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Rana was escorted to Delhi by teams of NIA and National Security Guard (NSG), the agency said. An NIA team at the airport arrested Rana soon after he emerged from the aeroplane, upon completion of all the necessary legal formalities, it said.

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Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan and special public prosecutor Narender Mann, who are representing the NIA, reached the Patiala House court premises shortly after news that Rana had landed in Delhi. Police officials asked mediapersons to leave and said they were ensuring the court premises were fully vacant. The lawyers, however, refused to comment.



## PM MODI

## PM MODI TO LAUNCH PROJECTS WORTH RS 3,880 CR IN VARANASI ON APRIL 11



**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on April 11, where he will address a public gathering and inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for 44 projects worth Rs 3,880 crore.

Varanasi Divisional Commissioner Kaushal Raj Sharma said among the projects to be inaugurated are schemes focused on rural development, including 130 drinking water projects, 100 new Anganwadi centres, 356 libraries, a polytechnic college in Pindra, and a government degree college.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate a transit hostel at the Police Lines and police barracks in Ramnagar and four rural roads, he said.

Focusing on urban development, Modi will inaugurate projects at Shastri Ghat and Samne Ghat, along with various beautification projects carried out by the Railways and the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA).

Among the projects for which foundation stones will be laid, 25 are worth Rs 2,250 crore, with a major focus on strengthening the city's electricity infrastructure. This includes the construction of 15 new substations, installation of new transformers, and laying of 1,500 km of new power lines. A new 220 kV substation will also come up near Chaukaghat, aiming to provide a 24-hour uninterrupted electricity supply.

Sharma said infrastructure projects related to the airport are also on the agenda, including the laying of a tunnel for its expansion. The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for three new flyovers as well as various road widening initiatives and school renovation work and two stadiums in Shivpur and UP College.

US SUSPENDS ADDITIONAL 26% TARIFF ON INDIA TILL  
JULY 9: WHITE HOUSE

**Diary Times Desk :** The US has announced the suspension of additional tariffs on India for 90 days until July 9 this year, according to the White House executive orders. On April 2, President Donald Trump slapped universal duties on about 60 countries exporting goods to America and additional steep levies on countries like India, potentially impacting sales of products from shrimp to steel in the world's biggest economy. The move was aimed at cutting its trade deficit and boosting domestic manufacturing. The US imposed an additional import duty of 26 per cent on India. The tariffs were high on its competitors like Thailand, Vietnam and China. This suspension of tariffs is not applicable to China, including Hong Kong and Macau. "Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on April 10, 2025, enforcement of the second paragraph of section 3(a) of Executive Order 14257 is suspended until 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on July 9, 2025," the order said.



CONGRESS REPLACES HARYANA'S  
AJAY SINGH AS OBC HEAD AHEAD OF  
BIHAR ELECTION

**Diary Times Desk :** The Congress has appointed Dr Anil Jaihind Kumar Yadav as the chairman of its OBC wing, replacing Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, a veteran party leader from Haryana. Dr Yadav, a social activist from Bihar, will lead the party's efforts to engage with backward class communities in the state ahead of the upcoming 243-seat Bihar Assembly election. The Congress has been focusing on winning over backward class voters, traditionally a stronghold of Nitish Kumar's JDU and Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD. To further this goal, the party recently appointed Rajesh Kumar as its state chief, aiming to attract Dalit voters. Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, Dr Yadav's predecessor, is a senior Congress leader from south Haryana, having served six terms as MLA from Rewari and held key cabinet positions, including finance and power minister, in previous Congress governments in Haryana. However, Singh has been critical of the party.

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SC ASKS CENTRE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR USE OF  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court has directed the Centre to submit a proposal by April 30 on the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) by government departments to reduce pollution. A Bench, led by Justice Abhay S Oka, on Wednesday asked Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati to place on record the proposal by April-end. The top court has been monitoring the air pollution issue in Delhi in an ongoing PIL filed by advocate and environmental activist MC Mehta since 1985. While 60 lakh vehicles over the permissible age were plying in Delhi, in the NCR, the number stood at 25 lakh, Bhati told the Bench. "The ASG has flagged issues with the large number of overage vehicles plying in Delhi and NCR region. We will issue directions on this when we consider the issue of vehicular pollution (sic)," the bench said. The top court further directed the Centre to complete the study within three months on the use of remote-sensing technology to keep a check on vehicular pollution.



**YOUR HOROSCOPE**  
11-04-2025

**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.

**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 : DALAI LAMA SAID- AS SOON AS I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, I MEDITATE ON THE AWAKENED MIND OF BODHICHITTA AND THE VISUALIZATION OF EMPTINESS

**Diary Times Desk :** The people of Spiti prayed for the longevity of Tibetan Buddhist religious leader Dalai Lama at the Buddhist temple McLeodganj. During this, religious leader Dalai Lama said that I have found that Buddhism has a lot to say about understanding the functioning of the mind and how to deal with your emotions. My faith in Buddha is based on what he taught. Because of this, I meditate on the awakened mind of Bodhichitta and the visualization of emptiness every morning as soon as I wake up. Apart from this, whenever possible I advise people to be kind and explain how things are devoid of inherent existence. He said that when I came into exile in India, I found that there are communities in the northwestern regions of the country who have placed their faith and trust in me. The people of Tibet have religious faith in me and you people of Spiti and Trans Himalayan region have also shown similar dedication and helped me wherever possible. You are loyal and dedicated. He said that my name is Dalai Lama, which in itself means nothing but since I was recognized as a child, I have studied awareness and wisdom and signs and reason, logic and reasoning as well as the perfection of wisdom and the middle path.



### LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR SAID- GOVERNMENT OF FEES HAS BECOME GOVERNMENT OF HAPPINESS, LOCKING IS THE HOBBY OF CHIEF MINISTER

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the Chief Minister propagates 'Sukh Ki Sarkar' and works by levying fees. The process of levying fees on toilets has now reached to levying fees on hospital slips. By stopping popular programs like Jan Manch, the Congress government has stopped listening to the problems of the people as soon as it came to power. The Chief Minister, who went to Kupvi, a remote area of Shimla, to hold a jungle party, has probably forgotten the Sarkar Gaon Ke Dwar program due to the embarrassment caused by the wild cock incident there. Not a single such program has been held for the last several months. Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur, while addressing a public meeting in Bhatiyat during his visit to Chamba district, took this jibe and said that this government, which gave the slogan of system change.

### HIMACHAL DAY 2025: ON HIMACHAL DAY, CHIEF MINISTER SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU WILL GIVE RS 1500 EACH TO THE WOMEN OF PANGI

**Diary Times Desk :** The state government will give honorarium of Rs 1500 each to the women of Pangti on Himachal Day. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu will give honorarium to women at a state-level function on Himachal Day in Pangti on April 15. The Social Justice and Empowerment Department has started preparing a list of eligible women for honorarium under the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana. The scheme to release monthly honorarium of Rs 1500 to women was started from Kaza in Lahaul-Spiti district. Currently, an amount of Rs 21.93 crore has been released to 30929 eligible beneficiary women under this scheme. This scheme was started in the year 2023. After that, women of Dodra Kwar in Shimla district have received this honorarium. The provision of Samman Nidhi to women has started at many places in the state.

### PRESIDENT HIMACHAL VISIT: PRESIDENT WILL COME TO SHIMLA ON MAY 5, WILL ALSO VISIT ATAL TUNNEL, ALSO HAS A PROGRAM TO VISIT IIT MANDI

**Diary Times Desk :** President Draupadi Murmu may visit Shimla in the month of May. The Secretariat General Administration has started preparations for this. The state government is in constant touch with the President's Office regarding her program. Information is being gathered about how many members will be there and what will be in the food menu. It is being told that the President will come to Shimla on May 5 and her program to stay till May 9 is proposed. She can also go to see the Atal Tunnel. In Shimla, she can also go to the Raj Bhavan for the banquet organized by the Governor. During this tour, she also has a program to visit IIT Mandi. It is being told that President Draupadi Murmu will participate in the 15 years achievement function to be held on May 6 and 7 at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi. She has been invited as the chief guest in the function. It is worth mentioning that on Tuesday, Deputy Army Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and other senior officers from the Union Defense Ministry came to Shimla to prepare for the President's visit. They also inspected the President's residence Chharabra. He has also met the Governor at Raj Bhavan.

### HIMACHAL PRADESH: KHALISTAN'S GURPATWANT SINGH PANNU THREATENS NOT TO CELEBRATE AMBEDKAR JAYANTI IN SHIMLA

**Diary Times Desk :** After the controversy arising from hoisting of Bhindranwale's flag in Himachal, now Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, founder of the banned Khalistani organization Sikh for Justice (SFJ), has demanded a ban on the birth anniversary celebrations of Constitution maker Bhimrao Ambedkar to be celebrated on 14 April. The separatist organization has written a letter to Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and issued a warning regarding this. In view of the matter, all intelligence agencies including the police have become alert. Security will be increased for the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations on 14 April. The SFJ group says that Dr. Ambedkar has erased the distinct religious identity of Sikhs by reclassifying them as Hindus through Article 25 (B). The group has described Ambedkar as a betrayer of both Sikhs and Dalits through the letter. SFJ has also announced a reward of Rs 11 lakh to the person who hoists the Khalistan flag on Ambedkar's statue in Shimla during Ambedkar Jayanti. On the other hand, Himachal Police Director General Dr. Atul Verma said that Pannu keeps making threats.

### HIMACHAL: WORKERS WILL HAVE DIGITAL CARDS, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO WORK ANYWHERE IN THE STATE; EARLIER THEY HAD TO REGISTER

**Diary Times Desk :** Workers working at the district level will not have to register again to work in other districts of the state. To make the registration process simple and easy, digital cards will be issued to the workers in the year 2025-26 as per the guidelines of the state government. Once the digital card is made, the workers will not have to register again to work in other districts. With the digital card, they will also be registered in other districts. Along with this, they will also be able to easily avail the benefits of the schemes being implemented by the Building and Construction Workers Board. The state government has issued orders to start the process of making digital cards for the workers. Workers will be registered at the district level. A portal has been prepared by the department. Workers will be registered in it and digital cards will be made available. It is worth mentioning that the workers registered in the Building and Construction Workers Board are provided various types of facilities by the government. Children of workers are helped in studies. Also, induction, washing machine, bicycle, solar lamp are provided for use in homes.

### MP ANURAG THAKUR: 'DURING THE CONGRESS RULE, THERE WERE BOMB BLASTS IN THE COUNTRY, MODI GOVERNMENT IS BRINGING CRIMINALS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES'

**Diary Times Desk :** On the occasion of the birthday of former CM and senior BJP leader Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, BJP workers and leaders reached his house and congratulated him on his birthday. On this occasion, BJP workers celebrated his birthday by singing congratulatory songs and cutting a cake. His son and former Union Minister and Hamirpur Parliamentary constituency MP Anurag Thakur was also specially present in the program organized in Sameerpur. On this occasion, Dharamshala MLA Sudhir Sharma, Hamirpur MLA Ashish Sharma and BJP leaders and workers from other places of the state congratulated former CM Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal on his birthday. Former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur expressed gratitude to the people who had come and said that every year on the birthday of former CM Prem Kumar Dhumal.

"RN RAVI SHOULD RESIGN":  
EX GOVERNOR MARGARET  
ALVA AFTER TOP COURT  
JUDGMENT

**Diary Times Desk :** Margaret Alva, former Union minister who occupied the Raj Bhavans in four states – Goa, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand – today said the Supreme Court's landmark verdict on power of Governors was "much needed" and absolutely "on time". Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi, she said, now "should resign and go home" for he would be "persona non grata" in the state. Mr Ravi withheld assent to MK Stalin government's 10 bills for three years. The government went to court and the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that the Governor's decision to withhold assent was "illegal" and "arbitrary" and he did not act in 'good faith'. Setting aside the decisions of the Governor, the court said the bills shall be "deemed to be cleared" from the date they were presented to the Governor for a second time. The court also presented a timeline for Governors: A one-month deadline to withhold assent to a Bill and reserve it for the President's review with the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers; when a Bill is reserved without the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.

"SHE INVITED TROUBLE":  
ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT  
JUDGE'S BAIL ORDER IN  
RAPE CASE

**Diary Times Desk :** Weeks after an Allahabad High Court judge observed that grabbing breasts or snapping a pyjama string do not constitute rape or attempt to rape, his colleague has granted bail to a rape accused, noting that the victim "invited trouble and was also responsible for the same". According to the FIR registered in September last year, the victim is a postgraduate student and lived as a paying guest in Delhi. On September 21, she and her friends visited a restaurant in Hauz Khas. They drank there till 3 am and became "very intoxicated". "Since she needed support, therefore, she herself agreed to go to the house of the applicant and take rest," Justice Sanjay Kumar Singh has said in the order. "The allegation of the victim that applicant instead of his house took her to his relative's flat and raped her twice is false and against the evidence on record. On the strength of said facts, it is argued that considering the facts of the case as disclosed by the victim, it is not a case of rape but may be a case of consensual relationship between the parties concerned," the order added. Justice Singh has said that the accused's counsel.

26/11 PLOTTER TAHAWWUR RANA LANDS IN  
DELHI, ARRESTED UNDER ANTI-TERROR ACT



**Diary Times Desk :** Tahawwur Hussain Rana, India's most wanted for his role in the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai, has landed in Delhi. He was extradited from the US on a special flight on Wednesday and will now face the law. Tahawwur Rana, 64, was arrested by the National Investigation Agency after landing. His flight, which took off from Los Angeles in the US yesterday, landed in Delhi's Palam technical area. It is likely that after the preliminary formalities, he would be taken to the NIA headquarters. He will also be presented to Delhi's Patiala House court. But he could later be placed in Delhi's high security Tihar jail and may be eventually moved to Mumbai to face trial, sources said. He has been charged with criminal conspiracy, waging war against the government of India, murder and forgery and under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. Rana's extradition takes place two months after US President Donald Trump, during PM Modi's visit, announced that his administration has approved the extradition of the "very evil" Rana.

AMIT SHAH ON HIS CHILDHOOD  
NICKNAME: 'I WAS CALLED POONAM  
BECAUSE...'

**Diary Times Desk :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah shared his childhood nickname while addressing the News18 Rising Bharat Summit 2025 on Wednesday. "My bua (aunt) had decided I would get a proper name after I turned five. Because I was born on Sharad Purnima, everyone used to call me Poonam. This is no big mystery. It is a very common thing in villages with children," said the minister. When asked if he had run away from home when he was 11 because his parents wanted to send him to the USA, Shah said there is no way would ever leave India. "I will fight here, live here," he said. Speaking at Summit, Shah spoke on Modi government's approach towards issues such as the Waqf Act, CAA, Naxalism, appeasement politics and more. "Appeasement is a poisonous ideology. Those indulging in appeasement are against the nation," he said. When asked which leader in the Congress was responsible for the Partition.

WITH DONALD TRUMP PAUSING  
TARIFFS, INDIA SEEKS TO SEAL TRADE  
DEAL WITH US: REPORT

**Diary Times Desk :** As US President Donald Trump put a hold on reciprocal tariffs for several countries, India wants to move quickly on a trade deal with the United States, news agency Reuters reported, citing an unnamed government official on Thursday. In February, New Delhi and Washington agreed to work on the first phase of a trade deal to be concluded late this year, with a view to reaching two-way trade worth \$500 billion by 2030. "India is one of the first nations to start talks over a deal with the United States and to have jointly agreed to a deadline to conclude it," Reuters quoted the official as saying. Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal said at an event in New Delhi earlier this week that manufacturers in India and the US have suffered from China's unfair trade practices over the years. India will raise scrutiny on imports to spot any potential dumping of goods, including from China, the official said. On Wednesday, Donald Trump temporarily lowered duties on trading partners.

'YOU WANT MY BLOOD': WHO IS KERALA CM PINARAYI VIJAYAN'S DAUGHTER  
T VEENA FACING ED HEAT?

**Diary Times Desk :** Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said the Serious Fraud Investigation Office's (SFIO) action against his daughter, T Veena, in the "illegal payment" scandal was aimed at targetting him. Vijayan said, therefore, he was not taking the SFIO action very seriously. Responding to the Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party's demands for his resignation over it, Pinarayi Vijayan told reporters, "You can keep hoping for my resignation." The SFIO has reportedly named T Veena in an "illegal payment" scandal involving her now-defunct IT firm Exalogic and private mining company Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL). "I know you want my blood, but you will not get it easily," Pinarayi Vijayan replied on being repeatedly asked about the issue. On being asked why the party jumped to his daughter's defence, but the same stand was not taken when late Marxist stalwart Koodiyeri Balakrishnan's son was facing money laundering allegations, Vijayan said in that case, the CPI(M) veteran was not targetted.





**BEIJING BITES BACK AT US TARIFFS BY CURBING HOLLYWOOD IMPORTS**

**Diary Times Desk :** China said on Thursday it would immediately restrict imports of Hollywood films in retaliation for President Donald Trump's escalation of U.S. tariffs on imported Chinese goods, though analysts say the impact is likely to be minimal. After three decades during which China annually imported 10 Hollywood movies, its National Film Administration said Trump's increase of tariffs on Chinese imports would further sour domestic demand for U.S. cinema in China after years of decline. "We will follow market rules, respect the audience's choices, and moderately reduce the number of American films imported," the NFA said on its website. Chris Fenton, author of "Feeding the Dragon: Inside the Trillion Dollar Dilemma Facing Hollywood, the NBA, and American Business", said the move was a "super high-profile way to make a statement of retaliation with almost zero downside for China." Hollywood studios once looked to China, and its giant film market, to help boost box office performance of movies. But domestic films increasingly have outperformed Hollywood's fare in China, with "Ne Zha 2" this year eclipsing Pixar's "Inside Out 2" to become the highest-grossing animated film of all time, according to Variety.

**"I WAS MAKING A CHOICE...": MICHELLE OBAMA OPENS UP ABOUT DIVORCE RUMOURS**

**Diary Times Desk :** Former US first lady Michelle Obama has addressed her reduced presence in public and at political events, saying she is focusing on her well-being and making conscious choices to take back control of her time. In conversation with actress Sophia Bush on the Work In Progress podcast, she also dismissed the ongoing divorce rumours with Barack Obama and opened up about shifts in her life since leaving the White House eight years ago. With her daughters now adults, she said that she has found the freedom to reassess her priorities and focus on her well-being. Her absence from events such as President Donald Trump's second inauguration and the funeral of former President Jimmy Carter earlier this year prompted speculation that everything was not well among the Obamas. The most persistent rumour was that she and former US President Barack Obama.

**US'S 'BAD ACTORS' JIBE AT CHINA, SAYS INDIA IN FRONT ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

**Diary Times Desk :** As US President Donald Trump announced a pause of steep reciprocal tariffs on dozens of countries except China, US's treasury secretary Scott Bessent said the issue was about "bad actors" in global trade. Singling out China, on which Trump has imposed a staggering 125% tariff, Bessent emphasised that such countries were contributing to imbalances in the global economy. The treasury secretary revealed that trade negotiations were mainly taking place with "China's neighbours" like Japan, South Korea and India. "It's not a trade war. It's about bad actors. And what we see is some of the very early countries are China's neighbours that we're going to see. I saw Vietnam today. Japan is in front, South Korea and India," Bessent said. The ramping up of the ante against China came after the Asian giant increased its tariff on US goods from 34% to 84% starting April 10. Amid the full-blown tariff war, China underscored that "pressure, threats, and blackmail" were not the right way to deal with it. The spokesperson of China's Commerce Ministry, however, said Beijing's doors were open for talks with Washington.

**3 REASONS WHY DONALD TRUMP ANNOUNCED 90-DAY PAUSE ON TARIFFS**

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced a 90-day pause on 'discounted' reciprocal tariffs he announced on April 2 for all countries except China. Instead, Trump increased tariff to 125% on China, up from the previously declared 104%, "effective immediately" due to the "lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets." Trump said that over 75 countries had negotiated and not retaliated against the tariffs announced. During the pause, a significantly lower reciprocal tariff of just 10 per cent would be in effect. Donald Trump for the last few days has been facing pressure from Republicans and business executives following extensive sell offs in the US stock market. They insisted him to halt tariffs, given the fear of a major trade war. Investors said that tariffs announced can trigger a global market meltdown, and raised concerns of a looming global recession.

**'SECOND BIGGEST MISTAKE': ZELENSKY ACCUSES RUSSIA OF DRAGGING CHINA INTO UKRAINE WAR**

**Diary Times Desk :** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of dragging China into the ongoing war in Ukraine, calling it "the second biggest mistake" made by Vladimir Putin. "This is the second mistake for Russia. The first was North Korea. They drag other countries into war. I believe that they are now dragging China into this war," Zelensky told reporters in Kyiv. Zelensky's latest remarks came as he claimed to have evidence that dozens of its citizens were being recruited by Moscow's army to fight. Kyiv had details of more than 150 Chinese nationals who had been deployed to the front, Zelensky said, a day after claiming Ukraine's army had captured two Chinese citizens fighting in the eastern Donetsk region. "The 'Chinese' issue is serious. There are 155 people with names and passport details who are fighting against Ukrainians on the territory of Ukraine," Zelensky told journalists in Kyiv.

**EU PAUSES COUNTERMEASURES AFTER TRUMP'S REPRIEVE TO GIVE 'NEGOTIATIONS A CHANCE'**

**Diary Times Desk :** The European Union will pause its first countermeasures against US tariffs after President Donald Trump temporarily lowered the hefty duties he had just imposed on dozens of countries, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said on Thursday. The bloc was due to launch counter-tariffs on about 21 billion euros (USD 23.25 billion) of US imports from next Tuesday in response to Trump's 25 per cent tariffs on steel and aluminium. It is still assessing how to respond to US car tariffs and the broader 10 per cent levies still in place. "We want to give negotiations a chance," von der Leyen said on X. "While finalising the adoption of the EU countermeasures that saw strong support from our Member States, we will put them on hold for 90 days". Trump's sudden decision on Wednesday to pause most of his hefty new duties brought relief to battered global markets and anxious global leaders, even as he ratcheted up a trade war with China.

**"VERY SMART MAN": TRUMP PRAISES XI JINPING AMID US-CHINA TRADE WAR**

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump has called his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, a "smart man" amid a trade war between the two countries that has triggered an economic storm across the world. The world's two largest economies are at a crossroads after Trump imposed tariffs on China and Beijing announced retaliatory measures. "I think President Xi is a man who knows exactly what needs to be done. He's a very smart man. He loves his country. I know that for a fact. I know him very well," told reporters at the White House. "And I think he's going to want to make a deal. I think that's going to happen. We'll get a phone call at some point, and everything will be ready," he added. It is going to be a great thing for us, the world and for the humanity," the US President said. Since coming to power in January, Trump has introduced a slew of tariffs on various countries to address the alleged trade imbalance with the US. In what could escalate the ongoing US-China trade war, Donald Trump on Wednesday said he was raising tariffs on Chinese imports to 125 percent, citing a "lack of respect" from Beijing. "Based on the lack of respect that China has shown to the World's Markets, I am hereby raising the Tariff charged to China by the United States of America to 125%, effective immediately. At some point, hopefully in the near future, China will realize that the days of ripping off the US and other countries.

## PUNJAB: DRI INSPECTOR AMONG EIGHT NABBED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

**Diary Times Desk :** The CIA wing of the Amritsar police commissionerate has arrested a Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) Inspector and seven other persons in connection with cross-border drug trafficking. Over 4 kg heroin was seized from their possession. Four separate cases have been registered against them at the Ranjit Avenue and Chheharta police stations here. Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the DRI Inspector, identified as Manjit Singh (24) of Rohtak in Haryana, and Ravi Kumar (35) of Gandhi Nagar in Ferozepur were helping the drug cartel for easy money. The police also seized a motorcycle used by the accused for the transportation of drugs. They were sourcing drug consignments from across the border. Ravi was in contact with foreign-based smugglers," said the Police Commissioner. Further investigations led to the arrest of six more persons involved in drug smuggling and hawala financing, he added. Other persons arrested in connection with the case were: Palwinder Singh (34), alias Tindu, of Dhanoa Khurd village; Rohit Sharma (34) of Harkrishan Nagar; Abhishek Singh (19) of Chogawan; Arshdeep Singh (19) of Baba Deep Singh Colony, Chheharta; Amit Kumar (34), alias Sonu, of Sunder Nagar; and Satnam Singh (26) of Chhidan village in the Lopoke area. They were part of the second module involved in the racket.



## 484 NDPS ACT CASES REGISTERED IN 4 DISTRICTS OF PATIALA RANGE THIS YEAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Patiala Range, Mandeep Sidhu, on Thursday said that under the 'War Against Drugs' campaign, significant action had been taken. Over the past 100 days, from January 1, 2025, a total of 484 cases were registered under the NDPS Act in four districts of the Patiala Range—Patiala, Sangrur, Barnala and Malerkotla—leading to the arrest of 693 accused. Addressing the media at Police Lines here, Sidhu shared details of the seizures made during the period. The police seized 21.9 kg of heroin, 3.6 kg of smack, 2,525 kg of poppy husk, 17.5 kg of opium, 83 kg of cannabis, 1,33,400 narcotic tablets/capsules, Rs 5.18 lakh in drug money and 56 vehicles used by the smugglers. During this period, eight proclaimed offenders were apprehended. Eleven properties purchased through drug proceeds, valued at Rs 4.83 crore, were frozen. Six illegally constructed houses linked to drug smugglers were demolished. The Patiala Range police also conducted 52 Cordon and Search Operations. Of the narcotics seized, 2,464 kg of poppy husk, 22.96 kg of opium, 2.27 kg of heroin and 13,260 narcotic tablets/capsules were destroyed. Also, six cases were registered against gangsters, resulting in the seizure of 16 weapons, 59 cartridges and two vehicles. 693 accused arrested, says DIG Mandeep Sidhu.

## PUNJAB COPS TAKE PAPALPREET INTO CUSTODY AS NSA DETENTION ENDS

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Police on Wednesday arrested Papalpreet Singh, a close aide of Khalistan sympathiser and Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh, after his year-long detention under the NSA ended at Assam's Dibrugarh jail. Soon after his release, Papalpreet was taken into custody in connection with the 2023 Ajnala police station attack case and brought to Amritsar. Maninder Singh, Amritsar (Rural) SSP, confirmed his arrest, stating that he would be produced before the Ajnala subdivisional court on Thursday. The development paves the way for the release of Amritpal, whose detention under the stringent NSA ends on April 23. He is likely to be arrested in the Ajnala police station attack case soon after his release. However, the authorities have not confirmed whether Amritpal will be released or face fresh charges. With Papalpreet's release, Amritpal is now the only detainee remaining in Dibrugarh jail, where he has been held with nine associates since 2023. Earlier, Varinder Singh, alias Fauji, Basant Singh, Bhagwant Singh, alias Pradhan Mantri Bajek, Gurmeet Singh Gill, alias Gurmeet Bukkanwala, Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal, alias Kulwant Singh, Gurinderpal Singh Aujla, alias Guri Aujla, Harjeet Singh, alias Chacha, and Sarabjeet Singh Kalsi, alias Daljeet Singh Kalsi, were brought back to Punjab.

## CONGRESS REPLACES HARYANA'S AJAY SINGH AS OBC HEAD AHEAD OF BIHAR ELECTION

**Diary Times Desk :** The Congress has appointed Dr Anil Jaihind Kumar Yadav as the chairman of its OBC wing, replacing Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, a veteran party leader from Haryana. Dr Yadav, a social activist from Bihar, will lead the party's efforts to engage with backward class communities in the state ahead of the upcoming 243-seat Bihar Assembly election. The Congress has been focusing on winning over backward class voters, traditionally a stronghold of Nitish Kumar's JDU and Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD. To further this goal, the party recently appointed Rajesh Kumar as its state chief, aiming to attract Dalit voters. Captain Ajay Singh Yadav, Dr Yadav's predecessor, is a senior Congress leader from south Haryana, having served six terms as MLA from Rewari and held key cabinet positions, including finance and power minister, in previous Congress governments in Haryana. However, Singh has been critical of the party leadership, especially after the recent assembly elections in Haryana, where his son Chiranjeev Rao lost his seat. Last year, Singh resigned from the party, citing "shabby treatment" by the leadership and alleged mismanagement during the polls, but later rejoined, stating he's a "Congressman by birth" and will remain so "till his last breath".

## NO MINING IN ARAVALLIS TILL AUG 7, NGT TELLS HARYANA

**Diary Times Desk :** The tribunal also directed the state government to ensure no mining or stone crushing-related activity was carried out in the area till August 7. An NGT bench headed by chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava issued the notice on a plea filed by residents of Rajawas, a village located in the Aravallis in Mahendergarh district. The bench has asked the petitioners to explain within four weeks how 25 per cent of the protected forest land was auctioned to stone crushing units. The petitioners had claimed that the Haryana Government had auctioned one-fourth of the 506.33 acres of the protected forestland for mining and stone crushing activities thereby endangering the fragile ecosystem of the area. The 506.33-acre patch of the land at Rajawas village was notified as a protected forest as a part of afforestation measures being undertaken in compensation for diversion of forestland for non-forest purposes in the Great Nicobar Island. "We are very relieved that in the hearing on 4th April 2025, the Honourable Bench.

## NOT INFORMING CHANGES IN INTEREST RATES COST DEAR TO ICICI BANK

**Diary Times Desk :** The UT State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chandigarh, has directed ICICI Bank, Chandigarh, to pay Rs 70,000 each to two consumers for not informing them about the change in rate of interest from time to time for several years. The commission has passed the orders while deciding two appeals filed by two consumers, Rajiv Aggarwal and Kamal Goel, of Panchkula. The consumers filed the appeals for enhancement of the compensation given by the District Consumer Commission while allowing their complaints against the bank. They filed a complaint before the District Commission alleging deficiency in service against ICICI Bank in over-charging interest rate and also not giving prior information about the changes in the interest rates. The District Commission accepted the complaint and awarded Rs 7,000 as compensation and Rs 7,000 as costs of litigation. The same compensation was given in another case filed by Kamal Goel. Both the complainants filed an appeal before the UT State Commission for enhancement of compensation, through their advocate Pankaj Chandgothia. The bank contended that it had informed the consumers about the changes in their loan rate of interest.





**FED UP WITH OUTAGES,  
SPITI RESIDENTS DEMAND  
REGULAR POWER SUPPLY**

**Diary Times Desk :** Residents of the Spiti valley in Lahaul and Spiti district have raised concern over frequent power outages, which, they say, are badly affecting both daily life and the region's vital tourism sector. Power disruptions have become a routine affair, with outages occurring several times a day, impacting residents and businesses alike. The residents of the region, including students and tourism stakeholders, are the worst affected by these outages. Tenzin Namka, a local resident, expressed frustration, stating, "Power outages have become a major issue in Spiti. It's not only a problem for the locals but also for the tourism industry, which relies heavily on steady electricity supply." The tourism sector, in particular, has taken a hit, with hoteliers and homestay owners finding it challenging to run their establishments without reliable electricity. Sonam Dolma, pradhan of Kaza gram panchayat, emphasised the urgency of the issue, highlighting that the locals have been demanding an additional power transmission line from Kinnaur to Spiti to prevent frequent disruptions.

**BJP RUNNING CAMPAIGN  
'TO TARNISH' CM'S IMAGE**

**Diary Times Desk :** The BJP is running a campaign to weaken the position of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and his government on social media, said his Principal Adviser Naresh Chauhan here today. He added that this smear campaign wouldn't succeed and the Congress government would continue to take decisions in the interest of people. Chauhan said, "Old and misleading videos are being circulated on social media to tarnish the image of the Chief Minister and weaken the Congress government. I want to tell the BJP that such attempts will not succeed." He added that the BJP was raising a hue and cry to get political mileage out of the issue of the death of Vimal Negi, Chief Engineer with Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL). "The Chief Minister did exactly what Vimal Negi's family was demanding. An FIR was filed and the two officers name in the FIR were shifted. And then an inquiry by an Additional Chief Secretary-level officer into the incident was ordered. Besides, the police are investigating.

**JAI RAM MEETS GADKARI, SEEKS WIDENING OF ROADS**

**Diary Times Desk :** Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today called on Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi and requested him to get roads in the state widened and improved as a majority of the population was dependent on road transport. Thakur urged Gadkari that the Janjehli-Chail Chowk-Nagwan road in Mandi district be widened, keeping in view the dependence of a large population on it. He expressed gratitude for various projects being run in Himachal Pradesh by the Central Government under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that it was with the help of liberal financial assistance under various centrally-sponsored schemes that several national highways and tunnels had been constructed in the state. Gadkari assured Thakur of getting the roads widened under the CIRF as soon as possible. The Leader of the Opposition said that at present, the Central Government was providing full support for roads from national highway to in rural areas in the state. "A majority of the road construction work in Himachal is at present being undertaken with the help of Central government," he added.

**402 E-VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS  
TO BE SET UP**

**Diary Times Desk :** The state government has set up six green corridors and approved the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at 402 strategically selected locations. The 402 e-vehicle charging stations will be set up at strategically selected locations, including government premises such as Public Works Department (PWD) rest houses, Circuit Houses, offices of Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendents of Police. "The objective of this initiative is to develop a seamless and efficient EV charging network across Himachal Pradesh, which will significantly support the adoption of EVs by government departments and encourage sustainable transportation, contributing to environmental conservation," said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. He said, "The adoption of electric vehicles will play a pivotal role in shaping a sustainable future for Himachal Pradesh. We are committed to transforming the state into a leading hub for electric mobility." The plan entails setting up 252 EV charging stations in PWD rest houses, 19 in Jal Shakti Department rest houses, 18 on HPSEBL premises, 100 in Forest Department rest houses, 12 at Deputy Commissioner and SP office complexes and one at the Baddi-Barotiwala Nalagarh Development Authority (BBNDA) office.

**KANGANA DOESN'T PAY POWER  
BILLS ON TIME: ELECTRICITY BOARD**

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) today termed Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut's claim that she had been handed a monthly bill of Rs 1 lakh for her Mandi residence as wrong and misleading. According to the electricity board, the Rs 90,384 bill was for two months. It claimed that Kangana didn't pay her bills on time and the connected power load at her residence was 94.82 kW, which is 1,500 per cent more than the normal household. Kangana, while addressing a public gathering in Mandi on Tuesday, had claimed that she had received a Rs 1 lakh bill for her Mandi residence where she didn't even stay. "They have increased the bus fare, agencies conduct probes on samosa, we hear and read all this and feel embarrassed. I want to say that they are like wolves and we need to rescue the state from their claws," she had said. In its clarification, the board said that it was wrong and misleading on the part of Kangana to claim that the power bill was for one month. "In the bill issued to Kangana Ranaut on March 22, the previous unpaid bill of Rs 32,287 has also been included. The total bill for two months amounts to Rs 90,384," said a board's spokesperson.

**DALAI LAMA 'OVERWHELMED' BY TREKKERS WHO UNDERTOOK 1959  
'FREEDOM TRAIL'**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Dalai Lama was overwhelmed at the effort of 300 trekkers who participated in recently concluded 'Freedom Trail' to retrace in journey into exile from Tibet. The Dalai Lama had trekked from Khen-dza-mani on the border between Tibet and India to Pungteng-tse at Tawang in 1959. The trek that was organised by the Tawang district administration in Arunachal Pradesh ended on April 5 at Tawang Monastery. It commemorated the spiritual leader's escape from Tibet 66 years ago. "I am very moved to know that 300 people have embarked on a Freedom Trail, retracing the six-day journey I made in 1959. I clearly remember those days and the feeling of relief and freedom I felt as we reached India and how reassuring it was to be given such a warm welcome wherever we went," the Dalai Lama said. Organised by the Tawang district administration under Deputy Commissioner Kanki Darang, the trek attracted a diverse group of participants, including monks, local leaders, security forces, tourists and volunteers. The trail began at Kenzamani with monks and villagers offering prayers for the Dalai Lama's long life, accompanied by traditional Monpa performances. In his message the Dalai Lama reflected on his life in India since those momentous days, saying "Since those six days travelling from Khen-dza-mani to Tawang, India has become my second home. Living here, I have been able to meet all sorts of people I would not otherwise have done."



## IPL 2025: KL RAHUL HAUNTS RCB AGAIN IN BENGALURU AS DC CONTINUE UNBEATEN RUN

**Diary Times Desk** : KL Rahul continued his fine run of form against RCB as he came back to haunt his former side in Bengaluru as DC continued their dream start to life in IPL 2025. Delhi were able to chase down the target of 164 in 17.5 overs with six wickets in hand as the hosts were forced to rue not capitalising the brilliant start they made. Rahul, who had scored 648 runs in 16 matches against RCB, hit a 53-ball 93 to continue his fine run of form in a DC shirt. Delhi won the toss on the day and opted to bowl first, which seemed like the obvious choice to make. However, Phil Salt was quick to make Axar Patel regret the decision, especially in the early part of the powerplay overs. Salt started to take on Axar in the second over and hit a six and a boundary to get going but it was the next over from Mitchell Starc that got the Chinnaswamy crowd roaring.



## ANGRY MOHAMMAD RIZWAN GIVES ULTIMATUM TO PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD: 'GIVE POWER OR...'

**Diary Times Desk** : A few days after Pakistan's debacle in a white-ball tour of New Zealand, skipper Mohammad Rizwan along with star batter Babar Azam is likely to meet Mohsin Naqvi, the chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), in the next few days to get clarity on his selection in the T20I format and seeking more power as captain. A senior PCB official told Telecom Asia Sport (www.telecomasia.net) on condition of anonymity that Rizwan was frustrated with the selectors' decision to drop him and Babar Azam for the five-match Twenty20 international series in New Zealand. The duo have sought a meeting the PCB chief after the Pakistan team management and selection committee decided to drop them so as to try some young players under new captain Salman Agha. The news was also confirmed by sources close to Pakistan captain Rizwan. "Rizwan is due to meet the PCB chairman as soon as he gets an opportunity to seek clarity on his axing from the T20I side," the sources close to the Pakistan captain told Telecom Asia Sport.

## VINESH PHOGAT CHOOSES RS 4 CRORE CASH PRIZE AFTER HARYANA GOVT OFFERS OPTIONS

**Diary Times Desk** : Wrestler-turned-politician Vinesh Phogat has opted for a cash prize after the Haryana government recently offered to her benefits equivalent to an Olympic silver medallist, asking her to choose from various options. Phogat, 30, was disqualified from the 2024 Paris Olympics for being overweight ahead of her gold medal bout in the 50-kg category. The three-time Olympian led protests against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Singh. She successfully contested the Haryana Assembly elections from Julana in Jind district last year on a Congress ticket. Recently, the Haryana government offered three choices to Phogat under its sports policy. Official sources on Thursday said she opted for a cash award of Rs 4 crore. She submitted a letter to the state sports department on Tuesday to inform them of her decision. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini last month announced.

## DHONI RETURNS AT THE HELM AS CSK'S FALTERING CAMPAIGN SEEKS REVIVAL

**Diary Times Desk** : Three years ago, Chennai Super Kings found themselves in a similar mess. As defending champions, they lost their first four games before breaking the duck in their fifth. Then too, a new CSK captain was under fire, much like Ruturaj Gaikwad had been in recent days. To steady the ship, MS Dhoni returned to the hot seat. Fast forward to 2025, and Dhoni, now 43, is back at the helm once again. But unlike 2022, this return is forced, with Gaikwad ruled out of the season due to a fractured elbow. Dhoni's comeback in 2022 didn't quite spark a turnaround. CSK finished ninth, ahead of arch-rivals Mumbai Indians only on net run rate. This time, they'll hope history doesn't repeat itself. The task is tougher: CSK have lost four of their first five, and now they're without their most important batter in a campaign where the top order has already struggled. Even though they finally crossed 200 for the first time this season in their most recent defeat, questions linger, especially around their ability to chase. Beyond the bat, CSK have also been poor in the field, dropping the most catches this season. Some of those misses have directly cost them games. Their spin attack, too, has been underwhelming, though that could change with Dhoni back calling the shots. For now, they return to their home comforts, but is it really that comfortable anymore?

## CRICKET AT LA 2028 OLYMPICS SET TO BE SIX-TEAM COMPETITION

**Diary Times Desk** : Both the men's and women's cricket events at the LA 2028 Olympics are set to be six-team competitions, as approved by the Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Wednesday (April 9). Further, a total of 90 athlete quotas have been allotted to each gender, allowing each nation to name a 15-member squad. As reported earlier, T20 Internationals have been designated as the format of choice for the competition. The venues are yet to be confirmed although New York is in the fray to host the matches. It is unclear how the six participating nations will be determined and the issue of representation, in the cases of Great Britain and the West Indies, is yet to be addressed as well. Cricket was last part of the Olympic Games in 1900, when it was contested by just two teams - Great Britain and France. Great Britain went on to win the only cricket Olympics Gold Medal thus far by winning what was a 2-day game. Cricket has recently been a part of other international multi-sport events. Both men's and women's cricket competitions were part of the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games whereas the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games featured an eight-team women's competition.

## ELBOW INJURY SIDELINES BAVUMA TWO MONTHS BEFORE WTC FINAL

**Diary Times Desk** : South Africa's Test captain Temba Bavuma has suffered an elbow injury again and will miss the domestic first-class final which starts in Johannesburg today. Bavuma was due to join up with the Lions team on Tuesday from Cape Town, but did not arrive in Johannesburg. The Lions found out late on Wednesday that Bavuma would not play the match because of the niggle, which has taken place just over two months before the World Test Championship final in June. ESPNcricinfo has ascertained Bavuma's injury is on the left elbow - the same one he has injured before. The Lions are unaware at this stage how serious the injury is and were caught off guard by Bavuma's late withdrawal. On Wednesday morning, Lions captain Dominic Hendricks told the media he was looking forward to playing with Bavuma in the marquee game. Bavuma fractured his left elbow in 2022, which forced him out of South Africa's tour to England that year and sidelined him for three months. He then reinjured the same elbow when he fell awkwardly while completing a single against Ireland in an ODI in Abu Dhabi last year and missed South Africa's Tests against Bangladesh. He had no red-ball match practice before the home summer and spoke openly about battling mental demons after a wretched run with his fitness, which also included injuries to both hamstrings.

## EX-PAKISTAN STAR NAMED ROPES PRITHVI SHAW IN BRUTAL WARNING FOR YASHASVI JAISWAL: "MAKE YOU CRY..."

**Diary Times Desk** : Former Pakistan cricketer Basit Ali sent a bold message to out-of-form Yashasvi Jaiswal to bring his focus back to cricket and love the sport to avoid a fate borne by Prithvi Shaw, who was at one point considered a young sensation bound to be a blockbuster hit in international cricket for India. Jaiswal has lost his mojo since returning from Australia after a heartbreaking 3-1 series defeat in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. A young talent who took the world by storm since bursting onto the scene in 2023 is now a victim of criticism stemming from his lacklustre performances in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Apart from notching up 67 against Sunrisers Hyderabad, Jaiswal's bat has resorted to silence. The 23-year-old, who was Rajasthan Royals' knight in shining armour, is now in a position to live up to his reputation.