

## MODI'S VISIT'S RSS HEADQUARTERS

## MODI PAYS TRIBUTES TO RSS FOUNDERS, SAYS THEIR MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO VALUES OF INDIAN CULTURE

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday visited Dr Hedgewar Smruti Mandir in Nagpur and paid tributes at the memorials dedicated to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) founder Keshav Baliram Hedgewar and second sarsanghchalak (chief) MS Golwalkar.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, former Sangh general secretary Suresh Bhaiyyaji Joshi, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union minister Nitin Gadkari were present during Modi's visit to the Smruti Mandir in Reshimbagh, the administrative headquarters of the RSS. Modi also met RSS officer-bearers in the Smruti Bhavan located at the memorial and took group pictures with them.

The memorials are dedicated to the values of Indian culture, nationalism and the organisation, Modi wrote in Hindi in a message book at the venue. "The memorial of the two strong pillars of the RSS is an inspiration to lakhs of swayamsevaks who have dedicated themselves to the service of the nation," the PM said in his message.

"I am overwhelmed to visit the Smruti Mandir which cherishes the memories of Param Pujaniya Dr Hedgewar and Pujya Guruji," he added. Modi's visit coincides with the Sangh's Pratipada programme, marking Gudi Padwa, the beginning of the Hindu New Year. He visited the memorial for the first time after becoming the PM.



## NITISH KUMAR

## 'NEVER AGAIN': BIHAR CM NITISH KUMAR TELLS AMIT SHAH ON BREAK-UPS WITH BJP

**Diary Times Desk :** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar assured Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday that he would "never again" ditch the BJP, having done so "twice by mistake". With Assembly elections barely a few months away, the JD(U) president's averment came at a function in Patna where Shah and he unveiled several projects of the Centre and the state.

Shah, a former BJP president, had given a pep talk to the cadre late Saturday night, when he is said to have asserted "our victory in Bihar will resonate far and wide". Widely regarded as the BJP's principal strategist, Shah is likely to wind up his two-day tour later in the day with a brainstorming session at Kumar's place, where other NDA constituents are also expected. At the function in the state capital, Shah was visibly warm towards Kumar.

The JD(U) president seemed chuffed as he told the gathering, "This sprawling auditorium has been filled beyond capacity". He was greeted with roars of "Jai Shri Ram", in an obvious indication of the overwhelming presence of BJP cadre at the event, but the leader, proud of his "secular" credentials, took it in his stride.

"What did the ones in power before (RJD-Congress combine) do? They used to get votes of Muslims but could never put a stop to clashes between communities," he said. "There was no healthcare in Bihar worth the name. No good educational facilities. We came to power in November 2005 and things started to look up," claimed Kumar, recalling the ascent to power in the state of the JD(U)-BJP combine. A BJP ally since the mid-90s, Kumar split with the party in 2014, only to realign three years later. In 2022, he again parted ways, vowing to dislodge the BJP from power at the Centre and bring together parties from across the country to form the INDIA bloc. However, ahead of last year's Lok Sabha polls, the JD(U) supremo did yet another volte face and was back in the NDA.





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## 1 DEAD, 7 INJURED AS BENGALURU-KAMAKHYA EXPRESS DERAILS IN ODISHA'S CUTTACK

## MOHANLAL EXPRESSES REGRET OVER 'EMPURAAAN' ROW, ASSURES REMOVAL OF CONTROVERSIAL PORTIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** One person was killed and three others injured as an express train derailed in Odisha's Cuttack district on Sunday, officials said. Eleven coaches of the SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya AC Express derailed at Nirgundi near Manguli at 11.54 am, Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of the East Coast Railway Ashok Kumar Mishra said. The deceased was identified as 22-year-old Suvankar Roy of Alipurduar in West Bengal, railways said, adding that the youth jumped from the train after derailment and died. However, the railways authorities were waiting for the postmortem report to ascertain the exact cause of the death, an official said. The East Coast Railways in a statement also said that one female passenger suffered grievous injury and two other male passengers are being treated for simple injury. Cuttack District Collector Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde, who oversaw the rescue operation, had earlier said that one person died and seven others were injured in the accident, but the railways claimed the number of injured persons was three. "The four other persons though being shifted to hospital, did not get injuries due to derailment. Rather, these people were patients returning home after treatment in Bengaluru. They were also rescued from the derailed bogies and taken to hospital," a senior official claimed.



**Diary Times Desk :** Malayalam superstar Mohanlal on Sunday expressed regret over the raging row surrounding his recently released film 'L2: Empuraan' and assured that the controversial portions would be removed from the movie. The national award-winning actor posted a regret note on his Facebook account hours after state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Opposition Leader V D Satheesan extended their support to the Prithviraj-directed movie and criticised the Sangh Parivar for the social media attack against its makers. Mohanlal's social media post, expressing the entire movie team's "sincere regret", was later shared by its actor-director Prithviraj and one of the producers Antony Perumbavoor in their respective accounts. Amidst the intense criticism unleashed by Sangh Parivar against some portions of the movie, Mohanlal said in his Facebook post, "As an artist, it is my duty to ensure that none of my films promote hatred toward any political movement, ideology.

## AFSPA EXTENDED IN MANIPUR, PARTS OF NAGALAND, ARUNACHAL

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**Diary Times Desk :** The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), which gives armed forces operating in disturbed areas sweeping powers and immunity from prosecution unless approved by the Centre, was on Sunday extended for six months in entire Manipur, except the jurisdictions of 13 police stations, in view of the law and order situation there. The AFSPA, under which a particular state or some areas are declared "disturbed", has also been extended to eight districts in Nagaland and 21 police station areas in five other districts of the state for six months, according to a notification issued by the Union Home Ministry. The law was also extended to Tirap, Changlang and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh and three police station areas in Namsai district in the state for six months beginning April 1 after a review of the law and order situation in these northeastern states. The AFSPA, often criticised as a draconian law, gives armed forces operating in disturbed areas sweeping powers to search, arrest and open fire if they deem it necessary.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## 'LALU PRASAD ATE UP FODDER, HE CAN'T THINK ABOUT BIHAR'S WELFARE': AMIT SHAH

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday slammed RJD supremo Lalu Prasad for his alleged involvement in various scams, and alleged that those who "ate up fodder" cannot think about Bihar's welfare. Addressing a rally in Gopalganj, Shah accused Prasad of ignoring the development of Bihar and working only for the betterment of his family. "The NDA governments, both at the Centre and in Bihar, have been working for the overall development of Bihar. But those who ate up fodder meant for cattle cannot think about the welfare of the people of the state," he alleged. Shah further claimed that Prasad was involved in several scams, including the bitumen scam, the flood relief material supply scam, and the 'Charwaha Vidyalaya' (school for cattle grazers) scam. The fodder scam, exposed in the 1990s when Jharkhand was still part of Bihar, involved fraudulent withdrawals of crores of rupees from treasuries in Doranda, Deoghar, Dumka, and Chaibasa. Prasad, a former Bihar chief minister, is one of the high-profile politicians who was convicted in the case.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## HIMACHAL NEWS: MAJOR ACCIDENT IN MANIKARAN, HIMACHAL PRADESH, TREE FELL ON VEHICLES, SIX KILLED; SOME PEOPLE INJURED

**Diary Times Desk :** A tragic accident took place on the day of Nav Samvat in the religious city of Manikaran in Himachal Pradesh. A Kayal tree fell on the vehicles parked below due to strong winds. Six people died due to the falling of the tree. After the information, the police reached the spot. Some tourists are also among the dead. The injured are being brought to Kullu Hospital. At present, the deceased are being identified. At the same time, former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur has expressed deep grief over the accident in Manikaran, Kullu and expressed his condolences to the bereaved families. According to eyewitnesses, a tree broke and fell near the road right in front of Manikaran Gurudwara, due to which a street vendor standing there, a car rider and three tourists who were present on the spot died. The deceased are being identified. ADM Kullu Ashwani Kumar said that 6 people have lost their lives in the accident, while many are injured. Relief and rescue work is going on. The administration team has reached the spot.



## HIMACHAL NEWS: SHILPA RETURNED WITH GOLD FOR THE COUNTRY, A JEEP RALLY WAS ORGANIZED IN HER HONOR; WELCOMED AT MANY PLACES

**Diary Times Desk :** When Shilpa Bhardwaj of Balh, the Indian Kabaddi player who won gold medal in the International Kabaddi Competition in England, returned home, people gave her a grand welcome and welcomed her with open arms. People gave her a grand welcome at various places on her arrival in Balh. A rally was taken out in an open jeep from Nerchowk to her house Chakkar. The Indian women's team won the title by defeating England 57-34 in the final match. Balh MLA Indra Singh Gandhi, Mandi Municipal Corporation Mayor Virendra Bhatt and people reached Shilpa's house and congratulated her. A special program was held in Daundi ward in honour of Shilpa. She was honoured by the Municipal Corporation Mandi for this achievement. Seeing Shilpa's grand welcome, mother Champa's eyes welled up with tears of joy. She said, I consider myself lucky that a daughter like Shilpa was born in my house. Shilpa's father Jagdish Kumar runs a barber shop in the village. Mother Champa Devi works as a tailor.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH: STUDENTS WITH E GRADE IN 5TH AND 8TH DID NOT PASS, DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION SOUGHT REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** The result of non-board classes of academic session 2024-25 in Himachal Pradesh was declared on Saturday under the detention policy. The detention policy was implemented across the state in the year 2009. After this, now after 16 years, the students who got E grade in class 5th and 8th have not got a chance to sit in the next classes. As soon as the result came out, the Directorate of Elementary Education has sought a report of those with E grade. This policy has been implemented on the students who got E grade in English-Mathematics and Science subjects. Under this, the students who got E-grade will now have exams again after two months. To prepare for these examinations, special classes will be held for these students in the schools itself. They will have to get out of E grade. After this they will get a chance to sit in the next classes. Like many states of the country, in Himachal Pradesh also, under the Right to Education Act-2009, students from class 1 to 8 were not failed in the examination.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: NEW CHIEF SECRETARY WILL BE APPOINTED ON OCTOBER 1; PANT, SHARMA'S WAIT INCREASED

**Diary Times Desk :** The politics of bureaucracy has heated up after Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena got a six-month extension. For the first time in the history of Himachal, a Chief Secretary has got an extension. The file process of getting extension from the Government of India has been completely confidential. Even the senior officials involved in the race for the post of Chief Secretary could not sense it. The announcement of extension of service at Prabodh Saxena's farewell party on Friday evening left the contenders for the biggest post in the bureaucracy stunned. Prabodh Saxena has got a six-month extension from April 1 to September 30, 2025. In such a situation, now the state will get a new Chief Secretary on October 1. With Prabodh Saxena getting an extension, the wait of Additional Chief Secretaries KK Pant and Omkar Sharma has increased further. On the basis of seniority, 1988 batch IAS officer Sanjay Gupta is in the first place. Currently, he is looking after the work of Chief Minister's Principal Advisor and Chairman of the Electricity Board. After him is 1993 batch officer KK Pant. IAS officer Omkar Sharma, who hails from Chamba district, belongs to the 1994 batch. All three are in the race for the post of Chief Secretary. During the previous government, when RD Dhiman was made the Chief Secretary.

## HP HIGH COURT: CONSUMER COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S TENURE WILL BE EXTENDED, NOT GIVING ONE-TIME FINANCIAL BENEFITS IS CONTEMPT OF ORDERS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh High Court has passed an order to the government to extend the tenure of the Chairman of the State Consumer Commission. The court said that the current chairman will continue in his post until the government appoints a new chairman. The term of the chairman of the commission is ending on April 5. The division bench of Justice Vivek Singh Thakur and Justice Ranjan Sharma has also ordered the government to appoint two members of the commission by April 4. The posts of members in the commission have been lying vacant for the last two years. The court said that the government has completed the selection process of members in October 2024. Despite that, the appointment has not been made. A PIL was filed in the High Court regarding this. The petition states that if the State Consumer Commission remains vacant, it will affect the common people and the litigants. The cases in the State Commission will not be settled soon.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: TELANGANA GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP TWO POWER PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, 5000 PEOPLE WILL GET EMPLOYMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh on Saturday signed MoUs with the Telangana government for the 400 MW Seli and 120 MW Miyar hydropower projects to be set up in Lahaul-Spiti district. This is the first time in the history of the state that such a partnership has been initiated and this step will prove to be a milestone in harnessing the immense hydropower potential of the state. These MoUs were signed by Energy Secretary Rakesh Kanwar on behalf of the state government and Principal Secretary Energy Sandeep Kumar Sultania on behalf of the Telangana government in the presence of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu. Both these projects will be built on the Chenab river at an estimated cost of Rs 6,200 crore.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: BULLDOZERS WILL BE RUN ON 259 PROPERTIES BUILT FROM DRUGS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, DETAILS OF THE NETWORK ALSO SOUGHT

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that illegally acquired properties by drug mafia will be demolished. 259 properties have been identified for action. All district administrations have been directed to complete the mapping of drug network including chitta suppliers and its addicts at the panchayat level by April 20. Expressing displeasure, he said that despite the instructions to complete the mapping by March 15 this year, no district has achieved the target. While chairing a high-level meeting on Saturday, the Chief Minister directed all Superintendents of Police to prepare detailed dossiers on drug smugglers and consumers at the panchayat level with full seriousness. The progress will be reviewed again on April 20 and officers giving wrong reports will be held accountable. He will also conduct surprise inspections at the panchayat level. Sukhu said the state government has passed the Organised Crime Control Act and the Himachal Pradesh Drug Prevention Act.

## EXPLOSION INSIDE MOSQUE IN BEED; 2 ARRESTED; PROBE UNDERWAY

**Diary Times Desk :** A low intensity explosion was reported inside a mosque in Beed district of Marathwada region in Maharashtra, early Sunday morning. The Beed district police said they have arrested two individuals in connection with the gelatin blast stick triggered explosion at the mosque in Ardhamsla village, ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. There were no casualties in the incident. However, the blast caused cracks in the flooring and structure of the mosque. The explosion took place around 4am on Sunday, triggering panic in the area. The incident occurred ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Maharashtra, where he is set to visit Smruti Mandir in Nagpur followed by Deekshabhoomi. Prime Minister is expected to lay the foundation stone for the Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre, an extension of the Madhav Netralaya Eye Institute and Research Centre. Following the explosion, members of the Muslim community staged a protest outside the police station, demanding immediate probe into the incident. A senior officer said exact motive behind the explosion and how the accused obtained the explosives remain under investigation.

## PM MODI'S BIG SHOUTOUT TO RAPPER HANUMANKIND FOR HIS SONG RUN IT UP

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his congratulatory wishes to Indian-origin rapper Hanumankind for his recent song, Run it Up. The Prime Minister shared his appreciation for the artiste during his Mann Ki Baat address. The PM praised the music video as it showcases the traditional martial arts of Kerala called Kalaripayattu in some detail. It also features sports such as Gatka and Thang-ta. "You must be aware of the popular rapper Hanumankind. These days, his new song, Run it Up, is becoming quite famous. In the music video, our traditional martial arts like Kalaripayattu, Gatka and Thang-ta are included in the clip. I want to congratulate Hanumankind because thanks to him, people everywhere are now getting to know about these traditional sports," the Prime Minister said during his address to the nation. Hanumankind's new track Run It Up features Indian culture prominently. It has at least seven traditional Indian folk references, besides the ones already mentioned by the Prime Minister. Hanumankind hit the global rap scene with his chartbuster, Big Dawgs, which widely trended on various social media.

## PM MODI VISITS RSS HEADQUARTERS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE BECOMING PRIME MINISTER



**Diary Times Desk :** In his first visit to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) headquarters after becoming the prime minister 11 years ago, Narendra Modi on Sunday described the Sangh as the 'banyan tree' of India's immortal culture. PM Modi became the second sitting PM to visit the RSS headquarters in Nagpur. Atal Bihari Vajpayee had visited it in 2000 during his third term as PM, an RSS official said. This is also PM Modi's third term in the top post. In a jam-packed schedule in Nagpur since early morning, PM Modi visited the Dr Hedgewar Smruti Mandir at RSS headquarters and paid homage to the founding fathers of the Sangh. He also visited Deekshabhoomi, where Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar embraced Buddhism in 1956. PM Modi also laid the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre, a new extension building of Madhav Netralaya Eye Institute & Research Centre, named after late RSS chief Madhavrao Golwalkar. Speaking after laying the foundation stone of Madhav Netralaya Premium Centre, PM Modi said RSS volunteers are working selflessly in various spheres and parts of the country.

## AMIT SHAH, NITISH KUMAR, NDA LEADERS MEET OVER SEAT-SHARING IN BIHAR: SOURCES

**Diary Times Desk :** The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) partners on Sunday met at Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's residence in Patna to discuss seat-sharing for the upcoming Assembly polls, sources told India Today TV. Bihar has a total of 243 Assembly seats. The meeting, held by Union Home Minister and former BJP president Amit Shah, was attended by NDA coalition partners, who each brought with them a list of seats they wanted to contest in the upcoming elections, sources said. The BJP, Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United (JDU), Chirag Pawan-led Lok Jan Shakti Party (Ram Vilas), former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awami Morcha (HAM), Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) of Upendra Kushwaha and Pashupati Kumar Paras's Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) are the NDA coalition partners in Bihar. None of these coalition partners was aware of the names of seats the others wanted to contest, sources added. Leaders of all the constituent parties handed over their respective lists.

## CASES AGAINST KUNAL KAMRA RISE AFTER 'TRAITOR' JAB, A REQUEST FROM TEAM UDDHAV

**Diary Times Desk :** Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Saturday demanded special protection for stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra, similar to the one granted to actress and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut, as Mumbai police registered more cases against him for his joke allegedly targeting state Maharashtra deputy chief minister Eknath Shinde. The Rajya Sabha MP said that just like Kangana Ranaut was given protection following her "rift" with Shiv Sena, Kamra should be provided the same. "I also demand that the Maharashtra Govt should provide special protection to Kunal Kamra. Kangana Ranaut was also provided special force for her security when she had a rift with us," news agency ANI quoted Raut as saying. Cases were registered under sections 353 (statements conducing to public mischief) and 356 (2) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Khar police station on Saturday after complaints were transferred from various police stations.

## ONE DEAD AFTER 11 COACHES OF THE BANGALORE-KAMAKHYA EXPRESS DERAILED IN ODISHA

**Diary Times Desk :** One person was dead, while seven were left injured after 11 coaches of the Bangalore-Kamakhya AC Superfast Express train derailed in Odisha's Cuttack district, sparking a swift emergency response. "We have received one body has been received apart from some injured passengers. Three teams of doctors have been engaged to treat the injured passengers," Administrative officer of SCB Medical College and Hospital Subash Chandra Ray said. The identity of the deceased is not yet known. According to PTI, the coaches derailed at around 11:54 AM near Nergundi Station in the Cuttack-Nergundi Railway Section of the Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway. Ashok Kumar Mishra provided an update, stating that the NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) and fire services were immediately mobilized, and a relief train had already been dispatched to the accident site. The railway authorities have also deployed frontline officers and support staff to assist.

## OVER 6 KILLED AFTER STRONG WINDS UPROOT TREE IN HIMACHAL TOURIST AREA

**Diary Times Desk :** Over six people have died after a storm uprooted a tree, which fell on vehicles and food stalls in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu this evening. A relief and rescue operation is currently underway. According to eyewitnesses, a tree near the road right in front of Manikaran Gurdwara fell due to a storm that caused a landslide. Videos showed vehicles parked near food stalls next to the mountain. Cars were crushed by the tree branches that fell on them, and a man was heard saying, "Maa" (mom) and "chale gaye, chale gaye" (they are gone, they are gone) while crying and standing next to a Kayal tree that had fallen on a car. Manikaran is at an altitude of 1,829 metres and approximately 40 km from Kullu. In the same video, a man was seen taking a woman who had blood stains on her shirt. Earlier this week, the weather department issued a yellow warning of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds in four districts of Himachal Pradesh. The Meteorological Department issued a yellow warning of thunderstorms accompanied.



## YEMEN'S HOUTHIS SAY LAUNCHED MISSILES AT US AIRCRAFT CARRIER, ISRAELI AIRPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** The Iran-backed Houthis said Thursday they targeted an Israeli airport and army site as well as a US warship, soon after Israel reported intercepting missiles launched from Yemen. The Houthis "targeted Ben Gurion airport... with a ballistic missile... and a military target" south of Tel Aviv, their military spokesman Yahya Saree said. Earlier on Thursday, the Israeli military said it intercepted two missiles launched from Yemen "prior to crossing into Israeli territory" after it activated air raid sirens across multiple areas, including Jerusalem. Saree said the rebels also "targeted hostile warships in the Red Sea, including the American aircraft carrier (USS Harry S) Truman," which he said was "in retaliation to the ongoing US aggression against our country". The United States launched what its Central Command called a "large scale operation" involving air strikes against the Houthis on March 15. Washington vowed to use overwhelming force until they stopped firing on vessels in the key shipping routes of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden after the rebels threatened to resume attacks over the Gaza war.

## PAKISTAN THREATENS TO EXPEL 900,000 AFGHAN REFUGEES AS US HALTS FUNDING: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan is preparing to deport nearly 900,000 Afghan refugees as international aid declines, following the Trump administration's decision to halt funding and freeze resettlement programs, Financial Times reported. Pakistan is home to approximately 3 million Afghan refugees who have crossed the porous border over the years, escaping prolonged conflict and, more recently, the Taliban's return to power in 2021. The country's interior ministry has issued a warning to around 870,000 Afghan Citizenship Card (ACC) holders, urging them to leave voluntarily before April 1 or face forced repatriation, according to Financial Times. Pakistan introduced ACCs in 2017 to document Afghan refugees residing in the country. A senior Pakistani diplomat, speaking anonymously to Financial Times, cited the decline in international assistance as a major factor behind the move to ramp up deportations. The (UNHCR) reported that the United States contributed 42% of the more than.

## MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH: SATELLITE IMAGES SHOW HUGE-SCALE DESTRUCTION



**Diary Times Desk :** The stench of decaying dead bodies permeated the air in Mandalay-- Myanmar's second-largest city-- on Sunday as rescuers worked frantically to clear rubble in the hope of finding people still alive, two days after a massive earthquake killed at least 1,700 people and left countless others buried. The initial 7.7-magnitude quake struck midday Friday with an epicenter near Mandalay, followed minutes later by a 6.7-magnitude aftershock. The strong tremors downed collapsed buildings, downed bridges, buckled roads and damaged other infrastructure in the city of more than 1.7 million people. The quake also jolted neighbouring Thailand, where at least 17 in Bangkok. Most residents in Mandalay spent the night sleeping on the streets, either left homeless by the quake or worried that the continuing aftershocks might cause structures left unstable to collapse. A 5.1 magnitude aftershock Sunday afternoon prompted screams from those in the streets, and then the work continued.

## 7.1 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HITS TONGA, TRIGGERS TSUNAMI WARNING

**Diary Times Desk :** A powerful 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck near Tonga, triggering a tsunami warning for the Pacific island nation, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The USGS reported that the quake occurred about 100 kilometres (62 miles) northeast of Tonga's main island in the early hours of Monday (local time). The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued an alert, warning that hazardous waves could affect coastlines within 300 kilometres (185 miles) of the epicentre. "Hazardous tsunami waves from this earthquake are possible within 300 kilometres (186 miles) of the epicentre along the coasts of Tonga," the US tsunami warning system said. There were no immediate reports of damage. German Research Centre for Geosciences (GeoForschungsZentrum in German) said that the earthquake occurred at a depth of 10 km. Tonga is a Polynesian nation consisting of 171 islands and has a population of just over 100,000 people, with the majority residing on the main island, Tongatapu.

## PAKISTAN ADMITS KILLING 10 CIVILIANS DURING ANTI-MILITANT OPERATION IN RARE REVEAL

**Diary Times Desk :** In a rare revelation, Pakistan on Saturday admitted to have killed 10 civilians during an anti-militant operation in the country's northwest and promised to probe the circumstances. Authorities in Pakistan made the admission Saturday evening about the deaths which occurred in the early hours of that morning in a remote hilltop area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province's Katlang, according to an Associated Press report, which added that it was not immediately clear how the operations were carried out. Pakistan does not usually reveals civilian casualties that take place during anti-militant activities. Provincial government spokesman Muhammad Ali Saif said that reports indicated the location was being used as a "hideout and transit point for terrorist" elements. Subsequent information revealed that some unarmed civilians were present in the vicinity of the site, Saif added. According to locals 10 bodies, including those of women and children, were recovered from the area where government officials claimed the anti-militant operation took place.

## BLAST IN PUTIN'S LUXURY LIMO NEAR FSB HQ SPARKS ASSASSINATION FEARS

**Diary Times Desk :** A luxury limousine from Russian President Vladimir Putin's official car fleet exploded in central Moscow, sparking renewed concerns about his security, The Sun reported. The incident has intensified fears of internal threats within the Kremlin. A video of the burning limo has surfaced online, showing thick black smoke billowing from the vehicle. The explosion occurred just days after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky suggested that Russia could suffer a major setback in the war and amid rumors surrounding Putin's health, The Sun noted. Zelensky also made a bold claim regarding Putin's fate, stating, "Vladimir Putin will die soon," calling it a "fact," as per a report by The Mirror. He further urged the United States to maintain pressure on Moscow. The £275,000 Aurus Senat limousine, a hallmark of Russia's political elite, was engulfed in flames near the FSB headquarters in Lubyanka. Witnesses reported that the fire started in the engine before spreading inside the vehicle. People at nearby restaurants rushed to assist before emergency crews arrived. While the exact cause of the explosion remains unclear, no injuries have been reported so far.

## HAMAS APPROVES GAZA TRUCE PROPOSAL, HOPES ISRAEL WON'T "OBSTRUCT IT"

**Diary Times Desk :** A top Hamas official said on Saturday the group approved a new Gaza ceasefire proposal put forth by mediators, urging Israel to back it but warning the Iran-backed group's weapons were a "red line". Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed it had also received a proposal from the mediators and had submitted a counter-proposal in response. "Two days ago, we received a proposal from the mediating brothers in Egypt and Qatar. We dealt with it positively and approved it. We hope that the occupation (Israel) will not obstruct it," Khalil al-Haya said in a televised address for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr. The weapons of the resistance are a red line," he added. Netanyahu's office confirmed it had received a proposal from mediators. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, yesterday, held a series of consultations pursuant to the proposal that was received from the mediators," his office said in a statement. "A few hours ago, Israel conveyed to the mediators a counter-proposal in full coordination with the US," it said without elaborating.



## PUNJAB POLICE BUST TRANS-BORDER NARCO-SMUGGLING NETWORK, ARREST 2 MEN

**Diary Times Desk** : Punjab Police on Sunday claimed to have busted a trans-border narco-smuggling network with the arrest of two men and seizure of 6 kg of heroin. According to preliminary investigation, the contraband was sent by Pakistan-based smugglers, police said. "Acting swiftly on forward and backward linkages, Tarn Taran Police dismantles a trans-border narco-smuggling network and arrests two drug smugglers, Hardeep Singh @ Deep & Harjeet Singh, both residents of Thathi Sohla, #TarnTaran, and recovers 6 Kg #Heroin," Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said in a post on X. "Preliminary investigation reveals role of #Pakistan-based smugglers who sent the contrabands," he said, adding that both accused have prior criminal records. The DGP said an FIR has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and further investigation is under way. Punjab Police remain committed to dismantling drug cartels and making the state drug-free, he said.



## HARYANA'S KANDELA KHAP DEMANDS BAN ON GUN CULTURE, LIVE-IN RELATIONS

**Diary Times Desk** : A panchayat of Kandela khap held at the historic Kandela Khap chabutra at Kandela village of Jind district made an appeal to the government to ban gun culture, drugs, and live-in relationships. The proposal was put forward by khap panchayat vice-president Dayanand Redhu which received unanimous support from the Khap members. The event also focused on the preservation of Haryanvi culture, language, and traditional values while celebrating the contributions of artistes who promote these ideals. Renowned Haryanvi artist Ramkesh Jeevanpuriya, a native of Jeevanpur village which is part of the Kandela Khap, was the chief guest at the meeting. Jeevanpuriya said the singers should avoid vulgar and gun culture lyrics, urging artists to contribute positively to society through their music. He called for the formation of a censorship committee to regulate song lyrics and ensure that Haryanvi music remains a medium of social and moral upliftment.

## RELIEF FOR LITIGANTS AS HIGH COURT MOVES TO EXPEDITE LONG-PENDING CASES

**Diary Times Desk** : For litigants awaiting justice for decades, relief may finally be in sight. The Punjab and Haryana High Court has decided to advance the hearing of long-pending cases, ensuring that matters stuck in legal limbo for years get expedited consideration. Civil suits dragging on for over 30 years, criminal cases pending for more than 20 years, cheque bounce matters under the Negotiable Instruments Act awaiting disposal for over 15 years, and leave to appeal petitions pending for more than a decade—previously scheduled beyond March 31—will now be heard sooner. The cases will be placed in the "urgent cause list," increasing their chances of being taken up on the assigned date. The court has also clarified that cases up to the year 2000, matters concerning senior citizens, crimes against women, differently-abled persons, juveniles, marginalized sections of society, Prevention of Corruption Act cases, those where proceedings before lower courts have been stayed, and remand cases from the Supreme Court, will be given priority. Regular Second Appeals (RSAs) filed up to 2022, where notice of motion has not yet been issued, will also be placed in the urgent cause list. All cases registered up to 1994 will be listed in the urgent motion cause list.

## CBI COURT ACQUITS FORMER HC JUDGE NIRMAL YADAV IN CASH-AT-JUDGE'S-DOOR CASE

**Diary Times Desk** : A CBI court here today acquitted former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice (Retd) Nirmal Yadav and four others in the sensational 2008 "cash at judge's door" case as the prosecution failed to prove the charges against them. The court of Special CBI judge Alka Malik pronounced the verdict, which was kept reserved on Thursday. Talking to the media after her acquittal, Justice Yadav said she had full faith in the judiciary. The other accused who have been acquitted are hotelier Ravinder Singh, Rajiv Gupta, Nirmal Singh and Sanjiv Bansal, a former Haryana Additional Advocate General who had died during the trial. The case against Justice Yadav had originated when a bag containing Rs 15 lakh was allegedly wrongly delivered at the residence of Justice Nirmaljit Kaur, another sitting judge of the high court, on August 13, 2008. The prosecution had alleged that the bag was meant for Justice Yadav but due to the similarity in the names of the two judges, it mistakenly reached Justice Kaur's residence.

## SHUBMAN GILL DONATES EQUIPMENT WORTH RS 35 LAKH TO MOHALI CIVIL HOSPITAL

**Diary Times Desk** : India ODI team vice-captain Shubman Gill has donated medical equipment worth Rs 35 lakh to Phase-VI Civil Hospital, Mohali, as a Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. Ventilator, bedside monitors, multi-parameter monitor, minor OT tables, OT light, and X-Ray system have been donated to the hospital. Mohali Civil Surgeon Dr Sangeeta Jain said, "The equipment would be used after assessing the need. If any other hospital is in more need than it can be given there." Health Department officials said Shubman Gill's aunt was present when the equipment was donated to the hospital. Gill's aunt, Dr Kushaldeep Kaur, is posted as District Immunization Officer (DIO) in Patiala. Gill's brand value is on the rise as the all three formats player currently became the vice-captain of the ODI team. Ventilator, bedside monitors, multi-parameter monitor.

## GURMINDER SINGH RESIGNS AS PUNJAB ADVOCATE-GENERAL; MANINDERJIT BEDI NOTIFIED AS SUCCESSOR

**Diary Times Desk** : A day after Gurminder Singh expressed his reluctance to continue as Punjab Advocate-General, the senior advocate on Sunday resigned from the post, citing his intent to return to private practice. Advocate Maninderjit Singh Bedi has been appointed Advocate-General in his place. His appointment was notified this evening. In a letter addressed to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Gurminder expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the State's top law officer for the past 18 months under his leadership. In the resignation letter, dated March 30 and handed over to the Chief Minister this afternoon, Gurminder conveyed his intent to return to private practice. "As I intend to resume my private practice, I am not inclined to continue on the post," he wrote, requesting that his resignation be forwarded to the Governor for acceptance at the earliest. Gurminder, appointed as Advocate-General in October 2023, played a key role in major legal battles for the state. His tenure saw his involvement in major legal battles, including defending the Chief Secretary and the DGP in the Dalawal contempt matter, and ensuring the dismissal of contempt proceedings related to the farmers' blockade at Khanauri and Shambhu.

## 'DOESN'T HAVE VIRTUE TO BE COUNTRY'S LEADER': PUNJAB CM MANN RIDICULES RAHUL GANDHI

**Diary Times Desk** : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday ridiculed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, saying he doesn't have the "virtue" to be the country's leader and the grand old party couldn't launch him. During a formal chat at a private broadcaster's event in the national capital, Punjab CM Mann said the Leader of Opposition in Parliament Rahul Gandhi sits in America or goes to Italy whenever there is an important Parliament session. While speaking about the politics in the country, Mann said, "Who else is visible as an opposition leader in the country? That gentleman." The interviewer responded by saying: "Rahul Gandhi". Mann said, "He sometimes goes to Italy. To his grandmother or his maternal uncle. Whenever there is an important session of the country, he sits in America. Isn't it." He added: "So, his launch is still ongoing. I mean, Sriharikota launched Chandrayan quickly, but that guy could not be launched by the Congress. The launch is going on. Isn't it." He also went on to say that, "God has not given him that virtue. Why are you pushing him to become a leader? It is not like family fiefdom that the son will come after the father and so on. Please leave him.

## PREPARE DETAILED DOSSIERS ON DRUG NETWORKS, 'CHITTA' CONSUMERS BY APRIL 20: SUKHU TO SPS

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today directed all district administrations to complete the mapping of drug networks, including suppliers and consumers of 'chitta', at the panchayat level by April 20. He said that despite instructions to complete the mapping exercise by March 15, no district had achieved the target yet. He chaired a high-level meeting with all SPS and Deputy Commissioners. He directed the SPS to prepare detailed dossiers on drug peddlers and consumers up to the panchayat level. Sukhu said that he would review the progress of the exercise again on April 20 and officers submitting incorrect reports would be held accountable. He added that he would conduct surprise inspections at the panchayat level. He emphasised that the government was committed to eradicating drug abuse and directed all SPS to intensify efforts to dismantle the drug networks. He also instructed them to ensure strict surveillance and continuous monitoring of drug-related activities.

## BJP APPOINTS COORDINATORS FOR FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** State party president Rajeev Bindal today announced the appointment of coordinators and co-coordinators for the preparations of various events to be organised during the celebration of BJP's Foundation Day from April 6 to 13. He said that the party had appointed Trilok Kapoor, general secretary, as the state coordinator for all events. Bindal, in a press statement issued here, said that BJP state vice-president Sanjeev Katwal would be the programme coordinator while BJP state secretary Sumit Kumar Sharma would be the co-coordinator for all events. Similarly, the party appointed coordinators for various parliamentary constituencies, namely Daisy Thakur (Shimla), Rajesh Thakur (Hamirpur), Vinod Kumar (Mandi) and Rakesh Sharma (Kangra). Bindal also announced the appointment of Bihari Lal Sharma, state general secretary, as the programme coordinator and Munish Chauhan, state secretary, as the co-coordinator for the upcoming.

## 6 DEAD, SEVERAL INJURED AS TREE FALLS IN HIMACHAL'S KULLU

**Diary Times Desk :** Six people died and several were injured after a tree was uprooted due to a storm near the Manikaran Gurdwara in Kullu today. Approximately 20 pedestrians and a few parked vehicles were crushed under the tree. The injured were promptly rushed to the Kullu hospital for treatment. Kullu SDM Vikas Shukla arrived at the scene to supervise the relief and rescue operations. Eyewitnesses recounted that the tree was uprooted and fell on the road in front of the gurdwara, leading to the deaths of two street vendors, a driver, and three tourists on the spot. The SDM assured that police and rescue teams were actively working at the site, with relief efforts underway to aid those affected.



## SUKHU INVITES OTHER STATE GOVTS TO TAKE UP HYDROPOWER PROJECTS IN HIMACHAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that Himachal would welcome other states to take up hydroelectric power generation projects rather than partnering with central public sector undertakings (CPSUs), which have not given Himachal its due. Sukhu, while addressing mediapersons after the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the execution of two hydroelectric projects with the Telangana Government, said that Himachal's interests had not been protected in the agreements signed earlier for the setting up of Luhri, Sunni and Dhaula Sidh hydropower projects. The agreement between Telangana and Himachal Pradesh was signed for the execution of 400 MW Selli and 140 MW Miyar hydroelectric projects. Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was present on the occasion. Sukhu said, "We have decided to take back these projects from the CPSUs as Himachal is not getting its due." He added that the state government had taken a policy decision to seek enhanced free power at the rate of 12 per cent, 18 per cent and 30 per cent and the return of the hydroelectric projects after 40 years. "We have decided that we will not give any project to any agency for perpetuity," he added.

## RACE FOR CHIEF SECY'S POST PROLONGS AS SAXENA GETS SIX-MONTH EXTENSION

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena has got an extension of six months, prolonging the race for the top administrative post. Preparations for Saxena's farewell had already been made as the letter from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) of the Central Government granting him extension was awaited till late last evening. In fact, Saxena arrived at the farewell party organised by the Himachal Pradesh IAS Officers Association in his honour last night only to surprise everyone with his extension news. Secretary (Personnel) M Sudha Devi broke the news of Saxena getting extension to the bureaucrats present at the farewell party. Interestingly, the preparations for honouring Saxena and recognising his services were made even at the Cabinet meeting held late last evening after the Budget session got over. However, as information about the DoPT approving Saxena's extension came in, the cap and the muffler kept to honour him after the Cabinet meeting was sent away. Interestingly, the press note issued by the Department of Information and Public Relation mentioned that the Cabinet lauded the services of the Chief Secretary, who is retiring later this month.

## IMPACT OF CLASHES WITH PUNJAB VISITORS, BUS ATTACKS ON THE WANE, HOTELIERS UPBEAT

**Diary Times Desk :** The impact of recent clashes between residents of Punjab and Himachal in Kullu district and subsequent attacks on the buses of the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) has faded away. The incidents are not likely to impact tourism in the state. Hoteliers in Dharamsala believe that the impact of the clashes was felt for about a week but gradually it disappeared. The hoteliers praised the Himachal and Punjab governments for successfully handling and normalising the situation. Ashwani Bamba, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Kangra, said that people from Punjab comprised about 60 per cent of the tourists coming to the region. "The impact of the recent clashes on the arrival of tourists from Punjab was felt for about a week. However, now things have normalised and we have started receiving advanced bookings from tourists from Punjab for the summer," he added. Bamba praised the Himachal Government for deftly handling the situation and preventing it from escalating. "The way the Himachal and Punjab governments have handled the situation is praiseworthy. The governments of the two states did not allow the situation to escalate," he added.



## IPL 2025: RAJASTHAN ROYALS REGISTER FIRST WIN OF SEASON, DEFEAT CHENNAI SUPER KINGS BY SIX RUNS

**Diary Times Desk :** Game 11 of the ongoing IPL (Indian Premier League) 2025 saw Rajasthan Royals taking on Chennai Super Kings. Both sides locked horns at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium, Guwahati, on March 30, and the clash began with Royals coming in to bat first after losing the toss, and much to the hosts' ecstasy, Rajasthan Royals registered their first IPL 2025 win, defeating CSK by six runs. The side's openers, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sanju Samson, scored four and 20 runs, respectively. However, after the early dismissals, it was the knock of Nitish Rana that propelled Royals to a fighting total. Coming out to bat, Rana scored 81 runs in 36 deliveries. Furthermore, Riyan Parag scored 37 runs in 28 deliveries, alongside Shimron Hetmyer, who added 19 runs on the board. In the first innings, Royals posted a total of 182 runs. As for Chennai, Noor Ahmad, Matheesha Pathirana, and Khaleel Ahmed were the highest wicket takers with two wickets each to their name. Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja took one wicket each as well. Aiming to chase down the target, CSK got off to a horrid start as opener Rachin Ravindra departed for a duck.



### MANJREKAR: 'THINGS ARE SLIPPING AWAY' FOR ROHIT SHARMA

**Diary Times Desk :** Sanjay Manjrekar believes Rohit Sharma is "going through a phase" and that the senior Mumbai Indians (MI) batter is at a stage in his career where he has to "push himself every morning". Rohit fell for 8 in the IPL 2025 match against Gujarat Titans (GT) on Saturday, and it came after a four-ball duck against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) earlier in the tournament. "Rohit Sharma is clearly going through a phase," Manjrekar said on JioStar. "He's not the Rohit Sharma of, say, three to four years ago. He's at a stage in his career where he has to push himself every morning - train hard and be at his best - because things are slipping away for him. He's still relying on his natural talent and instincts." Rohit has gone through a lean patch in international cricket too. He had a horror run in Test cricket, starting with Bangladesh's tour of India in September 2024, with a top score of 52 (his only 50-plus score in this period) and an average of 10.93. He played his part in India's win in the Champions Trophy, though, regularly giving the team quick starts, even though he didn't go on to play a big innings, the 76 in the final against New Zealand the only time he got a half-century. Five-time champions MI have lost both their games this season so far.

### EXPLOSIVE SRH FIZZLE OUT AGAINST STARC AND KULDEEP

**Diary Times Desk :** Mitchell Starc's T20 best powered Delhi Capitals (DC) to a second straight win in Vizag as Sunrisers Hyderabad's (SRH) all-out approach backfired for the second time in two games. Faf du Plessis then set the tempo for the chase with a half-century and despite Zeeshan Ansari's three quick wickets on his T20 return after six years, DC's strong 81-run opening stand set up an easy win in 16 overs with seven wickets in hand. This meant Aniket Verma's blazing 41-ball 74, highlighted by his takedown of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav, was overshadowed as SRH slumped to their second straight loss. Like he did in last year's IPL final, Starc proved menacing, but he was aided along the way. Abhishek Sharma ran himself out in the first over, Ishan Kishan slashed to deep third, and local boy Nitish Reddy heaved a slow offcutter to mid-on. Head vs Starc was brewing to be a contest within a contest. Head began by hitting him for two back-to-back fours, but after the flurry of wickets, Axar Patel's decision to persist with Starc for a third over paid off when Head's attempted ramp against him found KL Rahul's gloves. SRH were 37 for 4 in the fifth over. Aniket, 23, was all of three T20s old coming into this game. But he showed why SRH have so much faith in him.

## "UNPROFESSIONAL, HARASSMENT...": SUNRISERS HYDERABAD THREATEN TO MOVE OUT OF HYDERABAD

**Diary Times Desk :** Sunrisers Hyderabad have threatened to move out of Hyderabad and may not play their IPL 2025 matches at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, according to a report by Times of India. The 2016 winners alleged intimidation and blackmailing by the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) officials for free tickets. The report added that SRH general manager, Srinath TB, has written a letter to HCA treasurer C.J Srinivas Rao where he has made it clear that the franchise will tolerate such behaviour. "All these unprofessional threats and actions by HCA, especially by the HCA president, make it evident that you don't want Sunrisers to play at your stadium. If that is the case, please let me know in writing so that we can inform BCCI, the Telangana govt, and our management that you wish for us to move to another venue, and we will move," Srinath stated in the e-mail, according to Times of India.



## HARDIK PENALISED FOR MI'S SLOW OVER-RATE AGAINST GUJARAT TITANS

**Diary Times Desk :** Hardik Pandya, the Mumbai Indians (MI) captain, has been fined INR 12 lakh for his team's slow over-rate during the IPL 2025 game against Gujarat Titans (GT) on Saturday night in Ahmedabad. This was MI's second game - and second defeat - of the season, but Hardik's first appearance, after he had to serve a ban for MI's season-opener. That was a punishment for MI's slow over-rate in the last game of IPL 2024, against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG). Fortunately for MI and Hardik, the latest offence will not lead to a ban, since the IPL has done away with that rule and now, for such offences, there are only fines and in-game field restrictions. This was the first slow over-rate penalty in IPL 2025 and came after the ninth game of the season. MI, bowling with four quick bowlers - Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar, Satyanarayana Raju and Hardik himself - overshot the stipulated time to complete their overs as GT scored 196 for 8. MI couldn't quite get the chase off the ground, stopping at 160 for 6.

## RAHUL DRAVID JOKES ABOUT LEG INJURY: AT MY AGE, PLAYING CRICKET WASN'T A GREAT IDEA

**Diary Times Desk :** Rajasthan Royals coach Rahul Dravid joked about his leg injury, saying that he shouldn't have played cricket given his age at the moment. Dravid suffered the injury ahead of the start of the IPL 2025 season as he was playing cricket in Bengaluru. This didn't stop the former Indian coach from joining the team before the start of the tournament, and he was a part of the Royals' dugout in their first two matches. Dravid was seen sporting a cast and in an electric wheelchair as he oversaw his side's preparations and matches. The Indian legend was present at the pre-match press conference ahead of the RR vs CSK clash in Guwahati and said that he is recovering well at the moment and he is getting great support at the moment. "Recovering well. I got some great support. Just, unfortunately, at my age, playing cricket matches wasn't a great idea I think. But it's ok. It happens so it's fine," said Dravid. RR haven't made the best of starts to the new season as they have lost their first two games. However, Dravid brushed off the concerns saying it is still early days in the tournament. "It's early days, and there are a lot of positives," said Dravid. "Against SRH, we probably gave away 25-30 extra runs on a flat wicket. And in the KKR game, we should have scored 25-30 more. But this is just the start. We're confident about turning things.