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NEW DELHI STATION

MASSIVE RUSH ON 2 NEW DELHI STATION PLATFORMS AS DEPARTURE OF 5 TRAINS DELAYED

Diary Times Desk: A massive rush of passengers was seen at platforms 12 and 13 of the New Delhi Railway Station on Sunday night, as the departure of multiple major trains was delayed. The congestion, which lasted for hours, prompted authorities to implement immediate crowd control measures, and no injuries were reported. According to the Indian Railways, while a big rush was seen on the two platforms, there was no stampede-like situation. Following is a list of the trains that were delayed:

- 1. Shiv Ganga Express (scheduled departure at 08:05 PM) departed at 09:20 PM.
- 2. Swatantrata Senani Express (scheduled for 09:15 PM) was already occupying the platform.
- 3. The Jammu Rajdhani Express (scheduled departure at 09:25 PM) was delayed.
- 4. Lucknow Mail (scheduled for 10:00 PM) was also running late.
- 5. Magadh Express (scheduled departure at 09:05 PM) had not been placed on any platform.

There was a heavy rush at New Delhi Railway Station, no stampede or stampede-like situation. The protocol of taking unreserved passengers through the holding area is being used," the Ministry of Railways clarified. The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Railway) echoed a similar sentiment. He said that the extra rush at New Delhi Railway Station was due to the delay of a few trains. However, with some trains having now departed, the situation has improved. He also confirmed that there was no stampede or any reported injuries.



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People who went against the ethos of India were made icons, the senior RSS leader added. He also wondered whether those who fought against the British were called freedom fighters and not those who resisted the invaders. Mr Hosabale lauded figures like Rajput king Maharana Pratap for fighting against Mughal emperor Akbar. The RSS leader claimed that people with an "invader mindset" pose a threat to India. "We should stand with those who are with the Indian ethos," he added.

'CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE': PUBLICATION OF DELHI HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE'S REPORT SEALS JUSTICE VARMA'S FATE

Diary Times Desk: Even before a three-judge panel commenced its probe into allegations of recovery of unaccounted cash at the residence of Justice Yashwant Varma of the Delhi High Court during a fire on March 14, his fate appears to have been sealed by the preliminary findings of the Delhi High Court Chief Justice made public on Saturday night. Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Saturday constituted a three-judge committee comprising Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice GS Sandhawalia and Justice Anu Sivaraman of the Karnataka High Court to probe the allegations of recovery of unaccounted cash at Justice Varma's residence. After receiving Delhi High Court Chief Justice DK Upadhyay's report on the allegations, the CJI asked the Delhi High Court Chief Justice not to assign any judicial work to Justice Yashwant Varma for the time being. In an unprecedented move, the Supreme Court uploaded on its website Chief Justice Upadhyaya's inquiry report containing photos and videos of the alleged discovery of cash from Justice Varma's residence, along with Justice Varma's response denying the allegations. Senior advocate and former president.



CASH FOUND AFTER FIRE AT JUDGE'S HOUSE: IN-HOUSE INQUIRY PROCEDURE ENTERS SECOND STAGE

Diary Times Desk: With Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna constituting a three-member panel to probe the discovery of "four to five semi-burnt sacks" of Indian currency notes after a fire at the residence of Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma, the in-house procedure has entered the crucial second stage whose findings will decide the fate of the judge. The fire at the storeroom of the official residence of Justice Varma on March 14 in posh Lutyens' Delhi locality purportedly led to the discovery of the cash by firefighters and police personnel. The CJI constituted the three-member panel after the Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya in his report dated March 21 and made public on Saturday evening called for a "deeper probe" into the allegations. The three-member inquiry committee formed by the CJI consists of Justices Sheel Nagu (Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court), GS Sandhawalia.

2 SECURITY PERSONNEL INJURED AS NAXALITES TRIGGER IED BLAST IN CHHATTISGARH'S BIJAPUR



Diary Times Desk: Two security personnel sustained injuries as Maoists triggered an improvised explosive device (IED) to blow up a vehicle they were travelling in in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Sunday, police said. Two personnel of the Special Task Force (STF), a unit of state police, were injured due to shockwaves in the impact of the explosion, they said. The blast occurred around 5.45 pm near the Gorla rivulet under the Madded police station limits when a team of the STF was returning in a pick-up vehicle after an anti-Naxalite operation, an official said. He said the Naxalites triggered the blast in a bid to target the vehicle, but the explosion took place some distance away. The official said, "There was no serious damage to any vehicle or personnel due to the explosion. Two STF personnel suffered minor injuries due to the shockwaves from the IED blast," he said. The injured personnel were administered first aid at the primary health centre in Madded and later shifted to the Bijapur district hospital, he said, adding that they were said to be out of danger. The official said a combing operation was under way in the area to trace the ultras.

MAHARASHTRA BUS DRIVER DISMISSED FOR WATCHING **MATCH WHILE DRIVING**

Diary Times Desk: The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) on Sunday dismissed a bus driver, who allegedly watched a cricket match on his mobile phone while driving. The transport authority took action on the direction of state Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik after a passenger sent him a video of the driver, an official said. He said the incident occurred on the e-Shivneri bus on the Mumbai-Pune route on March 22. A passenger on the bus recorded a video of the driver watching a cricket match on his mobile phone while at the wheel and sent the clip to the transport minister. The passenger also posted the video on social media, tagging ministers and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Sarnaik immediately directed senior MSRTC officials to take strict action. Following the directive, local officials dismissed the driver, employed by a private bus operator, for endangering passenger safety and imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 on the private company responsible for the service.





YOUR HOROSCOPE

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Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long 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.

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.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will 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.

Today is aging 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

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

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. 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.

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.

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 increased difficulties ue to arguments business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a

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

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

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

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

HIMACHAL CONGRESS: SUKHU, MUKESH AND PRATIBHA SINGH MET STATE IN-CHARGE RAJNI PATIL IN DELHI

Diary Times Desk: Himachal Congress in-charge Raini Patil held a meeting with Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Congress State President Pratibha Singh in New Delhi on Thursday regarding the state organization. In this, brainstorming was done regarding the formation of State Congress Committee and District Committee. First these leaders met state incharge Rajni Patil separately. In the afternoon, a meeting was held with everyone again. In the meeting, the final list of names of District President and State Congress Committee officials was finalized and given to the high command. Along with this, there was also a discussion about the deployment of officials in the corporation boards. It is worth mentioning that the observers had already submitted their report to the high command regarding the organization. At the same time, in the meeting in Shimla, Rajni Patil sat with the officials and leaders of the organization and took feedback. Along with this, suggestions were also given by the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and State President. Taking this as the basis, a list of names has been prepared for the deployment of officials. It will be released only after the approval of Congress National President Mallika Arjun Kharge.



HIMACHAL CM: 'THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TOWARDS ESTABLISHING HIMACHAL AS A GREEN ENERGY AND SELF-RELIANT STATE'

Digry Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu addressed the 'Samriddh Himachal 2045' three-day physical brainstorming exercise program organized at Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) through virtual medium from New Delhi late Saturday evening. He said that the objective of this program is to prepare a 20-year action plan for the sustainable economic development of Himachal Pradesh through seminars and discussions. The state government is working with the resolve to make Himachal Pradesh a green energy state, self-reliant and prosperous state. He emphasized that to achieve these long-term goals, the state government is working with a holistic approach for sustainable development and economic growth. This will help in preparing new strategies for the future. The Chief Minister said that the government is working with commitment for the all-round development of the state.

SHIMLA NEWS: QUALAG DRINKING WATER SCHEME CLOSED FOR 11 YEARS, TURNED INTO RUINS; SEWAGE DIVERSION SCHEME ALSO FAILED

Diary Times Desk: Ashwini Khad, which was once the lifeline of the capital Shimla, is considered the most polluted today. After the spread of jaundice in the year 2007, the state government had made a sewage diversion plan worth Rs 1 crore to stop the dirty water from the Malyana Sewerage Treatment Plant from falling into the khad, but even after 18 years, this plan has not come out of the papers. Due to this, the Qualag drinking water scheme has also been closed for 11 years. This information has been found in the investigation report of jaundice and cholera spread in the city in 2007 under the Right to Information. The water coming out of the city's Malyana Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) was getting mixed in the Kawalag drinking water project by mixing in Ashwini Khad. This was the main reason for the spread of jaundice in Shimla in the year 2007. After this, a plan was made that the treated water coming out.

BILASPUR: INTERNATIONAL PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP STARTED FROM BANDLA PARAGLIDING. 70 HAVE REGISTERED SO FAR

Diary Times Desk: For the first time, an international level paragliding championship started in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. The championship was inaugurated on Sunday by Health Minister Colonel Dhaniram Shandil. So far, 70 pilots from different countries have registered for the championship. The championship is being organized under the joint aegis of the district administration and the tourism department. On the first day, the pilots only practiced. During the inauguration, the pilots took off from Bandladhar and landed at Sandu ground. On this occasion, Minister Dhaniram Shandil said that organizing such competitions will give Bilaspur a new identity at the national and international level. Along with this, this event will also promote local tourism, which will strengthen the economy of the region and provide new opportunities to the youth. He said that the aim of the state government is to develop Bilaspur as a major tourist destination. In this direction, the government has already started water sports activities in Gobind Sagar Lake and soon adventure sports activities will also be started in Koldam. He congratulated Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Abid Hussain Sadiq and the Tourism Department for this successful event.

HIMACHAL NEWS: ON SEEING THE POLICE, HE SWALLOWED CHITTA, AMERICAN PISTOL RECOVERED FROM HIS HOUSE; CASE OF BILASPUR DISTRICT

Diary Times Desk: Police, who went to raid on the information of drug trade in Kot village of Bharari police station area, recovered an American pistol from a person's house. Before this, the accused swallowed the chitta as soon as he saw the police. Police immediately got the accused's medical test done, so that the presence of drugs in his body can be confirmed. During the search of the house of accused Ashok Kumar, the police seized the pistol and arrested the accused. Now it is being investigated that from where the pistol was brought and for what purpose it was to be used. Police was getting information that Ashok Kumar of Kot village is involved in drug trade. After this, Bharari police station in-charge Anoop Kumar raided the house of the accused with a 10-member team on Saturday morning after taking permission from DSP Ghumarvi. When the police tried to enter the house, the accused's father got into a scuffle with the police and tried to stop the search. After a lot of effort, the police entered the house and during the search, the pistol was recovered from the bed drawer in Ashok's room.

HIMACHAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER THE WILD FLOWER HALL, GLOBAL TENDERS WILL BE ISSUED AFRESH

Diary Times Desk: The Himachal government will take possession of the Wild Flower Hall in Chharabra on March 31. After this, global tenders will be invited to lease it out. This information was given by Himachal Advocate General Anoop Ratan in the Himachal High Court. The state government also clarified that if the company which currently owns the hotel applies to run the hotel for another three months, the government will approve it. The Advocate General will apply to the High Court in writing about this settlement on March 25. The matter of handing over Wild Flower to the Himachal government was heard in the High Court on Saturday. The Supreme Court has set the deadline for handing over the possession as March 31, 2025. The state government is working on taking it under its control. Wild Flower has decided to hand over this property to the government. A joint inspection team has been formed for this. The court of Judge Jyotsna Rewal Dua is hearing this case. The next hearing will be on April 10. Senior Supreme Court advocate Abhishek Singhvi appeared on behalf of the Oberoi Group. The Himachal Pradesh government had sought additional time from the court for joint inspection of the Wild Flower Hall, which the court accepted and extended till 5 pm on March 21.

HIMACHAL CONGRESS: ON THE LINES OF BJP, CONGRESS WILL ALSO CREATE 17 ORGANIZATIONAL DISTRICTS, THE NUMBER OF BLOCKS WILL ALSO INCREASE

Diary Times Desk: On the lines of BJP, Congress will also create 17 organizational districts in Himachal. There are preparations to increase the number of blocks from 68 to 140 to strengthen the organization. On this, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and State President Pratibha Singh will meet the party high command in New Delhi on Sunday. A decision will be taken in the meeting regarding new organizational districts and blocks. On the other hand, the names of the new district presidents of Congress will also be announced within two-three days. The list is almost ready. The process of formation of the new executive of Congress in the state has accelerated. On Saturday afternoon, the State Congress President left for Delhi.

ENCOUNTER BREAKS OUT NEAR INDO-PAK BORDER IN KATHUA, ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENT RUSHED

Digry Times Desk: An encounter broke out between security forces and a group of four to five terrorists, believed to be of Jaish-e-Mohammad terror outfit, in Sanyal area of Kathua district on Sunday evening, said people familiar with the development. Sanyal village is around 5 kms from Indo-Pak international border. "A man identified as Ganesh Dass and his wife Anita had gone inside a forest near the village to collect wood. The couple was encountered by armed men wearing black coloured track suits. The couple somehow managed to flee from there and raised the alarm once they reached the village," said Ram Lal Kalia, a village defence guard. Later, Anita Devi said, "Me and my husband had gone inside the jungle to collect wood. There were five terrorists with backpacks and long beard. They held us hostage nut we somehow managed to flee." Army, BSF and special operations group have been mobilised to the site of encounter. Director general of police Nalin Prabhat has also rushed to the site.

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MEERUT WOMAN CHANGED HUSBAND'S PRESCRIPTION TO DRUG HIM BEFORE MURDER: OFFICIALS



Diary Times Desk: Muskaan Rastogi had tampered with her husband's prescription to purchase sleeping pills to drug him before killing and dismembering his body, investigating officials on Sunday said, as they provided fresh details of the grisly crime that took place in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut earlier this month. The officials said that Muskaan had purchased the pills from one Usha Medical Store, which was raided on Sunday as part of the probe. "We found that she had brought the medicines from this store. We are searching this place and checking all sale records to gather details about the drug that was purchased by the accused. We are trying to ascertain if the medicine warranted a prescription before purchase or if it could be sold over the counter," Meerut drug inspector Piyush Sharma said. Mr Sharma said the records of all sales in the past two years are being scrutinised.

SAMBHAL MOSQUE CHIEF ARRESTED OVER NOV 24 VIOLENCE, SAYS HE 'STOKED NO RIOT'

Diary Times Desk: Police in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal have arrested Shahi Mosque Committee chief Zafar Ali in connection with the violence that erupted on November 24 last year during protests against a court-ordered survey on the mosque. While being taken into custody by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) team of the Sambhal police, Ali told reporters, "I did not stoke any riot." Before his arrest, the SIT took Ali into custody to record his statement regarding the case. Authorities claim to have gathered evidence linking him to inciting the mob and fabricating false proof, labelling him as one of the masterminds behind the violence, which killed four people. Sambhal's Mughal-era mosque, at the centre of the controversy, has been the subject of a major legal dispute after a petition claimed it was built over an ancient Hindu temple. When asked by PTI whether Ali had been formally arrested.

AAP CHIEF ARVIND KEJRIWAL'S 'WORSE THAN BRITISH' JIBE AT BJP

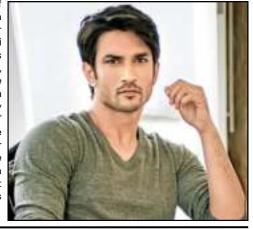
Diary Times Desk: AAP national convener and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of disregarding the legacy of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh and social reformer Bhimrao Ambedkar. He also accused the party of being "worse than the British". Speaking at the AAP's 'Ek Shaam Shaheedon Ke Naam' event, Kejriwal said that his party entered politics to fulfil the dreams of Bhagat Singh and Bhimrao Ambedkar and not for power. "Our role models are Babasaheb Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh. Bhagat Singh used to say that merely removing the British was not enough, the structure of society had to change. Otherwise, brown rulers would replace the British," Kejriwal was quoted as saying by PTI. "This is exactly what has happened. Today's rulers are worse than the British," the former Delhi chief minister added in a jibe towards the BJP. He alleged that the BJP removed portraits of Bhagat Singh and Ambedkar from government offices.

DMK SPREADING FALSE PROPAGANDA IN NAME OF DELIMITATION, LANGUAGE: G KISHAN REDDY

Diary Times Desk: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy alleged here on Sunday that the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu is spreading false propaganda in the name of delimitation and Hindi imposition to shield itself from the allegations of 'liquor scam' it is facing ahead of the state assembly polls. Asserting that the BJP would come to power in Karnataka and Telangana in the south, the BJP leader charged that the parties that attended the Chennai meeting on delimitation convened by Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin on Saturday want to prevent the expansion of the BJP in the south. The "opportunistic parties" are circulating false propaganda that southern states would suffer in the delimitation of constituencies, he said. There has been no discussion in the Central government and within BJP on the delimitation of constituencies, he said. It makes sense if any meeting is held and suggestions are made when any discussion takes place on the issue, he said.

MUMBAI COPS' ACTIONS IN SUSHANT RAJPUT CASE RAISED 'SUSPICION': EX-BIHAR DGP

Diary Times Desk: After the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) reportedly filed a closure report on actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death case, former Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey criticized the Mumbai Police's handling of the case, stating that their actions led to 'suspicions' among the public. He, however, refrained from commenting on the CBI's closure report, saying it's a "professional agency". Speaking on the initial investigation into the actor's death, Pandey alleged that the Mumbai Police "did not cooperate" with the Bihar Police team sent to investigate the case. He claimed that an IPS officer he sent for better coordination was quarantined, and the Bihar Police team was turned away after just five days. The then Bihar DGP also clarified that he "never claimed" that the actor was murdered, but only that his death was "suspicious" and wanted a thorough investigation.



TRUMP OFFICIALS DEFEND USE OF WARTIME LAW TO DEPORT MIGRANTS

Diary Times Desk: Trump administration officials on Sunday defended their use of extraordinary war powers to deport scores of Venezuelan migrants despite a judge blocking the move and Venezuela denying U.S. officials' assertions that the deportees were gang members. "It's modern-day warfare, and we are going to continue to fight that and protect American citizens every single step of the way," Attorney General Pam Bondi told Fox News host Maria Bartiromo on the "Sunday Morning Futures" program. Bondi said the Trump administration's decision to deport 137 Venezuelan migrants last weekend to El Salvador was justified because they were members of Venezuela's feared Tren de Aragua gang and posed a safety risk. Venezuela's interior minister, Diosdado Cabello, said on Friday, however, that none of the Venezuelans deported by the U.S. to El Salvador were members of the gang, which Washington has declared a terrorist group. Relatives and immigration advocates for some of the men have also denied any links.

FORMER US ATTORNEY, WHO QUIT AFTER TRUMP TOOK OFFICE, FOUND DEAD AT HOME

Diary Times Desk: Jessica Aber, the former US Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA), was found dead at her home on Saturday, officials said. The body of the 43year-old lawyer, who resigned after US President Donald Trump took office in January, was discovered at her home in Virginia's Alexandria. An investigation is underway surrounding the circumstances of her death, the police said in a statement. "This morning, at approximately 9:18 am, Alexandria Police responded to the 900 block of Beverley Drive for the report of an unresponsive woman. Officers located a deceased woman," the statement said. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Virginia will determine the cause and manner of death, it added. The incumbent US Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Erik S Siebert, said he was "heartbroken bevond words" to learn about Ms Aber's death. "She was unmatched as a leader, mentor, and prosecutor, and she is simply irreplaceable as a human being. We remain in awe of how much she accomplished in her all too brief.

CANADA PM CALLS SNAP ELECTION AMID TRADE WAR, TRUMP'S ANNEXATION THREATS



Diary Times Desk: Canada's new Prime Minister, Mark Carney, who took over after Justin Trudeau's ouster, has called for snap election in the country on April 28. The ruling Liberal Party of Canada will be up against the main opposition party - the Conservative Party of Canada. Prime Minister Carney said he has called for a snap election in order to ensure that his country gets a government with a stronger mandate than the Liberal Party currently has. This is important keeping in mind the trade war with neighbouring United States and President Trump's repeated threat to annexe Canada to make it the 51st state of the US which Canadians outrightly reject. "I've just requested that the Governor General to dissolve parliament and call an election for April 28. She has agreed," Prime Minister Carney said, referring to King Charles III's representative in Canada, a member of the British Commonwealth.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR "IMMEDIATE" END TO ISRAELI STRIKES ON GAZA

Diary Times Desk: Pope Francis called Sunday for an "immediate" end to Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip, and for the resumption of dialogue for the release of hostages and a "definitive ceasefire". "I am saddened by the resumption of the intense Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip, with so many deaths and injuries", Francis wrote in his Angelus prayer, which was published Sunday as the 88-yearold was being discharged from more than five weeks in hospital. "I ask that the weapons be silenced immediately and that the courage be found to resume dialogue so that all the hostages can be freed and a definitive ceasefire reached", said Francis, who was set to return to the Vatican on Sunday. "The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip is once again very serious and requires the urgent commitment of the conflicting parties and the international community", he said.

US LIFTS \$10M REWARD FOR MAJOR TALIBAN LEADER HAQQANI

Diary Times Desk: The United States has lifted a \$10m reward for information leading to the arrest of a major Taliban leader, Sirajuddin Haqqani, an Afghan Ministry of Interior Affairs spokesperson says. Despite announcement on Saturday, the FBI still lists the reward on its website, saying Haqqani was "believed to have coordinated and participated in cross-border attacks against United States and coalition forces in Afghanistan". The move comes after the Taliban on Thursday released a US citizen who had been kept in captivity for two years. The release of George Glezmann, who was abducted while travelling as a tourist in Afghanistan in December 2022, marks the third time a US detainee has been freed by the Taliban since January. In a statement, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Glezmann's release represented a "positive and constructive step". He also thanked Qatar for its "instrumental" role in securing the release. The Taliban has previously described the release of US detainees as part of its global "normalisation" effort.



US-UKRAINE TALKS UNDERWAY IN SAUDI, AS KREMLIN WARNS OF 'DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS'

Diary Times Desk: US and Ukrainian officials were meeting in Saudi Arabia on Sunday for talks on a partial ceasefire in the war with Russia, with Washington hoping for "real progress" but the Kremlin warning of "difficult negotiations" and a long journey to peace. US President Donald Trump is pushing for a rapid end to the three-year war and hopes talks in Riyadh, which will see US officials hold separate technical-level discussions with delegations from Ukraine and Russia could pave the way to a breakthrough. Despite both sides proposing different plans for temporary ceasefires, attacks have continued unabated. A Russian strike on the Ukrainian capital killed three civilians overnight while Ukrainian drones killed two in Russia, officials said Sunday. Originally scheduled to take place simultaneously to enable shuttle diplomacy with the US going back and forth between the delegations the talks on a partial truce are now taking place one after the other.

US REVOKES TEMPORARY STATUS OF 5 LAKH MIGRANTS, TO FACE DEPORTATION SOON

Diary Times Desk: The Department of Homeland Security said Friday that it will revoke legal protections for hundreds of thousands of Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans, setting them up for potential deportation in about a month. The order applies to about 5,32,000 people from the four countries who came to the United States since October 2022. They arrived with financial sponsors and were given two-year permits to live and work in the US Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said they will lose their legal status on April 24, or 30 days after the publication of the notice in the Federal Register. The new policy impacts people who are already in the US and who came under the humanitarian parole program. It earlier follows an Trump administration decision to end what it called the "broad abuse" of the humanitarian parole, a longstanding legal tool presidents have used to allow people from countries where there's war or political instability to enter and temporarily live in the US. During his campaign President Donald Trump promised to deport millions of people who are in the US illegally, and as president he has been also ending legal pathways for immigrants to come to the US and to stay.

SAMYUKT KISAN MORCHA CALLS UPON FARMERS TO HOLD PROTESTS ACROSS NATION ON MARCH 28

Diary Times Desk: Hitting out at Punjab Police's crackdown on the protesting farmers, national coordination committee of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has called upon farmers across India to hold demonstrations across the country on March 28. "The National Coordination Committee of SKM calls upon the farmers to hold protest demonstrations at districts across India on March 28 against the police repression on farmers' protest in Punjab," the farmer's union said in statement on Sunday. The SKM also urged all farmer organisations and platforms, including Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and SKM (Non Political), to join issue-based unity and come forward "to unite against repression". "On the direction of the Bhagwant Mann-led state government, Punjab Police had arrested and put in jail 350 farmer leaders and activists, including Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher. The police had bulldozed the tents and stages of agitating farmers at Khanauri and Shambu borders and forcibly removed tractor trailers, trolleys and other appliances," the statement said.



NIA FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST 4 KHALISTANI TERROR OPERATIVES IN CHANDIGARH GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Diary Times Desk Agency (AIA) Investigation has chargesheeted four terror operatives of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist organisation in the September 2024 Chandigarh grenade attack case, an official statement said on Sunday. The accused include Pakistan-based designated terrorist Harwinder Singh Sandhu alias Rinda, and USbased Harpreet Singh alias Happy Passi, it said. In the chargesheet filed before the Special NIA court, Chandigarh, all four accused persons have been charged under multiple Sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosive Substances Act, and other related provisions for their role in planning and supporting the attack. The two terrorists — Rinda and Happy were the primary handlers and conspirators behind the attack, said the statement issued by the NIA. They had provided logistical support, terror funds, weapons and ammunition to India-based on-ground operatives in Chandigarh for executing the grenade attack, it said.

CHANDIGARH ADMN MULLS 'FITNESS DAY' ON THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Diary Times Desk: The UT Administration is likely to observe 'fitness day' on third Saturday of every month to promote yoga, walkathon, cycling, swimming and other sports among residents. Top officials of the UT Administration took part in an event at Government College of Yoga Education and Health, Sector 23, here today. They also discussed the "fitness day" proposal. "It will be a great initiative. The administration may appoint their fitness experts from colleges to observe a fitness day for the city residents in sectors. Various NGOs can also be roped in for the event. It will be not a grand event, but the Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) may be asked to organise the activities at their own level," said an official. The college, under the aegis of the Directorate of Higher Education and the AYUSH Department, organised Surya Namaskar Event 2025 as a part of "Sankalp Poorti Samaroh".

FASTING FARMER LEADER JAGJIT SINGH DALLEWAL SHIFTED TO PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN PATIALA

Diary Times Desk: The police have discreetly shifted fasting leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal to a private hospital in Patiala. The move to shift the leader back from Jalandhar has surprised many as Patiala was the epicentre of the agitation by farmers who had blocked the national highway near Shambhu and Khanauri. Sources say that the government took a decision late Saturday evening to shift Dallewal to a private hospital in Patiala, which has a former Punjab Police cop managing the administrative affairs after his retirement. Dallewal's fast entered 118th day on Sunday and his shifting to a private hospital has surprised even the union members, who are now confident that they can reach the leader. Before being shifted to Patiala, Dallewal was kept under tight security at the PWD rest house in Jalandhar Cantonment with security personnel tasked with foiling any attempt by farmer leaders to reach him, according to officials. The farmer leader was shifted to the facility in Jalandhar following a late-night drama during which he was taken to multiple locations after his detention from Mohali in a police crackdown on March 19.

PUNJAB CONGRESS PRESIDENT WARRING ASKS WHO'S RUNNING PUNJAB — MANN OR AMIT SHAH?

Diary Times Desk: Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring today asked Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann that who was actually running Punjab - he or the Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He asked this in connection to the arrest of Amritpal Singh and his subsequent shifting to Dibrugarh jail at the Centre's behest. He said Shah's statement has come close on the heels of the AAP government's brutal crackdown on farmers, about which nobody had any doubts as to who had pulled the strings for that action. Reacting to Union Home Minister's recent statement in the Parliament suggesting that it was they (the Central Government), which had jailed Amritpal Singh and his associates to Dibrugarh jail. "The Congress has always held that the Aam Aadmi Party is the B-team of the BJP and the irrefutable evidence and certification came when Home Minister Amit Shah claimed in the Parliament that the Central Government had arrested Amritpal Singh, now an elected MP, and sent him along with his associates to Dibrugarh jail. We thought the Punjab Police did it. Now we know at whose behest," he remarked in a jibe at the state government. Asserting that the people of Punjab already knew that the CM was following the diktats of the Union Home Minister, he asked.

BAHADURGARH BLAST: POLICE CRACK CASE, INJURED MAN BEHIND EXPLOSION THAT KILLED FAMILY

Diary Times Desk : The case involving the explosion at a house in Bahadurgarh town here last evening has taken a shocking turn. The police claim that the tragic deaths of four family members, including a woman and her three children, were not the result of an accident, but a calculated conspiracy hatched by Harpal Singh - the head of the family. The police have arrested Harpal, who also sustained burn injuries in the incident. A bottle of petrol was also recovered from the house located in Sector 9, Bahadurgarh. "On receiving information about the explosion, the police reached the house and found Harpal injured. His wife, Sandeep Kaur, their three children - Chahak (11), Jaskirat (17), and Sukhwinder (9) - were found dead in a room. Initially, the case was thought to be an accident, but a thorough investigation was conducted with ballistic and forensic teams. The conditions inside the house, including the explosion, pointed towards something fishy, prompting us to delve deeper into the case," said Bahadurgarh DCP Mayank Mishra while talking to the media.

HC STRIKES DOWN HARYANA LAW CURTAILING DHOLIDARS' LAND RIGHTS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Diary Times Desk: The Punjab and Haryana High Court has struck down the Haryana legislation and a notification, which retrospectively nullified the proprietary rights conferred on Dholidars - persons receiving a small plot as a religious gift with the right to use and inherit it. The court ruled that amendments arbitrarily took away land rights, violating vested fundamental rights under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution. The Bench of Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Vikas Suri also ruled that the legislation did not enjoy protection under Article 31-A of the Constitution of India. It also held that the law was expropriatory in nature and did not qualify as agrarian reform. A 'dholi' is defined in the Punjab settlement manual as deathbed gift of a small plot of land to a Brahmin by landowners for some social service. A 'dholi' on receiving the land enjoys the exclusive right to use that property and it was also inherited by his next generation. They were able to have proprietary rights over the land allotted to them as Dholi, following the introduction of the Dholidar, Butimar, Bhondedar and Mugararidar (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Act

CENTRE NOT REFUNDING RS 9,242 CRORE CONTRIBUTED UNDER NPS: AGNIHOTRI

Diary Times Desk: Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that the state government was committed to providing the old pension scheme (OPS) to its employees but the Central Government, despite repeated requests, had not returned Rs 9,242 crore contributions made under the new pension scheme (NPS). He was replying to a question of Una MLA Satpal Singh Satti during the Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha here. Agnihotri said that the state government had fulfilled the first guarantee of restoring the OPS given by the Congress before the 2022 Assembly elections. "We have provided the OPS and so far 117,521 government employees have opted for it while 1,356 employees are keen to continue with the NPS," he added. Agnihotri said that at present, Rs 9,242 crore of contribution made under the NPS was with the Central Government, including the 50 per cent share contributed by the state government. "The Central Government invested this Rs 9,242 crore in bonds and so it is not refunding it to the state. We are continuously asking the Central Government to return the deposited money so that the state government can give it to retiring employees," he added.

ENROLMENT IN GOVT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS DOWN 50% IN TWO DECADES

Diary Times Desk: The enrolment of students in 12.404 government elementary schools in the state has fallen by 50 per cent from 9.71 lakh to 4.29 lakh over the past two decades, said Education Minister Rohit Thakur while replying to a question of Rakesh Kalia, Pawan Kajal and Randhir Sharma during the Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha on Saturday. Rohit said that surplus staff in educational institutions would be shifted to high-enrolment schools in tough and difficult areas, where there was huge vacancies of teachers. "In 2003-04, there were 12,404 schools up to the middle level with 9.71 lakh students enrolled. In 2023-24, while the number of schools remain the same, the enrolment has fallen by 50 per cent to 4,29,070, highlighting the need for rationalisation.".

BURANSH HARVESTING BOOM RAISES CONCERNS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Diary Times Desk: Buransh, the striking red flower of the Himalayan Rhododendron, is not just admired for its beauty but also valued for its incredible health benefits. Traditionally used in juices, syrups, jams and herbal teas, Buransh is known for its antioxidant and antiinflammatory properties. In recent years, its demand has surged, leading villagers in Mandi, Kullu and nearby areas to harvest these flowers from the wild and sell them in markets such as Mandi's Seri Manch. While this trade has provided a crucial source of income for local communities, concerns over the sustainability of harvesting practices are growing. Amit Kumar, a resident of the Seraj area, collected Buransh flowers in large quantities this year and brought them for sale at Seri Manch. He explained that many edible products are prepared from these flowers, supporting the livelihoods of villagers who rely on their sale. Similarly, many other residents have joined this business to sustain their economy. However, the increasing pressure to meet demand has raised questions about the long-term survival of the species in its natural habitat.



LACK OF GOVT REHAB CENTRES IN KANGRA WORSENS DRUG CRISIS

Diary Times Desk: Kangra district is facing a severe drug abuse crisis, with a rising number of youths falling prey to addiction. Many deaths have occurred in recent years, yet the government has failed to establish a single rehabilitation centre in the district. In the absence of state intervention, private rehab centers are rapidly increasing, often functioning without proper facilities or trained professionals. A investigation revealed that many of these centres, run by NGOs and societies, lack licences for "Substance Use Drug Treatment Centres" (SUDTC). Despite this, they continue to admit addicts, violating legal norms. Families, desperate for help, turn to these centers hoping for recovery, only to face reports of mistreatment and human rights violations. Though the Himachal Pradesh State Mental Authority was established in 2017 to regulate these centres, it has failed to enforce guidelines. Many facilities admit addicts without approval from the Mental Health Care Board, which is mandatory. Additionally, they often lack essential professionals like psychiatrists, psychologists and counsellors, leading substandard treatment. Allegations of mental and physical abuse have surfaced.

CENTRE ALLOCATES RS 15 CRORE FOR STATE'S LONGEST BRIDGE ON BEAS

Diary Times Desk: The Union Government has allocated Rs 15 crore to the Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department (PWD) for constructing the state's longest bridge over the Beas near Pong reservoir in the Fatehpur Assembly constituency in Kangra district. The 800-metre-long bridge, to be built at a cost of Rs 104 crore under the Setu Bharatam Scheme, will be funded through the Central Roads and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF). It will be constructed downstream of Pong Reservoir, connecting Sthana in Fatehpur with Sansarpur-Terrace in Jaswan Pragpur Assembly constituency. Following the budget allocation, the PWD has floated tenders for the construction of this muchawaited bridge, which will provide uninterrupted interstate connectivity between Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. Currently, residents of Fatehpur, Jawali, Indora, and Jaswan Pragpur constituencies face travel difficulties due to security restrictions around the Pong Dam. The new bridge will significantly ease their movement. Vinay Kumar, executive engineer of the Fatehpur PWD division, said since the bridge will be built on land.

RARE UNANIMITY: BJP, CONG LEGISLATORS JOIN HANDS ON POLICY FOR OUTSOURCED EMPLOYEES

Diary Times Desk: Legislators in the Vidhan Sabha today rose above political lines and demanded the framing of a policy for outsourced employees, who were getting a meagre salary and facing exploitation at the hands of the contractors. "A Cabinet subcommittee has been constituted to look into all issues concerning the outsourced employees. We want that the outsourced employees should not be exploited and they should get proper remuneration, besides other benefits," said Deputy Minister Mukesh Agnihotri while participating in the debate on the issue. On a Private Member resolution moved by Paonta Sahib MLA Sukh Ram Chaudhary under Rule 101, the House debated the need for bringing a policy for outsourced employees. Eleven MLAs took part in the debate and feeling satisfied with the assurance given the Deputy Chief Minister, Chaudhary withdrew the resolution. Agnihotri said, "We are committed to regularising the services of SMC teachers, as we have made a commitment to them. The Cabinet sub-committee is already working on protecting the interests of the outsourced exploitation." who employees, facina



CHENNAI SUPER KINGS VS MUMBAI INDIANS IPL 2025: CSK REGISTER EASY 4-WICKET WIN AS MI CONTINUE UNWANTED STREAK

Diary Times Desk: Rachin Ravindra played the anchor as Chennai Super Kings registered an easy four-wicket win over Mumbai Indians in their IPL 2025 campaign opener at Chepauk on Sunday. The result also saw MI continuing their 13-year long unwanted streak of losing the opening match of their campaign. The side last won their IPL campaign opener back in 2012 and has been losing since then. Talking about the game in Chennai, CSK's Noor Ahmed (4 for 18) and Khaleel Ahmed (3 for 29) together broke the spine of MI, restricting the side to 155 for 9 in 20 overs. In the chase, CSK were always ahead, thanks to Rachin's 65 not out off 45. The 24-year-old debutant Vignesh Puthur was the silver lining for MI in the loss as he impressed with figures of 3 for 32, taking some crucial wickets. CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad also contributed with a crucial 53 off



SHARDUL THAKUR TO REPLACE INJURED MOHSIN KHAN AT LSG

Diary Times Desk: Shardul Thakur, the Mumbai pace-bowling all-rounder, has been roped in by Lucknow Super Giants as a replacement for Mohsin Khan for IPL 2025. Mohsin has been ruled out of this season due to injury. Mohsin had suffered an ACL tear and last featured in a competitive game in December 2024. Shardul, who went unsold at the auctions, was picked at his base price of INR 2 crore from the Registered Available Player Pool (RAPP) following a string of fine all-round performances in the domestic season. Shardul has featured in 95 games in IPL, picking up 94 wickets. He has previously played for Punjab Kings, Rising Pune Super Giants, Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders. With the bat, he has put in some crunch performances with his hitting lower down the order, including a highest score of 68. Thakur had earlier signed a deal with Essex to play seven County Championship games during the initial half of the 2025-26 season, all of which are set to be played in April and May 2025. As a result of his IPL commitments, he will now be unavailable for the County season. Shardul, who went unsold at the auctions, was picked at his base price of INR 2 crore from the Registered Available Player Pool (RAPP) following a string of fine performances.

ALLROUND NEW ZEALAND DECIMATE PAKISTAN TO CLINCH SERIES

Diary Times Desk: New Zealand produced a ruthless all-round performance to seal a seriesclinching 115-run win against Pakistan in the fourth T201. Put into bat, the Black Caps rode on explosive knocks from Finn Allen (50 off 20) and Tim Seifert (44 off 22) while Michael Bracewell (46* off 26) fired at the back end to power the hosts to a strong total of 220. Unlike the previous game, Pakistan's chase never got going at all as they were bowled out for 105 with New Zealand's pacers ripping Pakistan's inexperienced batting unit apart. The dimensions at Mount Maunganui are bigger than Eden Park but it was another lovely batting surface with lot of pace and bounce in it. Salman Ali Agha opted to bowl, hoping for a repeat of the previous game but once again, New Zealand got off to a fiery start in the PowerPlay. Seifert and Allen went bonkers, taking down everything that was thrown at them. The former dominated the opening stand of 59 before falling to a sharp catch at deep square leg. Allen then took over as the home side raced to 79 in the first six overs. Mark Chapman also started well but was castled by Haris Rauf to give Pakistan some respite. However, Allen's assault had New Zealand breathing fire at 134/1 with a total of 250.

SRH VS RR HIGHLIGHTS, IPL 2025: ISHAN KISHAN AND HARSHAL PATEL STANDOUT PERFORMERS AS SUNRISERS REGISTER 44-RUN WIN

Diary Times Desk: SunRisers Hyderabad came out on top in the six-hitting fest against Rajasthan Royals as they won the IPL 2025 contest by 44 runs at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium. Chasing 287, Rajasthan Royals tried their best to make a game out of it but in the end, the task turned out to be too daunting. The Riyan Parag-led side got off to the worst start possible, losing Yashasvi Jaiswal (1), Riyan Parag (4) and Nitish Rana (11) in a jiffy. Dhruv Jurel and Sanju Samson then put on 111 runs for the fourth wicket as both batters registered halfcenturies. However, the asking run rate led to Samson and Dhruv Jurel losing their wickets. As soon as the duo departed, SRH's victory was sealed. Earlier, Ishan Kishan's unbeaten 106-run knock off 47 balls helped SunRisers Hyderabad post the secondhighest total in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Kishan's onslaught helped Pat Cummins and co post 286/6 in the allotted twenty overs against Rajasthan Royals. Earlier, Travis Head and Ishan did not let the momentum drop after Abhishek Sharma's wicket as the duo smashed boundaries for fun, helping SunRisers Hyderabad post 94/1 in the powerplay.



ROHIT SHARMA EQUALS HUMILIATING IPL RECORD WITH DISASTROUS SHOW AGAINST CHENNAI SUPER KINGS

Diary Times Desk: It was a disastrous start to the IPL 2025 campaign for Mumbai Indians star batter Rohit Sharma as he was dismissed for a duck during the match against Chennai Super Kings on Sunday. In the very first over of the match, Rohit tried to flick a delivery from Khaleel Ahmed towards the leg-side but ended up completely miscuing the shot. The ball went straight to Shivam Dube at midwicket who made no mistake in completing the catch. This was the 18th duck for Rohit Sharma in IPL - the joint-most by any batter along with Australia's Glenn Maxwell and former Indian cricket team star Dinesh Karthik. Meanwhile, CSK captain Ruturaj Gaikwad won the toss and opted to bowl against MI. Another chapter in the IPL's 'El Clasico' will unfold at Chepauk, with two of the most decorated sides in the cashrich league squaring off against each other in a fierce contest. MI will be without its skipper, Hardik Pandya, and top pace gun, Jasprit Bumrah. In Pandya's absence, Suryakumar Yaday has taken the leadership role.

BCCI EXPANDS THE ROLE OF FOURTH UMPIRE IN IPL

Diary Times Desk: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has broadened the role, duties, and responsibilities of the fourth umpire in the IPL matches. During the recent Captains' Meeting at the Cricket Centre, the BCCI clearly emphasized that the fourth umpire should not be disturbed or distracted by teams, as they play a crucial role throughout the match. Additionally, the BCCI has clarified specific instances when a batsman can overrule his captain's call. Among other responsibilities, the fourth umpire - who majorly operates from outside the boundary line - is authorized to randomly check the size of bats, not just on match days but also during practice sessions. Further, the umpire will monitor players retiring to the dugout, with particular attention to bowlers who leave the field after completing their quota of overs. "The 4th Umpire is an important member of the team, the voice of the PCT at the boundary. Players are requested not to approach the 4th Umpire for any grievance against a decision. The 4th Umpire is empowered to check bats at any time on matchdays & practice days. They will be monitoring those bowlers who have left the field after finishing their bowling auota & those players who are habitual offenders of leaving the field to take rest," a BCCI note.