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Indirectly calling the panel's report fake, India questioned if at all the USCIRF is even genuine in its work and concerns on religious freedom.

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KUNAL KAMRA ROW

"INDIAN BUSINESSMEN DON'T...": KUNAL KAMRA'S DIG AT BHAVISH AGGARWAL



Diary Times Desk : Kunal Kamra's stand-up comic show at Mumbai's Habitat studio, which sparked a massive row over his jokes on Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde, also featured jibes at Ola founder Bhavish Aggarwal, with whom the comedian has clashed in the past too.

When an audience asked him about reports of Ola scooters catching fire, Kunal Kamra replied, "Indian businessmen don't even admit when they're wrong. Take the Ola guy, for example. What did I say that made him so angry? It's simple: you manufacture two-wheelers, and neither wheel works. And yet, he tells me, 'Come work with us, let's build India together'. What is this fetish to 'make India'? Can't make a bike and he will make India. Limit your aspirations."

The comic said Ola has launched new colours for its scooters, "hoping that they work now". "He says he will give me money. Arey, give it to those asking for refunds," Kunal Kamra said.

The comic said thousands of Ola customers sent him complaints after his online spat with Bhavish Aggarwal. "What can I do? The agencies for consumer protection are not able to do anything."

In October, the comic and the Ola founder clashed on X when the former criticised Ola Electric over rising consumer complaints. Bhavish Aggarwal responded by inviting Kunal Kamra to help out at Ola's service centers and added a jibe: that the job would pay better "than his flop shows." He also alleged that the comic's post was "paid". Kunal Kamra dared the Ola founder to prove that he is paid to tweet and he would "delete all social media and sit quietly forever. The comic also responded that he was ready to take up Bhavish Aggarwal's job offer, but laid down conditions or "action points". "Ola Electric must stand firm in their commitment to solve their service crisis.



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RAHUL GANDHI HITS OUT AT LOK SABHA SPEAKER OM BIRLA, SAYS 'NOT GIVEN CHANCE TO SPEAK'

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla of not giving him a chance to speak, claiming the House was being run in an "undemocratic manner". Speaking to reporters outside the Parliament, Gandhi expressed frustration that his repeated requests to raise important issues, including the recently concluded Maha Kumbh and the growing issue of unemployment, were repeatedly ignored. "I don't know what is going on... I requested him (the Speaker) to let me speak, but he just ran away and did not let me speak. This is no way to run the House," Gandhi said, adding that he had been prevented from speaking despite sitting quietly in the House. He further stated, "There is no place for democracy here." His remarks came after Speaker Om Birla asked him to follow the rules of procedure that members are expected to observe to uphold the dignity of the House. It was not immediately clear what was the reason for the Speaker to make the observation. Gandhi said the Speaker made remarks about him and then adjourned the House without giving him an opportunity to speak. He said that in the last week he had not been allowed to speak.



'BIASED': INDIA REBUTS US PANEL REPORT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Diary Times Desk : India on Wednesday termed United States Commission on International Religious Freedom's (USCIRF) annual report on international religious freedom as "biased" while terming it an attempt to misrepresent isolated incidents and cast aspersions on India's vibrant multicultural society. In reaction to the USCIRF report, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have seen the recently released annual report of USCIRF, which once again continues its pattern of issuing biased and politically motivated assessments." USCIRF's persistent attempts to misrepresent isolated incidents and cast aspersions on India's vibrant multicultural society reflect a deliberate agenda rather than a genuine concern for religious freedom, Jaiswal said in an official readout. India is home to 1.4 billion people who are adherents to all religions known to mankind, he said, adding however, we have no expectation that USCIRF will engage.

DEFENCE MINISTRY SIGNS RS 6,900-CRORE DEAL FOR PROCURING ARTILLERY GUNS



Diary Times Desk : The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed contracts with private companies Bharat Forge Limited and Tata Advanced System Limited for the procurement of Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) along with specialised gun-towing vehicles worth Rs 6,900 crore. The contracts were signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh here on Wednesday, the MoD said. The ATAGS, a 155 mm and 52 calibre gun, will replace the vintage and smaller-calibre guns and enhance the artillery capabilities of the Indian Army. The procurement of this gun system marks a milestone in the modernisation of the Artillery Regiments, enhancing operational readiness. The ATAGS will play a crucial role in bolstering the Army's firepower by enabling precise and long-range strikes. Being the first major procurement of towed guns from the private sector by the Army, the project will provide a boost to the Indian gun manufacturing industry in particular and the indigenous defence manufacturing eco-system as a whole.

MISLEADING ADS: SC SETS 2-MONTH DEADLINE FOR STATES/UTS TO CREATE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed states and union territories to set up a grievance redressal mechanism against misleading medical advertisements that "can cause great harm to society". "We direct the state governments to create proper grievance redressal mechanisms within a period of two months from today and give adequate publicity to the availability at frequent intervals," a Bench led by Justice Abhay S Oka said. It said state governments and UTs should create such mechanisms for members of the public to lodge complaints about objectionable advertisements prohibited under Drugs and Magic Remedies Act, 1954. It also asked them to sensitise the police machinery on implementation of various provisions of the Act. The top court had on May 7, 2024 directed that before an advertisement was permitted to be issued, a self-declaration be obtained from the advertisers on the line of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994.



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<p>Aries Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.</p>	<p>Taurus Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.</p>
<p>Gemini Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.</p>	<p>Cancer Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.</p>
<p>Leo Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.</p>	<p>Virgo Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.</p>
<p>Libra Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.</p>	<p>Scorpio Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.</p>	<p>Capricorn Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.</p>
<p>Aquarius Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.</p>	<p>Pisces Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.</p>



HIMACHAL NEWS: DRIVER AND CONDUCTOR GOT DOWN FROM THE BUS FULL OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, THE BUS STARTED MOVING ON ITS OWN, A TENTH CLASS STUDENT APPLIED THE BRAKES

Diary Times Desk : Due to the negligence of the driver and conductor, the lives of school children were in danger in Theog. A major accident was narrowly averted in Rahighat of Theog on Wednesday morning. A private school bus was waiting for the school going children in Rahighat. During this time the driver and conductor of the bus were standing outside the bus. Suddenly the wheels of the bus started slipping. The students sitting inside the bus and a teacher of the school got frightened as the bus suddenly picked up speed and started screaming out of fear. People standing outside also got frightened on hearing the noise inside the bus. Aditya Mehta, a student of class 10th in the same bus, ran from his seat to the driver's seat and stopped the bus by applying brakes. Meanwhile, the driver of the bus also ran to the bus. If Aditya had not applied the brakes of the bus, a major accident could have happened. There were 40 students in this bus. Local resident and former councilor Vipin Verma told that today his wife had gone to put the children in the bus and the driver and conductor of the bus were standing outside, but when the bus suddenly started moving, his wife screamed loudly.



HIMACHAL: GOVERNOR SAID- BE ALERT LIKE A SOLDIER AND STOP THE ENEMY LIKE DRUGS FROM ENTERING

Diary Times Desk : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that there is a need for a big de-addiction centre in the state and the state government should take steps towards its construction. He called upon all the citizens to remain vigilant like soldiers and not let drugs enter their homes. The Governor on Wednesday attended the Kisan Mela and Drug Elimination Awareness Camp organized by Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar Horticulture and Forestry University Nauni (Solan) and ICAR-Central Cow Research Institute Meerut at Khairi Research Field under Regional Horticulture Research and Training Center located at Dhaukuan in Sirmour district as the chief guest. On this occasion, he inaugurated the Khairi Research Field and flagged off the drug awareness rally of the students. The Governor said that a comprehensive campaign is being run against drug abuse in the state, in which participation of every section of the society is necessary. He said that drug elimination is not possible without corrective actions. He especially called upon Panchayati Raj institutions and women to cooperate in making this campaign successful.

SHIMLA: PEOPLE CELEBRATED CHIEF MINISTER SUKHVINDER SUKHU'S BIRTHDAY WITH ENTHUSIASM, PARTY WORKERS DANCED

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu celebrated his birthday on Wednesday at his official residence Oak Over in the presence of cabinet members, MLAs, party workers, chairmen of various boards and corporations, senior officials and a large number of people. With the sound of drums and nagadas, enthusiastic people dressed in traditional attire reached Oak Over and wished the Chief Minister on his birthday and danced. Party workers prayed for the good health and long life of the Chief Minister and cut a cake. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla wished the Chief Minister on his birthday through telephone. On the occasion of the Chief Minister's birthday, a blood donation camp was organized by the State Youth Congress on the Ridge. Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated the awareness walkathon from Mall Road Himachal Pradesh Secretariat, which passed through Mall Road and concluded at Himachal Pradesh State Secretariat. This event was organized by HP Secretariat.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- A SYSTEM IS NEEDED FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES, WILL TALK TO THE CM

Diary Times Desk : Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that if farming is to be done at the places where NHAI and BBMB projects are going on, then permission has to be taken from them. There is a need to create a mechanism for this. Whatever work the outside agency does, a system should be created for it. He will also talk to the Chief Minister. On Wednesday, during the Zero Hour in the House, Congress MLA from Jawalamukhi Sanjay Ratan raised the issue that during the construction of the Mataur-Shimla four-lane, the NHAI has dug up the road up to 70 feet till the Nadon bridge in Dehriyan Panchayat. The paths and roads leading to the villages have been damaged. He said that the DPRs that are made should be made properly. It should be made keeping in mind the people and the villages. He also wants to bring to the notice of the minister that it has been six months now. People are facing difficulty in commuting. He should give way to the people as soon as possible.

HIMACHAL NEWS: BHOG SCHEME APPROVED IN BABA BALAK NATH TEMPLE, FSSAI ISSUED CERTIFICATE; APPROVAL AFTER AUDIT

Diary Times Desk : The Bhog scheme at the famous Baba Balak Nath temple of North India has received the approval of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). A few days ago, an agency recognized by FSSAI visited the temple premises and conducted an audit under the Bhog scheme. To implement this scheme here, training and other formalities were completed by the Food Safety Department Hamirpur. After the completion of all the formalities, now the recognition has been received. In the religious places included in the Bhog scheme of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the quality of food items ranging from langar, prasad to other food items is ensured. Food items are considered safe in religious places registered under Bhog. In such a situation, the inclusion of Baba Balak Nath temple in this scheme is an achievement for the Food Safety Department. Last year in November, a sample of roti made in the canteen of Baba Balak Nath Mandir Trust failed. Here, a sample of roti made in another shop also failed. In such a situation, the administration and the food safety department immediately took steps in this matter.

HIMACHAL: HIMACHAL TAXI DRIVERS MISTREATED IN AMRITSAR, SOUGHT PROTECTION FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER

Diary Times Desk : After incidents of misbehavior with Himachal taxi operators in Amritsar, the All Himachal Commercial Vehicle Joint Action Committee met the Amritsar Police Commissioner on Wednesday. The committee demanded from the commissioner to ensure the safety of Himachal taxis and taxi operators. Recently, Himachal taxi operators were stopped from picking up passengers in Amritsar. Taxi operators went to Amritsar with passengers from Himachal. Taxi operators of Himachal are quite worried about this dispute that has arisen just before the start of the summer tourist season. Every year, lakhs of tourists from India and abroad come to Himachal via Amritsar. After reaching Amritsar by plane, tourists reach Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala, Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti through taxis. After the latest dispute, taxi operators are afraid of their business.

VIMAL NEGI CASE: ANTICIPATORY BAIL PLEA OF SUSPENDED DIRECTOR DESHRAJ REJECTED IN HIMACHAL HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh High Court has rejected the anticipatory bail petition filed by suspended Power Corporation director Desh Raj in the engineer Vimal Negi death case. The court said that considering the gravity of the crime, it would be more appropriate to interrogate the petitioner in police custody instead of simple interrogation. Judge Virendra Singh's court said that serious allegations have been leveled against the applicant. At this time, he cannot be released on bail. In such cases, witnesses can be intimidated. Additional Advocate General Mahendra Jharik, appearing on behalf of the state government, told the court that investigation has revealed that engineer Vimal Negi was made to sit in the office for many hours. Accused Desh Raj has neither reported to the office nor is he traceable. On the other hand, the advocate appearing on behalf of deceased Vimal Negi's wife told the court that suspended director Desh Raj, former managing director Harikesh Meena and director Shivam Pratap were exerting heavy pressure on him to do wrong things.

"DEFECTORS NEEDN'T WORRY...": REVANTH REDDY TO MLAS EYEING CONGRESS SWITCH

Diary Times Desk : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Wednesday had a message for BRS MLAs crossing over to the ruling Congress, declaring, "Defectors need not worry... there will be no by-polls". Ten MLAs from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi had defected to the Congress after the 2023 Assembly election - in which the latter scored a big win, claiming 64 of 119 seats and ousting K Chandrasekhar Rao's party, which had been in power since the state was formed in 2014. Mr Reddy, it appears, was reassuring these ten, and any others who might join, that they will not have to resign and contest a mid-term election to win back their seats. The comment comes as the Supreme Court is hearing a case relating to the defection of three of those MLAs, including one who contested last year's Lok Sabha election as a Congress candidate, lost, and then went back to being an elected lawmaker from the BRS. In a hearing on Tuesday a bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih noted the BRS' application to disqualify those three had been pending for nearly a year before the Speaker.

"WHENEVER I STAND...": RAHUL GANDHI SAYS SPEAKER NOT LETTING HIM SPEAK

Diary Times Desk : Targeting Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi said he was not being allowed to speak in the House and that this was not the correct way to run the proceedings. "I don't know what is going on. I requested him to let me speak but he (Speaker) just ran away. This is no way to run the House. The Speaker just left and he did not let me speak. He said something unsubstantiated about me. He adjourned the House, there was no need," Mr Gandhi told the media. The Rae Bareilly MP said the convention is that the Leader of the Opposition is given a chance to address the House. "Whenever I stand up, I am not allowed to speak. What we want to say we are not allowed to. I did nothing. I was sitting quietly. I did not say a word. I have not been allowed to speak for 7-8 days. This is a new tactic. There is no place for Opposition. That day, the Prime Minister spoke about Kumbh Mela, I wanted to add something, speak about unemployment, but I was not allowed to. I don't know what the Speaker's approach is, but we are not being allowed to speak. This is a non-democratic way of functioning," Mr Gandhi said. Before he adjourned the House today, the Speaker said members of the House.

KUNAL KAMRA GETS 2ND SUMMONS, DOUBLES DOWN WITH DIGS ON NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



Diary Times Desk : On a day the Mumbai Police sent him a second summons for his comments on Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, comedian Kunal Kamra posted another satirical song, this time targeting Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The satirical take on the song 'Hawa Hawaii' from the 1987 superhit film 'Mr India' was part of the original comedy special that was recorded at the Habitat Comedy Club in Mumbai's Khar about a month ago and posted by Kunal Kamra on YouTube on Sunday. The comedian reposted the song on Wednesday with popcorn emojis, which was seen by many as a dig at the controversy which erupted late last year over the varying rates of GST (Goods and Services Tax) levied on the movie theatre snack. In the video, the stand-up comic poked fun at the government over potholes, the digging up of roads for Metro construction, and bridge collapses. Stating that corporate employees pay higher taxes than the corporations they work for, the comedian shifted focus to Nirmala Sitharaman, whom he referred to as "sariwaali didi" and "Nirmala tai".

MAN DISCOVERS WIFE'S AFFAIR WITH TENANT, BURIES HIM ALIVE IN 7-FOOT PIT: COPS

Diary Times Desk : Having discovered that his tenant was having an affair with his wife, a man in Haryana's Rohtak took the help of his friends to kidnap him and then bury him alive in a 7-foot deep pit in a field, police said. The murder of the man, who was a yoga teacher, was carried out in December last year but the body was recovered on Monday after the police arrested the accused following a long investigation. Officials said Hardeep found out that Jagdeep, who lived with him in a portion of his house as a tenant and taught yoga at the Baba Mastnath University in Rohtak, was allegedly having an affair with his wife. He paid some people to dig a 7-foot deep pit in Pantavara village of Charkhi Dadri - telling them it was for a borewell - and bided his time. On December 24, Hardeep and some of his friends kidnapped Jagdeep - who was originally from Mandothi village in Jhajjar district - on December 24, after he returned from work. Jagdeep's hands and legs were tied.

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US AEROSPACE GIANT DELIVERS FIRST OF TEJAS MK1A ENGINES, ENDS 2-YEAR DELAY

Diary Times Desk : After a two-year delay, US aerospace giant GE has delivered the first of 99 F404-IN20 engines to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk-1A programme. The delays have in turn affected the deliveries of 83 Tejas Mk1A jets, a fact lamented by Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh on several occasions. The issue was raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the US last month to meet President Donald Trump. The first of the F404-IN20 engines was delivered to HAL on Tuesday, announced Shawn Warren, general manager (combat and trainer engines), GE Aerospace. "It is an important milestone in our 40-year relationship with HAL and in our efforts to ensure a strong future for India's military by developing next-generation fighters while enhancing the country's defence manufacturing capabilities," Warren said. The long-awaited engines, part of a \$716 million contract signed in 2021, come after a two-year delay.

"INHUMAN": TOP COURT PAUSES "GRABBING BREASTS NOT RAPE ATTEMPT" VERDICT

Diary Times Desk : Underlining a "total lack of sensitivity", the Supreme Court today paused the Allahabad High Court ruling in a child abuse case, in which the judge had observed that the grabbing of breast and pulling the string of a pyjama don't amount to a rape attempt. The bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih said it was pained to see some observations in the verdict and sought replies from the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh governments on the matter. "We are pained to state that it shows a total lack of sensitivity on the part of the author of the judgment. It was not even at the spur of the moment and was delivered four months after reserving the same. Thus, there was application of mind. We are usually hesitant to grant stay at this stage. But since observations in paragraphs 21, 24 and 26 is unknown to cannons of law and shows inhuman approach, we stay the observations in said paras," the court ordered. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta agreed with the bench.



TRUMP ACCUSES PUTIN OF DRAGGING CEASEFIRE, UKRAINE SPOTS RUSSIA'S 'MANIPULATION'

Diary Times Desk : In a rare shift since beginning his second term in the White House, US President Donald Trump has now expressed the belief that Vladimir Putin is deliberately stalling efforts to finalise a ceasefire agreement with Ukraine, despite Washington's ongoing mediation. "I think that Russia wants to see an end to it, but it could be they're dragging their feet," Trump said in his interview with Newsmax. However, the US President maintained that he personally believed both Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy want to end the conflict — and added that he, too, hopes for an end to the bloodshed and the continued flow of US aid to Kyiv. "I just want to see it stop. I also don't want to pay," Trump said. Trump's remarks came hours after the White House announced that both Russia and Ukraine have agreed to pause their attacks in the Black Sea and begin negotiating terms for a broader ceasefire protecting energy infrastructure. The Kremlin also confirmed the agreement but noted that it will take effect only when restrictions and Western sanctions on Russia are lifted. Russia also denied transferring the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to Ukraine.

COUPLE DEPORTED AFTER 35 YEARS IN CALIFORNIA, THEIR 3 US-BORN DAUGHTERS IN SHOCK

Diary Times Desk : A Southern California family is devastated after the deportation of a couple -- Gladys and Nelson Gonzalez -- who had lived in the United States for 35 years. Their three US-born daughters are in shock and heartbroken by the sudden action by the US authorities. Gladys Gonzalez, 55, and Nelson Gonzalez, 59, were detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on February 21. After spending three and a half weeks in detention, they were deported to their native Colombia on March 18, according to CNN. The Gonzalez couple arrived in the US in 1989, near San Ysidro in California. Over the decades, they built a life in the US, raised their three daughters, and became integrated into their community. According to their daughters, the couple had consistently complied with immigration procedures, attending regular check-ins and pursuing legal avenues.

"DEMOCRACY IS IN DANGER": CANADIANS BOYCOTT US VACATIONS OVER TRUMP'S POLICIES

Diary Times Desk : Rosalie Cote and her parents vacationed in the US state of Maine every summer for 25 years -- but this year they are staying home, incensed like many Canadians by Donald Trump's threats of annexation and tariffs. The United States was the top destination for Canadian tourists, with 20.4 million visits reported last year by the US Travel Association, pumping some US\$20.5 billion into the American economy and supporting 140,000 jobs. But that number is expected to plummet this year as Canadians -- the targets of relentless attacks by an America First president intent on wielding tariffs as a policy tool and who speaks frequently of turning their country into the 51st state -- cancel their travel plans. "We don't want to support the United States. It's a matter of principle," explains Cote. Romane Gauvreau cancelled her mountain biking trip to Vermont and a family vacation to Maine. "We don't want to go to a place where democracy is in danger, where people suffer great injustices, and where people are being deported," Gauvreau told AFP. They are not outliers. A recent Abacus Data survey found 56 percent of Canadians have changed or cancelled their travel plans to the United States.



DONALD TRUMP'S BIG STEP BACK ON GREENLAND - USHA VANCE'S VISIT RESTRICTED



Diary Times Desk : After stirring the hornet's nest in Greenland, Donald Trump has now had to take a step back in US' approach to the semi-autonomous Danish territory. Amid widespread outrage over Washington's plan to "buy" the country, a high-level delegation led by Second Lady Usha Vance was to arrive in Greenland's capital Nuuk this week - that will now not happen. Greenlanders have outrightly rejected Donald Trump's offer to "buy" their country. They have said they will "never" become a part of the United States. So outraged are they, that citizens of Greenland recently staged anti-American protests - the largest ever demonstrations in Greenland's history. Similar protests were planned for the day Usha Vance was scheduled to arrive in the country. Keeping the optics of the high-level visit and the anti-America sentiment in mind, the White House has completely changed the plan.

JUDGE HALTS US BID TO DETAIN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT FOR DEPORTATION

Diary Times Desk : A judge ordered US authorities Tuesday to cease efforts to detain and deport a New York college student, as President Donald Trump presses his campaign against pupils linked to pro-Palestinian protests. Trump has targeted New York's Columbia University, where the student is enrolled, as an epicenter of the US student protest movement sparked by Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza, stripping federal funds and directing immigration officers to deport foreign student demonstrators. Critics argue that the Trump administration's campaign is retribution and will have a chilling effect on free speech, while its supporters insist it is necessary to restore order to campuses and protect Jewish students. Authorities had sought to detain Yunseo Chung, a 21-year-old South Korean citizen and permanent resident of the United States, under the same powers they used to arrest and hold Columbia graduate student Mahmoud Khalil pending deportation.

US INTEL REPORT LINKS INDIA TO FENTANYL TRAFFICKING AMID TRUMP'S TARIFF THREATS

Diary Times Desk : The United States has named India, along with China, a "state actor" in enabling direct and indirect supply of precursor chemicals for illicit fentanyl drug production by criminal organisations. The use of fentanyl, among other synthetic opioids, is the most lethal drug trafficked into the United States, and has claimed the lives of more than 52,000 Americans in 12 months ending in October 2024, according to the Annual Threat Assessment (ATA) of the US intelligence community released on Tuesday. "These groups [transnational criminal organisations or TCOs] are often enabled, both directly and indirectly, by state actors, such as China and India, as sources of precursors and equipment for drug traffickers," the report published by the office of Tulsa Gabbard, US Director of National Intelligence (DNI), said. "China remains the primary source country for illicit fentanyl precursor chemicals and pill pressing equipment, followed by India," it added.

INDIA MAY HAVE INFLUENCED CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA LEADERSHIP RACE: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : India may have influenced the 2022 Conservative Party of Canada leadership race in favour of the winner, Pierre Poilievre, The Globe and Mail reported on Tuesday, weeks before the federal election in Canada on April 28. The paper cited an unnamed senior official saying the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) learned "Indian agents were involved in raising money and organising within the South Asian community for Mr Poilievre during the leadership race, which he won handily." It added the CSIS assessment "did not indicate that this effort was done in a sweeping and highly organised way" and it "did not have evidence" that Poilievre or members of his inner circle "were aware of the alleged actions of India's agents and their proxies." CSIS told the foreign interference commission last year that "they had no reason to believe the impacted candidates would have been aware of the alleged support." In December, government-funded outlet CBC News reported Indian agents "attempted to derail" the candidacy of Patrick Brown for the Conservative Party of Canada leadership. Brown is now the Brampton mayor. Brown refuted that report, saying, "I have no reason to believe that such interference altered the outcome of the 2022.

PUNJAB BUDGET: NO NEW TAXES IMPOSED, NO FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR MONTHLY GRANT TO WOMEN; FOCUS ON DRUG MENACE, HEALTH SECTOR

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Wednesday presented a Rs 2.36 lakh crore Budget, which focusses on tackling drug menace in the state, and allocated a whopping Rs 5,598 crore for the health sector. No fresh taxes were imposed in the Budget for financial year 2025-26. It was silent on giving monthly Rs 1,000 to women which was one of the poll promises of the AAP before coming to power. This marks the fourth Budget presented by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, and it prioritises the state's ongoing efforts to fight drugs through the 'Yudh Nasheyana Virudh' (war against drugs) campaign. During his Budget speech in the Punjab Assembly, Cheema talked about AAP-led Punjab government's anti-drug campaign to check drug scourge. Cheema said the Punjab government is going to carry out the first-ever "drug census" in the state. This census will cover every household of Punjab and will collect data to understand the prevalence of drugs, usage of de-addiction centres, etc, besides collecting data on socio-economic status of the people of Punjab, he said. This data will be used to craft an effective and scientific strategy to eradicate the drug menace. Cheema also highlighted the state's efforts to achieve fiscal consolidation.



POWER TO GET COSTLIER AS MC HIKES CESS BY 6 PAISE PER UNIT

Diary Times Desk : Electricity consumers will have to shell out more as the Municipal Corporation (MC) today approved a proposal to increase power cess by 6 paise per unit. The cess will rise from 10 paise to 16 paise per unit, bringing it on a par with the Punjab rate. The proposal had earlier been withdrawn by former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Mayor Kuldeep Kumar in November last. At today's General House meeting, the proposal was passed without an objection either from the ruling party or the opposition. Municipal officials justified the hike as a necessary step to address the city's financial crunch. Currently, the electricity tax generates Rs 15-16 crore per annum and the increase is expected to boost revenue to Rs 22-23 crore. In neighbouring states, Punjab levies a municipal tax of 2% on electricity consumption, amounting to 16 paise per unit, while Haryana charges 8 paise per unit. The Chandigarh MC argued that additional revenue generation was essential to sustain civic services.

HC ORDERS STATUS QUO ON CHANDIGARH LIQUOR VENDS, PUTS UT ON NOTICE

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday issued a notice of motion to the Union Territory of Chandigarh for April 3 while ordering the maintenance of status quo on a bunch of three petitions challenging the liquor vendis tendering process in Chandigarh. As the matter came up for preliminary hearing, the Bench of Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Vikas Suri orally observed that allocation of even 10 vendis to a single entity was against the provisions of the Competition Act, which aims to prevent practices that harm competition, promote fair trade, and protect consumer interests. The observations followed submission that a single family and their associates had secured 87 out of 97 vendis. One of the petitions was filed through advocate Bikramjit Singh Patwalia, while senior advocates Chetan Mittal and Puneet Bali argued the matter before the court. The development is significant as the existing vendis will continue till March 31.

3 ADDITIONAL JUDGES APPOINTED AS PERMANENT JUDGES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Centre on Wednesday notified the appointment of three additional judges, including two women, as permanent judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The Supreme Court Collegium had approved their elevation in a meeting held on March 19. The judges made permanent are Justice Sumeet Goel, Justice Sudeepti Sharma and Justice Kirti Singh. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal confirmed the appointments on X. Justice Goel, who obtained his law degree from Delhi University, enrolled as an advocate in 1996 and was later designated as a Senior Advocate. He has appeared in criminal, constitutional, civil and arbitration matters before the Punjab and Haryana High Court. He served as the retainer counsel-cum-special public prosecutor for the CBI at the High Court and has also represented various government entities, including the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation and the Food Corporation of India. Justice Sudeepti Sharma, a law graduate from HP University, Shimla, has been a member of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association since 1998 and also served as Law Officer for Punjab.

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT RESERVES ORDER ON FARMER LEADER DALLEWAL'S RELEASE

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday reserved its order on a habeas corpus plea seeking farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal's release, as arguments and counterarguments continued over whether he was in police custody. The state insisted he was not in custody and had voluntarily opted for hospitalisation, while the petitioner's counsel argued to the contrary and sought a warrant officer's appointment to record Dallewal's statement. Appearing before Justice Manisha Batra's bench, the petitioner's counsel alleged that farmer leaders who attempted to meet Dallewal were detained, a claim the state counsel strongly refuted. Citing Supreme Court orders, he emphasised that the state was responsible for his medical care. As both sides maintained their positions, Justice Batra fixed the matter for orders on Thursday as after hearing rival contentions. The leader of the joint forum "Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political)" was earlier admitted to a hospital in Patiala about three days back. Represented by advocates Gurmohan Preet Singh, Angrej Singh and Kanwarjit Singh, the petitioner-farmer leader Gurmukh Singh had earlier contended that Dallewal was allegedly in illegal custody by the respondents.

MANDI CONTRACTORS END PROTEST AFTER GOVT AMENDS WHEAT TRANSPORT POLICY

Diary Times Desk : Following opposition from mandi transport contractors (MTC) and mandi labour contractors (MLC) over the MTC-MLC tender policy for 2025-26, the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has amended key conditions, offering relief to contractors. With these changes, contractors have now joined the registration process for wheat handling and transportation. As per the revised policy, contractors failing to meet the requirement of owning at least 30% of the trucks for wheat lifting will now have to deposit an additional refundable security of Rs 60,000 per short truck, down from the initially proposed Rs 1 lakh. Of this, Rs 85,000 will be refundable, and Rs 15,000 non-refundable. The department has also extended the wheat lifting period from 48 hours to 72 hours, though the penalty for delay remains unchanged at Rs 500 per day. Authorities have maintained that every contractor must own at least 30% of the trucks. If they do not, they must submit a security deposit. In 2024-25, this deposit was fully refundable at Rs 50,000 per truck. However, when the MTC-MLC tender policy for 2025-26 was drafted in February, the deposit per short truck was initially set at Rs 1.25 lakh, with Rs 75,000 refundable and Rs 50,000 non-refundable. After objections, it was revised to Rs 1 lakh per truck, but contractors still found this unsuitable and refused to register.

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT CRACKS DOWN ON BAIL JUMPERS, ORDERS STRINGENT ACTION

Diary Times Desk : Taking note of the increasing trend of accused persons failing to appear before trial courts after securing bail, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has framed a uniform approach to deal with such defaults. The court has asserted stringent action can be taken, including the imposition of costs in proportion to the accused person's financial capacity, in cases where absence is found to be intentional and aimed at evading legal proceedings. Justice Sanjay Vashisth asserted it had in a number of cases been experiencing situations where the accused stopped appearing before trial court in the criminal cases after being released on bail, compelling the court to issue non-bailable warrants by cancelling the bail already granted. In some cases, such accused.

YELLOW ALERT ISSUED, RAIN, SNOWFALL LIKELY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH FROM TODAY

Diary Times Desk : The Weather Department has issued a yellow alert for several districts in the state, predicting spells of light to moderate precipitation. According to the forecast, many spells of light precipitation, coupled with a few moderate spells accompanied with thunderstorm/lightning and gusty winds, are very likely over some parts of Chamba, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi from the early morning of March 26 to late night of March 27. A few spells of light precipitation with one or two moderate spells are very likely over some parts of Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur from the late night of March 25 to late night of March 27. The Weather Department has also predicted rain in Shimla, Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Una from tomorrow morning. A few spells of light precipitation with one or two moderate spells are very likely over tourist destinations in the districts of Chamba (Dalhousie), Kangra (Dharamsala), Kullu (Manali, Solang Valley and Rohtang Pass) and Lahaul-Spiti (Sissu) and the adjoining areas from forenoon of March 26 to the night of March 27.

ARTISTS TRANSFORM DHARAMSALA WITH VIBRANT WALL MURALS

Diary Times Desk : Under the Reimagine Art of Dharamsala campaign by the Municipal Corporation, artists from across India have gathered to add artistic charm to the city's architecture. Artists including Falak Chauhan, Shivanya, Sharwaree Khare, Aditya Dabke, Gautam, Akshit Kumar, Mehak Madaan, and Sakshi Tripathi have arrived from Nagpur, Rajasthan, UP, Dehradun, Delhi, and Himachal to paint murals on the walls along Dharamsala's main roads. Dharamsala MC Commissioner Zafar Iqbal highlighted that this initiative, a first for Himachal, provides artists with city walls as a canvas, transforming public spaces into vibrant art displays. He urged hoteliers and stakeholders to support the project, emphasizing its potential to boost tourism and enhance the city's visual appeal. The artists are enthusiastic about the opportunity, seeing it as a platform to showcase their creativity while enriching Dharamsala's urban landscape.

MEDICAL COLLEGES CAN IMPOSE USER CHARGES VIA ROGI KALYAN SABHAS: CM

Diary Times Desk : The state government has no objection if medical colleges want to impose nominal user charges through the Rogi Kalyan Sabhas to generate revenue, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said in the Vidhan Sabha here today. Sukhu was replying to Nagrota Bagwan legislator Raghubir Singh Bali's question regarding Tanda medical college in Kangra facing a fund shortage, during the Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha. He said that since the medical colleges were autonomous bodies, their principals could impose user charges to generate revenue. The Chief Minister said that there was a separate budgetary provision each for all medical colleges, including the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital in Shimla and Tanda medical college in Kangra, and there was no discrimination in the allocation of money. He said that there were eight functional X-ray machines in Tanda medical college while the process to purchase two new X-ray machines was underway. He assured the House that the government would look into the issue of replacing old lifts, which had outlived their life span, at Tanda medical college, which is 20-year-old. Nobody had spared a thought to start senior residency at Tanda medical college and we would look into the issue, he added.



SDMS IN KANGRA TO COLLECT DATA ON SURPLUS LAND OF BBMB

Diary Times Desk : The SDMs in Kangra have been directed to collect data regarding surplus land of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) in the district. Deputy Commissioner, Kangra, Hemraj Bairwa issued the direction during a meeting of the Pong Dam Displaced Development Fund, which was also attended by BBMB officials. Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, while chairing a meeting of Pong Dam oustees, had declared that the Himachal Government would move to take over surplus land from the BBMB. The move to collect data on surplus land with the BBMB in Kangra district is in line with the Revenue Minister's decision. Sources say that in Kangra district, the surplus land of the BBMB could include the land on the banks of the Pong Dam Lake in Dehra and Fatehpur subdivisions of the district. The surplus land of the BBMB in Kangra district is cultivated by locals when the water in the Pong Dam Lake recedes during the winter. Interestingly, while the BBMB holds a lot of surplus land in Himachal, many Pong Dam oustees are living as landless labourers after their land was acquired for the construction of the lake. In Bilaspur district, the surplus land of the BBMB could include abandoned housing colonies and other yards that were lying redundant.

WITH OVER RS 1 LAKH CRORE LOANS, HP THIRD MOST DEBT-STRESSED STATE

Diary Times Desk : The Congress and the BJP have been blaming each other for pushing the state into a huge debt trap. However, the fact remains that Himachal is on the verge of financial bankruptcy, as its total debt has mounted to over Rs 1.03 lakh crore amid little hope of help from the Central Government. Himachal's cumulative debt burden has reached Rs 103,563 crore and it has become the third most debt-stressed state. The situation is grim and what makes the matter worse is that there is little hope of financial help from the Central Government. The state government accuses the Central Government of meting out a step-motherly treatment to Himachal. The state struggles every month to pay salaries to its 2.25 lakh regular employees and pension to retired employees. Of every Rs 100, the government spends Rs 25 on the payment of salaries, Rs 20 on pension, Rs 12 on interest payment, Rs 10 on debt payment, Rs 9 for grants to autonomous bodies and only Rs 24 is left for development. The reducing revenue deficit grant (RDG) from the Central Government is the biggest cause.

SPURIOUS DRUG MAKERS TARNISHING HIMACHAL PRADESH'S PHARMA INDUSTRY IMAGE

Diary Times Desk : Spurious drug manufacturers from other states are tarnishing the image of state's pharmaceutical industry by using fictitious names of firms located in Himachal Pradesh. A recent case which occurred at Sonipat in Haryana has re-affirmed this allegation where spurious antibiotics were being manufactured under a fake label — Paradox Pharmaceuticals, Baddi, while falsely claiming Himachal Pradesh as the manufacturing location. "The increasing frequency of such cases suggests a coordinated effort to malign the reputation of Himachal Pradesh, which is a major contributor to the nation's pharmaceutical industry," stated Dr Manish Kapoor, State Drugs Controller. It is alarming to note that during the fiscal year 2024-2025 alone, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from six states — Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and Haryana ---- have reported 20 drug formulations with fake manufacturing addresses in Solan and Sirmaur districts. "Thorough investigations have, however, confirmed that none of the 20 firms exists in the state. The concerned state FDAs were promptly notified, and legal action was requested against the perpetrators," asserted Dr Manish Kapoor.



RAJASTHAN ROYALS VS KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS, IPL 2025: QUINTON DE KOCK'S 97 NOT OUT GUIDES KKR TO EASY 8-WICKET WIN VS RR

Diary Times Desk : Quinton de Kock is solid at the crease as two-down KKR are on the verge of victory in the chase of 152 against RR at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium. Earlier, Varun Chakaravathy, Moeen Ali and Vaibhav Arora beautifully utilized the slowness of the pitch as KKR restricted RR to 151 for 9 in 20 overs. All the three bowlers claimed two wickets apiece. Dhruv Jurel was the top-scorer for RR with a 33-run knock off 28 balls. KKR captain Ajinkya Rahane won the toss and opted to bowl against RR.



'WOH LADKON MEIN INTERESTED HAI': SAWEETY BOORA MAKES SHOCKING CLAIM ABOUT HUSBAND DEEPAK HOODA AMID DIVORCE BATTLE

Diary Times Desk : As she battles for a divorce, gold medallist Saweety Boora has revealed something startling about her spouse, Kabaddi player Deepak Hooda. Boora, who was crying, claimed in a statement that Hooda is attracted to men and pledged to provide all the proof she possesses to support her claim. On Sunday, March 23, Saweety called a news conference and informed reporters that she had been subjected to a great deal of torture by her husband. Furthermore, Boora ultimately admitted that Hooda would be held accountable if she passed away naturally. Additionally, a video of the Boxer attacking Boora inside a Haryana police station went viral. In a social media video, Boora expressed her surprise at discovering the films Hooda had access to and vowed to provide all the supporting documentation. She said: "I didn't want to say all this. He is more interested in guys, I have seen the videos and when I did, I was shocked. I have seen him with guys. I didn't want to reveal all these but that man is not correcting himself. I have all the evidence and videos and I will present them. I wanted a simple divorce but that man has forced me to do all these.

SEIFERT REFLECTS ON REWARDING COMEBACK FOR NEW ZEALAND IN DOMINANT SERIES WIN

Diary Times Desk : Tim Seifert's unbeaten 97 off just 38 balls capped off a dominant 4-1 series win for the Black Caps, as they chased down Pakistan's 128 in just 10 overs with eight wickets to spare. Reflecting on his explosive partnership with Finn Allen at the top of the order, Seifert emphasized the importance of their aggressive approach. The duo's rapid start took New Zealand to 93 in just 6.2 overs. "The way that me and Finn have started most games has been outstanding, and the way that we've put pressure on the bowlers and set up the team to do their job, it was good fun. "Was a little bit tricky early on, and probably made the decision to try and put pressure on them a lot easier. Just trying to have fun out there. We're good mates, so it's fun having a good time with your mate," said Seifert in the post-match press conference. The 30-year-old opening batter also credited his T20 cricket experience across the globe and the importance of adapting to different playing conditions. "Traveling around the world, it's been a great learning. The way that you play the game of T20 cricket, not necessarily coming out that hot, but it's just been adaptive to conditions and understanding what you're playing on, what surface, what it's doing.

VIRENDER SEHWAG TEARS INTO RISHABH PANT AFTER ASHUTOSH SHARMA'S SUCCESSFUL HEIST: 'THAT WAS YOUR JOB'

Diary Times Desk : Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) Rishabh Pant has come under the scanner after his side's one-wicket loss to Delhi Capitals (DC) in IPL 2025 on Monday. After posting a huge target of 210 runs, LSG did well to reduce DC to 65/5 at one stage. However, a coming of the ages knock by Ashutosh Sharma led DC to a thrilling win over LSG. Pant missed a stumping chance to dismiss tail-ender Mohit Sharma in the final over with DC needing six from as many balls. Mohit gave a single to the well-set Ashutosh, who finished the job with a straight six on the third ball of the final over of the match. Former India cricketers Amit Mishra and Virender Sehwag had contrasting takes on Pant's captaincy on his LSG debut. Former LSG spinner Mishra suggested that injuries to as many as four fast bowlers -- Avesh Khan, Mayank Yadav, Mohsin Khan and Akash Deep -- was a big factor behind the team's loss against DC. "Definitely, they were lacking some balance. If you see, experienced bowlers like Avesh Khan and Mohsin Khan were missing. Avesh's absence was a big miss as LSG paid so much money to get him back at the auction. For DC, Starc timely dismissed Pooran to stop the flow of runs. Similarly, had Avesh been there, LSG too could've won the match with an over or two to spare. So, that's why experience of your players matter as they have the ability to deliver in such pressure situations," Mishra said during a discussion on Cricbuzz.



AUSTRALIA SURVIVE GREEN SCARE TO SECURE 3-0 WHITEWASH

Diary Times Desk : Australia withstood a thrilling onslaught from Maddy Green to secure a 3-0 whitewash over T20I world champions New Zealand in Wellington with the home side left to rue a woeful fielding display in which they dropped Georgia Voll six times. When Sophie Devine fell in the ninth over, New Zealand were a long way adrift in their chase of 181 on 54 for 4 - which included Megan Schutt becoming the first women's player to 150 T20I wickets - but Green turned the game on its head with a 29-ball fifty, her first in T20Is, and in all struck five sixes while adding a New Zealand-record 99 for the fifth wicket with Amelia Kerr. That brought the requirement down to 28 from 15 balls when Green fell to a brilliant piece of fielding by Georgia Wareham who produced a direct hit from deep midwicket the over after she had missed a return catch from Amelia Kerr on 55. Annabel Sutherland then claimed three wickets in four balls in the 19th over with Wareham again to the fore with an excellent catch to remove Jess Kerr and a simpler one to end Amelia Kerr's innings. That all-but ensured Australia would get home with New Zealand needing 20 off the last and Brooke Halliday unable to bat due to an injury sustained in the field.

SUNIL GAVASKAR QUESTIONS GAUTAM GAMBHIR ABOUT CHAMPIONS TROPHY PRIZE MONEY: 'HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM'; NAMED ROLDS DRAVID

Diary Times Desk : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) recently announced a cash prize of INR 58 crore for the Champions Trophy-winning squad. Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar asked whether Gautam Gambhir would follow his predecessor, Rahul Dravid, in refusing to take more amount than the other members of the support staff. It needs to be mentioned that former head coach Rahul Dravid refused to take the additional INR 2.5 crore that the Indian cricket board was awarding him after Rohit Sharma and co-won the T20 World Cup 2024 by defeating South Africa in the final in Barbados. Rahul Dravid opted to take an equal share of the prize bonus as the rest of his support staff. The BCCI awarded the entire contingent INR 125 crore after India broke the ICC title drought last year. Sunil Gavaskar has now asked whether Gautam Gambhir, the current India head coach, would follow in Dravid's footsteps. He also raised the point of Gautam Gambhir's silence.