unaccounted cash at his residence during a fire incident, the Supreme Court on Friday sought to dispel "misinformation and rumours", saying the transfer proposal was still under consideration. In a statement, the top court clarified that the proposal to transfer Justice Varma to the Allahabad High Court was not linked to the in-house enquiry initiated by the Delhi High Court Chief Justice. "The proposal for transfer of Mr. Justice Yashwant Varma, who is the second senior most Judge in the Delhi High Court and a member of the Collegium, to his parent High Court i.e. the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, where he will be ninth in seniority, is independent and separate from the In-house enquiry procedure," the statement read. "The proposal was examined by the Collegium comprising of the Chief Justice of India and four senior-most Judges of the Supreme Court on 20th March 2025, and thereafter letters were written to the consultee Judges of the Supreme Court,



'CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE' ROCKS PARLIAMENT: RAJYA SABHA CHAIRMAN ASSURES STRUCTURED DISCUSSION

Diary Times Desk : A shocking incident involving the alleged recovery of unaccounted cash at the residence of Justice Yashwant Varma of the Delhi High Court has sparked outrage in the Parliament. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh raised the issue in the Rajya Sabha, prompting Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to express shock and assure a structured discussion on the matter. Ramesh sought the Chair's response on judicial accountability and a pending notice for the removal of Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav of the Allahabad High Court. Dhankhar agreed with Ramesh's concerns and stated that he had taken necessary steps to verify the representation made by 55 members of the House regarding Justice Yadav's removal. Dhankhar emphasised the need for a transparent and accountable systemic response, highlighting that if a similar incident occurred with a politician, bureaucrat.

INDIA CONDEMNS PAKISTAN'S HOSPITALITY TO FUGITIVE PREACHER ZAKIR NAIK

Diary Times Desk : The presence of fugitive Islamic preacher Zakir Naik in Pakistan has further strained the already tense ties between India and Pakistan. India has expressed its disappointment and concern over Pakistan's hospitality to Naik, who is wanted in India on charges of alleged money laundering and inciting terrorism. Naik was recently seen in Pakistan, where he met with high-ranking officials, including Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz. He also met with former Pakistan cricketer Mohammad Hafeez, who shared pictures of their meeting on social media. Reacting to Naik's visit, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that Pakistan's actions demonstrate their approach to hosting a wanted individual. Jaiswal emphasised that Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism is the biggest roadblock to peace and security in the region. India has also responded sternly to Pakistan's comments on Jammu and Kashmir, stating that Islamabad should vacate Indian territory under its "illegal and forcible occupation". The tension between the two nations has been escalating, with Pakistan accusing India of fomenting militancy in Balochistan and Kashmir.



ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370 MARKED NEW ERA FOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR: AMIT SHAH



Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that August 5, 2019, marked the beginning of a new era for Jammu and Kashmir, as the government abolished Article 370 of the Constitution, which granted the state special status. This move paved the way for development, prosperity, and full integration with the rest of India. Shah blamed previous governments for retaining Article 370, which he described as the root cause of Jammu and Kashmir's alienation from India. He emphasised that the Modi government's move had ensured that the people of Jammu and Kashmir now have the same rights as the rest of the country. Shah highlighted the significant progress made in Jammu and Kashmir, citing the increase in elected representatives, from 90 MLAs and some MPs to over 34,000 elected representatives across various levels of government.

YOUR HOROSCOPE 22-03-2025

<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 VIDHAN SABHA BUDGET SESSION: EDUCATION MINISTER SAID- 550 LECTURER POSTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS NEXT MONTH

Diary Times Desk : 550 posts of lecturers will be filled in Himachal's government schools next month. The appointment process will be started after the recruitment exam results are declared. This will overcome the shortage of teachers in schools. This information was given by Education Minister Rohit Thakur during the Question Hour in the budget session of the Assembly on Friday. Answering the question of BJP MLA Reena Kashyap, the Education Minister said that the vacant posts of teachers in schools in tribal areas will be filled on priority, so that the studies of the students are not affected. He said that 336 principals have been promoted. The process of filling 700 posts of PGT is going on in the Education Department. Earlier, PGT Hindi and Physics lecturers have been appointed. The Education Minister said that the previous government had filled only 511 posts of PGT, while the Congress had approved the filling of 700 posts in the very first year of forming the government. In response to the question of MLA Reena Kashyap, he said that 11 posts have been filled and 7 are vacant in Senior Secondary School Jadol Taproli under Pachhad Assembly constituency. The vacant post of Principal has already been filled. He said that the post of clerk has not been created in Senior Secondary School Kotla Barog. Soon a clerk will be deployed in the school.



HIMACHAL NEWS: DISTRICT LABOR OFFICER IN UNA DEMANDED A BRIBE OF TEN THOUSAND RUPEES, ARRESTED RED HANDED

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh State Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau carried out a major operation in Una. Vigilance arrested District Labor Officer Ranveer Singh Dhatwalia red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 10000. This action was taken on the complaint of a labor contractor of Tahliwal Industrial Area. Complainant Rajat Kumar is a labor contractor in Tahliwal Industrial Area. Rajat Kumar told in his complaint to the Vigilance that District Labor Officer Ranveer Singh demanded a bribe of Rs 10000 from him in lieu of renewing his labor license. On the basis of the complaint, Vigilance laid a trap and sent the complainant to the labor officer as per the decided plan. As soon as the labor officer took the bribe amount in his hand, the Vigilance team immediately swung into action and caught the accused red handed. This action took place in the office of the District Labor Officer. It is worth noting that a corruption case is already registered against the accused Ranveer Singh. On February 2, 2022, under a case, he is accused of taking a bribe of Rs 26000. He was taking this bribe in exchange for issuing a registration certificate under the Himachal Pradesh Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1969.

HIMACHAL NEWS: RAJNI PATIL DEMANDS HIMACHAL'S RIGHTS FROM MODI GOVERNMENT, RAISED THE ISSUE IN RAJYA SABHA

Diary Times Desk : Rajya Sabha MP and Himachal Pradesh Congress in-charge Rajni Patil demanded the rights of Himachal from the Modi government at the Center. On Friday, she left no stone unturned to corner the Modi government on the issue of the hill state of Himachal Pradesh in the Rajya Sabha. Raising questions on the functioning of the Home Ministry, Rajni Patil said that in the year 2023, a terrible tragedy occurred in Himachal Pradesh during the monsoon, in which more than 500 people lost their lives and infrastructure worth thousands of crores was damaged, despite this the central government discriminated against Himachal for its compensation. Rajni Patil said that the Congress government of the state had demanded 10 thousand crores from the central government to compensate for the tragedy caused by the monsoon, but in lieu of this only Rs 400 crore was released which is blatant discrimination against Himachal.

HP ASSEMBLY SESSION: UNSATISFIED WITH CM'S REPLY IN BUDGET DISCUSSION, OPPOSITION MEMBERS WALKED OUT OF THE HOUSE SHOUTING SLOGANS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that Himachal is facing an economic crisis due to the financial mismanagement of the previous government. Despite receiving various grants of Rs 68 thousand crore from the central government, the Jairam government also took a loan of Rs 40 thousand crore. Responding to the discussion on the budget in the Vidhan Sabha on Friday afternoon, the Chief Minister also presented the figures of grants received from the Central Government from the year 2017 to 2022 and the loans taken by the then government. Angered by this, the BJP MLAs created a ruckus in the House and raised slogans. After protesting by standing on their seats for some time, the BJP MLAs walked out of the House. On this, the Chief Minister said that the criticism of the budget was very weak. The allegations made by the BJP MLAs are not based on facts. In the absence of the opposition, the Chief Minister said that the previous BJP government trapped Himachal in a debt trap. During the tenure of the previous BJP government, Himachal received a generous amount of about Rs 68 thousand crore from the Central Government in the form.

HIMACHAL NEWS: 6225 CRORES SPENT ON 4 NEW RAILWAY LINES IN HIMACHAL, UNION RAILWAY MINISTER ASHWANI VAISHNAV GAVE INFORMATION

Diary Times Desk : Out of the 4 new rail lines of total length of 255 km costing Rs 13168 crore in Himachal Pradesh, 61 km has been commissioned. Rs 6225 crore has been spent on these till March 2024. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav gave this information in response to the question of Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Sikandar Kumar. He informed that in the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri (63.5 km) new line project, out of a total of 124.02 hectares of land in Himachal Pradesh, 79.57 hectares has been acquired and work has been started. Rs 5205 crore has been spent on this project and Himachal owes an amount of Rs 1351 crore. He informed that work on the Chandigarh-Baddi (30 km) new rail line project has been started. Rs 727 crore has been spent on this. Himachal Pradesh's share is Rs 363.5 crore.

HIMACHAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION: BJP MLA SATPAL SINGH SATTI SAID- WHO IS THIS WIFE WHO IS TAKING MONEY TO GET TRANSFER DONE?

Diary Times Desk : While discussing the budget, BJP MLA Satpal Singh Satti said that honest officers should be encouraged. When politicians get involved in a nexus with officers, only then incidents like Vimal Negi happen. Honest officers are being encouraged to commit suicide. He said that money is being taken for transfers in the health department. Chief Minister Sukhu is approving the transfers, Minister Dhaniram Shandil is implementing those instructions, then who is this wife who is taking money to get the transfers done. Satti said that the villages of the suspicious officers and the property of their relatives should be investigated. He said that the difference of Rs 100 crore in the solar power plant installed in Pekhuvela and Gujarat should also be investigated. BJP MLA Satpal Singh Satti said that it is absolutely wrong to say that the previous government is responsible for the economic situation. The process of taking loans is many years old but when the government used to change, no one used to cry. The present government is constantly crying over it.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PRIYANKA GANDHI VADRA REACHED SHIMLA FOR HOLIDAYS, WILL STAY AT HER RESIDENCE IN CHHARABRA

Diary Times Desk : All India Congress Committee General Secretary and Lok Sabha member from Wayanad Priyanka Gandhi Vadra reached Shimla for holidays. At 6:50 pm, she came to Shimla by road from Chandigarh and from here directly reached her residence in Chharabra. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has her own house in Chharabra where she often comes to spend holidays. According to sources, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has a program to stay here for the next few days. A few months ago, Priyanka Vadra came to Shimla with her entire family, husband, children and mother Sonia Gandhi. This is Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's personal visit, during this time she has no program to meet anyone. She will celebrate holidays by staying at home. As soon as Priyanka Vadra reached Chharabra, the police increased security there. Soldiers have been deployed around.

BJP'S 'ALAMGIR RAHUL-ZEB' SWIPE AT CONGRESS OVER CONTENTIOUS MUSLIM QUOTA BILL IN KARNATAKA

Diary Times Desk : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday took a swipe at the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, after the Congress-ruled Karnataka government passed a bill that allows for 4% reservation for Muslims in government contracts in the assembly. BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra claimed that Rahul Gandhi pushed the state government's decision, alleging he was using the "crutches of Muslim quota" to advance his politics as he knows that he would not be otherwise able to deliver. Patra also claimed that Gandhi was politically unfit and used rhyming Urdu lines to throw several barbs at him. Referring to Mughal ruler Aurangzeb, Patra said that "Alamgir Rahul-Zeb" is nursing the ambition to become "Jahanpanah", according to PTI. The BJP leader alleged that the Congress government's decision in Karnataka is only the beginning and will create a divide in the country. He claimed that the Opposition party could even give a "100% quota" to the minority community in pursuit of its appeasement politics.

GRABBING BREASTS, SNAPPING PYJAMA STRING NOT ATTEMPT TO RAPE: ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : Grabbing breasts of the victim, breaking the string of her pyjama and trying to drag her beneath the culvert are not enough to charge an accused with the offence of rape or attempt to rape, the Allahabad high court observed recently, describing such an act as "aggravated sexual assault" while modifying a summoning order and altering the charges against two accused. The two accused were initially summoned by the district court to face trial under Section 376 of the IPC (rape) and Section 18 of the PocsO Act, but the HC instead directed that the accused be tried under Section 354-B of the IPC (assault or use of criminal force with intent to disrobe) with Sections 9/10 of the PocsO Act (aggravated sexual assault). The court observed, "The allegations levelled against the accused, Pawan and Akash, and facts of the case hardly constitute an offence of attempt to rape in the case. In order to bring out a charge of attempt to rape, the prosecution must establish that it had gone beyond the stage of preparation." The difference between preparation and actual attempt to commit an offence consists chiefly in the greater degree of determination, a bench of Justice Ram Manohar Narayan Mishra observed.

AMIT SHAH TAKES 'KAALA CHASHMA' JIBE AT RAHUL GANDHI ON J&K SITUATION



Diary Times Desk : Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday took a sharp jibe at Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi while speaking in the Rajya Sabha on counter-terrorism operations and development in Jammu and Kashmir. "If someone is sitting with kaala chashma (black glasses) on, how is it possible to show them the development?" Shah asked in a swipe towards the Congress leader, according to ANI. He also spoke about Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir, saying that the Congress leader had claimed to see terrorists from afar. "Arre bhai, nazar mein hi atankwadi hai toh sapne mein bhi ayega aur Kashmir mein bhi" (If someone has terrorist in their mind, he will appear in your dreams as well as in Kashmir), Shah said. In his address to the Upper House, Shah criticised previous governments for failing to take firm action on terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

388 INDIANS DEPORTED FROM US SINCE JANUARY 2025: GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : A total of 388 Indian nationals have been deported from the US since January 2025, the government informed Parliament on Friday. Of these, 333 were deported directly from the US on three separate military flights in February. Also, the US deported 55 Indian nationals through Panama in commercial flights, Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said in a written response in Lok Sabha. The Ministry of External Affairs was asked whether the Union government has received the details of the persons to be deported from the US this year, and if US officials were requested to provide them adequate facilities. The ministry was also asked whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi had raised concerns with President Donald Trump and top US officials over the "ill treatment" meted out to the deportees. In his reply, Kirti Vardhan Singh said, "Of the 388 Indian nationals deported since January, 333 individuals, after verification.

DAYS AFTER TRUDEAU OUSTER, MEA BLAMES 'LICENCE TO EXTREMISTS' FOR CANADA TIES 'DOWNTURN'

Diary Times Desk : India on Friday said that the downturn in its bilateral relations was caused due to the "license" to "extremist and secessionist elements" in the North American country. "The downturn in India-Canada relations was caused by the license that was given to the extremist and secessionist elements in the country. Our hope is that we can rebuild our ties based on mutual trust and sensitivity," ANI quoted ministry of external affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal as saying. The MEA spokesperson's remarks have come amid change of leadership in Ottawa, with Mark Carney replacing Justin Trudeau as the prime minister. "What Canada will be looking to do is to diversify our trading relationships with like-minded countries. And there are opportunities to rebuild the relationships with India- there needs to be a shared sense of values around that commercial relationship and if I am the Prime Minister.

18 PROTESTING BJP MLAS SUSPENDED, CARRIED OUT OF KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY BY MARSHALS

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka Assembly Speaker UT Khader, on Friday suspended 18 BJP MLAs for six months effective immediately for indiscipline. The action was taken in response to the members' alleged obstruction of Assembly proceedings earlier in the day, when they disregarded the Speaker's orders and conducted themselves in an undisciplined and disrespectful manner. The suspended MLAs were seen climbing the Speaker's dais, hurling papers at the Speaker, and protesting at the Well of the House. The MLAs were carried out of the assembly by the marshals. The suspended legislators include Opposition Chief Whip Doddanagouda H Patil, Ashwath Narayan CN, SR Vishwanath, BA Basavaraj, MR Patil, Channabasappa (Channi), B Suresh Gowda, Umanath A Kotyan, Sharanu Salagar, Shailendra Beldale, CK Ramamurthy, Yashpal A Suvarna, BP Harish, Bharath Shetty Y, Munirathna, Basavaraj Mattimood, Dheeraj Muniraju, and Chandru Lamani.



TRUMP SIGNS ORDER TO BEGIN "ELIMINATING" US EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

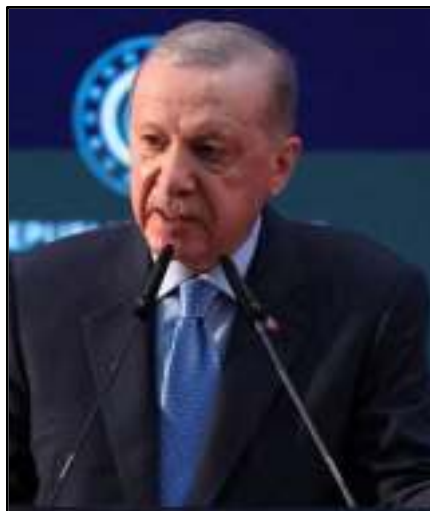
Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump signed an order Thursday aimed at "eliminating" the Department of Education, a decades-old goal of the American right, which wants individual states to run schools free from the federal government. Surrounded by schoolchildren sitting at desks set up in the East Room of the White House, Trump smiled as he held up the order after signing it at a special ceremony. Trump said the order would "begin eliminating the federal Department of Education once and for all." "We're going to shut it down and shut it down as quickly as possible. It's doing us no good," Trump said. "We're going to return education back to the states where it belongs." The Education Department, created in 1979, cannot be shuttered without the approval of Congress -- but Trump's order will likely have the power to starve it of funds and staff. The move honors one of Trump's campaign promises and is among the most drastic steps yet in the brutal overhaul of the government that Trump is carrying out with the help of tech tycoon Elon Musk. The order directs Education Secretary Linda McMahon to "take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return education authority to the States."

WORLD'S GLACIERS ARE RAPIDLY SHRINKING DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE: UN

Diary Times Desk : All 19 of the world's glacier regions experienced a net loss of mass in 2024 for the third consecutive year, the United Nations said on Friday, warning that saving the planet's glaciers was now a matter of "survival". Five of the last six years have seen the most rapid glacier retreat on record, the UN's World Meteorological Organization weather, climate and water agency said, on the inaugural World Day for Glaciers. "Preservation of glaciers is not just an environmental, economic and societal necessity: it's a matter of survival," said WMO chief Celeste Saulo. Beyond the continental ice sheets of Greenland and Antarctica, more than 275,000 glaciers worldwide cover approximately 700,000 square kilometres, said the WMO. But they are rapidly shrinking due to climate change.

ERDOGAN WARNS AGAINST PROTESTS OVER ISTANBUL MAYOR'S DETENTION

Diary Times Desk : President Tayyip Erdogan warned on Friday that Turkey would not tolerate street violence or public disruptions after the detention of Istanbul's mayor Ekrem Imamoglu prompted some of the biggest shows of civil disobedience in more than a decade. "We will not accept the disruption of public order. Just as we have never yielded to street terrorism, we will not surrender to vandalism," Erdogan, 71, told an audience in the capital Ankara. The warning came after thousands of people protested for two days in Istanbul, Ankara and other cities, including at university campuses, leading to some clashes. Police used water cannon to disperse some crowds and have closed down streets. More demonstrations are planned later on Friday and tensions could rise at the weekend when a court is expected to rule to formally arrest Imamoglu, Erdogan's main political rival who leads him in some opinion polls. An arrest could also accelerate a three-day selloff in Turkish assets that prompted the central bank to intervene to protect the currency.



HEATHROW AIRPORT SHUTDOWN MAY HAVE CASCADING EFFECTS, AIR INDIA AMONG THOSE HIT



Diary Times Desk : The Heathrow airport in London (LHR), one of the busiest in the world and an important international hub for Indian passengers, was forced shut due to a fire at a power substation near the airport, leading to massive flight disruptions for the day. "Heathrow is experiencing a significant power outage across the airport due to a large fire at a nearby electrical substation. Whilst fire crews are responding to the incident, we do not have clarity on when power may be reliably restored. To maintain the safety of our passengers and colleagues, we have no choice but to close Heathrow until 23h59 on 21 March 2025," the airport, which serves as a major gateway for travel between India and the UK, and also as a transit point for those travelling to other parts of Europe or the US, said in a statement.

TRUMP AWARDS NEXT-GENERATION F-47 FIGHTER JET CONTRACT TO BOEING

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump announced Friday that Boeing has been awarded a major contract for the Air Force's high-tech next-generation F-47 fighter plane. The contract is aimed at continuing the development of the replacement for the F-22 stealth warplane -- which has been in operation for some two decades -- with a new, more advanced aircraft that will be able to operate alongside uncrewed drones. After a rigorous and thorough competition between some of America's top aerospace companies, the Air Force is going to be awarding the contract for the Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) platform to Boeing," Trump told reporters at the Oval Office. He said the price of the contract could not be revealed for security reasons. "Nothing in the world comes even close to it, and it'll be known as the F-47, the generals picked a title, and it's a beautiful number, F-47," said Trump, who is the 47th president of the United States. The announcement is a boon for Boeing, which faced a difficult last year in which it struggled with a lengthy labor strike and safety problems.

THE WARSHIP THAT SHOWS WHY THE U.S. NAVY IS FALLING BEHIND CHINA

Diary Times Desk : When a Wisconsin shipyard won the contract to build a new class of Navy frigate in 2020, the project was meant to address an embarrassing reality: The U.S. is now the global laggard in building warships. Stocked with high-tech weaponry to protect against enemy submarines, missiles and drones, the USS Constellation was expected to be ready for the open water in 2026. That was because the U.S. chose a proven design from Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri in an effort to speed the process.

INDONESIAN VOLCANO SENDS ASH CLOUD 8KM HIGH, SOME FLIGHTS CANCELLED

Diary Times Desk : An eruption by Indonesia's Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki volcano, located in the southeastern part of Flores Island, spewed ash clouds more than 8km (5 miles) into the air, disrupting flights and raising emergency warnings to the highest level for residents and tourists. Indonesia's Center for Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation warned locals and visitors on Friday against activities within a radius of 7-8km (4.4-5 miles) in the southwest and northeast sectors of the eruption. The ash column was observed grey to black with thick intensity," Indonesia's volcanology agency said in a statement about the eruption that began at 10:56pm local time on Thursday night (14:56 GMT). There were no immediate reports of damage to nearby villages, but the agency warned residents of the potential for volcanic mudflow due to heavy rainfall. The long eruption prompted the country's geological agency to raise the volcano's alert level to the highest of the four-tiered system.

PAKISTAN ARMY CAPTAIN, 10 TERRORISTS KILLED IN OPERATION IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Diary Times Desk : A Pakistani Army captain and at least 10 terrorists associated with a banned outfit were killed during a gunfight in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan district, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has said. The intelligence-based operation (IBO) was conducted on Thursday following reports of the presence of terrorists in the area, a statement from the military's media wing said. It said that during the intense fire exchange, Captain Hasnain Akhtar fought gallantly and made the ultimate sacrifice, leading his troops from the front. "Hasnain was a brave officer and renowned for his courage and bold and daring actions.

PUNJAB BUDGET SESSION: GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS MARRED BY CONGRESS WALKOUT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Assembly Budget Session began on Friday with the Governor's address. Congress MLAs entered the Assembly wearing black armbands to protest against the state government's "ill-treatment of farmers" and its alleged failure to properly handle the issue of a colonel being beaten up by police in Patiala. They entered the Well of the House and raised slogans against the government before staging a walkout. The Governor's address will be followed by obituary references. The Budget session will last till March 28. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, addressing the opening session, said: "The Punjab government has circulated a draft agriculture policy to all stakeholders, including farmers and labourer unions, seeking comments." He said: "The policy has been prepared by an 11-member committee based on inputs regarding environmental, cultural and crop aspects for sustainable agriculture, protecting natural resources, and increasing farmers' income." He said, "The government has ensured more than eight hours of power supply to agricultural consumers during the paddy season without any cuts to domestic, commercial, or industrial consumers."



AAP MAKES MANISH SISODIA PUNJAB AFFAIRS IN-CHARGE

Diary Times Desk : In a major restructuring of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia was on Friday appointed the party's incharge for Punjab while Satyendra Jain was given the role of co-incharge. A meeting of the party's Political Affairs Committee was held at the house of AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal here, where a series of key decisions were taken. Former Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, who recently lost the Delhi Assembly election from Greater Kailash was appointed the party's convener for Delhi, replacing Gopal Rai. Rai, meanwhile, has been made in-charge of Gujarat. For Goa and Jammu and Kashmir, Pankaj Gupta and Mehraj Malik, respectively, were given the key responsibilities. Announcing the key decisions, AAP MP Sandeep Pathak said a discussion was also held on the BJP's poll promises for Delhi.

NIA FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST FOREIGN-BASED TERRORISTS IN CHANDIGARH GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Diary Times Desk : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet in the Chandigarh grenade attack case against US-based gangster-turned-terrorist Harpreet Singh, alias Happy Passia, and Pakistan-based terrorist Harwinder Singh Rinda. Two other accused, Rohan Masih and Vishal Masih, have also been named in the chargesheet. They hurled the grenade while sitting in an auto-rickshaw. Though, Kuldeep Kumar, the auto-rickshaw driver has not been charged by the NIA. The grenade attack occurred on September 11, 2024, at a house in Sector 10D, Chandigarh. Initially, the Chandigarh Police investigated the case, which was later transferred to the NIA. The agency probed the wider angle of the conspiracy and the smuggling of weapons and explosives across borders. According to the NIA, Rohan Masih and Vishal Masih hurled a hand grenade at the house at the behest of Happy Passia and Harwinder Singh Rinda. The accused carried out a reconnaissance before the attack.

PUNJAB MAHILA CONGRESS PROTEST AGAINST AAP OVER DELAY IN RS 1,000 ASSISTANCE

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Mahila Congress on Friday staged a massive protest against the AAP government in Punjab for failing to pay Rs 1,000 monthly assistance to every woman as promised before the 2022 elections. Led by Punjab Mahila Congress president Gursharan Kaur Randhawa, the protest saw participation of senior party leaders, including Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Congress Legislative Party leader Partap Singh Bajwa, Congress general secretary incharge Rajasthan Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa. Addressing the protestors, Warring criticised the AAP for failing to fulfil its promise to pay Rs 1,000 every month to the women of Punjab. He pointed out that 36 months had passed since the promise was made, yet the government had failed to provide the assistance. Warring asserted that this was a clear case of cheating. He said not only will the Congress ensure that the AAP starts paying Rs 1,000 per month to women, but it would also seek arrears of Rs 36,000 for each eligible woman.

HC ISSUES NOTICE ON HABEAS CORPUS PLEA FOR FARMER LEADER DALLEWAL'S RELEASE

Diary Times Desk : In a late-evening hearing, the Punjab and Haryana High Court issued a notice of motion to the State of Punjab and the Director-General of Police on a habeas corpus petition seeking the release of Jagjit Singh Dallewal, leader of the joint forum Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political). Among other things, petitioner-farmer leader Gurmukh Singh contended that Dallewal was allegedly in illegal custody by the respondents. The case will now come up for further hearing on Monday. "The detention appears to be an attempt to suppress the farmers' movement and instil fear among peaceful protesters, violating the fundamental rights to freedom of speech and expression, assembly, and association under Article 19 of the Constitution", the petitioner contended. In his petition placed before Justice Manisha Batra's Bench, the petitioner contended that "300 to 400 others members of farmer organization were also missing. Going into details, he added Dallewal -- a prominent figure in the farmers' protests--had been actively advocating for a "legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops". His "unlawful detention" violated fundamental rights under Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution, as no "formal arrest procedures or charges" were followed. The petitioner further sought the court's intervention to ensure the safety and security of Dallewal and other missing farmer leaders.

JJP LEADER SHOT DEAD, 2 OTHERS INJURED IN PANIPAT'S VIKAS NAGAR

Diary Times Desk : A JJP leader was shot dead in Vikas Nagar late on Friday night, while two others sustained bullet injuries in the attack. He was a state secretary of JJP's youth wing. Earlier, he was district youth president of the party. The deceased has been identified as Ravinder Minna, a resident of Jagsi village, who was living in Vikas Nagar. The injured, Vinay and Vineet, are currently undergoing treatment. Preliminary investigations suggest that old enmity may be behind the murder of Ravinder Minna. According to information, the assailant shot Minna in the forehead, while Vinay and Vineet were hit in the stomach. The attacker fled the scene immediately after the shooting. Family members rushed the three to a private hospital, where doctors declared Minna dead on arrival. The injured were admitted to the ICU. Upon receiving the news, SP Lokender Singh, DSP Suresh Kumar, and police teams arrived at the spot and the hospital to investigate the incident. JJP district president Ramniwas Patwari, along with other party leaders, also visited the hospital.

OPPOSITION YOUNG GUNS PUT GOVT ON MAT FOR 'LACKLUSTRE BUDGET'

Diary Times Desk : Young legislators belonging to the Congress and the INLD stole the show during a discussion on the Budget in the Assembly today. At least two first-time MLAs—Aditya Surjewala (Congress) and Arjun Chautala(INLD)—tried to put the BJP government on the mat for "lacklustre Budget", even as the senior legislators played to the gallery. Armed with facts and figures, Surjewala alleged that contrary to the rosy picture of the state's economy painted by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini during his Budget speech, Haryana was on the verge of "financial emergency" with a huge debt burden. "From November 1, 1966, to March 31, 2014, the state's debt was pegged at Rs 60,293 crore. From 2014-15 to 2025-26, the debt liability has mounted to Rs 3.52 lakh crore, registering a whopping increase of over 600%, which worked out to be Rs 73 crore per day and Rs 3 crore per hour," Surjewala alleged. Claiming that all major big-ticket projects were initiated during the Congress regime between 2004 and 2014, the Congress legislator alleged that even in the Rs 5,000 crore allocation for "Lado Laxmi Yojana" only about 20% of women would benefit. Chautala alleged that the state's debt was increasing at an annual rate of 13%, which accounted for nearly 28% of the state's gross domestic product (GDP).

RS 356 CRORE PAYMENTS PENDING UNDER HIMCARE HEALTH SCHEME: SHANDIL

Diary Times Desk : Payments to the tune of over Rs 356 crore were pending under the Himcare scheme and over Rs 108 crore under the Ayushman scheme in the state. Health Minister Dhani Ram Shandil gave this information in the Assembly today in response to questions raised by MLAs Janak Raj (Bharmour), Randhir Sharma (Naina Devi) and Vipin Singh Parmar (Sullah). He reiterated that the government had not stopped the two schemes and in the past two years, up to February 20, 2025, around 1.20 lakh patients had been treated under the Ayushman scheme and around 5.68 lakh patients under the Himcare scheme. The Himcare scheme, in particular, has become a bone of contention between the government and the Opposition. While the BJP accuses the government of stalling the yojana, the latter says it is being reformed by plugging loopholes. Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar informed the House that the Himachal Pradesh Dairy Cooperative had procured 92,270,946 litres of milk from dairy owners between February 1, 2023, and January 31, 2025, and made Rs 342.34 crore payments.

GOVT SEEKING LEGAL OPINION TO TAKE OVER POWER PROJECTS OPERATING WITHOUT TIMELINES: SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that the state government was seeking legal opinion to take over power projects operating without set timelines and thus were harming Himachal's interests. Sukhu, while presiding over the International Conference on Dam Safety here, said that if required, the government would take over all such projects in which Himachal's interests had been completely ignored. Due to immense hydroelectric power potential, Himachal was becoming the focal point in the renewable energy sector globally, he added. He said, "River waters are the main source of power generation in the state but during initial years, there was no timeline set for licences issued to power companies, which is normally for 35 to 40 years. It is because of this the state has suffered substantive losses."

BJP TARGETS GOVT OVER CHIEF ENGINEER NEGI'S DEATH, STAGES WALKOUT

Diary Times Desk : The Congress and BJP legislators had heated exchanges over the death of Vimal Negi, Chief Engineer, Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL), in the Assembly here today. Not satisfied with the action taken by the government, the BJP legislators walked out of the House, demanding a CBI probe into the matter. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and his fellow ministers accused the BJP of trying to politicise the matter and said that appropriate action had been taken in the matter. "The bereaved family is satisfied with the government action. Only the BJP is not satisfied because it wants to politicise the issue," said Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi. After Vimal Negi's family and colleagues blocked road till late yesterday evening, the government suspended Director (Electricals) Desh Raj and transferred Managing Director Harikesh Meena from the HPPCL. An FIR for abetment to commit suicide was also registered against Desh Raj and Meena. Another FIR was also registered against the Director (Personnel) later.



2 MEN ARRESTED FOR VANDALISING HIMACHAL BUS IN KHARAR

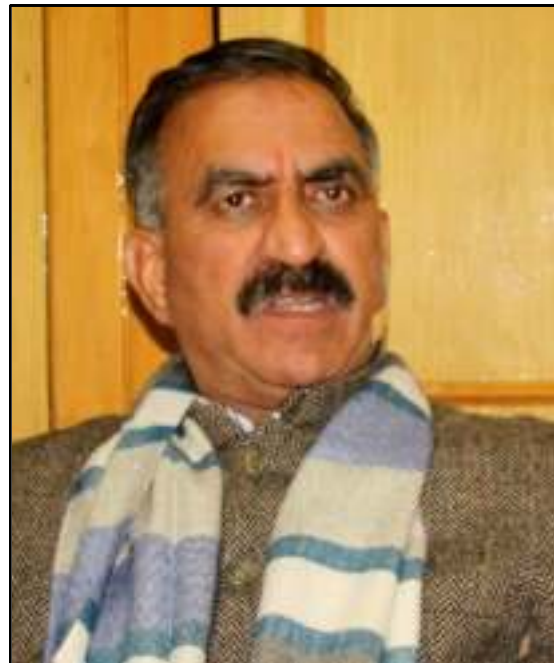
Diary Times Desk : Police have arrested the two men involved in the vandalism of a Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) bus (Chandigarh-Hamirpur) at Kharar on March 18. Rupnagar resident Hardeep Singh and Fazilka resident Gagandeep Singh had been living in Mohali for some time and were arrested from there, police said. Both are around 30 years of age. One of them is a taxi driver and the other an auto-rickshaw driver. Police have also recovered the car used in the incident. Kharar DSP Karan Singh Sandhu said, "The two have been arrested under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and the BNS at the City Kharar police station. They said that after seeing videos of recent incidents they got agitated and damaged the vehicle. They have been counselled and the videos taken note of." The two masked men had vandalised the HRTC bus near Shivjot Enclave in Kharar, leaving passengers panicked. The incident was seen as a retaliatory move in protest against the Himachal Pradesh Police action against radical elements following display of flags and posters on vehicles near Manikaran in Kullu. The two men intercepted the bus and vandalised it in full public view before fleeing the spot.

REDUCED REVENUE DEFICIT GRANT HURTING HIMACHAL: AGNIHOTRI

Diary Times Desk : Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, when he was Chief Minister, had told the Central Government that it would be difficult to run the state with reducing revenue deficit grant (RDG), said Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri while taking part in the debate on the Budget proposals in the Assembly today. To Sullah MLA Vipin Parmar's charge that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation and the RDG had reduced for all states, Agnihotri said that it didn't change the fact that our government was getting much less RDG as compared to the previous BJP government. "The Jai Ram Thakur government got GST compensation and much higher RDG. It may be his luck, but the fact is that our government is getting much less RDG," he added. Bharmour MLA Janak Raj challenged the government to reveal how it was going to make the state self-reliant by 2027. "How is the state going to become self-reliant by 2027 and the most prosperous one by 2032? The Budget does not reveal the roadmap to make the state self-reliant by 2027," he said while participating in the debate over the Budget proposals.

GOVT WILL PROTECT FARMERS FROM DISPLACEMENT: CM

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met a delegation of the Himachal Pradesh Kisan Sabha at Chowra Maidan here today and assured it of considering its demands sympathetically. A large number of farmers and horticulturists from the state staged a protest in Shimla in support of their demand for the resolution of various land-related issues, including eviction from land. The protesters, carrying banners and placards, marched from the Panchayat Bhawan to the Ambedkar Chowk. Sukhu said that ensuring the welfare of farmers and orchardists was the priority of the state government, and they would not be displaced under any circumstance. "A provision of the Agriculture Loan Interest Subvention Scheme has been made in the Budget, under which the land of the farmers will be saved from being auctioned," he added. The Chief Minister said that he was aware of the problems of the farmers and every effort would be made to address their grievances. Rakesh Singha, a former MLA, said that evictions were being carried out in violation of the rules. He added that the Supreme Court had also deemed land evictions as illegal and a violation of natural justice.



KKR VS RCB KICK OFF IPL SPECTACLE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2008

Diary Times Desk : For the first time since they played the first game of the IPL Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bengaluru will start the season. Something special was born that night, 17 years ago. A thirst trap. A thousand games have come and gone and the fans just can't get enough. Grounds fill up quicker than an international match (Eden's been sold out). The trophy's been taken on tour. Players' arrivals are being clipped out like movie trailers. Virat Kohli charms 29.1 million souls just by bouncing a ball on his bat. The only thing that has grown as rapidly as the IPL is the people's appetite for its singular brand of superstars and mayhem. KKR and RCB have had some thrilling encounters. There was a one-run victory just last year. And they've propelled this league, and by extension T20 cricket, forward in various ways. Sunil Narine taught the value of opening batters not valuing their wicket. AB de Villiers pointed out that runs can be scored behind the wicket with the same consistency as those in front of it. Andre Russell has been conducting experiments to see if he can hit a ball into outer space for some time now. KKR go on a trip to Guwahati and Mumbai to face Rajasthan Royals and Mumbai Indians before returning home to host Sunrisers Hyderabad.



INDIAN CRICKETER

RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN GETS CHENNAI ROAD

NAMED AFTER HIM: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Ravichandran Ashwin needs no introduction in the cricketing and sports circles in India as he holds a sort of a legendary status. But the latest move by the Greater Chennai Corporation of renaming a street in the city after the former Indian off-spinner will be an icing on the proverbial cake. The Ramakrishnapuram 1st Street in Chennai's West Mambalam will be soon renamed after the Indian cricketer, Times of India reported. It is also the street where Ashwin currently resides. The renaming proposal was submitted to the GCC by the Carrom Ball Event and Marketing Company Private Limited, which is owned by Ravichandran Ashwin. According to the report, the company had proposed the renaming of either Arya Gowda Road or Ramakrishnapuram 1st Street in honour of the cricketer. The GCC accepted the proposal and chose the latter to be renamed for the same. The honour that Ravichandran Ashwin is getting in Chennai is well deserved for the born-native of the city. The Chennai boy rose through the ranks to become one of the top wicket-takers for India in test match cricket.

MOHAMMED SIRAJ'S FIERY REPLY TO ROHIT SHARMA'S 'OLD BALL CLAIM' OVER CHAMPIONS TROPHY SNUB

Diary Times Desk : India pacer Mohammed Siraj, a mainstay across formats in the national team over the last 2-3 years, found himself being left out of the team's ICC Champions Trophy 2025 squad. The selectors' decision to include the likes of Arshdeep Singh and Harshit Rana in place of Siraj, especially when Jasprit Bumrah was ruled out due to an injury, baffled many. However, explaining the selection committee's stance over Siraj's case, India captain Rohit Sharma highlighted the pacer's 'ineffectiveness' with the old ball as a big factor behind the call. Siraj has now responded to Rohit's claim, debunking the suggestions by the skipper. While India's decision to go with Harshit Rana turned out to be rewarding, with the team returning from Dubai with the Champions Trophy title in their hands, Siraj chose to speak 'facts' by highlighting his exemplary stats with the old ball. "I have taken the most wickets with the old ball in the past year among the world's ten fastest bowlers. My economy rate is also low. The numbers speak for themselves. I have performed well with both the new and old ball," Siraj mentioned.

PUJA TOMAR AIMS TO REVIVE INDIAN MMA MOMENTUM AT UFC

Diary Times Desk : February proved to be particularly harsh for India's mixed martial arts (MMA) scene. Two of the country's most recognised fighters — Anshul Jubli and Ritu Phogat — both suffered tough losses at the UFC and ONE Championship respectively. Now, all eyes are on Puja Tomar, who carries the hopes of many as she steps into the octagon for her second UFC fight on Saturday. Tomar already holds a place in history as the only Indian to win a bout in UFC but her journey has only just begun. As she prepares for her next challenge, the Muzaffarnagar native knows that another victory could be crucial in keeping India's presence alive in the sport's biggest promotion. Despite her historic win on debut over Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos last June, life hasn't changed drastically for Tomar. She still spends most of the year training in Bali, Indonesia, due to lack of elite training facilities in India. Under the guidance of striking coach Mike Ikelei at Soma Fight Club —he also trains Jubli — Tomar continues to sharpen her skills. "After that win, I went about my life normally in India. People appreciated me, but what surprised me most was being recognized at airports and in Delhi," Tomar shared in a conversation with HT, facilitated by broadcasters Sony Sports.

HASSAN NAWAZ'S BLISTERING MAIDEN TON KEEPS SERIES ALIVE

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan's latest T20I opener Hassan Nawaz showed his full repertoire en route to a 44-ball century, the fastest for Pakistan in the format, as the visitors beat New Zealand by nine wickets at Eden Park, Auckland. Set a competitive target of 205 on a flat surface, Pakistan rode on Nawaz's carnage with able contributions from skipper Agha Salman (51* off 31) and Mohammad Harris (41 off 20) to get the job done in just 16 overs. This result keeps the five-match series alive with New Zealand leading 2-1. It seemed like Pakistan would be on the receiving end of another hammering as Mark Chapman (94 off 44) led New Zealand's charge earlier in the evening with a spectacular assault. There was a hint of movement with the new ball but conditions soon eased out with the true bounce aiding strokeplay at Eden Park. A stunner of a catch by Haris Rauf at short fine leg had sent Finn Allen packing early while the pacer then had Tim Seifert holing a skier to mid-on. Chapman, though, singlehandedly carried the momentum forward for the Black Caps with a clinical display of ball-striking. There weren't any other notable contributions in the top six as everyone rallied around Chapman's one-man show. Pakistan's ground fielding was quite sloppy and with Chapman going berserk.

DHANASHREE VERMA RE-POSTS NOTE ON 'LIFE IMITATING ART' AFTER DIVORCE FROM YUZVENDRA CHAHAL; RELEASES SONG ON INFIDELITY

Diary Times Desk : On the day she was granted a divorce from cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal, choreographer and social media influencer Dhanashree Verma released a song, Dekha Ji Dekha Maine, on infidelity in a marriage. The song sparked curiosity among her fans, and now she has re-posted an Instagram story which read, "life imitating art". The song was released on March 20. Although Dhanashree remained tight-lipped about the inspiration behind her latest song, the timing of the release sparked intrigue among her followers, who couldn't help but draw connections between the song's theme and her personal life. The song is set in Rajasthan, and features Dhanashree alongside Pataal Lok fame Ishwak Singh. The two are seen as a couple. In one scene, the husband slaps his wife in front of a friend, and in another scene, he is seen getting intimate with a woman. It is sung by Jyoti Nooran and composed by Jaani.

