

BJP NEWS

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Along with food items, the kits include clothes, vermicelli, dates, dry fruits and sugar. Women's kits will contain fabric for suits, while men's kits will include kurta-pyjamas. The cost of each kit will be around Rs 500 to Rs 600, as per a report by news agency ANI.

BJP Minority Morcha national president Jamal Siddiqui, who rolled out the initiative, said similar kits will be distributed among economically weaker members of other minority communities during their festivals under the 'Saugat-e-Modi' programme next month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi always says that he is the guardian of 140 crore Indians and he takes part in all festivals. He participates in Christmas, Easter, Baisakhi and sends 'chadar' for offering at Nizamuddin Dargah and Ajmer Sharif," he said. "So we decided that we will give kits with food to our brothers and sisters, who are poor. Each kit will also have clothes for our sisters," he told news agency PTI. As many as 32,000 Minority Morcha workers will contact 32,000 mosques.



KUNAL KAMRA ROW

'THEY THINK IT'S THEIR BIRTHRIGHT...': YOGI ADITYANATH ON KUNAL KAMRA ROW



Diary Times Desk : Freedom of expression cannot be used to mount "personal attacks", Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath told news agency ANI in an exclusive interview to be aired Wednesday morning, referring to comedian Kunal Kamra and his 'gaddar' joke about Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

"But unfortunately, some people think it is their birthright to use this freedom to tear the country apart and widen the division," the firebrand BJP leader said on the political row around Mr Kamra's remarks.

The comedian - who on Monday told Mumbai Police he did not regret making the joke and would only apologise if ordered to by the courts - has told NDTV he has since received 500 threatening calls.

In a show shot at the Habitat Comedy Club (now demolished by the Mumbai civic body over alleged building violations) in Mumbai's Khar, Mr Kamra played out a satirical version of a popular Bollywood song - 'bholi si surat' - from the 1997 blockbuster 'Dil To Pagal Hai'.

The satire referred to the word 'gaddar', or 'traitor', which was seen as a reference to Mr Shinde splitting the Shiv Sena in 2022 and joining hands with the BJP. This, in turn, led to the Uddhav Thackeray-led government losing power in Maharashtra. Meanwhile, Yogi Adityanath also unleashed multiple attacks on the Congress - from allegations it "used billionaire George Soros' money" to try and influence the 2024 Lok Sabha election" to calling the party's Karnataka government's four per cent Muslim quota bill an "insult to Babsaheb Ambedkar's Constitution". "They (the Congress-led INDIA opposition bloc) spread propaganda... they not only spread it, but foreign money was also involved. Soros long ago announced it..." he said.

INDIA MAY INTERFERE IN GENERAL ELECTION ON APRIL 28: CANADA

Diary Times Desk : China and India are likely to try to interfere in the Canadian general election on April 28, while Russia and Pakistan have the potential to do so, the country's spy service said on Monday. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service made its comments at a time when Ottawa's relations with both India and China are chilly. Beijing and New Delhi have denied previous allegations of interference. Canada was slow in responding to efforts by China and India to interfere in the 2019 and 2021 elections but their outcomes were unaffected by the meddling, an official probe said in a final report released in January. Vanessa Lloyd, deputy director of operations at CSIS, told a press conference that hostile state actors were increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence to meddle in elections. "The PRC (People's Republic of China) is highly likely to use AI enabled tools to attempt to interfere with Canada's democratic process in this current election," she said. Earlier this month Beijing announced tariffs on more than \$2.6 billion worth of Canadian agricultural and food products, retaliating against levies Ottawa slapped on Chinese electric vehicles and steel and aluminum products last year.



CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE: 3-JUDGE PANEL BEGINS INQUIRY; VISITS JUSTICE VARMA'S HOUSE

Diary Times Desk : The three-member in-house committee appointed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Tuesday commenced its inquiry into allegations of unaccounted cash at the residence of Justice Yashwant Varma -- a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court -- during a fire on March 14. As a first step, the committee consisting of Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice GS Sandhawalia and Karnataka High Court judge Anu Sivaraman visited Justice Varma's official residence at 30, Tughlak Crescent, for around 30-35 minutes, sources said. The committee was understood to have inspected the site this afternoon, they said, adding it was not clear if Justice Varma was at his residence during the committee's visit. If the three-judge committee indicts Justice Varma, the CJI can advise him to resign or to seek voluntary retirement. However, if the judge in question ignores his advice.

YUNUS' 4-DAY VISIT TO CHINA, MEETING WITH XI AND GROWING CLOSENESS BETWEEN INDIA'S NEIGHBOURS



Diary Times Desk : On Wednesday Bangladesh interim government's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus will leave for China where he will hold multiple engagements, including a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha reported that Yunus will address the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) conference, meet CEOs of giant global and Chinese companies, deliver a lecture at Peking University (PKU), visit hi-tech parks and hold talks with hospital chains to invite them to explore business potential in Bangladesh. The Yunus-Xi talks are expected to hover around boosting the economy and infrastructure in Bangladesh, including establishment of the Chinese Economic Zone in Chattogram, negotiations around the Bangladesh-China Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Investment Treaty, signifying Beijing's deepening strategic and economic engagement with the new administration in Dhaka. According to reports, China is also sending a chartered aircraft to bring Yunus to Beijing. The visit comes amid the not-so-warm relationship between Bangladesh and India since the ouster of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina following the violent student-led protests in August last.

KAMRA'S JIBE IS LIKE TAKING 'SUPARI' TO SPEAK AGAINST A PERSON: EKNATH SHINDE

Diary Times Desk : Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has likened comedian Kunal Kamra's jibe at him to taking "supari" (contract) to speak against someone, and said there should be a decorum while making a satire, otherwise the "action causes a reaction". Freedom of speech is there, but there should be a limit, Shinde said on Monday reacting to Kamra's comments. The Shiv Sena leader further said he does not focus on who says what as his work speaks for him. The 36-year-old stand-up comedian has kicked up a major political storm in Maharashtra for taking a jibe at Shinde's political career in his show. Kamra had performed a parody of a popular Hindi song from the film "Dil Toh Pagal Hai," apparently referring to Shinde as a "gaddar" (traitor). He also made jokes about recent political developments in Maharashtra, including the Shiv Sena and NCP splits.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
 26-03-2025

<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: WARRIORS PROVIDING SERVICES DURING THE CORONA PERIOD WILL BE ADJUSTED, A RESPONSE WAS ALSO RECEIVED TO THE CUT PROPOSAL IN THE VIDHAN SABHA

Diary Times Desk : Corona warriors who provided services during the Corona period will be accommodated in the department. The state government is deliberating on this. Health Minister Dhaniram Shandil gave this information in response to the cut motion brought by BJP MLA Vipin Singh Parmar and others in the Assembly House on Tuesday related to the Health and Family Welfare Department. He said that the number of warriors providing services during the Corona period is close to 2,000. Nurses, paramedical staff in the hospital and employees in the plant were appointed on a temporary basis. The government has suspended the licenses of 8 companies manufacturing medicines in Himachal. Along with this, the licenses of 103 drug sellers have also been suspended in the state. The Health Minister said that 34,640 beneficiaries are registered in the Sahara scheme in the state. 12,595 new beneficiaries have been included in the scheme. The tender process has been completed to start robotic surgery in Tanda Medical College, Super Specialty Chamiyana. PET scan facility will be started in IGMC within three months. 20.73 crores have been released for this.



HP VIDHAN SABHA: CM SUKHU SAID- TANDA HOSPITAL CAN TAKE MONEY FROM RKS FOR REPAIR WORK

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that Tanda Medical College and Hospital can take money from RKS for repair work. The government will not interfere in this. In response to the question of Congress MLA Raghuveer Singh Bali, the Chief Minister said that within a year IGMC Shimla and Medical College Tanda will be developed well. For a long time there are no posts of senior resident in Tanda Medical College. In the last 20 years no one paid attention to SRship. The government will create these posts. Bali raised the issue of releasing less budget than IGMC Shimla for repair work in Medical College Tanda in the House. Bali said that earlier RKS used to have budget for repair work. He wants to request that there is more work in Tanda College than IGMC. Will we get budget equal to IGMC Shimla? Congress MLA Ajay Solanki raised a question related to Medical College Nahan. He said that the company has stopped the construction work of the college building. In response, the Chief Minister said that it is a very serious matter that the previous government opened a medical college without thinking at a place where it is not possible to expand it. Rs 100 crore has been spent there. The company is asking for Rs 370 crore.

SHIMLA AIRPORT: EQUIPMENT BROUGHT FROM DELHI, ENGINEERS REMAINED BUSY IN REPAIRING THE AIRCRAFT; DEMAND RAISED TO EXTEND THE RUNWAY

Diary Times Desk : Engineers were on duty all day on Tuesday to repair the technical fault in the aircraft at Jubbarhatti Airport in Shimla. To repair the technical fault, equipment was brought to Shimla by a plane from Delhi at around 10 am. After this, the engineers were busy repairing the aircraft till late evening. On the other hand, air services between Delhi-Shimla, Shimla-Dharamshala, Dharamshala-Shimla and Shimla-Delhi are likely to be restored from Wednesday. Engineers at Jubbarhatti Airport started repairing the technical fault in the aircraft from 9 am on Tuesday. During this, the engineers also took information about the fault from the pilot of the aircraft. The acting director of the airport was also present during this time. On Monday, a major accident was averted at Jubbarhatti Airport when the ATR-42 aircraft of Alliance Air, which came from Delhi to Shimla, was stopped with emergency brakes.

BILASPUR FIRING INCIDENT: FIVE ARRESTED SO FAR IN BAMBER THAKUR FIRING CASE, SAURABH AND KULDEEP IN CUSTODY

Diary Times Desk : In the former MLA Bamber Thakur firing case, the police have detained Kuldeep alias Shishu and Saurabh Patial alias Fandi of Rohtak. It is being told that the SIT has caught both of them from Rohtak in Haryana. Both have been taken to Bilaspur, the police has not yet confirmed the arrest of both. Apart from this, two shooters are out of police custody. SP Bilaspur informed that one accused has been arrested in the firing case. Already four accused Manjeet Nadda, Ritesh Sharma, Rohit Rana and Sagar have been arrested and sent to judicial custody. On March 24, the police arrested Ajay Kumar (24) son of Prem Singh, resident of village Goyala Kalan, Tehsil Badli, District Jhajjar (Haryana). On Tuesday, the accused was produced in the court, from where orders were issued to send him to judicial custody till April 7. According to sources, the SIT team formed in the case has also detained two more accused Saurabh Patial and Kuldeep. Both have been brought to Bilaspur. Kuldeep alias Shishu was absconding since January in a case of Arms Act registered in Ghumarwin police station. Accused Kuldeep is from Rohtak in Haryana. Ghumarwin police had registered a case on January 8 that some youths were practicing shooting in the Jahri forest.

SHIMLA: FEMALE TEACHER SLAPS STUDENT IN A PRESTIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IN SHIMLA, FIR LODGED

Diary Times Desk : A female teacher slapped a sixth class student in Portmore School of the capital Shimla. On the complaint of the student's mother, the police have registered a case against the female teacher in Chhota Shimla police station and started investigating the matter. In the case of slapping the 10-year-old victim student, the police is taking action against the accused female teacher under Juvenile Justice Act and Section 115 (2) of BNS. In a statement given to the police, the mother of the victim student said that on Monday, during the Sanskrit class, the female teacher had asked her daughter and other students to memorize the meanings of words. When the female teacher asked the students the meanings of words in the class, many children could not give the correct answer. Seeing this, the female teacher ordered her daughter to stand up.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MEDICINES ARE BEING MADE IN OTHER STATES, BUT THEY ARE WRITING 'MADE IN HIMACHAL' ON THE TOP; AN ATTEMPT TO TARNISH THE IMAGE

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh State Drug Controller Dr. Manish Kapoor said that a zero tolerance policy is being adopted against the manufacturers of low quality or poor quality medicines in the state. He said that the place of production of poor quality medicines manufactured in other states is being written as Himachal Pradesh. This is an attempt to tarnish the image of Himachal as the drug hub of the world. Kapoor said that in the year 2024-25, the Food and Drug Administration Authority of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and Haryana gave information about 20 such medicines, regarding which it was said that these medicines were manufactured in Solan and Sirmour districts. After a thorough investigation, it was found that no company manufacturing these medicines is established in the state. The Food and Drug Administration Authority of the concerned states was immediately informed about this and urged to take legal action against those spreading lies.

SPORTS: CHAMBA WAS FIRST IN MARCHPAST, DIET SOLAN'S SUMAN WAS FIRST IN HIGH JUMP; 392 PARTICIPANTS FROM 11 DISTRICTS ARE PARTICIPATING

Diary Times Desk : Inter Diet State Level Sports Competition was inaugurated at Police Ground Bargah of District Headquarter. On the first day of the competition, host Chamba secured first position in the march past. After this, Surendra of Diet Chamba secured first position in 800 meter boys category. Priyanshu of Sirmour secured second position and Sanjeev Kumar of Chamba secured third position. In 800 meter race for girls, Ravina of Shimla secured first position, Mamta of Kullu secured second position and Nitika of Chamba secured third position. In high jump for girls, Suman of Solan secured first position, Anshika of Bilaspur secured second position and Vibhuti of Sirmour secured third position. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Chamba Mukesh Repaswal participated as the chief guest.

LOK SABHA PASSES FINANCE BILL 2025, REMOVES 6% DIGITAL TAX ON ONLINE ADS

Diary Times Desk : The Lok Sabha on Tuesday approved the Finance Bill 2025, which included 35 government amendments, one of which eliminates the 6 percent digital tax on online advertisements. With this, the Lok Sabha has completed its part of the budget approval process, and the Rajya Sabha will now review the Bill. After the Rajya Sabha approves the Bill, the Budget process for 2025-26 will be complete. The Union Budget 2025-26 envisages a total expenditure of Rs 50.65 lakh crore, an increase of 7.4 per cent over the current fiscal. The total capital expenditure proposed for the next fiscal is Rs 11.22 lakh crore and an effective capital expenditure of Rs 15.48 lakh crore. It proposes a gross tax revenue collection of Rs 42.70 lakh crore and a gross borrowing of Rs 14.01 lakh crore. According to Budget documents, Rs 5,41,850.21 crore has been earmarked for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the financial year starting April 1, 2025. This compares with Rs 4,15,356.25 crore for the current financial year.

INDIA OPEN TO TARIFF CUTS ON US IMPORTS WORTH \$23 BILLION: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The government is open to cutting tariffs on more than half of US imports worth \$23 billion as part of a trade deal being negotiated between the two countries, news agency Reuters reported, citing two government sources. This would be one of the biggest tariff cuts in years, aimed at preventing reciprocal tariffs that could hurt exports. The government is trying to reduce the impact of US President Donald Trump's global reciprocal tariffs, which are set to take effect from April 2. These new tariffs have disrupted markets and created concerns among many countries, including some of the US's Western allies. According to an internal analysis by India, the new US tariffs could impact 87% of Indian exports to the US, which are worth around \$66 billion, two government officials told Reuters. To avoid this impact, India is open to lowering tariffs on 55% of US imports that are currently taxed between 5% and 30%, according to sources. Some tariffs could be reduced significantly, while others may be removed entirely. The proposal is still under discussion, and Indian government officials have not made a final decision. Other options being explored include adjusting tariffs for specific sectors instead of a broad tariff cut and negotiating reductions for selected products.

"KAAT DENGHE TUMHE": KUNAL KAMRA HAS GOT 500 THREATENING CALLS, SAY SOURCES



Diary Times Desk : Following the row over his remarks on Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, sources close to comedian Kunal Kamra have said he has sought more time to appear before the Mumbai Police and has been receiving death threats from workers of Mr Shinde's party, the Shiv Sena. The sources said Mr Kamra has received at least 500 calls in which people have threatened to kill him and cut him to pieces ("kaat denge tumhe"). In a show shot at the Habitat Comedy Club in Mumbai's Khar, Mr Kamra had made some comments on the Shiv Sena chief - without naming him - through a satirical version of the song 'Bholi si surat' from the 1997 blockbuster 'Dil To Pagal Hai'. The satirical song also had a mention of 'gaddar' (traitor) which was seen as a reference to Mr Shinde splitting the Shiv Sena in 2022 and joining hands with the BJP, leading to the Uddhav Thackeray-led government losing power in Maharashtra. After Mr Kamra's show was posted on YouTube, Shiv Sena workers had vandalised the Habitat Comedy Club in Khar.

SUPREME COURT TAKES NOTE OF ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT'S 'GRABBING BREASTS NOT RAPE' ORDER

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Tuesday took note of the controversial ruling of the Allahabad High Court that grabbing breasts and breaking pyjama strings was not rape. The High Court's order came on March 17 in a case related to attempted rape of a minor. A Supreme Court bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih will hear the matter on Wednesday. The Allahabad Court had said in its order that "the allegation of holding the victim's breasts and breaking the waistband of the pyjama did not constitute a case of attempted rape against the accused". The court remarked that it was an allegation of sexual assault. The judge, Justice Ram Manohar Narayan Mishra, who gave the order, said after recording the facts of the incident involving an 11-year-old girl, it was a case of assault on the dignity of a woman, but can't be called an attempt to rape. The High Court's verdict drew massive condemnation from various quarters.

FOETUS, VESTIGIAL ORGANS DUMPED IN ROADSIDE GARBAGE IN PUNE, CASE REGISTERED

Diary Times Desk : Police on Tuesday registered a case against unidentified persons after a foetus and vestigial organs that were part of biomedical waste, were found dumped in glass containers at Daund in Maharashtra's Pune district, officials said. Ten glass containers containing this biomedical waste were found dumped in the garbage by the roadside in Daund in the morning, they said. "We found one foetus and some vestigial organs. All these were disposed of in 10 different glass containers in a wrongful manner at a garbage site located at the Borawake chowk in Daund," inspector Gopal Pawar of Daund police station said. An offence was then registered against unidentified persons under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections 89 (causing a miscarriage without the woman's consent), 90 (death caused by an act done with intent to cause miscarriage), 271 (negligently spreading a disease dangerous to life) and 272 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life), he said.

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ON MURKY DELHI JUDGE CASH-AT-HOME ROW, CENTRE CALLS ALL-PARTY MEET: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : The centre on Tuesday reached out to all political parties on the issue of cash found at the home of a Delhi High Court judge - Justice Yashwant Varma. Sources said the centre wants to hear the views of all parties - whether part of the union government or not - on this sensitive issue. The all-party call came after Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar's meeting earlier today with the floor leaders of various parties, including the Congress, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool, Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK, the BJD from Odisha, the BRS and YSRCP from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal also attended this meeting, after which floor leaders were told to discuss the issue with their respective parties ahead of another meeting. Meanwhile, centre will decide on its next steps after the all-party meet.



CANADA CITES "INDIA'S GROWING GLOBAL INFLUENCE" IN ALLEGATION AGAINST PAK

Diary Times Desk : Canada on Monday said Pakistan could interfere in its April 28 general election to counter India's "growing global influence". Vanessa Lloyd, the deputy director of operations at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), said Islamabad could conduct foreign interference activities against Canada. "The government of Pakistan could potentially conduct foreign interference activities against Canada in line with its strategic aims to promote political, security and economic stability in Pakistan and to counter India's growing global influence," she told a press conference. Ms Lloyd also said that New Delhi could interfere in the election. "We have also seen that the government of India has the intent and capability to interfere in Canadian communities and democratic processes to assert its geopolitical influence," she said. Canada had levelled similar allegations against the two countries last year, a charge unequivocally rejected by New Delhi. The spy agency in April 2024 released an unclassified summary tabled as part of a federal inquiry examining potential foreign interference, alleging "clandestine" activities by both India and Pakistan during the 2021 and 2019 general elections.

HOW DONALD TRUMP IS INADVERTENTLY HELPING THE LIBERALS IN CANADA

Diary Times Desk : Canada is set to go to polls on April 28 in what's emerging as a consequential and close election. The candidates have been given 36 days to campaign, the shortest allowed under the law, with US President Donald Trump's trade war threats and Canadian sovereignty dominating the five-week election race. This will be the first Canadian election in a decade without former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the ballot. This time, Canada's two main rival parties-- the Conservatives and the Liberals -- are in a neck-and-neck competition, making it a race to watch. In Canada, voters don't elect the prime minister directly and traditionally the leader of the party that wins the most seats is chosen as the head of the government. Prime Minister and Liberal leader Mark Carney.

OSCAR-WINNING PALESTINIAN DIRECTOR ARRESTED AFTER CLASH WITH ISRAELI SETTLERS



Diary Times Desk : The Oscar-winning director of a documentary on the Israel-Palestinian conflict was arrested late on Monday during a standoff over an attempt by settlers to steal sheep from Palestinian farmers in the occupied West Bank, a witness said. Hamdan Ballal, co-director of the award-winning "No Other Land", was attending a gathering for Iftar, the end of the daily Ramadan fast, at Susiya village near Hebron, when a group of settlers attacked the gathering, said Jihad Nawajaa, head of the Susiya local council. "Dozens of settlers attacked the gathering at Iftar," Nawajaa told Reuters by phone. "The young men came out to prevent them, and there were about eight injuries on our side." Israeli police arrested three men, including Ballal, who was injured during the standoff, he said. It was unclear how badly he had been injured. The Israeli military said police and soldiers intervened after Palestinians threw rocks at the vehicles of Israeli citizens. It said three Palestinians suspected of throwing rocks at them were arrested.

SIXTH NIGHT OF PROTESTS IN TURKEY AS ERDOGAN HITS OUT AT UNREST

Diary Times Desk : Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has blamed opposition parties for provoking a "movement of violence" as protests in the country continued for a sixth night. Unrest began in Istanbul last Wednesday when the city's Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu - Erdogan's main political rival - was detained on corruption charges. Imamoglu said the allegations against him were politically motivated, a claim Erdogan has denied. Turkey's main opposition party, the Republican People's Party's (CHP), which announced Imamoglu as its presidential candidate on Sunday, said the demonstrations will end on Tuesday, without saying what the next steps would be. Erdogan has labelled the demonstrations "evil" and blamed the opposition for "disturbing the peace of our citizens with provocations". Speaking from Ankara, Turkey's capital, Erdogan called.

MAGNITUDE 6.8 EARTHQUAKE HITS NEW ZEALAND'S RIVERTON COAST

Diary Times Desk : A massive earthquake of magnitude 6.8 sent tremors off the coast of Riverton in New Zealand on Tuesday, said the United States Geological Survey. The quake, which initially was recorded at 7 magnitude, struck at a depth of 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) off the southwest tip of the South Island, the USGS said. So far, no tsunami warning has been issued for the region. As per the USGS website, there have been green alerts for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses, as per which it has concluded that there are low chances of casualties and damage. Further, it said that the population residing in the quake-hit region live in structures that are highly resistant to earthquakes, with an exception of some vulnerable structures. Meanwhile, New Zealand's emergency management agency said that it was "assessing whether the earthquake has created a tsunami that could affect" the country. In a national advisory, the agency said, "If a tsunami has been generated in this location it is not likely to arrive in New Zealand for at least one hour."

'CONSIDERED LETTING HIM DIE PEACEFULLY': MEDICAL HEALTH TEAM ON POPE FRANCIS

Diary Times Desk : Pope Francis came so close to death at one point during his fight in hospital against pneumonia that his doctors considered ending treatment so that the 88-year-old pontiff could die peacefully, the head of the pope's medical team said on Tuesday. After a breathing crisis on February 28 that involved Francis nearly choking on his vomit, "there was a real risk he might not make it," said Sergio Alfieri, a physician at Rome's Gemelli hospital. "We had to choose if we would stop there and let him go, or to go forward and push it with all the drugs and therapies possible, running the highest risk of damaging his other organs," Alfieri told Italy's Corriere della Sera.

Francis, pope since 2013, was treated at Gemelli hospital for 38 days in the most serious health crisis of his 12-year papacy. He was admitted on February 14 for a bout of bronchitis that developed into double pneumonia, an especially serious condition for Francis, who had pleurisy as a young adult and had part of one lung removed. Francis, pope since 2013, was treated at Gemelli hospital for 38 days in the most serious health crisis of his 12-year papacy.

COLUMBIA STUDENT PROTESTER SUES TRUMP TO STOP DEPORTATION

Diary Times Desk : A Columbia University student who moved to the US as a child is suing the Trump administration over attempts to deport her for participating in pro-Palestinian protests. Yunseo Chung, 21, a legal permanent US resident who moved from South Korea when she was seven, alleges immigration officials have executed search warrants at multiple Columbia facilities, including her dormitory. The lawsuit seeks to block her detention and deportation, citing First Amendment and other constitutional rights. It follows the administration's recent detention of Mahmoud Khalil, a prominent pro-Palestinian activist, who helped negotiate between university officials and student protesters. Ms Chung's lawyers have said she participated in campus protests against Israel's war in Gaza, but had not made statements to the press or taken on a high-profile role like Mr Khalil. The Department of Homeland Security claims Ms Chung engaged in "concerning conduct", including her arrest at nearby Barnard College demonstration over student expulsions linked to pro-Palestinian protests, US media report.



HIGH COURT DIRECTS PUNJAB TO PROVIDE FIR DATA ON THREAT FROM 'GANGSTERS'

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed Punjab to provide details regarding the number of FIRs registered across the state based on complaints by individuals alleging threat perceptions from 'gangsters.' The state has also been asked to furnish information about any specialised anti-gangster task force constituted for dealing with such cases. The direction by Justice Harkesh Manuja of the high court came on a contempt petition filed against Additional Director-General of Police (Security) Sudhanshu S Srivastava by Simarjit Singh through counsel Onkar Singh Batalvi. Taking up the matter, Justice Manuja called for an affidavit detailing these aspects. The court also sought information on the present status of the Punjab Control of Organised Crime Act and the steps taken to expedite investigations in cases registered under it. Justice Manuja also granted the government time to clarify whether any separate legislation had been enacted in Punjab specifically addressing organised crime. "Counsel for the respondent prays for time to apprise this court as to whether any separate legislation has been promulgated by the Government of Punjab in relation to the organised crimes," the bench observed, while fixing the case for April 3.



LIQUOR VENDS' TENDERING IN CHANDIGARH UNDER SCANNER AMIDST CARTELISATION ALLEGATIONS

Diary Times Desk : The tendering process of liquor vendes in Chandigarh for 2025-26 today came under judicial scanner, with a contractor alleging cartelisation and non-compliance with the excise policy. In a petition filed before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the petitioner-contractor has, among other things, contended that over 87 out of 97 liquor vendes have been allocated to just two or three individuals operating under different firm names or through their relatives, associates, and employees. Challenging the notice inviting tender (NIT) dated March 13, M/S Kler Wines and another petitioner through counsel Bikramjit Singh Patwalla contended that the entire process was carried out in contravention of the prescribed rules. Seeking the quashing of the NIT, he added that the flawed process was also in violation of the Excise Policy 2025-26 as well as the Punjab Liquor Licence (Chandigarh Amendment) Rules, 2020.

AFTER STUDENT'S DEATH, EXPERTS CALL FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS ON SENSITISING YOUTH TO SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Diary Times Desk : The death of a 17-year-old student by suicide has once again called for collective efforts from school authorities and parents on sensitising the youth to the proper use of social media platforms. The victim, a Class XI student of Government Senior Secondary School, Sector 21, was accused of using social media against his teachers. Despite awareness efforts, the youth are finding the social media a better way to discuss their problems or to give vent to their anger, claimed local teachers. According to sources, a majority of the local schools are facing the problem of fake social media accounts being used by students to make accusations against teachers as well as school authorities. Many such accounts carry objectionable posts and pictures of school officials. "This is a very sensitive matter.

HC ISSUES NOTICE TO CM BHAGWANT MANN

Diary Times Desk : Acting on a petition filed by Emaan Singh Mann – former MP Simranjit Singh Mann's son – the Punjab and Haryana High Court has put Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and another respondent on notice. He had moved the court following the dismissal of his complaint alleging defamation. "Despite having proved prime facie case of defamation, the criminal complaint has been dismissed without summoning the respondent/accused," Mann contended through counsel Abhaypal Singh Gill and Bhagoti Singh. Appearing before Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya's Bench, the counsel contended that the petitioner, prima facie, established before the Magistrate that he did not own 125 acres said to have been encroached upon by him. "Besides, the impugned order refers to a report said to have been prepared by the officials and read by the accused, whereas it is not a part of the record," he added. Taking up the matter, the Bench also fixed the case for further hearing on May 3.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS A BUNDLE OF LIES: PUNJAB LOP PARTAP SINGH BAJWA

Diary Times Desk : Acrimonious scenes were witnessed during a debate on the Governor's Address as the Opposition teared into the government's claim in absence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Terming the Governor's Address as a "bundle of lies", Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa accused the CM of running away from the discussion. He said AAP, which had come to power by promising 'badlav', had fallen flat in its actions. He added that neither kisan nor jawan was safe under AAP. The LoP questioned the government on acting against the big fish involved in drug trade and on implementing the poll guarantees like giving monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 to women. "The government has failed to act against AIG Raj Jit, whose name had figured in adding drug peddlers, and DSP Gursheer Sandhu, who had facilitated interview of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi," he said. Terming the AAP government as anti-farmer, Bajwa said, "Farmers incurred a loss of over Rs 3,500 crore as their paddy produce was procured Rs 200 per quintal below the MSP. Farm leaders were detained under the garb of their meeting with the Union Minister. Even their trailers and other valuables were taken away by the police from the protest sites." Justice is nowhere in sight in the 2015 Bargari sacrilege incidents and the police firing at Kotkapur and Behbal Kalan, said Bajwa, adding that government employees were still waiting for implementation of the old-pension scheme.

HISAR AIRPORT SET FOR INAUGURATION: PM MODI TO LAUNCH DOMESTIC FLIGHTS ON APRIL 14

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to inaugurate domestic flights from Hisar Airport on April 14, marking the culmination of the BJP government's ambitious project. The airport has come a long way since its inception. The airstrip was initially set up in 1967, and domestic flights commenced in the mid-1980s but were discontinued shortly due to financial unviability. The Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation (HICA) has managed the airport, providing flying and gliding training to youngsters. With the upcoming inauguration, the airport is poised to begin a new chapter. The Hisar airport has made significant progress, with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) granting an aerodrome licence on March 13. This licence, issued under the management of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), enables the airport to serve as a regular landing and departure point for aircraft that meet specified operational requirements. The airport is being developed as an Integrated Aviation Hub, which will include an airport and other related projects such as maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facilities. The state government is overseeing the development, which is planned to be completed in three phases. The first phase was completed in 2019.

UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ROHTAK TO INTRODUCE DIGITAL MARKING SYSTEM

Diary Times Desk : Pt BD Sharma University of Health Sciences Rohtak (UHSR) has decided to implement a digital marking system for the annual and supplementary examinations of the MBBS course being run by various government and private colleges affiliated with the university across the state. According to sources, this decision comes in the wake of the recent MBBS exam scam at UHSR, in which answer sheets were smuggled out of the university, allowing students to re-attempt them before submitting them again with the intent to pass through unfair means. Answer sheets of many MBBS students from a private college were found 'tampered with' under this scam. "The introduction of the digital marking system is aimed at preventing the possibility of tampering with answer sheets and speeding up the evaluation process to ensure timely declaration of results. A tender has been floated to hire a private agency to design.

TWO ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MANDI DHABA OWNER

Diary Times Desk : In a breakthrough development in the case of an attempted murder, two suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack on Pradeep Guleria, a 61-year-old owner of a dhaba in Dayadi village in Mandi district. The incident occurred on March 21 at the Royal Lass Kitchen near Pulgharat. The suspects, identified as Mohammad Azmal (25) and his brother Azam (19), both residents of Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, were apprehended late on the night of March 24, following a swift investigation by local police. According to Mandi SP Sakshi Verma, the attack was severe and prompted the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by the Additional Superintendent of Police (LR), along with four other investigative teams. Their efforts led to the identification of the two suspects, who had been residing as tenants in the Dangu village, under Balh tehsil in Mandi, for an extended period. Both individuals were employed in Mandi as aluminium fitters. The SP confirmed that the weapon used in the attack has been recovered from the possession of the arrested individuals.

KANGRA POLICE ARRESTS DRUG PEDDLER UNDER PIT NDPS ACT

Diary Times Desk : Kangra police on Tuesday has arrested a habitual drug peddler from the Sakoh area of Dharamsala under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act. Under this law, police can make a preventive arrest of a drug peddler on suspicion that he was peddling drugs and keep the accused in custody for up to a year. Sources here said that this is the second case registered in the entire state under the PIT NDPS Act and the first case in Kangra district. The first case under the PIT NDPS Act in the state was registered in the Nurpur police district. SSP Kangra, Shalini Agnihotri, when contacted by the Tribune, said that Kangra police is fully committed to the complete eradication of drug abuse. Effective action is being taken by the Police Administration to root out the drug trade in the district so that the young generation.

JOIN REMOTE POSTINGS OR FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION: HIMACHAL HEALTH MINISTER WARNS DOCTORS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh Health and Family Welfare Minister Dhani Ram Shandil has warned doctors and medical staff that they must join their postings in remote and difficult areas or face disciplinary action. The minister issued this warning while responding to a cut motion on the Health Department in the Vidhan Sabha. "I would like to make it amply clear that action will be taken against doctors who refuse to obey the transfer orders to remote rural areas, which are facing significant vacancy problems," Shandil said. They will have to join their postings, even if it's for a stipulated period, or face action, he added. The minister explained that the burden on referral institutions will only decrease when health facilities in rural and far-flung areas are strengthened. He assured that efforts are being made to improve healthcare quality, recruit specialists and MBBS doctors, and reduce vacancies. Shandil also announced several initiatives, including the introduction of robotic surgery at the Tanda medical college and Chamiana super-specialty hospital in Shimla. The state government has allocated Rs 300 crore to strengthen health facilities at medical colleges in Chamba and Hamirpur, and Rs 85 crore to set up a Cancer Centre at Hamirpur.



BUMBER-JAMWAL RIFT GETS UGLY, BILASPUR LEADERS TRADE ACCUSATIONS OUTSIDE VIDHAN SABHA

Diary Times Desk : A heated exchange erupted outside the Vidhan Sabha in Shimla today, as Trilok Jamwal, BJP MLA from Bilaspur, and Bumber Thakur, former Congress MLA from Bilaspur, traded serious accusations. The rift between the two leaders has been escalating, with Thakur recently recovering from a bullet injury in his thigh. Thakur accused Jamwal of providing political patronage to 'chitta' suppliers and being close to the shooters who attacked him during Holi celebrations at his residence in Bilaspur. He also displayed photographs showing Jamwal with individuals Thakur claimed were responsible for the assault. In response, Jamwal accused Thakur of starting a culture of gang war and contract killing in Bilaspur. He alleged that Thakur was politicising the issue, despite Jamwal being the first to condemn the attack and demand the shooter's arrest. Thakur sought security for himself and his family from the Chief Minister, stating that BJP leaders would be responsible if anything happened to him. He also questioned why Jamwal had been demanding the withdrawal of his security. "Jamwal has been demanding the withdrawal of my security. I want to know why?" questioned Thakur.

HIMACHAL SEEKS ENHANCED ROYALTY, LAND RETURN FROM HYDEL POWER PRODUCERS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh on Tuesday the Himachal government would fight a legal battle to secure the state's interests. This includes securing enhanced free power as royalty, the return of hydel projects after 40 years, and the return of excess unutilised land from various power producers. Responding to a query by Chamba MLA Neeraj Nayyar during question hour in the Vidhan Sabha, the CM said the government would fight to secure Himachal's rights in various hydel power projects in the state. Whether it is the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), National Hydro Power Commission (NHPC), or other power producers, the state government will seek the return of excess land, enhanced royalty, and the return of the projects after 40 years, as this is the right of the state," he said. "We have already informed the Union Power Minister that we will take back the Luhri, Dhaula Sidh, and Luhri hydel projects if we are not provided enhanced royalty and the projects are not returned after 40 years. We know it will be a long drawn battle, but we are willing to fight it out in the court of law," he said.

GOVT SCHOOL TEACHER BOOKED FOR MAKING STUDENT SLAP HER CLASSMATES FOR WRONG ANSWERS

Diary Times Desk : A female teacher of a government girls' school here has been booked on Tuesday for making a student slap her classmates who gave incorrect answers, police said. Based on the complaint of a 10-year-old student, a case has been registered under Section 115 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (voluntarily causing hurt) and Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (cruelty to children), police said. According to the complainant, on Monday, the teacher quizzed the class about meanings of Sanskrit words that she had tasked them to memorise. The complainant, who was also the class monitor, gave the correct answer, while 10-12 other students could not answer properly. The teacher then told her to slap those who failed to answer the question. The student said she followed the instructions, but slapped her classmates softly. The teacher then smacked the complainant and asked her to hit the girls hard. The teacher chided her, saying, "You are the class monitor, you do not even know how to slap." Two other girls who gave correct answers were also slapped, the student said. The complainant said the behaviour of the teacher scared her. The teacher often says, "You can say whatever you want to your parents, no one can do anything to me," she added.



GUJARAT TITANS VS PUNJAB KINGS, IPL 2025: SHREYAS IYER'S PUNJAB KINGS SURVIVES SCARE, SHUBMAN GILL'S GUJARAT TITANS FALL SHORT BY 11 RUNS

Diary Times Desk : Shreyas Iyer's knock and Arshdeep Singh's pace helped Punjab Kings beat Gujarat Titans by 11 runs in the IPL 2025 match on Tuesday in Ahmedabad. Chasing 244 to win, Gujarat Titans fought hard to make 232 for 5 but the target proved to be beyond their batters despite Sai Sudharsan making 74, Shubman Gill hitting a quick 33 and Jos Buttler scoring 54. Sherfane Rutherford also played a quick knock of 46 but his effort was not enough. Earlier in the first innings, Shreyas Iyer missed out on a maiden IPL century but his 97 not out off 42 balls (9 sixes, 5 fours) and Shashank Singh's 44 not out off 16 balls (6 fours, 2 sixes) helped Punjab Kings post 243 for 5.



ANDRE RUSSELL WILL BE OUT TO PROVE HIMSELF VS RR: KKR BOWLING COACH BHARAT ARUN

Diary Times Desk : Kolkata Knight Riders' bowling coach Bharat Arun is confident that star all-rounder Andre Russell will redeem himself in their upcoming clash against Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2025. After a lacklustre performance against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Arun believes Russell, a 'champion' in his eyes, has the capability to make a strong comeback on Wednesday. Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Bharat Arun reiterated that KKR has full faith in Russell's abilities and does not view his recent failure as a concern. He asserted that the West Indies powerhouse remains one of the most impactful players in the squad and will be eager to prove his worth against Rajasthan. "Sport is about failing. You fail more often, then you succeed. Of course, champions like Russell, I think it must be weighing in his mind that he failed last game, and he is out to prove every single game. We are also hoping that he will really come good in tomorrow's game," Bharat Arun said. In their previous match against RCB, KKR's batting was a mixed bag. While captain Ajinkya Rahane, young Angkrish Raghuvanshi, and veteran Sunil Narine delivered with the bat, their middle order faltered.

INDIA T20I CAPTAIN SURYAKUMAR YADAV TAKES INTERNET BY STORM WITH HIS INSTAGRAM STORY FOR DC HERO ASHUTOSH SHARMA

Diary Times Desk : India T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav was bowled over by Ashutosh Sharma's batting in the IPL 2025 match between Delhi Capitals and Lucknow Super Giants at the ACA-VDCA Stadium in Visakhapatnam on Monday. Coming to in the DC XI as an Impact Sub, Ashutosh blasted an unaten 66 off 31 balls to help them chase down 210 in 19.3 overs with one wicket in hand. Ashutosh, who hit five maximums, finished the match with a six in the last over. Surya, who led MI in their season opener in regular captain Hardik Pandya's absence, took note of Ashutosh's brilliant finishing skills. He took to Instagram to share a story with Ashutosh Sharma's photo. "Grit, determination, self belief at its best. Absolute carnage from Ashutosh Sharma," he wrote. Screenshots of Surya's Instagram story for Ashutosh Sharma went viral after the thrilling DC vs LSG ended in the former's favour. When Ashutosh played for Punjab Kings last season, he attracted attention with his exemplary finishing skills. However, he did not leave the season fully satisfied as he did not meet his own expectations. It is early days in IPL 2025 but the 26-year-old.

EX-WORLD CHAMPION BOXER SAWEETY BOORA ATTACKS HUSBAND AMID DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Diary Times Desk : Former World Champion boxer Saweety Boora was caught on camera assaulting her husband - Kabaddi player Deepak Niwas Hooda - amid divorce proceedings. The incident reportedly took place on March 15 inside a police station in Haryana's Hisar. Boora previously filed for a divorce alleging harassment and assault over dowry. In the video that has surfaced on social media, Boora was seen lunging towards Hooda during a conversation and holding him by his throat. The family members had to intervene as they separated them but the heated arguments continued between the two parties inside the police station. Earlier, Boora lodged an FIR against her Asiad bronze-winning kabaddi player husband Deepak Hooda, accusing him and his family of assaulting her for dowry. The two got married in 2022. Boora lodged the FIR against Hooda, also an Arjuna awardee, in Haryana's Hisar. "An FIR dated February 25 has been lodged based on the complaint given by Saweety Boora against her husband Deepak Hooda," Seema, SHO of women police station, Hisar, said.



MS DHONI DEFENDS IMPACT PLAYER RULE: HIGH SCORES HAPPENING DUE TO TEAMS' MINDSET

Diary Times Desk : Legendary Chennai Super Kings (CSK) wicketkeeper batter MS Dhoni has defended the Impact Player rule, saying that high scores are happening more due to the mindset of the team. The Impact Player rule was introduced in the Indian Premier League in 2023. However, its real impact was seen in the 2024 edition of the tournament as teams surpassed the 200-run mark a whopping 41 times. Furthermore, the top five highest scores in the history of the tournament have come from the 2024 season onwards. Seeing records getting tumbled after every game, several experts have criticised the Impact Player rule, saying it takes away the competition between bat and ball. Recently, MS Dhoni also commented on the impact of the rule and said that high-scoring games have been happening more due to the conditions and comfort of the players. "When this rule was implemented, I felt it wasn't really needed at that time. In a way, it helps me, but at the same time, it doesn't. I still do my wicket keeping, so I'm not an impact player. I have to be involved in the game. A lot of people say the rule has led to more high-scoring games. I believe it's more due to the conditions and the comfort level of players. The number of runs being scored isn't just because of an extra batsman.

UMPIRE NITIN MENON RETAINED IN ICC ELITE PANEL, MICHAEL GOUGH AND JOEL WILSON OUT

Diary Times Desk : India's Nitin Menon retained his place in the International Cricket Council Elite Panel of Umpires, announced on Tuesday, March 25. Nitin Menon has been on the elite panel for six years. He became only the third man from India to be part of the Elite Panel when he was inducted in 2019. Joel Wilson and Michael Gough have made way for two new entrants into the Elite Panel, which is a group of top-performing umpires who officiate in international cricket. Allahudien Paleker, a former first-class cricketer from South Africa, and Alex Wharf, former England cricketer, have been included in the Elite Panel. Kumar Dharmasena (Sri Lanka), Christopher Gaffaney (New Zealand), Adrian Holdstock (South Africa), Richard Illingworth (England), Richard Kettleborough (England), Nitin Menon (India), Allahudien Paleker (South Africa), Ahsan Raza (Pakistan), Paul Reffel (Australia), Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid.