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## CALCUTTA HC

## CALCUTTA HC ORDERS CAPF DEPLOYMENT IN BENGAL'S MURSHIDABAD AS WAQF CLASHES KILL 3

**Diary Times Desk :** Three deaths have been reported in Waqf-related violence at Samserganj in West Bengal's Murshidabad, news agency PTI quoted police as saying on Saturday, shortly after which the Calcutta high court ordered the deployment of the central forces in the clash-hit district.

The clash victims included a father-son duo — Harogobindo Das and Chandan — who were found with multiple stab wounds inside their home in Jafrabad, located in the violence-hit Samserganj area, an IPS officer said, adding that the third victim, identified as 21-year-old Ijaz Momin, succumbed to bullet wounds he sustained during clashes at Sajur More in Suti on Friday.

A special bench comprising Justices Soumen Sen and Raja Basu Chowdhury was constituted by the Chief Justice to urgently hear a petition filed by Suwendu Adhikari, Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, seeking the deployment of central forces in the district.

Stating that it cannot keep its eyes closed when such situations come up, the Calcutta high court on Saturday ordered deployment of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) in Murshidabad.

The court said citizens must be provided with adequate security and protection to ensure peace and order in the region, a PTI report said. The court also instructed both the state government and the Centre to submit detailed reports on the situation. The matter is scheduled for further hearing on April 17.

Murshidabad district of West Bengal has been tense amid violent clashes that erupted following protests over the Waqf Act, prompting chief minister to say that the legislation will not be implemented in the state after accusations by the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at her of inaction over the stir.





## WAQF ACT WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN WEST BENGAL: MAMATA BANERJEE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Waqf (Amendment) Act will not be implemented in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Saturday amid violent protests in the state. Banerjee said the law was made by the Centre and answers should be sought from it. "My sincere appeal to people of all religions, please remain calm, remain restrained. Do not engage in any irreligious behaviour in the name of religion. Every human life is precious; do not incite riots for the sake of politics. Those who are inciting riots are harming society," she said in a post on X. Several vehicles, including police vans, were set on fire, stones were hurled at security forces, and roads were blocked as violence rocked Malda, Murshidabad, South 24 Parganas and Hooghly districts during protests over the new legislation on Friday. "Remember, we did not make the law over which many are agitated. The law was made by the central government. So the answer you want should be sought from the central government," the CM said.



## JHARKHAND JAGUAR CONSTABLE KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED IN IED BLAST IN WEST SINGHBHUM

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## OVER 450 FLIGHTS DELAYED, MANY CANCELLED DUE TO CONGESTION AT DELHI AIRPORT



**Diary Times Desk :** Hundreds of passengers waited for long hours at the Delhi airport on Saturday as more than 450 flights were delayed and many flights were cancelled due to congestion, with the situation starting to ease from afternoon onwards. Chaotic scenes were witnessed at the airport with many passengers standing at some places inside the airport and waiting for updates on Friday evening and Saturday morning as the impact of flight disruptions due to inclement weather conditions persisted. Many people took to social media to complain about the chaos and flight delays, and also shared pictures and videos of some places inside the airport being crowded. Delhi airport operator DIAL put out multiple updates on social media platform X about flight operations, along with some pictures of waiting areas inside the airport. In a post on X at 1919 hours, DIAL said flight operations at the airport are normal across all terminals. At 1701 hours, it said flight operations at the airport are normal, but some airlines are still affected by last night's weather conditions. "Our teams are working hard to minimise inconvenience. Please check flight status on our website and airline websites for updates".

## ASIAN GAMES SILVER MEDALLIST ATHLETE KARTIK KUMAR SUSPENDED FOR DOPING

**Diary Times Desk :** Asian Games silver medallist Kartik Kumar has been provisionally suspended for doping after testing positive for a cocktail of banned substances. Kartik, who trains in Colorado Springs with coach Scott Simmons, underwent out-of-competition testing by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in February and March. His samples were tested in Los Angeles and Salt Lake City laboratories, revealing the presence of stanozolol, an anabolic steroid, and high levels of testosterone. Kartik has returned to India after receiving the provisional suspension. It's unclear whether he'll request a 'B' sample test. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) confirmed Kartik's suspension and stated that action will be taken according to AFI rules and protocols, said AFI spokesperson and former president Adille Sumariwalla on Saturday.



### 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 : BRIDGE COLLAPSED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, FIVE DECADE OLD BRIDGE COULD NOT BEAR THE WEIGHT OF A 10 WHEELER TRUCK

**Diary Times Desk :** The 52-year-old bridge built on the Mangalore ravine near Mangalore on Aut-Banjar-Sainj Highway-305 collapsed due to heavy weight. The concrete bridge could not bear the weight of a ten-wheeler truck at around 3:30 pm on Friday night. This truck carrying cement mixture fell into the Mangalore ravine after the bridge collapsed. The driver was injured in the incident. After this, the movement of vehicles on the NH came to a complete halt. After 12 hours, the movement of small vehicles on the NH could be restored by making an alternative route. DC Kullu has now ordered an inquiry into the matter. The Mangalore bridge located on the border of Mandi and Kullu on NH-305 collapsed when a clinker truck was passing through it. As soon as the news spread early in the morning, there was a stir among the people. As soon as people reached here in vehicles in the morning, lines of vehicles started forming on both sides. When tourists and people did not find any alternative, they started crossing the ravine risking their lives. Children, elderly, women and other passengers crossed the ditch risking their lives.



## HIMACHAL : GREEN CHILLI WILL STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY PALAMPUR HAS PREPARED THREE NEW VARIETIES

**Diary Times Desk :** Now green chillies will also strengthen the economy of the farmers of Himachal Pradesh. Neither green chillies will suffer from rot disease nor will the chilli plant wither. Three new varieties have been prepared by researching on chillies at the Agricultural University Palampur. The university has prepared different varieties of these chillies which are full of disease resistance and spicy taste. These hybrid varieties prepared by the Agricultural University have been approved in the state level agricultural officer workshop. For their commercial cultivation, their format has been sent to the State Varietal Release Committee, which will soon reach the farmers' fields. This is being considered an important contribution of the university in strengthening the economy of the farmers of the state, but fruit rot and bacterial wilt disease are the main challenges in the successful production.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: HIMACHAL IS THE FIRST STATE TO STOP NIGHT SUBSIDY ON ELECTRICITY TO INDUSTRIES, MIGRATION MAY OCCUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to stop the night subsidy on electricity for industries. Industries are getting night subsidy in other states including Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir. In Himachal, night subsidy of 40 to 70 paise per unit has been stopped for industries, due to which the industry operators of the state are angry. Industry operators say that due to the stoppage of subsidy in the state, the cost has increased, if the government does not give relief, then there may be a situation of closure of industries and even migration. In the new electricity rates applicable from April 1 in the state, the government has stopped the night subsidy given to industries. Due to this decision of the government, electricity has become cheaper in Punjab as compared to Himachal. Industries in Punjab are getting night subsidy of about Rs 1.20 per unit.

## HIMACHAL: RE-APPEAR EXAMS OF 3RD, 5TH AND 8TH CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED USING HIMACHAL PRADESH SCHOOL BOARD QUESTION PAPERS ONLY

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## HIMACHAL : AMBULANCE WILL COME TO YOUR HOME FOR CHECKUP, TREATMENT WILL BE FREE; GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING TO FULFILL ONE MORE GUARANTEE

**Diary Times Desk :** In rural areas of Himachal, elderly people will be treated at their doorsteps. Ambulances will come to homes. It will have a doctor, nurse and a pharmacist. Doctors will treat patients at home. Patients will be given free medicines, samples will also be taken at home. Its report will come on the mobile number of the patient's family. If the elderly is found to be suffering from serious diseases, then in such a situation, they will be admitted to the nearest hospital. In its manifesto, the Congress Party has given a guarantee of providing medical facilities to the people of Himachal at their doorsteps. To fulfill this, a meeting of officials has been held in the Secretariat. According to the information received from the Health Department, this ambulance van will also have medicines, oxygen cylinders and other necessary equipment. Provision is being made to conduct 33 tests on the spot. Chief Minister Sukhu has asked the Health Department to start this guarantee soon. On receiving a call from the patients, teams of the Health Department will be sent from the nearest hospital to the homes of the people in the districts.

## HIMACHAL NEWS: NOW IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, BDOS WILL GET SAND AND GRAVEL TENDERS DONE IN PANCHAYATS

**Diary Times Desk :** Now in Himachal Pradesh, the Block Development Officer will invite tenders for sand, gravel, stones to be used for development works in the Panchayats. Earlier, the Panchayat representatives used to invite tenders for sand, gravel, stones at their own level. After the new responsibility given to the Block Development Officers, a committee will now be formed under the leadership of the Superintendent. The Superintendent, Accountant, Junior Engineer, two Panchayat representatives will also be included in the committee. The committee will find out the price of sand, gravel, stones. After this, on inviting tenders for works, only those vendors who quote lower rates than the prices shown by the committee will be able to get the tender. A notification has been issued by the Directorate in this regard to bring transparency in the works being done in the Panchayats and to stop the wasteful expenditure of public money.

## 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.

KEY ACCUSED IN GRENADE  
BLAST AT PUNJAB BJP  
LEADER'S HOUSE ARRESTED IN  
DELHI

**Diary Times Desk :** The prime accused in the case related to hand grenade blast at BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia's Jalandhar residence has been arrested from Delhi, a top Punjab Police official said on Saturday. Saidul Ameen, a resident of Amroha in Uttar Pradesh, was caught with the support of central agencies and Delhi Police, he said. "In a major breakthrough in Jalandhar grenade attack case, Jalandhar Commissionerate Police, with support from central agencies and Delhi Police, have successfully arrested Saidul Ameen (a resident of Amroha, Uttar Pradesh) from Delhi," Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said in an X post. Yadav said Saidul Ameen is the prime accused responsible for the grenade attack on Kalia's residence.

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TWO MEN FOUND HANGING  
FROM LEMON TREE IN PUNE  
DAY AFTER LEAVING NATIVE  
VILLAGE

**Diary Times Desk :** Two men hailing from Maharashtra's Ahilyanagar were found hanging from a lemon tree in Pune's Moshi region on Friday, police said, adding that the duo had just arrived from their native village Hunda Pimpalgaon a day earlier. Both the men, who were friends, were from the Jamkhed taluka in Ahilyanagar, reported news agency PTI, citing police officials. Their bodies were found near the Bharatmata Chowk in Khirid Vasti. A police official from the MIDC Bhosari station said that a case had been registered and a probe into the incident was underway.

FATHER, SON HACKED TO DEATH IN BENGAL AS  
WAQF PROTEST TURNS VIOLENT; 110 ARRESTED



**Diary Times Desk :** Two people were hacked to death by a mob, while another person sustained injuries in West Bengal's Murshidabad amid fresh violence on Saturday, a day after widespread unrest during protests against the Waqf Amendment Act. Over 110 people have been arrested so far, with police raids continuing across multiple locations. Amid the violent protests, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that the Waqf Amendment Act will not be enforced in the state, while the BJP has targeted the Trinamool Congress over the violence, also holding counter-protests. A father and son were hacked to death by a violent mob in the remote Jafrabad area on Saturday after the village came under attack, police sources said. In a separate incident, one person who sustained bullet injuries on Friday in the Samserganj area, succumbed to injuries. Police officials said their personnel were unlikely to be involved in the firing, suggesting that it "could possibly have come from the BSF," as central forces had been deployed in the area to control.

ON THERMAL CAMERA, TERRORISTS'  
INFILTRATION ATTEMPT NEAR LOC IN J&K

**Diary Times Desk :** On late Friday night, terrorists attempted to infiltrate into India from Pakistan near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir. The attempt was foiled by the Indian army, and a junior commissioned officer killed in the line of duty during a counter-infiltration operation. Now, a video released by the Army shows the movement of the terrorists near the LoC. The footage, captured by thermal cameras installed for better surveillance of the highly sensitive border areas, showed three terrorists attempting to cross into India through a dense forest in the Keri-Bhattal area of the Akhnoor sector. The troops picked up the movement of a group of heavily armed near a stream in a forward forest setting, which led to a fierce gunfight. Subedar Kuldeep Chand was injured in the encounter and later died of his injuries. The whole area was cordoned off with the deployment of reinforcements. Two terrorists have also been killed today in an ongoing operation, while one was gunned down the day before.

IN 2-FOR-1 DEAL, ALLIANCE WITH AIADMK ALSO STRENGTHENS BJP IN RAJYA SABHA

**Diary Times Desk :** The renewed BJP-AIADMK alliance in Tamil Nadu - announced Friday evening by Home Minister Amit Shah, with ex-Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami by his side - gives the former a premade political platform, i.e., access to an established cadre and voter base before next year's state election. How effective that platform will be - given the margin of victory the ruling DMK-Congress alliance enjoyed in the 2021 Assembly and 2024 Lok Sabha elections - is not clear, particularly since the BJP has historically struggled in a state that rejects its muscular brand of nationalism. But, and perhaps more crucially, it also gives the BJP a boost in the Rajya Sabha, because it can now count on the AIADMK's four MPs and this gives it a mathematical edge in the Upper House and, by extension, a stranglehold on Parliament. The BJP-led coalition already enjoys a brute majority in the Lok Sabha and is now set to control the Rajya Sabha too, meaning the passage of bills - particularly controversial ones like the 'one nation, one election' bill expected in the next Parliament session - should be much easier.

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NATIONAL HERALD CASE: ED BEGINS  
POSSESSION OF ASSETS LINKED TO  
SONIA, RAHUL GANDHI

**Diary Times Desk :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated proceedings to take possession of properties linked to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald money laundering case. On April 11, the central probe agency issued notices to property registrars in Delhi, Mumbai, and Lucknow, where the assets of Associated Journals Limited (AJL), -- acquired by Young Indian Limited (YIL), a company beneficially owned by Sonia and Rahul Gandhi -- are located. The case pertains to allegations of financial irregularities and misappropriation of funds involving the acquisition of AJL, which once published the National Herald newspaper, by YIL. BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, who filed the initial complaint, alleges that Young Indian took over AJL's assets in a "malicious manner" to gain control of properties worth over Rs 2,000 crore. According to the ED, the attachment follows investigations that revealed the alleged laundering.



**"WAS IN VERY GOOD SHAPE": DONALD TRUMP, 78, AFTER ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKUP**

**Diary Times Desk :** Donald Trump said he felt "in very good shape" Friday after his first annual medical checkup since returning to the US presidency, an exam that puts the focus on the fitness of the oldest man ever elected to the White House. Republican Trump, 78, has repeatedly boasted about his own vigor since starting a second term, while mocking his 82-year-old Democratic predecessor Joe Biden as decrepit and mentally unfit for office. But now it is Trump, who will also be 82 at the end of his presidency, under the stethoscope. "I felt I was in very good shape. Good heart," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One, adding that "I took a cognitive test. I don't know what to tell you other than I got every answer right." The billionaire arrived at the Walter Reed military hospital in the Washington suburbs earlier in the day -- after a delay due to talks on tariffs. "I have never felt better, but nevertheless, these things must be done!" Trump said on Truth Social earlier this week. Trump has repeatedly been accused of a lack of openness about his health despite huge interest in the wellbeing of America's commander-in-chief.

**DEATH TOLL FROM DOMINICAN CLUB ROOF COLLAPSE RISES TO 225 AFTER 4 DIE OVERNIGHT**

**Diary Times Desk :** Four people hospitalized after being rescued from the rubble of a roof collapse at a popular nightclub in the Dominican Republic died overnight, raising the death toll to 225, health officials said Saturday. Officials said 189 people were rescued alive from the rubble of the popular venue in the capital Santo Domingo. More than 200 were injured, with 15 of them still hospitalized, including five in critical condition. Early on Tuesday, the roof at the nightclub Jet Set collapsed during a merengue concert. Politicians, athletes and a fashion designer were among those enjoying live music when disaster struck. As of Saturday morning, people remained at a forensics institute waiting for the return of their loved ones' bodies. Later in the day, health authorities said all 225 bodies had been returned to the victims' families. Health minister Victor Attalah told journalists Saturday there was a delay in identifying.

**US ENVOY MEETS PUTIN IN RUSSIA FOR CEASEFIRE TALKS ON UKRAINE WAR**

**Diary Times Desk :** Talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff that focused on settling the Ukraine conflict concluded late on Friday after more than four hours. The Kremlin posted a photo on its website of the two men shaking hands, saying the meeting had taken place. "The theme of the meeting -- aspects of a Ukrainian settlement," it said. Russian news agencies said the meeting lasted more than four hours. Interfax news agency said Witkoff, President Donald Trump's envoy for the Middle East who is increasingly involved in Russian affairs, had left the site of the talks -- the presidential library in St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city. Tass news agency said Putin's investment envoy Kirill Dmitriev had returned to a hotel in the city.

**TRUMP PLANS TO STOCKPILE DEEP-SEA METALS TO COUNTER CHINA: REPORT**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Trump administration is drafting an executive order to enable the stockpiling of deep-sea metals to counter China's dominance in battery minerals and rare earth supply chains, the Financial Times reported on Saturday, citing people familiar with the matter. Under the plans, the stockpile would "create large quantities ready and available on US territory to be used in the future", in case of a conflict with China that might constrain imports of metals and rare earths, the report added. Last week, China placed some rare earth elements under export restrictions as part of its response to President Donald Trump's tariff package, potentially cutting the US off from minerals vital to everything from smartphones to electric car batteries. The stockpile is being considered as part of a broader push to fast-track deep-sea mining applications under US law, and to create onshore processing capacity, the report added.

**INDIAN PHARMA WAREHOUSE IN UKRAINE HIT BY MISSILES FROM INDIA'S 'FRIEND' RUSSIA: UKRAINIAN EMBASSY**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Ukrainian embassy in India on Saturday said in a post on microblogging platform X that a Russian missile struck the warehouse of Indian pharmaceutical company Kusum in Ukraine. The Ukrainian embassy said Moscow, while claiming "special friendship" with India, deliberately targets Indian businesses -- destroying medicines meant for children and the elderly. The X post of Ukraine embassy in India was a response to a post shared by the British ambassador to Ukraine, Martin Harris, saying, "This morning Russian drones completely destroyed a major pharmaceuticals warehouse in Kyiv, incinerating stocks of medicines needed by the elderly and children. Russia's campaign of terror against Ukrainian civilians continues." Russia and Ukraine have been fighting a war that began in February 2022 when the former launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, claiming it was protecting.

**HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS CANCELLED IN CHINA AS STRONG WINDS HIT CAPITAL**

**Diary Times Desk :** Hundreds of flights have been cancelled and trains suspended as gales hit Beijing and northern China on Saturday. By 11:30 local time (03:30 GMT) on Saturday, 838 flights had been cancelled at the capital's two major airports, according to the news agency Reuters. Wind gusts of up to 93mph (150kph) -- the strongest in the Chinese capital for more than half a century -- are set to continue through the weekend, forcing the closure of attractions and historic sites. Millions were urged to stay indoors on Friday, with some state media outlets warning that people weighing less than 50kg may be "easily blown away". Train services, including the airport's express subway line and some high-speed rail lines, have been suspended. Parks were also shut, with some old trees reinforced or trimmed in preparation -- but almost 300 trees have already fallen over in the capital. A number of vehicles were damaged, but no injuries were reported. In Beijing, most residents followed authorities' advice to stay indoors after the city warned 22 million residents to avoid non-essential travel.

**INDIAN-ORIGIN POLITICIAN IN US CHARGED FOR MAFIA-RUN GAMBLING OPERATION**

**Diary Times Desk :** An Indian-origin municipal councillor has been charged with participating in a mafia-run gambling operation, according to New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin. Anand Shah, 42, was one of 39 people charged with "racketeering, gambling offences, money laundering, and other crimes", Platkin said on Friday. He said the charges were filed following raids at 12 locations in the state, including 4 poker clubs. Another person of Indian descent, Samir S Nadkarni, 48, from Longwood, Florida, was also among those charged and was described as a "sportsbook sub-agent/poker host". Shah was a rising politician in New Jersey, serving his second term as a municipal councillor in Prospect Park, a New York suburb, and was in charge of finance, economic development, and insurance. Platkin said, "The arrest of a sitting council member only adds fuel to that fire" of public distrust of elected officials. Shah "was identified as allegedly managing illegal poker games and an online sportsbook in association with the Lucchese Crime Family", according to Platkin's office. "Lucchese Crime Family" is one of the dreaded Italian-American mafia groups in the US, which also works with people of other ethnicities.

MAIN ACCUSED IN BJP LEADER’S GRENADE ATTACK CASE  
ARRESTED FROM DELHI

**Diary Times Desk :** The Punjab Police, with the support of central agencies and the Delhi Police, arrested the main accused in the grenade attack case at BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia’s residence in Jalandhar. Jalandhar Commissionerate Police had previously arrested two individuals connected to the case: Satish Kumar Lucky, the driver of the e-rickshaw from which the grenade was thrown, and his cousin Harry, who provided Rs 3,500 to the accused. These arrests were made on April 8, just hours after the incident. According to Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav, Saidul Ameen is the prime suspect in the grenade attack targeting Kalia’s residence on the intervening night of April 7-8. The Punjab Police have made significant progress in the investigation, with further efforts underway to identify handlers, financial backers and potential foreign connections linked to the attack. The police said it was the conspiracy of Pakistan’s spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang to create communal tension in Punjab. The e-rickshaw used in the crime has also been seized.



JUSTICE ARUN PALLI APPOINTED  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF J-K AND LADAKH  
HIGH COURT

**Diary Times Desk :** Justice Arun Palli of the Punjab and Haryana High Court was on Saturday appointed Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. The appointment by the President of India followed the Supreme Court Collegium’s recommendation earlier this month. Over the past decade on the Bench, Justice Palli earned wide respect for his ability to navigate complex constitutional, civil, arbitration and intellectual property rights issues with judicial clarity and craftsmanship. His rulings have consistently reflected intellectual rigour, balance and fidelity to constitutional values and have stood out for their precision, coherence and sensitivity to both legal nuance and administrative equity. Appointed to the Bench on December 28, 2013, Justice Palli has also served as Executive Chairman of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority since May 2023, and was nominated to the Governing Body of the National Legal Services Authority in October 2023—recognitions that reflect his commitment to strengthening access to justice and institutional outreach. Before his elevation, Justice Palli had a distinguished practice as a lawyer at the Punjab and Haryana High Court, where he was designated Senior Advocate in 2007.

WITH 26 CADETS, MOHALI INSTITUTE  
SENDS ITS LARGEST-EVER BATCH TO  
NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY

**Diary Times Desk :** As many as 26 cadets of the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (AFPI), Mohali, have made it to the all-India merit list for entry into the National Defence Academy (NDA), Kharakvasla. The AFPI Director, Major General Ajay H. Chauhan (retd), said this is the highest number of cadets from the institute to get selected for joining the NDA in the same batch. To date, a total of 255 cadets of this institute have joined various service training academies since the first cadets passed out of the institute in 2013, and 170 alumni of the institute have so far been commissioned as officers in the defence services. They will be joining NDA’s 154<sup>th</sup> Course that is scheduled to begin in June 2025, for which call letters are in the process of being issued. Cadet Aryan Sofeth from Patiala has secured the 9<sup>th</sup> rank in the merit list, while 10 other cadets have secured positions among the top 100. Out of the 34 AFPI cadets that appeared for interview before the Services Selection Board for the 154<sup>th</sup> Course after passing in the written entrance exam, 26 were declared successful. All the cadets are from 12<sup>th</sup> Course of the AFPI. Congratulating the cadets, Punjab Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Minister, Aman Arora said these cadets are the pride of Punjab.

NIK BAKERS EXPANDS PRESENCE WITH OPENING OF NEW OUTLET IN ZIRAKPUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Bakery brand Nik Bakers, known for its baked goods and delightful café experience, has officially opened its latest outlet at Pooja Plazzio, Shop No. 1 to 3, Chandigarh-Ambala highway, Zirakpur. The grand launch marks another milestone in the brand’s journey of serving gourmet bakery products across North India. The inauguration ceremony was held with great enthusiasm and was honoured by the presence of retired Justice Varinder Singh, who cut the ceremonial ribbon along with Vinod Mittal (MD), Chef Nikhil Mittal (Director, Founder and Culinary Head), and Nittin Mittal (Director). The highlight of the event was the presence of Bollywood actor Aparshakti Khurana, who surprised fans with his appearance and extended heartfelt congratulations to the team. The event saw an overwhelming response with the attendance of numerous celebrity food bloggers, influencers, and media personalities, all of whom shared their excitement and appreciation for the store’s ambiance, offerings, and signature menu.



SUKHBIR BADAL RE-  
ELECTED SHIROMANI  
AKALI DAL CHIEF

**Diary Times Desk :** The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) re-elected former party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal as its president during the organisational poll held at Teja Singh Samundari Hall here on Saturday. Party insiders had revealed that Sukhbir was both the “favourite” and “the only candidate” for the post. The elections follow the conclusion of a three-month-long membership drive. Sukhbir resigned from his post of the SAD president on November 16, 2024, after being declared ‘tankhaiya’ (guilty of religious misconduct) by the Akal Takht. Sukhbir was first elected as the party president in December 2008, during his father Parkash Singh Badal’s tenure as Chief Minister. He was lauded as a leader of the future for introducing a corporate-like political culture within the party. However, dissent grew as the party faced consecutive electoral defeats, starting with the 2017 Assembly elections. After ruling Punjab from 2007 to 2017, the SAD was reduced to just three MLAs in the 2022 Assembly elections and one MP in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll.

WOMAN ACCUSES HARYANA  
BJP STATE CHIEF, SINGER OF  
GANG-RAPE IN KASALI,  
SHARES RECORDINGS

**Diary Times Desk :** The woman who has levelled gang-rape allegations against state BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli and singer Rocky Mittal held a press conference on Saturday where she shared phone recordings with Mittal. She reiterated her allegations against Badoli and Mittal. She informed that her appeal in the Solan sessions court against the Himachal Pradesh (HP) Police’s closure report in the gang-rape case is listed for April 24. She alleged that the Panchkula Police’s Investigating Officer, who is probing the extortion case against her on the complaint of Mittal, has been defaming her as he had met her neighbours too. On the gang-rape incident, she said that she had gone to Kasauli with her friend. “We were taking pictures. There we met Rocky Mittal and Mohan Lal Badoli. I stand by my allegations against them,” she said. “I will take poison if I am telling a lie. My friend has turned hostile. I don’t know whether she had taken the cash or was under pressure.” She also shared her friend’s phone recordings with Mittal, where the woman was levelling allegations and asking Mittal for a meeting. “I will not keep quiet till I get justice. The FIR was registered on December 13, 2024. I remained in touch with the IO. I even told him about the room numbers, but still, they didn’t call Badoli and Mittal.

### RAIN, THUNDERSTORM PREDICTED AT SOME PLACES IN HIMACHAL TODAY

**Diary Times Desk :** Light to moderate rainfall have been recorded at various places in the state since Thursday evening. While hail was recorded at Sundernagar, Shimla and Banjar, thunderstorm activity was observed in Shimla, Sundernagar, Jubberhatti, Jot, Kangra and Bhunter. Shimla was lashed by rain in the morning, while a few places in upper Shimla received hailstone. Until noon tomorrow, there is a possibility of strong thunderstorms at some places in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, Solan and hailstorm may also occur at one or two places. A yellow alert has been issued for thunderstorm accompanied with lightning at isolated places tomorrow. Besides, light precipitation is likely at few places tomorrow in the district of Lahaul-Spiti, Chamba, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur and Kangra districts and at isolated places in Solan and Sirmaur districts.

### GARBAGE 'RIVERS' ON THE RISE IN HAMIRPUR

**Diary Times Desk :** Rivers and tributaries in Hamirpur district, known for their crystal-clear water, are turning into rivers of garbage due to official apathy. The lack of concern from the relevant departments has not only deteriorated the water quality, but also led to outbreaks of epidemics in the recent past. The three major tributaries, Maan Khud, Kunah Khud, and Bakar Khud, are polluted due to neglect, unscientific mining, and regular dumping of garbage. Maan Khud flows through Barsar town and Nadaun, providing water to over 100 villages, while Kunah Khud, the longest tributary of Beas River, covers over 60 kilometres and serves as a major source of water for over 150 villages. Bakar Khud originates from the hill near Samirpur and merges with the Beas River near Sandhol. Local residents have expressed concerns over the deteriorating water quality. Ramesh Chand from Rangas village said, "No one is bothered to check the water quality that is supplied by Jal Shakti Vibhag." Saroj Kumari from village near Nalti added, "The khud that had clear water is now flowing with stinking water." She added that a garbage from treatment plant near Hathali Khud in the upstream.

### SNOWFALL IN LAHAUL-SPITI, RAIN LASHES SEVERAL PARTS OF HP

**Diary Times Desk :** Rain lashed several parts of Himachal Pradesh since Friday evening, while some places in Lahaul and Spiti district witnessed light snowfall, the local Meteorological (MeT) office said on Saturday. An orange alert has been issued for thunderstorm, lightning, and hail at isolated places in eight districts—Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan, and Sirmaur—for Saturday. Additionally, a yellow warning has been issued for thunderstorm and lightning in Chamba and Kullu districts. According to the MeT office, Kukumseri received 7 cm of snow, followed by Gondhla with 3 cm and Keylong 1 cm. Gusty winds with a speed of 40-60 km/h were witnessed in several locations, including Bajaura, Bilaspur, Seobagh, Kotkhai, Kufri, Reckong Peo, and Tabo. Thunderstorms were reported in Shimla, Sundernagar, Kangra, Jubbarhatti, and Bhunter. Light to moderate rains lashed several parts of Himachal Pradesh. Dharamshala, which recorded 40 mm of rain, was the wettest in the state, followed by Jogindernagar and Baijnath (32 mm rain each), Jot (24.4 mm), Dalhousie (22 mm), Palampur (19.2 mm), Solan (15 mm), Mandi (14.8 mm), Jatton Barrage and Malraon (14 mm each), Sundernagar (13.4 mm), Chamba (11 mm), Kothi (10.2 mm), and Jubbarhatti (10.1 mm).



### HAILSTORM DAMAGES APPLE ORCHARDS, STANDING CROPS IN MANDI, KULLU

**Diary Times Desk :** Heavy hailstorm that had lashed parts of Mandi and Kullu districts yesterday caused extensive damage to apple orchards and other crops, leaving farmers in distress as the flowering season was nearing its peak. The worst-hit region is the Seraj valley in Mandi district, particularly Thunag and Chhatri areas. Local apple growers reported heavy losses as the hailstorm battered blooming apple trees, pear orchards and other stone fruits. Ravinder Sisodiya of Thunag and Devender Bablu and Ram Lal Chauhan of Chhatri said that the hailstorm struck at a critical time when apple orchards were in full bloom, significantly affecting the expected yield. Bablu said, "Our orchard has been badly affected. The intensity of the hailstorm was such that it damaged flowers. This is a setback for us." In the neighbouring Kullu district, Banjar subdivision also reported damage to crops. Bhagat Singh, pradhan of Dehuridhar gram panchayat in Banjar, said that a few panchayats in the area experienced similar destruction. "The hailstorm hit the region hard. Apple orchards and various crops have been damaged," he added. Farmers in Mandi and Kullu districts have urged the horticulture and agriculture departments to immediately assess the losses suffered and provide compensation.

### CM LAUNCHES WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN BILASPUR'S KOL DAM

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu virtually dedicated eight major development projects to the people of Bilaspur district, from New Delhi today. The projects included the launch of water sports activities at the Kol Dam and a 110 KW rooftop solar power plant at the Deputy Commissioner's office constructed at a cost of Rs 70 lakh. The Chief Minister inaugurated the City Livelihood Centre constructed at a cost of Rs 4.5 crore, four space labs constructed at a cost of Rs 40 lakh and a Model Career Centre built at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore. He said that these projects reflected the commitment of the state government towards the development of Bilaspur district. "Water-based sports activities in the Gobind Sagar Lake will boost water-based adventure tourism in a big way. This initiative will not only help Bilaspur to mark its presence on the tourism map but will also generate new employment opportunities for the local youth," he added. The Chief Minister said that the state government had accorded top priority to tourism because it was the highest revenue generating sector. He added that a major chunk of Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue also comes from this sector.

### KANGANA RANAUT TO 'COOPERATE' WITH GOVT IN EXECUTION OF CENTRAL SCHEMES

**Diary Times Desk :** Local MP Kangana Ranaut chaired a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) here today to review the progress of Central Government-sponsored schemes in the district. She said that she was committed to ensuring the timely and effective implementation of central schemes and the state government would receive her full cooperation in this regard. Kangana emphasised the importance of executing infrastructure projects on schedule. She reviewed the ongoing construction of the Kiratpur-Manali and Mandi-Pathankot four-lane highways by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as well as the Hamirpur-Mandi via Kotli two-lane road being developed by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. She directed the officials concerned to ensure that these projects were completed in the timeline and resolve any difficulties being faced by the local population during construction. She expressed displeasure over the absence of the NHAI Project Director in the meeting. She assessed the progress of roads and bridges under construction under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase-III and the Central Road Fund (CRF) being implemented by the state Public Works Department. She urged officials to expedite these works and ensure that these were completed without delay.



## ABHISHEK SHARMA'S 141 OFF 55 HELPS RECORD SECOND-HIGHEST IPL CHASE

**Diary Times Desk** : Sunrisers Hyderabad ended a four-match losing streak in style by pulling off the second-highest run chase in IPL history, effortlessly chasing 246 against the team that holds the record. The win was made possible by Travishek, who finally clicked this season. On a Hyderabad pitch back to its batting-friendly best after last week's turner against Gujarat Titans, Abhishek Sharma and Travis Head capitalised, punishing Punjab Kings with the season's highest partnership - 171 in just 12.2 overs - after two missed chances off Abhishek. The left-hander, previously without a six this season, smashed six on his way to a 40-ball century that floored PBKS. He then added a few more after celebrating his landmark with a note: "This one is for the Orange Army." Abhishek's maiden IPL century - the highest score by an Indian - stole the spotlight, but Harshal Patel's 4 for 42 was just as crucial, helping cut PBKS short by at least 20 runs from what they seemed set to score. It was only their second loss of the season, made worse by an injury to key pacer Lockie Ferguson.



## PHILLIPS RULED OUT OF IPL 2025 WITH GROIN INJURY

**Diary Times Desk** : Glenn Phillips, who picked up a groin injury while fielding in Gujarat Titans' (GT) game against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Hyderabad on April 6, has been ruled out of the remainder of IPL 2025. An IPL statement said that Phillips has "returned to New Zealand". GT, the table-toppers at this stage with four wins from five games, haven't named a replacement for Phillips yet. Phillips, who didn't get into GT's starting line-up even once during his stay with the team, came on as a substitute fielder after the fifth over of the SRH innings but had to limp off within minutes. He fielded the fourth ball of that over, bowled by Prasad Krishna, and hurled a throw to the wicketkeeper's end as Ishan Kishan and Nitish Kumar Reddy stole a quick single. He went down clutching his groin straightaway. "Looks like he might have pulled his groin while getting that throw away," we noted on our live ball-by-ball commentary. He hobbled off before the next delivery, helped along by some of the others from the GT camp. GT had earlier lost the services of Kagiso Rabada, on April 3, when he left home "to deal with an important personal matter".

## LSG VS GT: RISHABH PANT'S HORRIBLE RUN CONTINUES, DEPARTS FOR 21 AFTER OPENING

**Diary Times Desk** : Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant was once again dismissed cheaply against Gujarat Titans (GT) on Saturday, April 12 at Ekana Stadium in Lucknow. Pant walked out to open the innings alongside Aiden Markram with Mitchell Marsh not being available for the fixture due to his daughter's ill health, as Lucknow came out to chase the target of 181. The wicketkeeper batter hadn't been in the best of forms in the ongoing Indian Premier League 2025 (IPL 2025), having scored just 19 runs from four innings. His poor form continued as he got dismissed for 21 (18), getting caught at third man by Washington Sundar. It was for the fifth time in his IPL career that Pant was opening with his last appearance at the top of the order coming for Delhi against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) back in 2016.

## NICHOLAS POORAN, AIDEN MARKRAM'S FIERY KNOCKS PROPELS LSG TO 6-WICKET WIN VS GT

**Diary Times Desk** : Lucknow Super Giants beat Gujarat Titans by six wickets in their Indian Premier League match on Saturday. LSG chased down the target of 181 with three balls to spare with Aiden Markram (58) and Nicholas Pooran (61) hitting half centuries. Ayush Badoni remained not out on 28 as LSG scored 186 for 4 in 19.3 overs. Prasad Krishna (2/26) was the most successful bowler for GT, while Rashid Khan and Washington Sundar took a wicket apiece. Earlier, captain Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan struck half centuries to help Gujarat Titans post 180 for 6 after they were invited to bat.

## "YOU WENT TILL RS 23 CRORE...": KL RAHUL'S FIERY CELEBRATION AGAINST ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU DECODED

**Diary Times Desk** : Former Indian cricket team batter Aakash Chopra was in awe of KL Rahul as he guided Delhi Capitals to a comprehensive victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in IPL 2025 on Thursday. Rahul slammed an explosive 93 off 53 deliveries to clinch a six-wicket victory for his side with 13 balls remaining. It was a special knock from the batter who was regularly criticised for his strike rate in T20 cricket. However, Chopra made it clear that Rahul was 'Player of the Match' and decoded his fiery celebration. "KL Rahul's batting. He was the Player of the Match. He made a ground, a circle, and then planted his bat in the middle, and said this is his area and he reigns there. He would have been hurt. Rahul even used to put his fingers in his ears to keep the outside noise out. However, he would have been seeing and hearing everything, enduring and swallowing it," Aakash Chopra said on YouTube. Rahul was part of the IPL 2025 mega auction after he was released by Lucknow Super Giants but RCB decided to not bid for their old player. Instead, they went big for Venkatesh Iyer before eventually losing out to Kolkata Knight Riders in the bidding. Chopra said that Rahul's celebration was a message to RCB management that they were wrong to not go for him and in not valuing his 'skill set'. "When they won the match, he said - 'I started here, I was with you, but you let me go. It's fine if you let me go then, but this time when I came in the auction, you had money as well. You went till ₹23 crore for Venky Iyer and didn't come to me till ₹12 crore. You don't value my skill set. So I will take it upon myself to change the game for you," he added. Aakash Chopra was in awe of KL Rahul as he guided Delhi Capitals to a comprehensive victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in IPL 2025.

## JAMES ANDERSON TO RECEIVE KNIGHTHOOD FOR REMARKABLE ENGLAND CAREER

**Diary Times Desk** : Legendary fast bowler James Anderson is set to be knighted in recognition of his outstanding 21-year career with England. His name appeared on the resignation honours list of former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, as per ESPNcricinfo. The 42-year-old retired from international cricket in 2024 after claiming 704 Test wickets--the most by an English bowler and the most by any fast bowler in history. He played 188 Tests, ending his England career with a final match against the West Indies at Lord's in July 2024. His journey began at the same ground back in May 2003, when he made his debut against Zimbabwe. Although Anderson hasn't played white-ball cricket for England since 2015, he still holds the national record for most wickets in ODIs (269) and also took 18 wickets in T20Is, finishing just nine short of 1,000 international wickets. Despite retiring from England duty, Anderson hasn't fully stepped away from the game. He is recovering from a calf injury and plans to play domestic cricket for Lancashire this summer, much like Alastair Cook, who kept playing for Essex after receiving his knighthood in 2019.

## HUSSEY STILL HOPEFUL OF CSK BAGGING A PLAYOFF SPOT

**Diary Times Desk** : Chennai Super Kings batting coach Michael Hussey is still hopeful of his side bagging a playoff spot in IPL 2025. CSK are currently on their worst run in IPL history, having lost their fifth successive game on Friday (April 11). As a result, they are languishing in the ninth spot, marginally above Sunrisers Hyderabad on net run rate. However, with eight matches still left, Hussey believes CSK can still scrape through to fetch that fourth spot by the end of the league stage. "We are certainly not putting the white flag up just yet," Hussey said after CSK's massive loss to KKR. "You only have to get in to scrape into that fourth place. And a big, long tournament like the IPL, it is about momentum. "Now, certainly the momentum is not with us at the moment whatsoever. We haven't been playing good cricket consistently. We definitely acknowledge that, put our hands up and say that that is fact at the moment. But that's not to say things can't turn around and can't turn around quickly. So, that's what we're still hanging on to, and that's what we're working hard towards. And if we can change that momentum and get some confidence going and get a few wins on the board.