

TAHAWWUR RANA

TAHAWWUR RANA WANTED PAKISTAN'S HIGHEST HONOUR FOR 26/11 ATTACK TERRORISTS, SAID 'INDIANS DESERVED IT'

Diary Times Desk : Extradited terrorist Tahawwur Rana wanted Pakistan to give its highest honour 'Nishan-e-Haider' to 9 Lashkar terrorists who were neutralised during the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and was even heard saying "India deserved it" in an intercepted conversation with David Headley.

"After the attacks were complete, Rana allegedly told Headley that the Indians deserved it," the US Department of Justice revealed through a statement.

Tahawwur Rana, a Canadian national of Pakistani origin, arrived in Delhi on Thursday after a lengthy legal battle in the US, during which he fought extradition on health and legal grounds. He is currently in NIA's custody for next 18 days.

The US Department of Justice revealed that intelligence agencies had once intercepted conversation between Rana and Headley after the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, in which the 64-year-old Rana had commended the 9 Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists who had been killed committing the attacks, saying that "they should be given Nishan-e-Haider"—Pakistan's "highest award for gallantry in battle", which is reserved for fallen soldiers.

The US, meanwhile, termed Rana's extradition as a critical step toward seeking justice for the victims of the Mumbai terror attack which also included six Americans. "These attacks resulted in the tragic loss of 166 lives, including six Americans, and shocked the entire world.



PIYUSH GOYAL

"WE NEVER NEGOTIATE AT GUNPOINT": PIYUSH GOYAL, S JAISHANKAR DOUBLE DOWN ON US



Diary Times Desk : India will never negotiate at gunpoint, nor will it hurry into any deal over issues that are in the interest of its people, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said after Donald Trump's move to "pause" the reciprocal tariffs Washington had imposed on New Delhi for a period of 90 days. The move was seen as a limited window for India and the United States to speedily conclude a bilateral trade agreement that is currently being negotiated by both sides.

We will always put India first and will ensure that a deal is finalised keeping that sentiment in mind, the minister said, adding that "time constraints" may only be seen a motivating factor. "We never negotiate at gunpoint. Favourable time constraints motivate us for quicker talks, but till the time we are not able to secure the interest of our country and our people, we do not hurry (into any deal)," Mr Goyal said.

Speaking at the Italy-India Business, Science, and Technology Forum, Mr Goyal gave an update about how India's trade talks are progressing with the US, the UK, the European Union, and several other nations globally. "All our trade talks are progressing well, in the spirit of India First, and to ensure our pathway to Viksit Bharat by 2047 in the Amrit Kaal," he said without giving specifics of any deal.

He however mentioned that "Trade talks proceed when both sides are sensitive to each other's concerns and requirements." Meanwhile, at another forum - the Carnegie Global Technology Summit - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too, spoke about India's trade talks with several nations and blocs, including with the United States. Talking about India's preparations amid high-pressure negotiations since Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs announcement which changed the global trading dynamic, Dr Jaishankar said India is certainly prepared for a high degree of urgency in reaching.

DELHI HIT WITH SUDDEN DUST STORM AND RAIN, TREES UPROOTED IN MANY PARTS

Diary Times Desk : Strong dust storms and gusty winds followed by rain hit the national capital on Friday evening, causing trees to be uprooted in several parts of Delhi-NCR. The national capital saw a sudden change in weather in the evening, with sharp temperature drops at weather stations. At Palam, the temperature dropped by 10 degrees Celsius and at Safdarjung weather station, the mercury dipped by 7 degrees Celsius due to the dust storm, the weather office said. Civic bodies have received more than 20 calls on uprooted trees in several parts, including Feroz Shah Road, Ashoka Road, Mandi House and Connaught Place, and it led to traffic congestion. Thunderstorms led to power disruptions in several parts of the city, primarily due to trees and branches falling on electricity cables. An electric pole has also fallen at ITO. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert, which indicates that residents should "be prepared" and "take action" as per its colour-coded advisory.



STRAINED MARITAL RELATIONS ALONE NOT ENOUGH TO PROVE ABETMENT OF SUICIDE: SUPREME COURT

Diary Times Desk : Holding that a man can't be convicted of abetting his wife's suicide only on the basis of past quarrels and strained matrimonial relations, the Supreme Court has acquitted a man from Uttarakhand who was handed down a seven-year jail term for abetting his wife's suicide. "Merely because there was some dispute between the parties (husband and wife) by itself would not establish the act of abetment. Nothing has been brought on record to show that there was any direct link between the act of appellant and commission of suicide by the deceased," a bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice Aravind Kumar said, allowing the appeal of accused Ravindra Singh. The case related to the death of a woman by burn injuries at her matrimonial home and the prosecution alleged that she had been deserted by her husband, who allegedly lived with another woman. The accused and the victim had quarrelled barely two days before her death.

AIADMK, BJP JOIN HANDS FOR 2026 TAMIL NADU POLLS; EPS TO LEAD CHARGE, SAYS AMIT SHAH



Diary Times Desk : The BJP and AIADMK on Friday sealed a poll alliance, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah declaring that the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly election will be fought under the leadership of AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami. With the parties rekindling their alliance nearly two years after they parted ways, Shah said it will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership at the Centre and Palaniswami's at the state level. "AIADMK and BJP have decided to fight next (year's) polls...from 1998, AIADMK has been part of BJP alliance (at different points of time). PM Modi and late Chief Minister J Jayalalitha had worked for Centre-state ties," Shah told a press conference, flanked by Palaniswami and outgoing BJP state chief K Annamalai, here. "We will form a government together led by Edappadi Palaniswami," he said, indicating it would be a coalition government should the NDA win. He exuded confidence that the NDA will get a solid mandate and form a government

SIBAL PRAISES CONGRESS AFTER NIA CAGES 2008 KEY ACCUSED TAHAWWUR RANA

Diary Times Desk : After the BJP's repeated snub to the Congress for doing "nothing" against terrorism, the Congress on Friday received support from an unexpected quarter as the party's former leader Kapil Sibal lauded its role in the formation of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which secured 2008 Mumbai attack accused Tahawwur Rana's extradition to India from the US. Rajya Sabha MP Sibal said NIA was formed during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government in the country, of which he himself was part as minister. "I remember NIA was established during the UPA times. It registered a case in this incident on November 11, 2008, where the accused were David Headley and Tahawwur Rana," Sibal said while addressing reporters here. He added, "Today, the accused is before us, and things will become more clear as we know that only Rana and Headley were not the conspirators but more were involved. It will become clear who all from Pakistan's establishment were involved in that attack."



YOUR HOROSCOPE
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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: CM SUKHU SAID- GOVERNMENT WILL DEVELOP NEW TOURIST PLACES WITH 2400 CRORES, YOUTH WILL GET EMPLOYMENT

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh on Friday inaugurated eight major developmental projects for Bilaspur district through virtual medium from New Delhi. These will promote tourism, employment and green energy. These projects include the launch of water sports activities at Kol Dam, inauguration of 110 kW capacity solar powered rooftop plant constructed at a cost of Rs 70 lakh at Bilaspur District Deputy Commissioner's Office. With the establishment of this rooftop plant, this Deputy Commissioner's Office has become the first green Deputy Commissioner's Office of Himachal. The Chief Minister also dedicated the Urban Livelihood Center constructed at a cost of Rs 4.5 crore, four space laboratories constructed at a cost of Rs 40 lakh and Model Career Center constructed at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore to the people of the area. The Chief Minister said that the water-based adventure activities started in Gobind Sagar Lake will give the district a new identity on the tourism map. This will also provide employment opportunities to the local youth. He said that the state government is giving top priority to tourism and is working towards making it the main source of income of Himachal. Attractive packages are being prepared by combining religious, traditional, water and health tourism.



HIMACHAL PRADESH: 'CM SUKHU MISUSED HIS POSITION TO MAKE HIS WIFE KAMLESH THAKUR WIN THE ELECTION, ALSO DISTRIBUTED MONEY'

Diary Times Desk : Former MLA Hoshiar Singh has sent a complaint letter to the Governor regarding the Dehra assembly by-election and has demanded an inquiry by the CBI or other impartial investigating agency. Requesting to take appropriate action in the case of violation of the Model Code of Conduct, he has also demanded to disqualify the local MLA Kamlesh Thakur from contesting any election for six years. Apart from this, an inquiry has also been demanded into the role of KCC Bank and District Welfare Department. Hoshiar Singh has alleged through the complaint letter that the government machinery was deliberately misused to win the Dehra Assembly by-election on July 10, 2024. Victory has been achieved by adopting unfair and illegal methods in the Dehra by-election. Hoshiar Singh has written in the complaint sent to the Governor that crores of rupees were distributed through Kangra Central Cooperative Bank and District Welfare Department during the code of conduct.

'THE BOARD SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE PREVIOUS BILLS, IF IT IS IN LAKHS THEN I WILL TAKE BACK MY WORDS, I DON'T HAVE THE HABIT OF MAKING NOISE'

Diary Times Desk : Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut said that there was no delay in the formation of Disha Committee, it has been formed sooner than other MPs. I am not in the habit of making noise about work but now I feel I will have to get used to it. After clarifying the position of the Electricity Board on the bill dispute, MP Kangana Ranaut said that the Electricity Board should investigate her previous bills. If these bills are found to be in lakhs, then she is ready to take back her words. For the last several years, her bills used to be only five to six thousand rupees. According to the Electricity Board, if she had a pending payment of Rs 20,000 for the months of February and March, then why has she been given a bill of Rs 70,000 more after that. She has neither done any expansion there nor set up any factory. Kangana said that she is also a resident of Himachal and it is not right to link every issue of hers with politics.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: HIMACHAL PRADESH HIGH COURT SAID- ONLY POLITICS IS HAPPENING ON CU CAMPUS IN DHARAMSHALA FOR LAST 10 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : The High Court has issued a notice to the Himachal and Central Government and sought a reply on the politics in the construction of the campus of Central University (CU) in Dharamshala. The court made a harsh comment on this matter and said that for the last ten years only politics is being done regarding the construction of the campus. The court has said that apart from the state government, the Ministry of Education should also file its reply on the reasons for the undue delay in the construction of the campus. During the hearing of a public interest petition, a division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma has given these orders. The next hearing of the case will be on May 19. The court was told that according to the report of the site selection committee, the representatives of the state government believed that the headquarters of the university should be in Dehra, while the central representatives believed that the headquarters should be in Dharamshala in accordance with the need of the university's international presence. Under the letter of April 23, 2010, the temporary campus of the university.

SPORTS NEWS: TWO WOMEN PLAYERS FROM NALAGARH, HIMACHAL WERE SELECTED IN INDIA CAMP

Diary Times Desk : Five players receiving training in Kabaddi at Khelo India Centre in Rajpura have been selected for different camps. Sakshi Sharma and Nidhi Sharma, training at Khelo India Centre, have been selected for the India camp of Kabaddi. Both the players will participate in the India camp to be held in Gandhinagar from April 15. If the performance of both is good in the camp, they will play from the Indian team. Mayank Saini of Nalagarh has been selected for the Asia team camp in senior Kabaddi. He will also learn the basics of the game in Gandhinagar. Ekta Chandel, studying in Gurunanak School, has been selected for the Youth Asia Camp. Young Avneet Singh Rana, training at Babo Jaggo Sports Academy, has also been selected for the Youth Asia Camp. Khelo India Centre coach Sanjeev Thakur said that three women and two men players from Nalagarh have been selected for the India camp. Sakshi Sharma and Nidhi Sharma, who are training at the Khelo India Centre in Rajpura, have been selected for the India camp of Kabaddi.

HIMACHAL: CHEAP RATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DEPOT ONLY AFTER DOING E-KYC, CONTACT THESE NUMBERS FOR ANY PROBLEM

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh government has restarted e-KYC of PDS beneficiaries to bring transparency in ration distribution. In Himachal, e-KYC of 98 percent beneficiaries has been completed. There are two percent beneficiaries who have not done e-KYC. The state government has clarified that only those who have done e-KYC will get cheap ration in the depots. For the convenience of the beneficiaries, the department has made a provision to complete the e-KYC process through e-POS by visiting any fair price shop in the state using Aadhaar based finger biometric authentication. Apart from this, provision has been made to complete the eKYC process by visiting Lokmitra Kendra anywhere in the state or country through web application, using Aadhaar based finger print, IRIS biometric authentication or using Aadhaar based face biometric authentication through Android based mobile application eKYC PDS HP itself. Beneficiaries can also contact toll free number 1967 or 1800-180-8026 to resolve any problem in completing their e-KYC. Apart from this, they can contact the nearest depot holder. Ration card holders who have not done KYC, their cards can be temporarily blocked, due to which ration can be stopped. The card becomes active again after KYC is completed.

HIMACHAL: PEOPLE OF NAGAROTA SURIAN WERE OVERJOYED WITH THE SELECTION OF KASHVI IN THE INDIAN CRICKET TEAM

Diary Times Desk : The selection of Kashvi Gautam, granddaughter of Nagarota Surian of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh, in the Indian women's cricket team has created a wave of happiness in the entire region. As soon as the news of Kashvi's selection in the team was received, there has been a stream of people congratulating her at her maternal grandfather KC Sharma's house since Thursday morning. In fact, Kashvi Gautam has been selected in the Indian team for the upcoming triangular cricket series, which will be held in Sri Lanka from 27 April to 11 May. In this important series, the Indian team will compete against host Sri Lanka as well as South Africa. Currently, Kashvi plays for UTCA in Chandigarh. This is the first time that the granddaughter of Nagarota Surian of Himachal Pradesh.

MADHYA PRADESH
HOSPITAL LAB, WHERE
'FAKE' DOCTOR OPERATED
ON PATIENTS, SEALED

Diary Times Desk : The health officials of Damoh, Madhya Pradesh, have sealed the cath lab of the Mission Hospital where patients were operated on by the 'fake' doctor who allegedly performed heart surgeries on patients and killed atleast seven. "On the directions of the district administration, only the cath lab has been sealed, as all the operations and cases have happened here. There is evidence in this area, so we have sealed the lab. The angiography and angioplasty of several patients who died were performed in this cath lab only," District Health Officer Vikrant Singh Chauhan told reporters on Wednesday at the hospital. The lab has been sealed after Madhya Pradesh police arrested Narendra Vikramaditya Yadav, who allegedly posed as a British Doctor, N John Camm and performed multiple heart surgeries in Damoh's mission hospital, allegedly killing atleast 7 people. Yadav has been accused of forging documents, too. One of the victims' relatives, Jitendra Singh Rajput, recounted that he took his father to the hospital after he experienced chest pain, and doctors recommended surgery.

58 KILLED IN HEAVY
STORMS IN BIHAR, RS 4
LAKH COMPENSATION
ANNOUNCED

Diary Times Desk : A powerful storm accompanied by heavy rainfall and lightning strikes damage across several districts of Bihar on Thursday, claiming 58 lives -- 23 of them in Nalanda district alone. Of the total fatalities, 35 people died due to collapsing trees or walls, while 23 others lost their lives to lightning strikes across the state. Nalanda District Magistrate Shashank Shubhankar confirmed the high death rate and significant property damage in his district. Speaking to media on Friday, Mr Shubhankar said 22 people died from falling trees or collapsing walls, and one person was killed by lightning. "All affected families are being provided an compensation of Rs 4 lakh each, as per the directions of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Most of them have already received the compensation, and the remaining will be paid by Friday afternoon," he said. Three to four injured individuals are undergoing treatment at Sadar Hospital. The storm caused widespread destruction in Nalanda, with homes and crops severely damaged in several areas.

"BIG STEP IN JUSTICE FOR 26/11 VICTIMS": S
JAISHANKAR ON TAHAWWUR RANA
EXTRADITION



Diary Times Desk : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar responded to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's comments on the extradition of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks mastermind Tahawwur Hussain Rana, calling the development "a big step" in giving justice to victims and their families. Rana, a 64-year-old Pakistan-born Canadian national, had been in judicial custody in the US before the proceedings under the India-US Extradition Treaty began to send him to India. "Appreciate the counter-terrorism cooperation between our two countries. This is indeed a big step in ensuring justice for the victims of 26/11 attacks," Mr Jaishankar said in a post on X. Earlier today, Mr Rubio acknowledged India's determined efforts to seek justice for those who were killed in the 26/11 terror attacks. "We extradited Tahawwur Hussain Rana to India to face charges for his role in planning the horrific 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks. Together, with India, we've long sought justice for the 166 people, including 6 Americans, who lost their lives in these attacks. I'm glad that day has come," Mr Rubio said in a post.

PUNJAB CABINET TO RELAX INCOME
CRITERIA FOR CONTRACTUAL
ENGAGEMENT OF SC LAW OFFICERS

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Cabinet Friday announced an ordinance to provide adequate representation to members of Scheduled Caste community for contractual engagement as law officers in the state by reducing the income criteria, a statement said. The cabinet nod came after a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. It is aimed to relax income criteria for the contractual engagement of law officers belonging to the SC community in the state. Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that they have decided to reduce the income criteria by 50 per cent for the law officers belonging to the SC community to be considered for certain positions at the advocate general's office. In another decision, the Cabinet also gave consent to enhance the retirement age of the doctors and professors serving in Medical Colleges under Medical Education and Research Department from existing 62 years to 65 years.

VOLUNTARY DUTY AT CHAR DHAM YATRA INCLUDED FOR PG MEDICAL STUDENTS

Diary Times Desk : Medical duty at the upcoming Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand has been included under the district residency programme which is mandatory for postgraduate medical students across India. However, it will be voluntary for medical students to opt for this duty during this annual pilgrimage. According to a circular issued by the National Medical Commission on April 11, DRP for postgraduates provides opportunities to learn the needs of people coming to resource-challenged health services in the periphery. There will be a heavy footfall of tourists and pilgrims during the Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand in the coming months, thus, increasing the demand for healthcare in these areas. "Unlike other places, the health needs will be under different circumstances. People will be exposed to high altitude-related medical complications. "This will provide a new opportunity for training of postgraduates. The Government of Uttarakhand has also appealed for healthcare services to be supported by other resources," the circular said.

"HE IS STILL...": AMIT SHAH ON
K ANNAMALAI 'BEING
REMOVED' FOR AIADMK
ALLIANCE

Diary Times Desk : Refusing to be drawn into the speculation surrounding K Annamalai's removal as the Tamil Nadu president of the BJP, Union Home Minister and senior party leader Amit Shah has said Mr Annamalai still holds the post. During a press conference on Friday announcing that the alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP was being renewed, Mr Shah was asked about reports of Mr Annamalai being removed because Edapaddi K Palaniswami did not want the tie-up to proceed until that happened. "This is not true at all. Mr Annamalai is the state president even today," a smiling Mr Shah said, before pointing to the leader, who was seated to his left, and adding, "That is why he is sitting with me". AIADMK Chief Palaniswami, who was sitting to Mr Shah's right, was smiling all along. Pressed on the Annamalai issue again a few minutes later and asked whether he would be given a responsibility at the central level.

1 DEAD AS STRONG DUST STORM HITS
DELHI-NCR; IMD ISSUES RED ALERT,
FLIGHTS DIVERTED

Diary Times Desk : A strong dust storm ripped through Delhi and its nearby areas on Friday evening, April 11, a day after a dust storm and moderate rain lashed parts of the cities amid scorching heat wave which has taken the temperature up to 40 degrees Celsius. One person died and two injured after a wall of an under-construction building collapsed in Delhi's Madhu Vihar PS area during the dust storm. India Meteorological Department's (IMD) Delhi nowcast showed a red alert for all districts amid the strong dust storm on Friday evening. Delhi's adjoining areas such as Noida and Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh along with Haryana's Gurugram also witnessed dust storm on Friday evening, with power outages in some areas. Branches of trees fell in some areas of Delhi, while flight operations were also hit at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) of the city. In Delhi's Madhu Vihar, One person died and two were injured after a wall.



**PENTAGON TO END \$5.1 BILLION IN
CONTRACTS WITH ACCENTURE,
DELOITTE, OTHERS**

Diary Times Desk : U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has ordered the termination of several information technology services contracts valued at \$5.1 billion, including companies such as Accenture, Booz Allen Hamilton and Deloitte, according to a Pentagon memo. The contracts "represent non-essential spending on third party consultants" for services Pentagon employees can perform, Hegseth said in the memo released late on Thursday. "These terminations represent \$5.1 billion in wasteful spending," Hegseth said, adding that their termination would result in "nearly \$4 billion in estimated savings." During morning trading in New York shares of Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH.N), opens new tab were down 2.4% to \$106.30 and Accenture (ACN.N), opens new tab shares were down 2% to \$279.52. Representatives for Accenture (ACN.N), opens new tab, Deloitte (DLTE.UL) and Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH.N), opens new tab did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The contracts appeared to be wide-ranging cuts to consulting services for the Navy, the Air Force, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the Defense Health Agency.

**EU TRADE CHIEF SEFCOVIC TO GO TO
WASHINGTON FOR TALKS ON APRIL 14**

Diary Times Desk : European Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic is to travel to Washington on Sunday and will hold talks with US officials on Monday with the aim of reaching a deal on tariffs, an EU spokesperson said. US President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced a lowering of hefty duties he had just imposed on the European Union and dozens of other countries. The EU said on Thursday it would pause counter-tariffs. "The trade commissioner is going to Washington to try and sign deals. That is what we are focused on," European Commission trade spokesperson Olof Gill told Ireland's RTE radio on Friday. "All options are on the table should that not lead to a good outcome," he added. Gill said it was not entirely clear what the U.S. was looking for from the EU but that the pause in tariffs meant the two sides were "in a new space where actually be able to see some forward motion and some real progress." "We have plenty to offer, and we're ready to talk," he said.

AFTER INDIA OUTREACH, CHINA CALLS ON EUROPE TO RESIST AMERICAN "BULLYING"

Diary Times Desk : China on Friday called on the European Union to join hands to resist "unilateral bullying" by the United States, referring to the 145 per cent tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump on imported Chinese goods and the 20 per cent tax (suspended for 90 days after the EU retaliated) on goods from the bloc. China also said it is ready to fight a trade war if the US continues to act "recklessly". The appeal to the EU - which follows calls for India and China to work together - was made by President Xi Jinping as he met Spain Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez in Beijing. Mr Xi warned the Spanish leader the EU and China need to cooperate to ride out the looming trade war with the US. "China and Europe should fulfil their international responsibilities... and jointly resist unilateral bullying practices," the Chinese President said echoing remarks from earlier and stressing this would not only "safeguard legitimate rights and interests... but also safeguard international fairness and justice."

**CHINA RAISES TARIFFS ON US GOODS TO
125% AS TRADE WAR WORSENS**

Diary Times Desk : China on Friday said it would raise tariffs on US goods to 125 per cent from 84 per cent, hours after President Xi Jinping urged the European Union to join hands with Beijing in resisting "unilateral bullying", referring to the massive tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump. The new levy, which will come into effect on Saturday, was announced after Trump this week raised the tariffs for China to 145 per cent, further escalating the ongoing trade war between the world's top two economies. The Chinese finance ministry said further action by the US will be ignored because "at the current tariff level, there is no possibility of market acceptance for US goods exported to China". "The United States' imposition of round upon round of abnormally high tariffs on China has become a numbers game with no practical significance in economics," it said. "If the US continues to play the tariff numbers game, China will ignore it," a spokesperson said.

**US SENATORS CALL FOR 'INSIDER TRADING'
PROBE AGAINST TRUMP**

Diary Times Desk : A group of US senators on Friday urged the government's markets corruption watchdog to investigate whether President Donald Trump or White House insiders broke securities laws ahead of his dramatic reversal on global tariffs. The six Democrats -- led by Massachusetts progressive Elizabeth Warren -- noted in a letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that Trump posted on his website, Truth Social, early Wednesday that "THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!!" A few hours later, Trump announced a 90-day suspension of additional tariffs against dozens of countries, triggering a historic stock market rebound and the best day for the S&P 500 since the recovery from the 2008 financial crisis. We urge the SEC to investigate whether the tariff announcements... enriched administration insiders and friends at the expense of the American public," senators said. The letter urged the SEC to probe whether "any insiders."

**US JUDGE ALLOWS TRUMP'S
RULE ASKING ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS TO REGISTER
WITH GOVT**

Diary Times Desk : A federal judge has allowed the Donald Trump administration to go ahead with a requirement that every illegal immigrant in the United States must register with the government and carry documentation. According to an AP report, judge Trevor Neil McFadden, a Trump appointee, sided with the administration which argued that the officials were "simply enforcing" a requirement that already existed for everyone who is in the country but isn't an American citizen. The ruling did not go into the substance of the arguments, but rested largely on the technical issue of whether the groups pushing to stop the requirement had standing to pursue their claims. He ruled they didn't, the report added. The requirement goes into effect on Friday. After the ruling, Department of Homeland Security officials said in a news release that the registration deadline for those who've already been in the country for 30 days or more is Friday and that the registration requirement will be enforced to the fullest going forward.

**OVER 6,000 LIVING
IMMIGRANTS LISTED DEAD IN
THE US TO FORCE SELF-
DEPORTATION**

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration has taken a drastic step by classifying over 6,000 living immigrants as dead, effectively cancelling their social security numbers and rendering them unable to work or access benefits. This move aims to encourage these immigrants to "self-deport" and return to their home countries. The immigrants targeted by this policy were allowed to enter and remain in the US temporarily under programs introduced by former President Joe Biden. They had lawfully obtained social security numbers, which are unique nine-digit numbers issued by the federal government to US citizens, permanent residents, and temporary working residents. These numbers are used for various official purposes, including tracking earnings and contributions to the social security system. By stripping these immigrants of their social security numbers, the Trump administration is effectively cutting them off from many financial services and making it difficult for them to use banks or other basic services. This move is part of a broader effort to crack down on immigrants who entered the US under Biden-era programs, including over 900,000 immigrants who used the CBP One app.



PUNJAB CABINET APPROVES 50 PER CENT REDUCTION IN INCOME CRITERIA FOR DALIT ADVOCATES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Cabinet has reduced the income criteria for advocates from the Dalit community by 50 per cent, allowing them to be considered for positions in the Advocate General's office. This move aims to fill 25 per cent of the seats in the AG office reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Introduced by the Aam Aadmi Party government in 2023, the reservation policy faced challenges as some advocates couldn't meet the income criteria. Finance Minister Harpal Cheema stated that 58 posts in the AG office are reserved for SC/ST individuals, with 15 remaining vacant due to stringent income requirements. This decision, made during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, will enable members of the Dalit community to be considered for high court bench positions. In another key decision, the retirement age for medical teaching faculty has been increased from 62 to 65 years to address the shortage of teachers in medical colleges. Specialist doctors' retirement age has also been increased from 58 to 65 years, with re-employment on a contractual basis.



CHARGESHEET AGAINST FORMER SAD MLA JASJIT SINGH BUNNY FOR DISPLAYING PISTOL IN CHANDIGARH

Diary Times Desk : The Chandigarh Police have filed a chargesheet against Jasjit Singh Bunny, a former MLA of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and son of former Punjab cabinet minister Captain Kanwaljeet Singh. Bunny was accused of brandishing a revolver in the Sector 8 market here last year. On July 31, 2024, around 11 pm, the police received information through the control room that a person was roaming in the Sector 8 market with a pistol. Officers reached the spot and found Bunny near the community centre, possessing the revolver. The police took the revolver from him, which was found to be empty. Bunny failed to produce a license for the arm, leading to his arrest. The police registered a case against Bunny under Sections 25, 54, and 59 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959. He was granted bail by the court a few days later. In November 2016, an FIR was filed against Bunny for allegedly assaulting a Punjab police ASI. However, he was acquitted in 2024. The son of former Punjab cabinet minister Captain Kanwaljeet Singh, Bunny was accused of brandishing a revolver in the Sector 8 market here last year. In November 2016, an FIR was filed against Bunny for allegedly assaulting a Punjab police ASI. However, he was acquitted in 2024.

SHOW ZERO TOLERANCE TO WHITE-COLLAR CRIMES TO PROTECT INVESTOR FAITH: HC

Diary Times Desk : Calling for a robust and pragmatic approach to financial frauds, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar of the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that economic offences—especially those involving real estate scams and money laundering—stand on a different pedestal and warrant a more sophisticated legal response to prevent erosion of public trust in the justice system. "Of late, economic offences have become increasingly prevalent, attracting public attention, with many high profile cases coming to the fore. Therefore, a robust and pragmatic approach is warranted to combat this rising trend of deceitful manipulation, particularly involving real estate," Justice Brar asserted. The assertions came as Justice Brar dismissing a petition seeking quashing of an FIR in a "serious economic" real-estate "fraud committed in a pre-planned manner with an intention to cheat and deceive thousands of gullible investors". An FIR in the matter was registered at a police station in Mohali. The Bench was told that 1,162 persons were induced to pay 95 per cent of the total price of property, which they intended to purchase. But the accused did not even pay the instalments they owed to GMADA towards allotment of land.

CENTRE OKAYS RS 27 CRORE FOR TWO INCOMPLETE FLYOVERS ON CHANDIGARH-LUDHIANA HIGHWAY

Diary Times Desk : The Centre has approved the plan to construct two incomplete flyovers on the Chandigarh-Kharar-Ludhiana highway at a cost of Rs 27.3 crore. The development assumes significance as three flyovers on NH-05, connecting Chandigarh with Ludhiana, had been lying incomplete even five years after the completion of the 76-km project at a cost of Rs 2,100 crore in March 2020. While one of these three missing flyovers, which witness frequent fatal accidents and traffic jams, was completed recently, the two other flyovers are still incomplete. Approving the proposal sent by its Regional Officer (Punjab and Haryana), the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has allowed the change of scope proposal amounting to Rs 27.3 crore to build the remaining two missing links on the highway. Congress MP Dr Amar Singh, who represents the Fatehgarh Sahib constituency, in which both these missing flyovers fall, last month took up the issue with the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, seeking early completion of both flyovers at Khant Manpur and Jatana Uncha.



NOT JUST RS 4 CRORE, VINESH PHOGAT WANTS PLOT TOO FROM HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : The Haryana Sports Department has found itself in a difficult position after wrestler-turned-MLA Vinesh Phogat, despite being asked to choose between Rs 4 crore cash reward, a plot or a Group A job, has sought both the cash and the plot. The request has left the authorities uncertain about how to proceed. On March 25, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced that the Cabinet had decided to allow Phogat — now a Congress MLA — to opt for one of the three benefits offered to a silver medallist, treating her as a special case following her disqualification from the Paris Olympics for exceeding the weight limit. The department subsequently wrote to her, offering the choice of either the cash award, an HSVP (Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran) plot, or an Outstanding Sports Person (OSP) Group A job. However, Phogat responded by accepting the Rs 4 crore cash prize while also requesting the plot — equivalent to what Olympic silver medallists receive under the state policy. "She was supposed to choose one, given her unique situation, but she has asked for both," a Sports Department official said, adding that as an MLA, she was unlikely to opt for the government job.

WITH MODI IN ATTENDANCE, SAINI TO PRESENT REPORT CARD ON APRIL 14

Diary Times Desk : With Prime Minister Narendra Modi and thousands in attendance, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will present his government's six-month report during Modi's April 14 state visit. In fact, Saini will utilise Modi's visit to highlight development works undertaken in Haryana in the past six months in the presence of the large audience at the rallies before the people and the party top brass. Sworn in as Chief Minister for the second time on October 17, 2024, Saini will complete six months in office on April 17. The state unit of the BJP is already gearing up for Modi's "thanksgiving visit", the first after the historic hat-trick of the saffron party in the wake of the October 5, 2024, Assembly poll. It will be marked by mega two rallies -- in Yamunanagar and Hisar. People from 12 districts will join the rally at Yamunanagar while those from 15 districts are expected to be in attendance at Hisar. The April 14 functions are coinciding with Dr BR Ambedkar anniversary celebrations across the country. During his visit, Modi is set to lay the foundation stone of a new 800 MW Rs 7,272 crore unit at the Deen Bandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant (DCRTPP).

**RAIN LASHES SHIMLA,
SURROUNDING AREAS**

Diary Times Desk : Shimla and its surrounding areas were lashed by sudden and sharp rain and light hail this evening. At some places in the apple belt of upper Shimla, hailstones and a thunderstorm were recorded. The sudden showers pushed down the soaring temperatures, providing relief to people enduring heat wave conditions at various places in the state, especially in the hill stations. Meanwhile, the weather department has issued a yellow alert for a few spells of light to moderate rainfall accompanied by lightning, thunderstorm and gusty winds at isolated places in the districts of Kullu, Mandi, Chamba, Kangra, Sirmaur and Shimla over the next 12 hours. The department has also issued an orange alert for a few light to moderate spells of rain, accompanied by a thunderstorm and lightning, at a few places in Mandi, Kullu and Shimla districts till late in the evening. Lightning can damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops

**SPITI BUDDHISTS OFFER
LONG-LIFE PRAYERS FOR
DALAI LAMA**

Diary Times Desk : Buddhists from the Spiti valley offered long-life prayers for the Dalai Lama at the main Tibetan temple at McLeodganj in Dharamsala today morning. The Dalai Lama would turn 90 on July 6 this year, so many Tibetan groups from across the world were offering him long-life prayers. On April 2, Tibetan monks from the Kagyu sect had offered him long-life prayers. Tibetans were offering prayers to the Dalai Lama due to his pivotal role in the Tibetan struggle for freedom. The Dalai Lama, during the long-life prayers, had many times tried to allay the fears of his followers. He had recently stated that he would live up to 110 years. The Dalai Lama, who has repeatedly faced questions regarding his reincarnation, has allayed the fears of his followers and assured that he would live beyond hundred years. Though the Dalai Lama had given up his temporal authority as the head of the Tibetan government-in-exile in 2011 and handed it over to the elected government, he remained the pivotal force behind the Tibetan struggle against the Chinese government. The Buddhists from the Spiti valley were led by Serkong Rinpoche during the prayers.

SHINKU LA, DEEPAK TAAL THROWN OPEN FOR TOURISTS

Diary Times Desk : In a major development for tourism promotion and connectivity in the high-altitude regions of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh, the Shinku La on the Darcha-Shinku La-Padum road was officially reopened for tourist activities today by the district administration of Lahaul and Spiti. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) had restored this strategically vital road on April 8 for traffic, reconnecting the remote Lahaul valley of Himachal Pradesh with the Zaskar valley in the Union Territory of Ladakh. Deputy Commissioner, Lahaul and Spiti, Rahul Kumar, confirmed that the route was now open for tourist movement, though under stipulated conditions due to unpredictable weather. Traffic on this route would be regulated on alternate days. On Thursday, vehicles were allowed to travel from Lahaul towards Zaskar, while on Friday, movement will be permitted from Zaskar to Lahaul. The window for travel has been fixed from 9 am to 1 pm each day.

**KANGANA RAHAUT DOESN'T PAY BILLS,
CURSES GOVT: VIKRAMADITYA SINGH**

Diary Times Desk : A day after Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEB) clarified that actor-politician Kangana Ranaut has not paid bills, including old dues amounting to Rs 90,384 for two months, state PWD minister Vikramaditya Singh on Thursday alleged that she plays mischief, does not pay bill and then curses the government. Kangana, BJP Lok Sabha MP from Mandi, during a public meeting in her constituency recently, criticised the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh over the "inflated electricity bills", a video of which went viral on social media. "I received an electricity bill of Rs 1 lakh for one month for my house in Manali. I don't even live there. It is such a miserable condition," the 'Queen' fame actor said. Singh retorted on Thursday, writing on his Facebook account: "Mohtarma badi shararat karti hai, bijli ka bill nahin bharti hai, phir manch par sarkar ko kosti hai, aisa kaisa chalega" (Madam plays mischief, she does not pay electricity bills, then curses government from public platform. How will this work?" In a statement issued on Wednesday, the HPSEB said the bills amounting to Rs 90,384 were for two months, January and February, and they also included previous dues of Rs 32,287. "The domestic connection under No. 100000838073 is registered in the name of Kangana Ranaut at her residence in Simsa village.

**SCIMAGO RANKINGS 2025: SHOOLINI
UNIVERSITY SHINES IN CHEMISTRY AND
ENERGY**

Diary Times Desk : In the Scimago Institutions Rankings 2025 (Universities), Shoolini University has ranked second in India in both Chemistry and Energy, third in Environmental Science, and ninth in Physics and Astronomy. Moreover, notable improvements have been observed in Plant Science (Rank 19 from 35), Food Science (Rank 23 from 35), and Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology (Rank 99 from 105). Shoolini University has improved its India-specific innovation ranking as well, moving from 166 to 158. In the Overall Global category, Shoolini has secured the 46th position in India. In the Research Global category, the university ranks 16th in India, and in the Societal Global category, it stands at 208th in India. Chancellor Prof. P.K. Khosla expressed his thoughts on the rankings, stating: "Shoolini University's consistent rise in subject-specific rankings and innovation parameters is a testament to our focused vision and the extraordinary dedication of our faculty and researchers. I congratulate the entire Shoolini family for their commitment and performance." Prof. Sourabh Kulshreshtha, Dean, Research and Development, shared his views on the rankings.

TOURISTS WARNED AGAINST GOING CLOSE TO RIVERBEDS IN LAHAUL

Diary Times Desk : In the wake of the recent drowning incident involving two youths from Jharkhand in the Chandra River, the Lahaul-Spiti district administration has issued a strict advisory barring tourists from going close to riverbeds and entering water streams in the region. The drowning incident has raised serious concerns about public safety as the summer tourist season gets underway. Thousands of tourists rush to the Lahaul valley during the summer months, often venturing dangerously close to riverbanks for recreation, photography and clicking selfies. These activities, however, pose serious risks due to strong currents and slippery rocks, especially with rising water levels caused by melting snow. To curb such accidents, the district administration has invoked Section III of the Himachal Pradesh Police Act, 2007. The tourists found violating the directive could face up to eight days of imprisonment, a fine ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000, or both. The district authorities have urged tourists to act in a responsible manner and not risk their lives for such thrills. The police have intensified surveillance across key tourist spots and riversides and officials are continuously monitoring tourist activity to ensure compliance with the advisory.



CSK SUFFER FIFTH LOSS ON THE TROT AS KKR REGISTER MONSTER WIN

Diary Times Desk : So that's what happens when Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) get the kind of pitch their spinners like. Sunil Narine, Varun Chakravathy and Moeen Ali (12-1-55-6) went into Chepauk and burgled wickets away from the five-time IPL champions until they were a pale, weak shadow of themselves. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) crumbled to 103 for 9, their lowest IPL total at home, suffered a fifth successive defeat, which had never happened before in their entire history, and are marooned ninth on the points table. Welcome back to captaincy, MS Dhoni. The major characteristic of a black-soil pitch is that it is slow and it grips. It felt like home, which is ironic because home hasn't felt like home for them this season. KKR would prefer to play most of their matches in conditions like this but their efforts to procure them at the Eden Gardens hasn't gone well. Ajinkya Rahane doesn't even want to talk about it now. He did, however, spearhead a phenomenal bowling performance. He brought Moeen Ali into the XI and set him loose on CSK's two left-hand openers. Devon Conway couldn't overcome the handicap. The KKR offspinner pocketed a wicket maiden. In the next over, Rachin Ravindra was gone.



ICC MULLS KEY TWEAK TO TWO-BALL RULE IN ODIs

Diary Times Desk : The International Cricket Council (ICC) is contemplating scrapping the use of two new balls in One-Day Internationals (ODIs). While not a total U-turn from the existing Playing Conditions (PCs), the move is aimed at providing impetus to bowlers by facilitating reverse swing. The world body is also considering introducing in-game clocks in Test matches to manage over rates and is exploring the idea of having the Under-19 World Cup for men in the T20 format. The move to phase out the second new ball in the ODIs is understood to be a recommendation from the ICC's Cricket Committee. The bowling sides can start with two new balls but can use only one ball from the 25-over mark. The bowling side would have the option to choose which of the two balls to continue with. In effect, the ICC is not entirely reversing the two-ball rule in the PCs, but is aiming to reintroduce the prospect of reverse swing that is not possible when the ball retains the shine. Many experts have been criticising the two-ball rule, with Sachin Tendulkar calling it a recipe for disaster. "Having two new balls in one day cricket is a perfect recipe for disaster as each ball is not given the time to get old enough to reverse.

"THE RULES THEY PUT...": 'BANNED' HARRY BROOK BREAKS SILENCE ON DECISION TO PULL OUT OF IPL 2025

Diary Times Desk : Newly-appointed white-ball captain of England, Harry Brook, has opened up on his two-year ban from the Indian Premier League (IPL). Brook was bought by Delhi Capitals in the IPL 2025 mega auction for Rs 6.2 crore, but the batter pulled out of lucrative contract days ahead of the start of the tournament in order to be free and fresh to play for England. As a result, the player has been banned from entering the auction for the next two seasons. However, Brook has re-asserted he is ready to reduce his participation in franchise tournaments in order to focus more on his international career. Speaking to The Mirror, Brook said: "This is my priority. England is the way forward for me and franchise cricket can almost take a step back for little while. At the end of the day I enjoy playing cricket.

KL RAHUL REVEALS INSPIRATION BEHIND FIERY CELEBRATION AFTER DECIMATING RCB: A 450-CRORE HIT MOVIE

Diary Times Desk : Delhi Capitals (DC) wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul opened up on his now-viral celebration following win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and the movie which inspired it. After his valuable knocks in India's ICC Champions Trophy campaign this year, KL has not looked back. He played a knock of 93* in just 53 balls, laced with seven fours and six sixes in the IPL match against RCB. After the win, KL, seen as a reserved and calm personality on the field, was extremely animated, thumping his chest and pointing towards the ground and at his jersey as if saying that it (M Chinnaswamy Stadium) is his. He was also seen tapping his bat on the ground. Speaking in a video by DC, Rahul said, "This is a special place from me. This celebration was from one of my favourite movies, Kantara. So, a tiny reminder that this ground, this turf, this place where I grew up, is mine." The movie earned Rs 450 crore worldwide, according to several reports. Kantara is a 2022 Kannada movie starring Rishabh Shetty, Sapthami Gowda and Achyuth Kumar. In the picture below, one of the characters is seen planting his sword into the ground.

LSG AIM TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM MID-TABLE TRAFFIC

Diary Times Desk : For teams not named Delhi Capitals, life at home has not been perfect in IPL 2025 irrespective of where they sit on the points table. For a few, it's been marred with trying to understand what's on offer in the 22-yards in front of them and whether it can be congruent with the skills that they pack. Taming home conditions has just not come easy, but on Saturday, Lucknow Super Giants will take another stab at it. LSG had a dramatic start to the season as a defeat to PBKS trigger a head-turning comment from Zaheer Khan. A switch up from red soil pitch to a black soil one gave them a win in the second game - but perhaps not with the sort of control they would've envisioned. Wins in Hyderabad and Kolkata have helped them keep pace with the top-four even if they currently sit outside the periphery of playoffs spots. As the tournament progresses and more teams vie to climb up the rungs, LSG's bowling capabilities could be put to the sword. Their expensively assembled Indian attack has done just about enough in two of their three wins, but were also lacklustre in both the defeats. The batting is doing most of the heavy-lifting at the moment, but there's the inherent risk of a lopsided effort like that getting punished in the long run. Now that we're on heavy lifting, Gujarat Titans have also had their top three and impact substitute Sherfane Rutherford shoulder the bulk.

CORBIN BOSCH HANDED ONE-YEAR BAN FROM PSL

Diary Times Desk : Corbin Bosch, the South African pacer, has been handed a one-year ban from participating in the Pakistan Super League after he pulled out of the tournament ahead of the 2025 season in order to participate in the Indian Premier League. The decision was announced by the Pakistan Cricket Board on Thursday (April 10). The 30-year-old Bosch was picked by Peshawar Zalmi in the Diamond category in the PSL draft in January this year. However, Mumbai Indians called him as a replacement player in IPL 2025 for the injured Lizaad Williams for which he left the PSL only weeks ahead of the start of the tournament. In response to PSL's decision, Bosch stated "I deeply regret my decision to withdraw from the Pakistan Super League (PSL) and offer my sincere apologies to the people of Pakistan, the fans of Peshawar Zalmi and the wider cricket community. The PSL is a prestigious tournament and I fully understand the disappointment caused by my actions. To the loyal fans of Peshawar Zalmi, I am truly sorry for letting you down.

'YASHASVI JAISWAL SUDHAR JAO': EX-PAKISTAN CAPTAIN'S BLUNT WARNING FOR OUT-OF-FORM STAR

Diary Times Desk : Yashasvi Jaiswal has had a poor start to Indian Premier League 2025. The southpaw has scored only 107 runs in 5 matches at an average of 21.40. Out of the five innings, Jaiswal has got out thrice for single-digit scores. Jaiswal has simply failed to find his rhythm and has looked scratchy at the crease during his knocks so far. Amid the batter's poor form, former Pakistan captain Basit Ali has sent him a stern warning. Basit believes that the likes of Sai Sudharsan and Priyansh Arya could make it tough for Jaiswal to keep his spot in the Indian team. The former Pakistan batter shared his opinion while analysing the Gujarat Titans vs Rajasthan Royals match that took place on Wednesday. Sudharsan scored 82 off 53 in the match as GT registered a 58-run win over RR. On the other hand, RR opener Jaiswal fell for 6 off 7 balls. "It was a top-class knock from Sai Sudharsan. I saw a spark in his eyes when he was giving an interview after his knock. He spoke about facing Jofra Archer. It appears that he thinks about his game. WV Raman correctly said that he is a good player of pull and cut shots. He is one for the long haul," Basit said on his YouTube channel. "Rinku Singh sudhar jao, (Yashasvi) Jaiswal miyan sudhar jao, Parag sahab sudhar jao.