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The government is also modernising 77 railway stations, including the one in Rameswaram, he said. Pointing to the Centre's largesse in another area, he said, "Over the last 10 years, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, a lot of work has been done on village roads and highways".

"After 2014, with the help of the central government, around 4,000 km of roads have been built in Tamil Nadu," he added. Chief Minister Stalin has repeatedly alleged that the Centre has been attempting to curb the southern states - politically through delimitation and culturally through the three-language policy. The Centre, he said, has made it clear that the state's funds will be held back if it did not follow the National Education policy. These, however, were not the issues PM Modi referred to.



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The decision was announced at a farmers' gathering during a Kisan Mahapanchayat held in Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib district. Dallewal addressed the assembly and said, "You all have asked me to end the fast unto death. I am indebted to you for taking care of the agitation. I respect your sentiments. I accept your order."

"Several farmers and leaders of the morcha requested that I end the indefinite hunger strike. Today, after agreeing with them, I have ended my indefinite hunger strike. The protest has not been called off; it is still ongoing," he added.

The announcement followed appeals from Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu, who urged Dallewal on Saturday to end his fast.

Chouhan wrote on X, "The ongoing dialogue between the representatives of the Government of India and the representatives of farmers' organisations regarding their demands is continuing. Farmer leader Shri Jagjit Singh Dallewal has now returned from hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery. We also request him to end his hunger strike and we will meet with the representatives of the farmers' organisations for talks at 11 am on May 4 as per the already decided date." Bittu also appealed to Dallewal, saying, "Your health is more important, and your life is precious for the people of Punjab, as your leadership will always be needed for the struggle of farmers."



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THOUSANDS PROTEST IN BHIWANDI AGAINST WAQF AMENDMENT ACT; LEADERS SEEK TIME FROM PRESIDENT

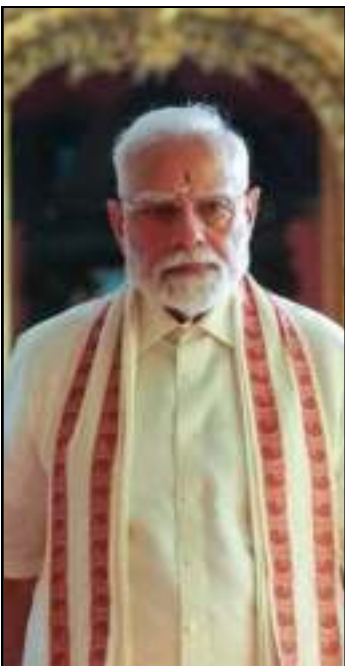
Diary Times Desk : Several thousand people took part in a protest in Bhiwandi in Thane district against the Waqf Amendment Act, which they claimed was against the Constitution as it infringed on the fundamental rights of people. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday gave her assent to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Parliament on Friday approved the Bill after the Rajya Sabha gave its nod following an over 13-hour debate. It was passed in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. "The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the president on April 5, 2025, and is hereby published for general information: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025," the Union government said in a notification on Saturday. The protest was held late Saturday night, with functionaries from the Aalimi Tehreek Raza Academy, All India Sunni Jamiyat Ulama, and several other groups representing the 'Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat' movement taking part. "The bill violates the essence of the Constitution. It threatens the rights that belong to every Indian, whether they are Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, or Christian. This is not just a Muslim issue. People of all communities across the country are coming forward to protest," a cleric said addressing the protest.



KERALA LEADER MA BABY ELECTED CPI(M) GENERAL SECRETARY, FIRST FROM MINORITY GROUP

Diary Times Desk : Veteran leader MA Baby was on Sunday elected CPI(M) general secretary at its 24th All India Party Congress. A former state minister, Baby is the second leader from the party's Kerala unit to be elected to the top post, following in the footsteps of CPI(M) stalwart EMS Namboodiripad. While Prakash Karat—who served as general secretary between 2005 and 2015—hails from Kerala, he belonged to the party's Delhi unit. Baby is also the first CPI(M) general secretary from a minority group. A section of leaders had put their weight behind All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) president Ashok Dhawale for the top post. Sources said Surya Kanta Mishra, Nilotpal Basu, Mohd Salim and Ramchandra Dome were among those who backed Dhawale. Karat, who served as interim coordinator in the run-up to the congress following the passing of general secretary Sitaram Yechury, said, "The congress has chalked out a political line for the future."

CENTRE GAVE THREE TIMES MORE FUNDS TO TAMIL NADU: PM MODI



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the BJP-led Central Government has given more funds to Tamil Nadu as compared to the pre-2014 INDIA bloc's rule, sounding an early poll bugle in the state where elections are expected to be held next year. Blending development and politics, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of several rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Rameswaram. "Over the last decade, the Central Government has allocated three times more funds for Tamil Nadu's development as compared to the period before 2014," he said. He also inaugurated India's first vertical lift sea bridge — new Pamban Rail Bridge — flagged off a train and a ship from the road bridge and witnessed its operation. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin skipped the event and upped the ante on the delimitation issue, saying Modi should allay the fears of the people on the proposed exercise. Speaking after the bridge's inaugural ceremony, the PM said the infrastructure development in Tamil Nadu is a priority for the Central Government and they have been allocating more funds for the state even in the Union Budget.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT CONTROL OVER WAQF BOARDS: BJP CHIEF NADDA

Diary Times Desk : The Centre does not want to control Waqf Boards but ensure that they operate within the bounds of law so that their assets are used in promotion of education, healthcare and employment for the Muslim community, BJP president JP Nadra said on Sunday. Addressing an event organised at the BJP headquarters here to mark the party's 45th foundation day, Nadra said governments in Turkey and many other Muslim countries have taken Waqf properties under their control. "We are only asking those operating the Waqf Boards to do it as per rules," he said. "We do not seek to control the Waqf Board. Our goal is to ensure that those managing it operate within the bounds of law and adhere to established rules. The properties and funds of the Waqf Board should be dedicated to promoting education, providing healthcare and employment opportunities for the Muslim community," the BJP chief said.



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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: 584 CANDIDATES APPEARED FOR BRCC EXAM IN SHIMLA, 766 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR 282 POSTS

Diary Times Desk : The BRCC examination being conducted by Samagra Shiksha under the Education Department in Himachal Pradesh concluded on Sunday. The department had made Government Senior Secondary School Portmore Shimla the examination centre for this. A total of 584 candidates participated in this examination. State Project Director of Samagra Shiksha Rajesh Sharma himself reached the examination centre and inspected the examination centre. Let us tell you that the Education Department had sought applications for 282 posts of BRCC under Samagra Shiksha. For which 766 candidates had applied from all over the state. The department had issued roll numbers to only 766 people. Out of which 584 candidates appeared in the examination and 182 candidates were absent. The department had made Government Senior Secondary School Portmore Shimla the centre for this where this examination was conducted on Sunday. The department will soon declare the result of the examination. All the candidates can see the result by visiting the department's website.



HIMACHAL PRADESH SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD CHANGED THE SYLLABUS OF CLASS 3, ALSO CHANGED THE NAMES OF BOOKS

Diary Times Desk : This time the syllabus of class 3 has been completely changed in the government and education board affiliated private schools of Himachal Pradesh. This change has been made in accordance with the changes in the curriculum made by NCERT under the New Education Policy (NEP). The State School Education Board has prepared new textbooks for class 3 and distributed them to all the schools, so that the studies of the new session can start smoothly. According to the new syllabus, now the book 'Veena' has been included in place of 'Rimjhim Part-3' for Hindi subject. For Mathematics subject, 'Math Magic Book-3' will be removed and 'Math Melod' and for English subject, a book named 'Santoor' will be taught in place of 'Marigold Book-3'. These changes have been made with the aim of giving more interesting, practical and holistic knowledge to the students. As per the instructions of NCERT, this curriculum change has been implemented in all government and board-recognized private schools.

CM SUKHU LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF PHASE-2 OF ALERJALI BUILDING, ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT IS RS 19.72 CRORE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday laid the foundation stone of Phase-2 of the historic Ellergly Bhawan in Shimla. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 19.72 crore and it will be completed by April 2026. Under the project, a six-storey building will be constructed, in which three floors will be provided for parking, two floors for secretariat offices and other facilities. On completion of this project, the crowd in the secretariat complex will be reduced and common people will be able to get their work done easily. The CM said that the construction of the new building will provide better facilities to the people and it will lead to smooth movement of traffic on the circular road. Talking to journalists, the CM accused the BJP of politicizing the issue related to the death of Vimal Negi.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: HOT WINDS BLOW IN HIMACHAL, MERCURY CROSSES 35 IN UNA; RAIN FORECAST ON 10-11 APRIL

Diary Times Desk : Hot winds blew in many areas of Himachal Pradesh on Saturday. The maximum temperature in ten areas of the state has crossed 30 degrees Celsius and in Una it has crossed 35 degrees. The weather is forecast to remain clear in the state till April 9. The mercury is forecast to rise further due to sunshine. Due to the western disturbance becoming active, rain is forecast in many areas of the state on April 10 and 11. A yellow alert has been issued for hot winds in many parts of the state on April 6 and 7 as well. Heat wave conditions are likely to persist at different places in Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi and Solan on April 6 and 7. On Saturday, the maximum temperature in Una, Sundarnagar, Bhuntar, Nahan, Solan, Kangra, Mandi, Bilaspur, Dhaukuan and Barthin was more than 30 degrees. An increase in temperature has also been recorded in the hilly areas. On the other hand, light rain and snowfall is expected at one or two places in Chamba, Kullu, Kangra, Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur districts on April 9 and at many places on April 10 and 11. On Friday night, the minimum temperature was recorded at 13.2 degrees Celsius in Shimla, 10.8 in Sundarnagar, 7.6 in Bhuntar, 4.4 in Kalpa, 11.8 in Dharamsala, 10.5 in Una, 16.3 in Nahan, 1.3 in Keylong, 9.8 in Solan, 7.1 in Mandali, 12.2 in Kangra, 12.1 in Mandi, 10.3 in Bilaspur, 0.7 in Kukumseri, 9.3 in Bharmour.

LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR SAID- THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE BURDEN ON POOR PEOPLE BY INCREASING THE MINIMUM FARE

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur condemned the government's decision to double the minimum bus fare and called it an anti-people move. He said that the only means of travel for middle and poor families are government and private sector buses. Doubling their minimum fare will put a burden of at least more than a thousand rupees on every family every month. Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that due to the failures of the government, the life of the common man has already become difficult. In such a situation, this decision of the government is no less than a disaster for the poor and middle class of the state. The government should reconsider its decision. This decision is against the common poor person of Himachal. Sukh's government has stopped all development work in the state. It is snatching away all avenues of employment and making life difficult for the people by increasing inflation.

HIMACHAL: STATUE OF LATE VIRBHADRA SINGH, WHO WAS CM SIX TIMES, WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE RIDGE

Diary Times Desk : The statue of Virbhadra Singh, who was the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh six times, will be installed on the Ridge Maidan along with the statue of Himachal maker Yashwant Singh Parmar. The statue will be unveiled in the proposed birth anniversary celebrations of Virbhadra Singh on 23 June 2025. The entire cost of installing this statue will be borne by the Raja Virbhadra Singh Foundation. No help will be taken from the government for this. This information was given by the Chairman of the Foundation and Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh in a press conference. He said that the government will not spend any money to install the statue. All the formalities for installing the statue have been completed. On June 23 this year, on the birth anniversary of late Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will unveil this statue in Daulat Singh Park. The statue will be made by the same sculptor who made the statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee installed on the Ridge Maidan.

HIMACHAL: KANGANA RANAUT SAID- WAQF BOARD IS THE HANDIWORK OF CONGRESS, IT WAS MADE ABOVE THE LAW

Diary Times Desk : On the Waqf Amendment Bill, Bollywood actress and MP from Mandi parliamentary constituency Kangana Ranaut said that this is a day of good fortune for the country. PM Narendra Modi is cleaning up every place because there is so much corruption and land grabbing. This is public land. Can any person, community, institution, religion be above the law, but the Waqf Board was such a handiwork of the Congress, which was made above the law. This bill brings it within the ambit of the law. She was talking to journalists in Mandi on Saturday. After this, Kangana targeted the Congress by addressing a public meeting during the Jan Sampark Abhiyan in Majhavad of Mandi Sadar constituency. She said that people were suffering from the Waqf Board for so many years. This conspiracy was hatched against the country. The country had already been divided into pieces. When the country became independent, it was said that Hindus should come here from Pakistan and Muslims should go there from here. When Hindus came from there, the Pakistan government took the land. The Muslims here gave the land.

HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH ARRIVES IN JAMMU & KASHMIR ON 3-DAY VISIT

Diary Times Desk : Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached here Sunday evening to commence his three-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir, his first after the formation of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government in the Union Territory in October last year. Mr Shah was received at the technical airport by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and some senior BJP leaders, officials said, adding the home minister will visit a forward post along the India-Pakistan border and review the security situation and development initiatives during his tour. He is scheduled to visit the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar Sunday night to attend a meeting of party MLAs and other office bearers. The visit of Mr Shah to the BJP headquarters coincided with the party's foundation day which was celebrated by BJP activists and leaders at the headquarters with great fervour earlier during the day. Police and security forces have been put on high alert in view of Mr Shah's visit, the officials said. On Monday, Mr Shah will visit the BSF Border Outpost Vinay in Kathua and assess the ground situation there.

7 DEAD AFTER TREATMENT BY "FAKE" CARDIOLOGIST IN MADHYA PRADESH

Diary Times Desk : Seven persons have died allegedly after being treated by a fake cardiologist at a missionary hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh district, prompting the NHRC to launch a probe into the matter, officials said on Sunday. A team of the National Human Rights Commission will camp in Damoh from April 7 to 9 to conduct an investigation into the matter, NHRC member Priyank Kanoongo said. As per a complaint lodged by a local resident with the NHRC, a person using the name 'Dr N John Camm', who was said to be working at the hospital, had shown himself to be educated and trained from abroad. The complainant claimed the real name of the person is Narendra Vikramaditya Yadav. He misused the name of a famous cardiologist from the United Kingdom, Professor John Camm, to mislead the patients and they died due to his wrong treatment, the complaint alleged. The Mission Hospital authorities could not be contacted on the issue. Kanoongo in a post on X on Friday said a case of the untimely death of seven persons has come to light in a missionary hospital in Damoh where a fake doctor was operating on patients in the name of the treatment of heart disease. According to the complaint.

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ANANT AMBANI COMPLETES 170-KM PADYATRA, REVEALS HOW FATHER REACTED TO FOOT MARCH PLAN

Diary Times Desk : Anant Ambani, son of Asia's richest person Mukesh Ambani and director of Reliance Industries Limited, completed his 170-kilometre long 'padyatra' (foot march) from Gujarat's Jamnagar to the Dwarkadhish Temple on his 30th birthday on Sunday, April 6, and said he was grateful for the people who joined him on his spiritual journey. Anant Ambani was later joined by his wife Radhika Merchant and mother Nita Ambani at the Dwarkadhish Temple on Sunday morning. Radhika Merchant also extended gratitude to the people who joined Anant Ambani on the padyatra or foot march, saying it was his wish to carry out the foot march after their wedding last year and he has been able to finally do it now. "Today, it's Anant's 30th birthday. It was his wish that he would do this padyatra after our wedding... We feel proud that we are celebrating his birthday here today. I thank all those who blessed him for his padyatra to be successful..."

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SRI LANKA RELEASES 11 INDIAN FISHERMEN AS SPECIAL GESTURE

Diary Times Desk : Sri Lanka on Sunday released at least 11 Indian fishermen as a special gesture, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched for resolving the vexed fishermen issue with a "humane approach". The fishermen issue figured prominently during talks between PM Modi and Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Saturday. "We also discussed issues related to fishermen's livelihood. We agreed that we should proceed with a humane approach in this matter," Modi said in his media statement after meeting Dissanayake. "We also emphasised on immediate release of the fishermen and their boats," he said. At least 11 Indian fishermen were released as a special gesture, people familiar with the matter said. The fishermen issue is a contentious one in ties between the two sides. There have been several alleged incidents in the past of Sri Lankan Navy personnel using force against Indian fishermen in the Palk Strait which is a narrow strip of water separating Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka.

SUMMER SCORCHES NORTH INDIA, 21 CITIES SEE TEMPERATURES ABOVE 42 DEGREES

Diary Times Desk : Twenty-one cities across five states in India registered temperature of 42 degrees Celsius and above today. National capital Delhi will have to grapple with the heat wave for the next three days. Besides Delhi, it will sear cities across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and even in Odisha. The spike in the first week of April involved major deviations at every city, ranging from above three degrees to 6.9 degrees. The met office indicated the decrease in wind speed has a role to play, especially in Delhi. "The predominant surface wind speed will likely be 8-10 kmph during the morning. The wind speed will gradually decrease thereafter becoming 4-6 kmph from the southeast direction during the afternoon. It will increase becoming less than 8 kmph from the southeast direction during evening and night," read a communique from the met office. The heat in Rajasthan's Barmer has set new records. The maximum temperature on Sunday was 45.6.

"HE'S A LUNATIC": THOUSANDS PROTEST AGAINST DONALD TRUMP ACROSS US

Diary Times Desk : Tens of thousands of protesters flooded the streets of major US cities on Saturday to oppose the divisive policies of President Donald Trump, in the largest demonstrations since his return to the White House. Opponents of the Republican president's policies -- from government staffing cuts to trade tariffs and eroding civil liberties -- rallied in Washington, New York, Houston, Florida, Colorado and Los Angeles, among other locations. "I am so angry, I'm so mad, all the time, yes. A bunch of privileged, white alleged rapists are controlling our country. It's not great," said New York painter Shaina Kesner, 43, joining a crowd marching through the heart of Manhattan. In Washington, thousands of demonstrators -- many traveling from across the United States -- gathered on the National Mall where dozens of speakers rallied opposition to Trump. "We have about 100 people who have come down by bus and van from New Hampshire to protest against this outrageous administration (that) is causing us to lose our allies across the world, and causing devastation to people here at home," said Diane Kolifrath, 64, a bike tour guide.

"NA NA NA NA, NA NA NA NA": WHITE HOUSE'S DEPORTATION VIDEO SPARKS ROW

Diary Times Desk : A White House video showcasing the deportation of immigrants has triggered a wave of criticism across social media. The video, posted on the official White House X (formerly Twitter) account, featured detained migrants being processed for deportation - set to the soundtrack of the UK pop group Bananarama's 1983 hit 'Na Na Hey Hey (Kiss Him Goodbye)'. The footage shows individuals lined up and escorted, with the caption playing off the song's lyrics: "Na na na na, na na na na, hey hey, goodbye." The tone of the post - seemingly celebratory - has prompted a barrage of condemnation online, with many accusing President Donald Trump's administration of dehumanising vulnerable people. "This is ghoulish behaviour. Sociopathic. Shame on you," wrote one user. Another added, "It would be great if you guys stopped with the dehumanising posts! It's disgusting." "This isn't policy. This is state-sponsored dehumanisation - with a soundtrack. Weaponising suffering. Mocking lives torn apart. Celebrating cruelty like it's a game show."

"MIDWEST BURNIN' IN YOUR DUMPSTER FIRE": CHINA AI VIDEOS MOCK TRUMP TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk : China's state-run media has taken to the internet with AI-generated videos, featuring dancing robots and fraught consumers, to chide US President Donald Trump and tariffs they say threaten high inflation and economic distress for Americans. "Liberation Day, you promised us the stars. But tariffs killed our cheap Chinese cars," an automated female voice sings in a video on the website of China's CGTN, a state-run English-language broadcaster, over a shot of a woman at a kitchen table staring at an empty fork. The two-minute, 42-second clip, referring to Trump's use of "Liberation Day" for the day of his tariff announcement, was captioned with a warning: "Track is AI-generated. The debt crisis? 100 percent human-made." Another video posted on the X.com page of state-run news agency Xinhua, also generated by artificial intelligence, shows a robot named TARIFF that chooses to self-destruct rather than follow its creator's orders for high tariffs that bring "trade wars and unrest".

SAUDI ARABIA BANS VISAS FOR 14 NATIONS, INCLUDING INDIA, PAKISTAN, OVER HAJJ SAFETY ISSUES



Diary Times Desk : Saudi Arabia has temporarily suspended issuing of certain visas to people from 14 countries, including India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The ban will last until mid-June, around the time when this year's Hajj pilgrimage concludes. The visa suspension includes Umrah visas, as well as business and family visit visas. Saudi authorities have taken this step to prevent individuals from trying to perform Hajj without proper registration. Officials have stated that many foreign nationals have been entering the country on Umrah or visit visas and then overstaying illegally to participate in the Hajj without official authorization. Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman has instructed authorities to enforce stricter visa regulations to guarantee the smooth and secure conduct of the Hajj pilgrimage. As part of this initiative, foreign nationals will be allowed to apply for Umrah visas only until April 13. After this deadline, no new Umrah visas will be issued until Hajj ends.

POPE FRANCIS GREETS CROWDS AT ST PETER'S SQUARE

Diary Times Desk : Pope Francis has made a surprise appearance at St Peter's Square in the Vatican following his discharge from hospital after five weeks of treatment. The Pope briefly appeared on stage in a wheelchair, with an oxygen tube under his nose. "Hello to everybody," he said, waving to cheering crowds. "Happy Sunday to all of you, thank you very much." The Pope, 88, was discharged from hospital in Rome on 23 March and appeared at his window then to offer a blessing. Doctors said at the time he would need at least two months of rest at his residence. On Friday, the Vatican said his health was improving and he was "in good spirits" as he continued his work activities. The Pope was admitted to hospital on 14 February for an infection that resulted in double pneumonia. One of his doctors said he had two critical episodes during his treatment where his "life was in danger". As of Friday, the Pope had improved slightly in breathing, movement and speaking, the Vatican said. Recent blood tests also showed a slight improvement in his lung infection. The Pope is requiring less supplemental oxygen.



TAIWAN PLEDGES MORE US INVESTMENT, AIMS TO REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS AFTER TRUMP TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk : Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te on Sunday said that Taiwan will not retaliate with reciprocal tariffs against the US but will work on removing trade barriers. He added that Taiwanese companies will continue to increase investments in the US following President Donald Trump's announcement of sweeping import tariffs last week, including a 32% duty on Taiwanese goods, Reuters reported. Taiwan, which maintains a significant trade surplus with the US, was among several countries affected. However, semiconductors - one of Taiwan's key exports - are exempt from the new tariffs. Addressing business leaders from small and medium enterprises at his residence, Lai acknowledged that Taiwan's economy could face difficulties due to its trade reliance but remained optimistic about reducing the impact. "In the face of the U.S. 'reciprocal tariffs', Taiwan has no plans to take tariff retaliation, and there will be no change in the investment commitments of enterprises to the United States as long as they are in the national interest," he said, as per a statement from his office, quoted by Reuters.

TWO UK MPS DENIED ENTRY INTO ISRAEL, DETAINED, BRITAIN SAYS "UNACCEPTABLE"

Diary Times Desk : Britain's Foreign Secretary David Lammy said Saturday it was "unacceptable" and deeply concerning that Israel had detained two UK lawmakers and denied them entry. Yuan Yang and Abtisam Mohamed, from the governing Labour Party, flew from London to Israel but were blocked from entering the country and deported, British media reported. "It is unacceptable, counterproductive, and deeply concerning that two British MPs on a parliamentary delegation to Israel have been detained and refused entry by the Israeli authorities," Lammy said in a statement. "I have made clear to my counterparts in the Israeli government that this is no way to treat British parliamentarians, and we have been in contact with both MPs tonight to offer our support. "The UK government's focus remains securing a return to the ceasefire and negotiations to stop the bloodshed, free the hostages and end the conflict in Gaza." Since renewed military operations last month ended a short-lived truce in its war with Hamas, Israel has pushed to seize territory in the Gaza Strip in what it said was a strategy.

PUNJAB FARMER LEADER DALLEWAL ENDS INDEFINITE FAST, VOWS TO STRENGTHEN MOVEMENT

Diary Times Desk : Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal on Sunday ended his indefinite fast which he had started on November 26 last year to press for various demands of agitating farmers including a legal guarantee on the minimum support price for crops. The announcement came during a 'Kisan Mahapanchayat' organised at Sirhind in Punjab's Fatehgarh Sahib district, where the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) gathered to rally support for the ongoing protests. "You all have said (to me) to end the fast-unto-death. For me 'sangat' (people) is 'rabb da roop' (a form of God). I am indebted to you for looking after the agitation the way I had said. I respect your sentiments," said Dallewal, who addressed the gathering from a stretcher. "The 'morcha' (agitation) continues. Even today I do not want to end the indefinite fast but you have asked me time and again (to end fast) and I respect it. "But I want to ask you and get an assurance that we will have to put up a stronger 'morcha'. The fight is on. The MSP (guarantee) has to be taken and a bigger 'morcha' has to be put up. Do you agree on holding a bigger 'morcha'," he asked the gathering.



HIGH COURT UPHOLDS SALE OF DISUSED PANCHAYAT DRAIN LAND FOR GOVT PROJECT

Diary Times Desk : Asserting that an abandoned or disused village drain falling in government licensed projects can validly be transferred by sale for the schemes, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted. The assertion came as the Bench dismissed a plea challenging the sale of more than 46 kanals of shamlat land in Papri village in Mohali district for a GMADA project. The court held that there was no violation of statutory procedure as the land in question—mostly a dysfunctional drain—had not seen water flow in years, and its natural utility had already been nullified by the construction of underground pipelines. Referring to amended Rule 12-A of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, the Division Bench of Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Vikas Suri observed: "The subject land though is a drain (nallah), yet water has not entered the said drain for the last several years, whereby it is an abandoned or a dis-functional drain... Approval to the resolution as granted by the State Government does not require any interference." The petitioner had argued that 43 kanals and 18 marlas out of the total land comprised a functional drain and hence could not be sold as it would obstruct the natural water flow.

CONGRESS TERMS AAP'S PUNJAB SIKHYA KRANTI A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Congress has questioned AAP's Sikhya Kranti campaign, which is beginning on Monday. The state government has asked school teachers to open accounts on 'X' and use AAP's hashtag #PunjabSikhyaKranti along with the CM's photo as the ribbon cutting drive begins tomorrow. Teachers were also told to tweet photos/videos with the hashtag. MLA Pargat Singh took to X, stating: "The social media-obsessed @BhagwantMann government is now using teachers as its IT cell to boost his image. Teachers have been instructed to create X (Twitter) accounts, use AAP's hashtag #PunjabSikhyaKranti, and post only positive updates — all to portray basic school repair work as a "revolution"!" He added: "This isn't an education revolution — it's a propaganda campaign!" Under the campaign, the Education Department of the Punjab Government is rolling out a 54-day event to inaugurate newly developed infrastructure projects worth Rs 2,000 crore in 12,000 government schools across the state. The Education Department of the state government is rolling out a 54-day event to inaugurate newly developed infrastructure projects worth Rs 2,000 crore in 12,000 government schools across the state.

HIGH COURT ORDERS RS 50 LAKH RELIEF TO LUDHIANA IMPORTER FOR PERISHED KIWI CONSIGNMENT

Diary Times Desk : Calling for a coordinated national policy to ensure timely release of perishable imports, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed payment of Rs 50 lakh compensation to a Ludhiana-based importer whose Kiwi consignment weighing 89,420 kilograms was destroyed due to red-tapism and bureaucratic delay. The court ordered compensation's recovery from the erring government officers responsible for the loss. "A policy needs to be formulated by the authorities concerned so that testing labs, shipping companies, and customs authorities work in tandem and an atmosphere is created so that the imported goods reach the public as soon as possible," the Division Bench of Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma and Justice Sanjay Vashisth asserted. Holding the delay as an instance of bureaucratic obstruction, the court added: "We find that the present case is an example of red-tapism being followed by the government functionaries. The same needs to be creased out as it would result in discouraging the import of perishable goods."



'EXPLOSION' ROCKS POLICE POST AT HARYANA'S KAITHAL, BKI CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

Diary Times Desk : An explosion reportedly took place near the Azimgarh naka of the Mahmoodpur police post in Haryana's Kaithal on the Punjab border early this morning. The Kaithal police, along with their Punjab counterparts, have started an investigation into it. The police, along with FSL teams, are determining the explosives used in the incident, said Rajesh Kalia, Superintendent of Police, Kaithal. However, no loss of life and damage to property has been reported. "We found some traces which revealed a mid-air explosion. We are registering a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the BNS and the Arms Act," the SP said. Earlier, the police took it to be a hoax grenade attack. Following a message that went viral, police officials rushed to the spot. In a post, banned terror group Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) claimed responsibility for the "grenade attack" on the police naka that took place around 5 am. Officials said the viral message could be part of a larger conspiracy to disrupt peace. Security agencies had been placed on high alert to monitor the online activities of the banned group, said the SP.

CONG'S RANDEEP SURJEWALA, MLA ADITYA STAGE PROTEST AGAINST HIKED POWER RATES IN HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala and his son, MLA Aditya Surjewala, along with party workers staged a protest in Kaithal on Sunday against the rise in electricity rates by the BJP government in Haryana. Launching a scathing attack on the Nayab Singh Saini government, Randeep Surjewala said that the government had asserted in the state budget that no fresh tax had been imposed, but later burdened people through the "backdoor". The government shifted a financial burden of Rs 5,000 crore on the people of Haryana by hiking power rates from April 1, the Rajya Sabha MP said. After addressing a public meeting in Kaithal, a foot march was taken out and a memorandum was submitted to the CM through the district deputy commissioner, demanding the withdrawal of the hiked power rates. During the protest, Congress workers carried placards in their hands, some of which read, "Badaye gaye bijli k dham vapas lo". Haryana power regulator HERC recently announced an electricity tariff order for 2025-26, in which the rates have been increased for domestic and industrial categories ranging from 20 to 30 paise per kWh/kVAh over the previous year.

45 YEARS ON, FAMILIES DISPLACED FOR BEAS- SUTLEJ CANAL AWAIT LAND RIGHTS

Diary Times Desk : Nearly 45 years after being displaced due to the Beas-Sutlej Link Canal Project in 1979, five families of Malhanu village in Balh tehsil of Mandi district continue to fight for the ownership rights of the land they were promised as compensation. Relocated and given a 36 bighas land, the families have held possession for decades but have yet to receive official ownership. The case has bounced from one Deputy Commissioner to another over the years, but no final decision has been made. BR Kondal, convener of the Jan Samadhan Kendra, raised the issue, highlighting that the families' land ownership files have shuffled between various Deputy Commissioners without a resolution. "It's absurd that despite the passage of decades, these files have been neither approved nor rejected," he added. The displaced families, including Parmanand, Lala Ram, Chamaru Ram, Ram Lal, and Maniram, said that now they find themselves caught in a bureaucratic loop, with the third generation of their descendants fighting for justice. They urged Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to look into the matter and do the needful to sort their long-pending issue.

1,000 OLD HRTC BUSES TO BE REPLACED: DY CM

Diary Times Desk : Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that around 1,000 old buses of the (HRTC) were being replaced in a phased manner. Agnihotri, in an informal interaction with mediapersons at Solan, said that efforts were underway to strengthen the fleet of the HRTC. "The state government is in the process of purchasing 600 new buses (350 electric and 250 diesel buses) to modernise public transport. Keeping in view the geographical conditions of the state, all new buses being procured will either have 37 seats or 42 seats," he added. Agnihotri said that the Transport Department was committed to providing timely and quality services to the people of the state. He added that no new buses were procured during the tenure of the previous BJP government while the present government was not only purchasing new buses but also making innovative efforts.

STATE GOVERNMENT READY FOR ANY FORM OF INQUIRY: CM SUKHU ON VIMAL NEGI'S CASE

Diary Times Desk : Accusing the BJP of politicising the issue related to the death of chief engineer Vimal Negi of state-run HPPCL, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday said that his government is open to any form of investigation. Interacting with media persons, he said, "If the Enforcement Directorate (ED) can conduct raids in Nadaun, then who is stopping the CBI from carrying out an investigation (in the Negi case)." Stressing that the state government is committed to a fair and transparent inquiry, the CM said that his government is treating the matter with utmost sensitivity and seriousness. "Everyone wants to know the truth behind Vimal Negi's death. His wife has also met me, and we stand in full solidarity with the bereaved family," he said. On March 10, Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited chief engineer Vimal Negi went missing. Eight days later, his body was fished out from a water body in Bilaspur. Negi's wife alleged that her husband had been tortured by his senior officers and that he was forced to work late at night even when he was ill. A case of abetment to suicide and joint criminal liability under the BNS was registered against HPPCL officials.



'RAJA BABU' UNABLE TO COME TO TERMS WITH LOK SABHA DEFEAT: KANGANA RANAUT

Diary Times Desk : Actor-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut on Sunday took a dig at Himachal Pradesh Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh saying he is yet to come to terms with his defeat in the Lok Sabha elections. In a veiled attack on Vikramaditya Singh and his mother and state Congress president Pratibha Singh, the BJP MP from the state's Mandi seat said there is competition in politics but limits should not be crossed. One should not repeatedly throw mud at others or use abusive language, she said. Talking to reporters in Mandi, Ranaut said Vikramaditya Singh, being a "Raja Babu", is unable to come to terms with his defeat in the Lok Sabha polls. Singh, son of six-time chief minister Virbhadr Singh, is a scion of the erstwhile Estate of Rampur. Ranaut said former Mandi MP Pratibha Singh and her family "ruled" the area for the last 40 years but could not spend a single MP fund in the area. She accused Pratibha Singh of failing to present the side of the region's people even once in Lok Sabha. Sharing her vision and challenges for the development of Mandi, Ranaut said basic issues such as railways, electricity and communication are being raised. Mandi region with its vast and diverse geographical area has a lot of potential.

KANGRA AIRPORT BAGS FIRST SPOT IN AAI CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Diary Times Desk : The Kangra Airport, the busiest in the state, has been ranked number one in AAI customer satisfaction in the 2024 survey among all domestic airports in the country. To celebrate this achievement, a grand puja ceremony was organised by the airport staff. Dharendra Singh, Director of the Kangra Airport, in an exclusive conversation with The Tribune, said, "It is a proud moment for all of us. The survey evaluates 34 points relating to overall customer satisfaction, including services during arrival and departure, security arrangements and the hygienic atmosphere maintained." The Customer Satisfaction Survey is conducted biannually, assessing various facilities that contribute to passenger satisfaction. With two more flights lined up with all necessary approvals, the number of flights will soon be in the double digits. Also, there are many chartered flights reaching this airstrip owing to its strategic importance and the presence of the Dalai Lama. The forthcoming TATA IPL-2025 matches on May 4, 8 and 11 are likely to increase this tally of aircraft. Dharamsala, known for its panoramic views and snow-capped horizons.

HEAT WAVE WARNING FOR KULLU, MANDI, SOLAN & KANGRA DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Several districts of Himachal Pradesh will experience an extensive heat wave in the next few days. The state's Meteorological Department has issued a yellow warning of heat wave conditions on April 6, 7 and 9. The weather warning states that isolated areas of Kangra, Kullu, Solan and Mandi districts are very likely to witness heat wave conditions on these dates. The higher reaches of the state are likely to experience snowfall and while in middle and lower hills will receive April 9 onwards due to a fresh Western Disturbance that is very likely to affect the western Himalayan region from April 8. Meanwhile, the weather was mostly dry in the state during the past 24 hours and no large changes in the maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded. The maximum temperature in Shimla was 24.4°C, Dharamsala (29°C), Mandi (24.4°C), Dalhousie (9.8°C), Kasauli (26°C), Solan (30.5°C), Bilaspur (33.1°C), Mandi (31.6°C), Nahan (32.1°C), Chamba (29.2°C), Kangra (32.8°C), Sundernagar (33.7°C), Kalpa (20.9°C), Keylong (14.4°C) and Bhuntar (31.8°C). At 35.8°C, Una was the hottest place in the state while Kukumseri village in Lahaul and Spiti district was the coldest place at 0.7°C.



SIRAJ, GILL AND WASHINGTON HAND SUNRISERS FOURTH SUCCESSIVE DEFEAT

Diary Times Desk : Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) suffered another batting malfunction, this time on a slow, black-soil surface at home, crashing to their fourth successive defeat in IPL 2025. Having lost Travishek in the powerplay, waited until the 13th over to see the first six of the innings, and managed only two sixes in all. Mohammed Siraj caused irreparable damage right from the start, ending with his career-best IPL figures of 4 for 17. Pat Cummins' cameo (22* off nine balls) and then his dismissal of Jos Buttler for a duck in Gujarat Titans' (GT) chase of 153 gave SRH some hope, but that faded away once Washington Sundar clattered 23 off nine balls in the powerplay. Earlier in the day, GT didn't need Washington with the ball, but his attacking enterprise at No. 4 settled their chase on a slow pitch. Washington fell agonisingly short of a maiden IPL half-century, but his captain Shubman Gill ushered GT home, with an unbeaten 61 off 43 balls, along with Sherfane Rutherford.



FREESTYLE CHESS: GUKESH LEADS INDIAN CHARGE IN PARIS, NIEMANN PULLS OUT

Diary Times Desk : Twelve Grandmasters, eight of the world's top 10 – they include three Indians – will ditch opening preparation and trade staid business suits for colourful velvet jackets at the Paris leg of the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour starting on April 7. After a forgettable outing in the year's first Freestyle Chess tournament in Weissenhaus, Germany, India's reigning world champion D Gukesh will take part in the second tournament of the series. Apart from the world No. 3, the other Indians in the field are R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and Vidit Gujrathi. Vidit, world No.25, joins the event days after his wedding. Arjun qualified for the event, winning three Freestyle Fridays in a row. "In classical games, I sometimes take extra risks and go out of my way to create interesting positions. In Freestyle, those interesting positions arise naturally, even without me taking deliberate risks. Perhaps that suits me," Arjun said.

BUMRAH JOINS MI SQUAD AHEAD OF HOME FIXTURE AGAINST RCB

Diary Times Desk : "The Lion is Back and is ready to be the King of this Jungle again." That is how Mumbai Indians announced the arrival of Jasprit Bumrah. "Ready to Roar," it went on as the India pacer joined the MI squad on Saturday. Bumrah's arrival is much-awaited by the Mumbai Indians squad, coming as it did ahead of their fifth game of the season, second at home. They take on in-form Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the Wankhede on Monday (April 7). Typically struggling to make an impact in the beginning of the Indian Premier League (IPL) season, the five-time champions would be hoping that Bumrah's presence would bring about a turnaround in their fortunes. They have only one win from four games, are placed seventh in the points table. Hardik Pandya recently hinted that Bumrah would be joining the squad. "Jasprit should be back soon," said the MI skipper during MI's away game against Lucknow SuperGiants recently. Bumrah has been out of action since January. Of late, he has been seeking clearance from the Sports Science wing of the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

MS DHONI BREAKS SILENCE ON IPL RETIREMENT AS RUMOURS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE

Diary Times Desk : Speculations over MS Dhoni's retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL) have been spreading like wildfire ever since Chennai Super Kings' clash with the Delhi Capitals on Saturday. Dhoni, who is aged 43, has been a part of many retirement speculations in the past, but with his performances hitting a new low, especially from the batting standpoint, many feel that this season is likely to be his last for CSK as a player. Speaking to Raj Shamani in a podcast, however, Dhoni cleared his stance, putting an end to all rumours on the subject of retirement. During the podcast, Dhoni said that he is not going to make up his mind about prolonging his playing career anytime soon. After the 18th edition of the IPL concludes in May, Dhoni is keen to use the next 10 months in deciding what he wants to do next year. "I am still playing the IPL and one year at a time. I am 43, by the end of this IPL season, I will be 44 in July. So I have 10 months to decide whether I want to play one more year and it's not me deciding; it's my body, whether you can play or not," he said on Raj Shamani's podcast.

MUMBAI INDIANS HOPE FOR JASPRIT BUMRAH'S RETURN, HOST RCB DESPERATE FOR WIN

Diary Times Desk : Struggling Mumbai Indians will host Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the Wankhede Stadium in the match 20 of the Indian Premier League 2025 on Monday. For MI, the upcoming match against RCB presents a chance to secure their second win of IPL 2025 and gain crucial momentum for the remaining games. Having played four matches so far, they've won one and lost three. Meanwhile, RCB, who have won two of their three encounters, will be aiming to return to winning form after their recent loss to GT in Bengaluru. With just Suryakumar Yadav and Ryan Rickelton hitting fifties, MI hold the unwanted record for the fewest half-centurions this season. A lack of solid starts and middle-order misfires have left them struggling to find their rhythm. Rohit Sharma, who missed the last game with a knee injury, is still a doubt for this clash. His comeback could be a game-changer, as MI needs stability at the top of the order to post or chase a big score. The news of Jasprit Bumrah joining the MI camp after receiving clearance from the BCCI's medical team at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru offers a ray of hope for the five-time champions. However, his availability remains uncertain. RCB, who roared off to a solid start with beating KKR in the opener at Eden Gardens before breaching Chepauk to hammer CSK emphatically, have shown an all-round showdown so far, especially with their captain hammering home in both matches before slumping to an 8-wicket loss to GT in their last match.

I'VE REALISED T20 CRICKET IS ALL ABOUT HITTING BOUNDARIES - KL RAHUL

Diary Times Desk : It was back in 2018, seven seasons ago, when KL Rahul had a strike-rate over 150 in the IPL. This was despite the wicketkeeper-batter scoring over 500 runs each season in the tournament since that year – except 2022 when he played only nine games as his season was cut short due to a hamstring injury. He also endured the pressures of captaincy with Lucknow Super Giants and Punjab Kings during these years. However, this season and without the pressures of captaincy, the INR 14-crores acquisition of Delhi Capitals appears to be a freed man. Having missed the first game due to paternity leave, he finished off the team's chase quickly with 15 (5) against the Sunrisers Hyderabad with two boundaries and a six. The Indian wicketkeeper-batter has already amassed 92 runs so far this tournament at a strike-rate of 164.29, and has just come off a match-winning 51-ball 77 in Chepauk. In an interview with IPL20, with DC's mentor Kevin Pietersen, Rahul opened up about getting rid of the thought of taking the game deep and getting past the philosophy in which he had mentioned that 'strike-rate is overrated'.

"BLACK DAY IN PAKISTAN CRICKET": 'MONEY-HUNGRY' PLAYERS RIPPED APART IN EX STAR'S RANT

Diary Times Desk : Former Pakistan batter Basit Ali has launched a tirade at the team after the ODI series whitewash at the hands of New Zealand on Saturday. After a 4-1 humiliation in the T20I series, the visitors hit a new low in the ODI series, going down 3-0 after a 43-run loss in Mount Maunganui on Saturday. While analysing the match, Basit blasted the players, labelling the day as "the black day in Pakistan cricket". Basit pointed out how Pakistan once used to dominate New Zealand in such conditions when Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis were toying with the Kiwi batters. "In my eyes, today was the black day in Pakistan cricket. Even for those who left the game. When Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis used to bowl, the New Zealand batters couldn't move their foot. Now, they're doing commentary and criticising us. They were laughing at us when Pakistan sent Usman Khan as concussion substitute," Basit said on his YouTube channel. Basit also blasted Rizwan's leadership, saying that the latter has no idea how to utilise his bowlers. Where was Rizwan (when Imam left the field)? His captaincy was so bad, he doesn't even know who to bowl at what overs.