

WAQF STIR

"ARMED GANG CAME FROM NOWHERE": LOCALS ON BENGAL VIOLENCE AMID WAQF STIR

Diary Times Desk : Skeletal remains of burnt vehicles, a looted shopping mall and a vandalised pharmacy were some of the tell-tale signs of violence that engulfed parts of Murshidabad district of West Bengal during protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

On Sunday, roads were deserted, shops closed and people remained indoors as police and central armed forces patrolled sensitive areas in Dhulian, Shamsherganj and Suti areas which witnessed violence in the last two days.

Leading a media team inside a vandalised building in Dhulian, some locals showed remains of bomb splinters, and ashes of furniture that were stacked on the courtyard and set ablaze.

"We were caught unawares as suddenly, an armed gang of hundreds of people emerged from nowhere. They were baying for blood shouting that no member of our community will be allowed to live in the area as we are collaborating with a ploy to take away Waqf land through the Act.

"As we pleaded with them, they did not harm us but exploded a number of bombs and vandalised the property before leaving the spot. The police arrived much later," one of the residents, said, showing around the scars of the damage. In Suti, the owner of a pharmacy, who was assessing the damage in his shop after getting assurance from patrolling jawans, said, "I have been living here for 50 years but never seen saw such carnage.



RAHUL GANDHI

RAHUL GANDHI TO BE IN ALWAR TODAY AMID ROW OVER TEMPLE PURIFICATION

Diary Times Desk : A BJP leader's move to purify the Ram temple in Alwar after Congress's Dalit leader Tika Ram Jully visited it, has sparked a massive political row. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will visit Alwar on Monday. The Alwar district administration is bracing for protests by Dalit groups on Ambedkar Jayanti. They are demanding that the BJP's former MLA Gyan Dev Ahuja apologise for his act. Mr Ahuja has refused.

The BJP, apprehensive of a shift in its Dalit vote bank, has been quick to suspend Mr Ahuja from the party and sent him a notice. But Mr Gandhi's visit is expected bound to escalate the caste dynamics and polarisation in Alwar and the Congress is hoping to capitalise on the controversy.

The Scheduled Caste vote bank is crucial for Alwar, with two seats reserved out of the six in the area. The situation also can be a game changer in other seats in Alwar district.

With a key political vote bank at stake, the Congress is not going to step back. Mr Gandhi has accused the BJP of having an "anti-Dalit mindset". He has also asserted that the country should be run by the Constitution and not ancient texts like "Manusmriti" "which considers Bahujans as second class citizens".

Mr Ahuja had sprinkled Ganga water at the Ram temple to "purify" it last week -- a day after Congress's Tika Ram Jully attended the consecration ceremony. Congress leaders, including Mr Jully, slammed the act as an insult to a Dalit.

Mr Ahuja said there was no caste angle to his act. He also slammed the Congress, saying the party leaders have "no moral authority" to attend such ceremonies since they had "boycotted" the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.



12 MORE ARRESTED FOR VIOLENCE OVER WAQF ACT IN WEST BENGAL'S MURSHIDABAD

Diary Times Desk : Twelve more people were arrested in connection with the violent protests over the Waqf (Amendment) Act in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, where three people have died, police said on Sunday. No new incident of violence was reported from anywhere in the Muslim-majority district, with security forces keeping a close vigil, they said. "The situation in Suti, Dhulian, Samsanganj and Jangipur areas of the district is peaceful. Raids continued overnight, and 12 more people were arrested. With this, 150 people have been arrested so far," a police officer said. Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) have been imposed in the violence-hit areas, and the internet has been suspended, he said. The security forces are checking vehicles on the main roads, and patrolling the sensitive pockets, he added. An investigation is under way into the incidents of violence. More arrests are likely," the officer said.



GOVERNORS HAVE NO DISCRETION UNDER ARTICLE 200; ARE BOUND BY ADVICE OF STATE CABINET: SC

Diary Times Desk : Ruling that governors don't not have discretion while exercising their powers under Article 200 of the Constitution in dealing with Bills passed by state Assemblies presented to them, the Supreme Court has said that they must abide by the advice of the Council of Ministers. "Once the Bill is passed by the state legislature, and presented to the Governor for assent, he must act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers as a general rule and only in exceptional situations... should he reserve it for the consideration of the President," a Bench led by Justice JB Pardiwala said while deciding on Tamil Nadu Government's petition against the Governor for sitting over Bills. "The framers did not expect that the Governor would, as a matter of routine, declare the withholding of assent to Bills casually. The deletion of the expression 'in his discretion' from the first proviso is also an unmistakable indication of the intent of the framers in vesting no discretion in the Governor."

8 KILLED, 7 INJURED IN FIRE AT CRACKER FACTORY IN ANDHRA PRADESH'S ANAKAPALLI



Diary Times Desk : Eight people, including two women, were killed and seven others injured in a fire accident at a firecracker manufacturing unit in the Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday. "Eight people, including two women, died, and seven others were injured in the fire accident. While the injured are being shifted to hospitals, further details are awaited," State Home Minister V Anitha said. The accident occurred around 12:45 pm, and officials are currently focused on recovering the bodies and shifting the injured to hospitals. Locals are also assisting the police at the scene, a police official said. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed shock over the incident and directed Minister Anitha and district officials to ensure proper medical care for the injured, an official release said. CM Naidu also ordered an inquiry into the incident and asked officials to submit a report to him.

IAF AIRCRAFT ON RELIEF SORTIE FACED GPS SPOOFING OVER MYANMAR

Diary Times Desk : An Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft flying a relief sortie to earthquake-hit Myanmar found its Global Positioning System (GPS) signal spoofed – was giving a wrong location – for few minutes as it entered Myanmar's air space on March 29. The role of China-backed rebel groups in Myanmar is being suspected for doing this. A US made C-17 plane of the IAF that uses a GPS to navigate its route had its signal spoofed when it was flown from Agra to Yangon, Myanmar. India had launched Operation Brahma after an earthquake measuring 7.7 hit Myanmar on March 28. The matter of signal spoofing has been reported to the IAF headquarters, sources said while confirming that the incident happened. According to sources, when the aircraft was flying in Myanmar's airspace, the pilots noticed that the GPS signal was being tampered with. This is called spoofing – means the navigation data that the GPS was showing to the pilots was wrong. As per standard operating procedure (SoP), the pilots immediately shifted to the C-17's inertial navigation system (INS). The INS is a back up and is used when a satellite breach disrupts the GPS. The INS puts the plane back on its correct course.



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<p>Aries Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.</p>	<p>Taurus Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.</p>
<p>Gemini Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.</p>	<p>Cancer Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.</p>
<p>Leo Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.</p>	<p>Virgo Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may emerge.</p>
<p>Libra Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.</p>	<p>Scorpio Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.</p>	<p>Capricorn Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.</p>
<p>Aquarius Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.</p>	<p>Pisces Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.</p>



HIMACHAL : FORMER MINISTER VIRENDRA KANWAR THREATENED WITH DEATH, RANSOM DEMANDED; CASE REGISTERED AGAINST UNKNOWN PERSON

Diary Times Desk : An unknown person called former minister and senior BJP leader Virendra Kanwar and threatened to kill and kidnap him. The accused introduced himself as Dharmendra from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh and demanded ransom. He threatened to face dire consequences if the demand was not met. The former minister immediately complained about this to Una Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh. After this, the police registered a case against the unknown person and started investigation. Virendra Kanwar said that a ransom of Rs 20 to 25 lakh has been demanded from him. He has also been threatened to be killed if the ransom is not paid. After receiving the complaint, the technical team of the police is trying to reach the accused with the help of call recording, mobile tracing and cyber cell. The accused has also tried to hide his identity, because his name was shown as Irfan Khan on True Caller, while on the phone he told his name as Dharmendra. Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh said that a case has been registered and investigation has been started.



SHIMLA NEWS: 20 THOUSAND PEOPLE BOWED THEIR HEADS IN JAKHU ON HANUMAN JANMOTSAV, BHANDARA CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Diary Times Desk : Hanuman Janmotsav was celebrated with great pomp on Saturday at the famous Hanuman temple Jakhu in the capital. The doors of the temple were opened at 4 am. After this, Hanuman ji, who was present in the form of Pindi, was decorated with flowers. From morning to evening, 20 thousand people bowed their heads in the temple. Devotees danced to the bhajans of Ram ji ka pyara Siya ka dalara, birthday Balaji tera manane hum aaye hain and kijo kesari ke lal. The grand aarti of Bajrangbali was performed at 7 am. After this, roti and halwa made of one and a half quintal flour were offered as prasad. Bhandara for the devotees started in the temple from 8 am which continued throughout the day. By late evening, about 20 thousand devotees bowed their heads in the temple. Havan was performed in the temple at 9:40 am. Priests and members of Hanuman Seva Samiti offered oblations in the havan. After this, hundreds of devotees sat in the temple premises and recited Sundarkand. Some devotees read Hanuman Chalisa. The queues of devotees started forming from 5 am onwards to have darshan at the temple.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: 80% OF THE PANCHAYATS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH ARE LAGGING BEHIND ON THE PARAMETERS OF DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE, REVEALED IN THIS REPORT

Diary Times Desk : About 80% of the state's panchayats are lagging behind in the standards of development and governance. Apart from this, the work of 20 percent panchayats is average. There is only one panchayat in the entire state which has received A+ grade. This disclosure has been made by Dr. Baldev Negi, faculty member of Himachal Pradesh University's Rural Development Interdisciplinary Studies Department. He has prepared the report based on the data of Panchayati Upgradation Index (PIA) released by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. In this, the rate of development in the state's panchayats and the work being done in them has been analyzed. Out of 3615 panchayats of the state, 3403 panchayats have been studied. Out of this, data of 3328 panchayats was reviewed. In this, 79.5 percent (2647) panchayats are in C category. These panchayats have not yet fully met the standards of development.

HIMACHAL : IF THERE IS ANY PROBLEM IN TARRING THEN CONTRACTORS WILL BE BLACKLISTED, ENGINEERS SHOULD ALSO PAY ATTENTION TO QUALITY

Diary Times Desk : If the quality of tarring of roads in Himachal Pradesh is not up to the mark, the contractors will be blacklisted. The state government has issued strict instructions regarding this. Not only this, junior and executive engineers have been instructed to remain present on the spot during tarring of roads. If the quality of work is not good, strict action will also be taken against the engineers. These days, tarring of roads is going on. The state government has set a target of tarring 2,000 km this year. Last year also, the government had taken action against 85 contractors. Tarring of roads and damaged roads are to be repaired by August this year. Along with this, black spots and drains made for drainage of rainwater will also be repaired. Tenders for tarring of roads have been issued to the Public Works Department. Tarring work has started in Himachal from March 20. Junior engineers and executive engineers will remain in the field during tarring. The department has given priority to repairing and tarring of roads in Kullu, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Una, Solan, Shimla, Chamba districts. The weather has cleared in Himachal.

EARTHQUAKE IN HIMACHAL: EARTHQUAKE JOLTS HIMACHAL PRADESH, MANDI WAS THE EPICENTRE, INTENSITY WAS 3.4

Diary Times Desk : Earthquake tremors were felt in Sundarnagar of Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. The epicenter of the earthquake that occurred at 9:18 am on Sunday was Jaydevi area adjacent to Sundarnagar. The intensity of the earthquake was measured at 3.4 on the Richter scale. The epicenter of the earthquake was about 7 kilometers below the surface of the earth. During the earthquake, people came out of their houses. They kept on calling and getting information about their neighbors and relatives. There is no information of any loss of life or property due to the earthquake tremors. The local administration took stock of the situation in the area and ensured relief work. Mandi district is in the earthquake sensitive area. This area comes in zone five. Last month also, earthquake tremors were felt in Sundarnagar area. The intensity of the earthquake that occurred last month was measured at 3.7 on the Richter scale. Earthquake tremors were felt in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh on Sunday morning.

IF AMERICA IMPOSES TARIFF, HIMACHAL'S PHARMA INDUSTRY WILL BE AFFECTED, IT WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON COMPANIES

Diary Times Desk : In case the US imposes tariffs on the pharma industry, around 270 companies in Himachal will be directly affected. There are around 650 pharma companies operating in Himachal. Out of these, 270 companies are certified as Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) by the World Health Organization for exporting their products. Himachal exports medicines worth around Rs 10,000 crore annually. Currently, there is no tariff on medicines exported from India to the US. However, India imposes a 10 per cent tariff on medicines imported from the US. There are manufacturing units of domestic and multinational companies in Baddi. About 35 per cent of the total drug production in the country is done in Himachal. Initially, when President Trump announced the reciprocal tariff, he exempted pharmaceuticals, copper, semiconductors, wood, bullion, energy and some minerals from the tariff.

HIMACHAL CM: CM SUKHU SENT 70 TEACHERS ON AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO SINGAPORE, SAID THIS FOR THE STATE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday sent 70 teachers of the state on an educational tour to Singapore. These teachers include teachers of all categories of the state. On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government has taken historic steps towards making the education sector strong and innovative, in which the initiative of providing global experience to teachers is leading. He said that travel leads to knowledge acquisition and increases experience. To provide world-class training to teachers, the state government has signed a historic agreement with the prestigious Principals Academy of Singapore. This will lead to unprecedented improvement in the knowledge, skills and teaching methods of teachers. Students will get direct benefit from this and the education system of the state will become more inclusive, effective and modern. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government is continuously bringing positive changes in the field of education. He said that Himachal Pradesh will become the best state in the country to provide quality education across the country by the year 2032.

'FORGIVE MY MISTAKES':

MAYAWATI'S NEPHEW AKASH ANAND URGES BSP CHIEF TO TAKE HIM BACK

Diary Times Desk : Expelled Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Akash Anand on Sunday appealed to the party supremo and his aunt, Mayawati, to take him back into the party fold. In a series of posts on X, Anand asked for forgiveness for his past mistakes, saying that he only considers Mayawati as his political guru. He vowed not to let his relatives, especially his in-laws, be a roadblock in the betterment of the party. "I appeal to her to forgive all my mistakes and give me a chance to work in the party again, for which I will always be grateful to her. Also, I will not make any such mistake in the future which will hurt the self-respect and self-esteem of the party," he wrote in one of his X posts. Anand also said that he would only follow the directions given by Mayawati and would not take advice from anyone else. He pledged to learn from the seniors in the BSP. Mayawati had been grooming Akash Anand, son of her brother Anand Kumar, as her political successor since 2017. She appointed Akash Anand as the party's national coordinator in June 2019. In December 2023, she named him as her political heir.

IMD-HYDERABAD ISSUES HEAT WAVE ALERT IN SOME DISTRICTS OF TELANGANA

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad, in its five day-forecast released on Sunday afternoon has issued heat wave alert for few districts and warned of thunderstorms, lightning and heavy winds in other districts of Telangana State for the next two-days. The heat wave alert, with maximum temperatures hovering between 41 degree Celsius and 44 degree Celsius, has been issued for Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Adilabad, Jagtial, KumaramBheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nizamabad districts. A warning of thundershowers accompanied with lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) has been issued for Mulugum, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon districts of Telangana. The maximum temperatures in the rest of the districts including Hyderabad will continue to hover between 36 degree Celsius and 40 degree Celsius. "Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at isolated places over Telangana State. Heat wave conditions are likely to prevail in isolated pockets and maximum temperatures likely to witness a gradual rise by 2 degree.

BJP MP CALLS FOR AFSPA IN 4 WEST BENGAL DISTRICTS: 'WHAT HAPPENED IN SYRIA...'



Diary Times Desk : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Purulia, Jyotirmay Singh Mahato, has demanded the imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in four West Bengal districts over violent protests over the new Waqf (Amendment) Act. In a letter written to union home minister Amit Shah, Mahto requested for the implementation of the law in the Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia and South 24 Parganas districts, citing a deteriorating security situation and alleging targeted violence against the Hindu community, PTI reported. He has requested the four districts to be declared 'disturbed areas' under the act. The letter was reportedly sent this week. "For the last many days, a 'Jammu & Kashmir type' situation - when Hindus were forced to migrate in the 1990s - has been created, especially in these four districts of Bengal," Mahato told ANI. "I have requested the Union Home Minister to implement AFSPA and hand over control to the central forces. Otherwise, what happened in Syria or is happening in Bangladesh.

OWAISI ANNOUNCES PROTEST MEETING AGAINST WAQF ACT IN HYDERABAD ON APRIL 19

Diary Times Desk : AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reconsider the Waqf (Amendment) Act on April 13, Sunday. Speaking to the media, he called the Act unconstitutional, alleging that the 'black law' was made by the BJP with the support of NDA's supporting parties. All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Owaisi also announced that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) will hold a public meeting at AIMIM headquarters, Darussalam, on April 19 against the Waqf Amendment Act. "We are appealing to the Prime Minister to please reconsider this Act. You are making a law that is against the Constitution of India, and you are imposing your ideology on the country. Your ideology should be Indian nationalism and the Constitution," he said. "How can something that is good for Hindu and Sikh communities be considered bad for Muslims?" asked Owaisi while citing certain.

INDIA'S FIRST FUTURISTIC "STAR WARS" LASER WEAPON SHOOTS DOWN DRONE SWARM

Diary Times Desk : India has successfully tested a futuristic weapon for the first time by using high-powered laser-based directed energy to shoot down a drone. The system made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tracked the drone, fired a laser beam and destroyed the target. This platform is a game-changing one for India's armed forces as drone warfare is increasingly being used in modern combat, such as the war in Ukraine. "CHESS DRDO conducted a successful field demonstration of the Land version of Vehicle mounted Laser Directed Weapon (DEW) MK-II(A) at Kurnool today. It defeated the fixed wing UAV and Swarm Drones successfully causing structural damage and disabled the surveillance sensors. With this successful trial country has joined the exclusive club of the Global powers who possess the high power Laser DEW System," the DRDO said in a post on X.

BJP'S COMPLAINT AGAINST KANHAIYA KUMAR OVER 'ABUSIVE' COMMENTS ON PM MODI, RSS

Diary Times Desk : The BJP on Sunday filed a police complaint against Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar in Patna, alleging that he used "abusive" language against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the RSS during a recent TV interview. In the official complaint, the BJP claimed that Kanhaiya Kumar gave an interview to a news channel and made "extremely objectionable and irresponsible" remarks against PM Modi and RSS. A delegation led by the BJP's media in-charge in Bihar, Danish Iqbal, urged the police to register an FIR against Kumar over the comments. "Kanhaiya Kumar, who is a part of the 'tukde-tukde gang', used abusive language against PM Modi and the RSS and its ideologies in an interview to a TV channel on April 11. The language that he used in the interview is highly objectionable and unacceptable," Iqbal was quoted as saying by news agency PTI. "We have filed a complaint against him.

TAHAWWUR RANA CITED 33 HEALTH REASONS TO STOP EXTRADITION. THEN US SAID THIS

Diary Times Desk : Tahawwur Rana, one of the key accused of the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai, was brought to India from the US this week to face the law, soon after he exhausted all legal avenues to stop his extradition. Just weeks before US President Donald Trump assured the surrender of Rana to India, the terror attacks conspirator had made one last attempt to stop it. Rana's lawyer, John D Cline, in a letter to the US State Department dated January 21, 2025, had cited over 30 health reasons and a "torture" claim to stop the extradition. He also warned that his client could be tortured in Indian jails and might even die due to his poor health. "Extraditing Rana to face the death penalty in India would send a shocking precedent that would call into question the finality of what has until now been sacrosanct: acquittal by a jury of ordinary American citizens following a full and fair trial. Rana will face torture if surrendered - especially because he is a Muslim of Pakistani origin charged with participating in the worst terror attack in India's history. He is sure to suffer the harshest and most degrading treatment that Indian authorities can inflict," Cline's letter read.



HONG KONG'S LAST MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY MOVES TOWARDS DISBANDING

Diary Times Desk : Hong Kong's last remaining major opposition party took a key step towards disbanding itself on Sunday after a special meeting approved arrangements to do so in the face of pressure from China, amid a national security crackdown. Five senior members of the Democratic Party had earlier told Reuters that Chinese officials or middlemen had warned it in recent months to disband or face serious consequences, including possible arrests. The party, founded three years before Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule from Britain in 1997, has been the Asian financial hub's flagship opposition, uniting democratic forces to push Beijing on democratic reforms, and to uphold freedoms. Party head Lo Kin-hei told reporters that 90 percent of 110 members had voted at Sunday's meeting for a three-person committee to start making arrangements for disbandment, including resolving legal and accounting matters. "I hope Hong Kong's political parties ... will continue to work for the people," Lo said at the party's headquarters. "We have always hoped to serve the Hong Kong people, and to do things that are good for society."

EIGHT PAKISTANI WORKERS KILLED IN IRAN BY BALOCH MILITANTS

Diary Times Desk : Eight workers from Pakistan's Punjab province were killed by Baloch militants in Iran's Sistan-Baluchestan province in an incident of target killing, according to a media report on Sunday. The tragic incident took place in a village in Meharistan district on Saturday, the Dawn newspaper reported. The Iranian authorities confirmed the killing of the Pakistani nationals, saying that the victims hailed from Bahawalpur and worked at a car repair shop. All the eight Pakistanis who were killed belong to Bahawalpur city of southern Punjab, the Iranian officials said, adding that they were staying at the workshop where they used to dent, polish, paint and repair cars. According to reports, unknown armed men barged into the workshop in the night and tied their hands and feet. They then opened indiscriminate firing and killed them. The attackers fled after killing the eight Pakistani workers. The Iranian police rushed to the area after receiving information.

'TRUMP WANTS TO...': DEFIANT MOOD AMONG CHINESE EXPORTERS AS TRUMP'S TARIFF WAR ESCALATES

Diary Times Desk : As Donald Trump's escalating trade war sends shockwaves through global markets, Chinese exporters in Yiwu — a hub known for mass-producing holiday goods and political merchandise — are displaying calm determination rather than panic. The eastern city of Yiwu, a key exporting base for goods ranging from Christmas trees to "Make America Great Again" caps, is embracing a spirit of defiance. Business owners there say they are confident in China's ability to weather the storm, echoing the government's rising nationalist tone. "Trump wants to steal a slice of China's pie," exporter Kenny Qi told the Financial Times from his store covered in Trump-themed apparel. Qi believes Beijing's retaliatory 125% tariffs have surprised Washington and predicted the US president would reverse course "in half a month at most." Trump's latest tariffs more than double the 60% rate he floated during his campaign — a level then seen as extreme by many economists.



ISRAELI AIR STRIKE DESTROYS PART OF LAST FULLY FUNCTIONAL HOSPITAL IN GAZA CITY



Diary Times Desk : An Israeli air strike has destroyed part of al Ahli Arab Hospital, the last fully functional hospital in Gaza City. Witnesses said the strike destroyed the intensive care and surgery departments of the hospital. Video posted online appeared to show huge flames and smoke rising after missiles hit a two-storey building. People, including some patients still in hospital beds, were filmed rushing away from the site. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it targeted the hospital because it contained a "command and control centre used by Hamas". No casualties were reported, according to Gaza's civil emergency service. However, one child, who previously suffered a head injury, died as a result of "the rushed evacuation process", according to a statement from the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, part of the Anglican Church, which runs the hospital. Surrounding buildings, including St Philip's church, were also damaged, the diocese said. It added that it was "appalled" at the bombing of the hospital "on the morning of Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week".

21 DEAD IN RUSSIAN STRIKE ON UKRAINE'S SUMY, ZELENSKY'S 'SCOUNDREL' JAB AT MOSCOW

Diary Times Desk : At least 21 people were killed and 83 others were wounded by a Russian ballistic missile strike in the heart of the northern Ukrainian city of Sumy on Sunday morning, Ukraine's Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy condemned the attack — one of the deadliest strikes on Ukraine this year — and called for a tough international reaction against Moscow. "Only scoundrels can act like this. Taking the lives of ordinary people," he wrote on social media, alongside a chilling video which showed corpses on the ground, a destroyed bus and burnt-out cars in the middle of a city street. "And this is on a day when people go to church: Palm Sunday, the feast of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem," Zelenskyy said. Interior Minister Klymenko said the victims were on the street, in vehicles.

LEAVE NOW, SELF-DEPORT: US'S 30-DAY WARNING TO FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR REGISTRATION

Diary Times Desk : Foreign nationals who are living in the US for more than 30 days must register with the government and a failure to do so can attract fines and imprisonment, the Donald Trump administration has said. In a post titled 'message to illegal aliens', the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stressed the need for self-deportation. "Foreign nationals present in the US for longer than 30 days must register with the federal government. Failure to comply is a crime punishable by fines and imprisonment," it said in a tweet on Saturday. "@POTUS Trump and @Sec_Noem have a clear message to illegal aliens: Leave now and self-deport," it said, tagging President Donald Trump's office and Kristi Noem, the Secretary of DHS. The DHS warned that if foreign nationals did not register or self-deport, they would be immediately deported "with no opportunity to get your affairs in order beforehand". It said that a fine of USD 998 per day (approx Rs 85,924) will be levied on those who stay beyond 30 days if they receive a final order to self-deport.

CRASHED HELICOPTER CARRYING SIEMENS CEO DID NOT HAVE FLIGHT RECORDER: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : The helicopter that plunged into the Hudson River on Thursday and killed all six people aboard was on its eighth sightseeing trip of the day and lacked a flight data recorder, federal investigators said. The Bell 206 L-4 helicopter had completed seven flights before it went down shortly after takeoff, the National Transportation Safety Board said Saturday in an investigative update. The aircraft was not equipped with a cockpit voice recorder or flight data recorder, and no onboard video or camera devices have been recovered, it said. The aircraft's last major inspection was on March 1. It was carrying a senior executive at Siemens AG, his wife and three children as passengers when it crashed near Jersey City, New Jersey. Divers from the New York City Police Department are still searching the river for critical components, including the main rotor, tail rotor, main gearbox, and a large section of the tail boom. It's using scanning sonar to identify possible locations of wreckage and recovery operations will continue into Sunday, the NTSB said. The cockpit, cabin, parts of the tail boom, the vertical fin, and horizontal stabilizer finlets have been recovered, the NTSB added. Some of those components will be sent to NTSB laboratories in Washington for closer inspection, and investigators have begun evaluating the flight.

'50 BOMBS IN PUNJAB' REMARK: LEADER OF OPPOSITION PARTAP BAJWA BOOKED FOR GIVING 'FALSE INFORMATION'

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Police tonight registered a case against Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa under various Sections of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita at the Cyber Crime Police Station, Mohali, "for giving false and misleading information that endangers country's sovereignty and unity". In an interview to a private television channel, Bajwa claimed, "I have come to know that 50 bombs have reached Punjab. Of this, 18 have exploded, 32 are yet to go off." Bajwa's claims came amid several grenade attacks in the state in recent months. Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann targeted Bajwa over his "50 bombs in Punjab" remark. "What is the source of this information? If Bajwa had received this information, does he have any connection with Pakistan that the terrorists there are calling and telling him directly how many bombs they have sent?" questioned Mann. The CM said that this information was neither with the Intelligence nor had it come from the Union Government, but if it had come to the Leader of Opposition, then it was his responsibility to inform the Punjab Police.



2 OPERATIVES OF TERROR MODULE ARRESTED IN FEROEZPUR; IED SEIZED

Diary Times Desk : Two operatives of a terror module were arrested and an improvised explosive device (IED) containing RDX was seized, a senior Punjab Police official on Sunday said. DGP Gaurav Yadav said Jagga Singh and Manjinder Singh were key operatives of the terror module operated by Germany-based Gurpreet Singh alias Goldy Dhillon, who is a close operative of Goldy Brar-Lawrence Bishnoi gang. In a major breakthrough, Counter Intelligence, #Ferozepur arrests Jagga Singh and Manjinder Singh, key operatives of a terror module operated by #Germany-based Gurpreet Singh @ Goldy Dhillon, a close operative of Goldy Brar-Lawrence Bishnoi gang and foils plans of #Pakistan's ISI to disturb peace and harmony in the region," he said in a post on X. The DGP said a 2.8 kg IED containing 1.6 kg RDX and a remote control have been seized from them. Preliminary investigation revealed that the IED was intended for a targeted terror attack, he added. Yadav said the NIA has declared a reward of Rs 10 lakh on Dhillon. A case has been registered under the Explosive Substances Act. DGP Gaurav Yadav says the accused, Jagga Singh and Manjinder Singh, were key operatives of the terror module operated by Germany-based Goldy Dhillon.

DEVOTEES OFFER PRAYERS AT GURDWARAS IN PUNJAB, HARYANA ON BSAIKHI

Diary Times Desk : Devotees across Punjab, Haryana, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh thronged gurdwaras on Sunday to offer prayers on the occasion of Baisakhi festival. Scores of people paid obeisance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Sri Kesgarh Sahib in Anandpur Sahib, Takht Damdama Sahib in Bathinda, and Dukh Nivaran Sahib in Patiala, among other gurdwaras. Baisakhi festival also marks the foundation day of the 'Khalsa Panth' (Sikh order) by Gobind Singh, the 10th Sikh Guru. On this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh created the 'Order of Khalsa' in the holy city of Sri Anandpur Sahib by baptising 'Panj Pyaras' (five beloved ones) belonging to different castes. The festival also marks the onset of the harvest season. Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria extended his warm greetings on the occasion. In his message, Kataria said Baisakhi has a multifaceted importance. It marks the ripening of the Rabi crop, a time of great joy for farmers as they reap the fruits of their hard labour, he said. The governor said the occasion has a special significance in the glorious history of Sikhism, as on this day, Guru Gobind Singh founded the 'Order of Khalsa' at Sri Anandpur Sahib to fight against the tyranny of the Mughals and to protect human and secular ethos.

29 ACQUITTED IN 2017 PANCHKULA VIOLENCE CASE

Diary Times Desk : A local court has acquitted 29 people in a case related to riots in Panchkula in 2017, in the aftermath of the conviction of Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh in a rape case. More than 40 people were killed in the riots and a total of 152 cases were registered across Panchkula but there is no conviction so far. The FIR in the present case was registered on the complaint of Assistant Commandant Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) Santosh Pandit on August 26. As per the complaint, 40 personnel of SSB were present at HAFED Chowk, Sector 2, Panchkula, on law and order duty. While controlling the mob of followers of Ram Rahim, they were attacked, leading to injury to seven personnel of the SSB company. Charges were framed against the accused in 2019 for rioting, criminal intimidation, assaulting a public servant, violation of Section 144 of CrPC, criminal conspiracy, and Prevention of Damage to the Public Property Act. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Panchkula, Ajay Kumar, said "none of those witnesses identified the accused either as assailants or the persons who did any vandalism or arson on August 25, 2017."

PM MODI'S VISIT WILL MARK NEW ERA OF PROGRESS IN HARYANA: CM SAINI

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Haryana on April 14 will mark the beginning of a new developmental chapter for the state. Modi will be in Haryana on Monday to launch several development initiatives to mark the birth anniversary of Bhim Rao Ambedkar, an iconic figure known for his role in Dalit emancipation and preparing the Constitution. Modi will inaugurate the Hisar airport and flag off a commercial flight to Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. He will also lay the foundation stone of the new terminal building at the airport. At another event in Yamunanagar, Modi will lay the foundation stone of an 800 MW modern thermal power unit of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant there. He will also address public gatherings in Hisar and Yamunanagar. Chief Minister Saini said under the leadership of Modi, the country is making fast progress to realise the vision of a developed nation by 2047. "Our mission is to ensure that the light of development reaches every citizen and that our nation continues to progress on the path."

PM MODI PAYS TRIBUTE TO JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid homage to the people killed in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919 and said the "coming generations will always remember their indomitable spirit". Hundreds of people protesting peacefully against the Rowlatt Acts, which granted the colonial administration repressive powers, were gunned down by British forces without any provocation on this day in 1919 at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. "We pay homage to the martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh. The coming generations will always remember their indomitable spirit," Modi said in a post on X. "It was indeed a dark chapter in our nation's history. Their sacrifice became a major turning point in India's freedom struggle," he said.



DHALLI SABZI MANDI INFRA TO BE UPGRADED

Diary Times Desk : The Dhalli sabzi mandi in Shimla, one of the oldest markets in the state, is set for a significant infrastructure upgrade. The expansion of the mandi is being undertaken at a cost of Rs 37 crore and over 70 shops, two parking lots for about 200 vehicles and two more auction yards will be constructed. "The project is scheduled to be completed in 18 months," says Pawan Saini, Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) (Shimla and Kinnaur). Besides being one of the oldest sabzi mandis in the state, it is also the biggest market for vegetables. "A large number of farmers bring their vegetable produce for sale in this mandi. We will ensure the construction work is carried out in such a way that the auction process is not affected," says Saini. NS Chaudhary, an old arhtiya at the mandi, says that the refurbished infrastructure will provide a big relief to them as well as farmers. "At present, we are working in cramped space. Due to the shortage of space, farmers have to wait for a long time to sell their produce. With more auction yards, farmers will not have to wait too long to sell their produce," he adds.

EX-MLA SEEKS CBI PROBE INTO GRANTS DISBURSED TO MAHILA MANDALS IN DEHRA

Diary Times Desk : Former Independent MLA Hoshiyar Singh, who had joined the BJP last year, has in a complaint to the Governor sought a CBI inquiry into the disbursement of grants to mahila mandals in Dehra during the last Assembly byelections. Hoshiyar Singh, who had contested the Dehra byelections on the BJP ticket, had lost to Kamlesh Thakur, wife of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Hoshiyar Singh in his complaint to the Governor has alleged that Kangra Central Cooperative Bank had disbursed grants to 67 mahila mandals in Dehra when the model code of conduct for the byelections was in force. The grants were given specially to influence the electorate during the byelections, he added. He has also alleged that he tried to procure information regarding the disbursement of grants by Kangra Central Cooperative Bank through an application under the RTI Act but no information was provided to him.

20 INJURED AS VOLVO BUS OVERTURNS ON KIRATPUR-MANALI ROAD IN MANDI

Diary Times Desk : In a major road mishap in the early hours of Sunday, a Volvo bus plying on the Kiratpur-Manali four-lane highway overturned at Shilakippar in Mandi district, leaving at least 20 passengers injured. The incident occurred when the bus was en route to Manali from the Mandi side. The driver lost control of the vehicle and it turned turtle under still undetermined circumstances. Police sources said the accident took place in the wee hours when most passengers were asleep. The sudden overturning of the bus caused panic among the passengers, several of whom sustained injuries of varying degrees. Emergency services were quick to. Local authorities, with the help of ambulance services, shifted the injured passengers to the Zonal Hospital in Mandi, where they are currently undergoing treatment. Hospital officials stated that most of the injuries appeared to be non-life-threatening, though a few passengers were under observation. The Mandi police have launched an investigation into the incident and are working to determine the exact cause of the mishap. Preliminary reports suggest the possibility of overspeeding or a technical fault, but nothing has been confirmed yet. The incident has once again raised concerns about road safety on the hilly terrains of Himachal Pradesh, particularly on the high-speed corridors like the Kiratpur-Manali stretch.



HIGHER REACHES OF HIMACHAL TO GET MORE SNOW FROM APRIL 16

Diary Times Desk : The higher hills of Himachal Pradesh are very likely to receive light snowfall and rainfall from April 16. As per the state's Meteorological Department, a fresh Western Disturbance is very likely to affect the Western Himalayan region from April 16, leading to light precipitation in the higher hills of the state. While light snowfall and rainfall will occur in the higher reaches of the state on April 16 and 17, the weather in the middle and lower hills of the state will remain dry. Similarly, light to moderate rainfall is very likely to occur across the state on April 18. Meanwhile, light to moderate rainfall was recorded at many places in the state during the past 24 hours. However, no large change in maximum and minimum temperatures was reported. Shimla recorded the maximum temperature of 16.6°C, Dharamsala (25.1°C), Solan (20.2°C), Nahan (26.9°C), Bilaspur and Hamirpur (30.5°C each), Kalpa (8.7°C), Bhuntar (23°C), Mandi (23.8°C), Sundernagar (26.6°C), Kangra (29.2°C), Kufri (10.7°C) and Narkanda (8.5°C). Una with 36.4°C maximum temperature was the hottest place in the state while Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district was the coldest at 0.1°C. The higher hills of Himachal Pradesh are very likely to receive light snowfall and rainfall from April 16. As per the state's Meteorological Department.

SOLDIER FROM NADAUN MARTYRED IN AKHNOOR

Diary Times Desk : Subedar Kuldeep Chand sacrificed his life while fighting insurgents in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu and Kashmir last night. He was a native of Kohalwin village in Naduan subdivision of the district. He had killed three terrorists in the encounter before he was hit by a bullet. Some terrorists reportedly tried to infiltrate into India from the Pakistan side and were spotted by a patrolling party. In the crossfire, Subedar Kuldeep was injured and was taken to the nearest health facility but he succumbed to his injuries. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu mourned the death of the brave soldier. He said that the government would provide every help to the family of the martyr. Earlier, the Chief Minister visited Majhiyar village in the Nadaun constituency to participate in the cremation of his cousin who died after prolonged illness. He also visited the house of Avtar Singh Katoch in Bela village who died recently near Nadaun. Katoch remained the 'pradhan' of Bela gram panchayat for about seven terms. Subedar Kuldeep Chand sacrificed his life while fighting insurgents in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu and Kashmir last night. He was a native of Kohalwin village in Naduan subdivision.

TAKE OVER MAINTENANCE OF SEVERAL CRITICAL ROADS, SUKHU URGES BRO

Diary Times Desk : Director General of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan called on Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today to discuss with him key road infrastructure projects under Project Deepak. Sukhu urged Lt Gen Srinivasan to take over the maintenance of several critical roads, including the Leo Chango and Shiv Mandir-Gue routes, which are managed by the state Public Works Department (PWD) at present. The meeting focused on the ongoing construction of strategically important roads and the work to improve road connectivity in the state. The Chief Minister also proposed that the BRO should take over more roads such as the Wangtu-Attargoo-Mudh-Bhawa Pass road. "This new road, which has recently received clearance from the National Board for Wildlife, will connect Kinnaur to Lahaul-Spiti district. To be built at an altitude of 4,865 metre, the road will become the second-highest motorable road in India, after Khardung La. The project is expected to reduce the distance between Shimla and Kaza by nearly 100 km, providing a critical alternative to the current, more arduous route via Nako, Sumdo and Tabo. Once completed, the road will not only improve accessibility and bolster tourism but will also enhance defence logistics in the region," said Sukhu.



BUMRAH MAGIC IN 19TH OVER DISMANTLES DELHI AS MUMBAI WIN BY 12 RUNS, NAIR FALLS FOR 89

Diary Times Desk : It is a double-header Sunday and the second fixture is turning out to be a topsy-turvy showdown as Delhi Capitals, Mumbai Indians are battling for supremacy in their ongoing IPL 2025 fixture, at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. Delhi are currently chasing 206 runs and were dealt an early blow as Deepak Chahar removed opener Jake Fraser-McGurk for a golden duck in the first ball of the opening over. But since then, Abishek Porel and Karun Nair have stitched together a partnership, which has already gone past 100 runs, and the latter has also registered a 22-ball fifty. Porel was eventually dismissed by Karn Sharma, departing for 33 off 25 balls. Then Nair tried to build a partnership with KL Rahul, but departed for 89 off 40 balls. Jasprit Bumrah struck to remove Axar Patel (9) in the 13th over and soon after that Tristan Stubbs lost his wicket too. Rahul is still unbeaten and will look to take his side past the finish line. Karn Sharma struck in the 16th over to get Rahul (15) and also his third wicket. The responsibility falls on Ashutosh Sharma now, who will look to form a match-winning partnership with Vipraj Nigam.



VIRAT KOHLI SCRIPTS HISTORY, ACHIEVES NEVER-DONE-BEFORE FEAT IN T20 CRICKET

Diary Times Desk : Star batter Virat Kohli, on Sunday, added another record to his illustrious career as he became the first Asian batter to complete 100 half-centuries in T20s. Kohli achieved the feat in the IPL 2025 clash against Rajasthan Royals at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. He reached the milestone in style with a six off Wanindu Hasaranga to complete his third fifty of the season in 39 balls while chasing 174. He remained unbeaten at 62 as his side completed the chase in 17.3 overs with nine wickets hand. Former Australian opener David Warner became the first cricketer to notch up 100 half-centuries in T20 cricket. Kohli registered his 58th IPL fifty, bringing his tally of 50-plus scores in the league to 66 - matching Warner's record for the most 50 scores in IPL history. Warner, who represented Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad during his IPL career, scored 62 fifties and 4 centuries in 184 matches. In comparison, Kohli has amassed 58 fifties and eight centuries in 258 IPL appearances.

ICC TO FORMALLY SUPPORT AFGHAN WOMEN CRICKETERS

Diary Times Desk : The ICC has said it will form a "dedicated task force" to support Afghanistan women cricketers who have been displaced by the Taliban regime ruling the country. The initiative, which is in partnership with the BCCI, ECB and CA, will include "a dedicated fund to provide direct monetary assistance, ensuring these cricketers have the resources they need to continue pursuing the game they love," the ICC said in a statement on Sunday. "This will be complemented by a robust high-performance programme offering advanced coaching, world-class facilities, and tailored mentorship to help them reach their full potential." Jay Shah, the ICC chairman, said: "At the International Cricket Council, we are deeply committed to fostering inclusivity and ensuring every cricketer has the opportunity to shine, regardless of their circumstances. In collaboration with our valued partners, we are proud to launch this task force and support fund, complemented by a comprehensive high-performance.

SALT, KOHLI POWER RCB TO FOURTH STRAIGHT AWAY WIN

Diary Times Desk : Phil Salt led the way with a blistering 65 as Royal Challengers Bengaluru chased down Rajasthan Royals' 173 with nine wickets and 15 balls to spare in the season's first game at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. The win, RCB's fourth on the bounce away from home, pushed them back up into the playoffs positions. In the two PowerPlays. The pitch appeared to play a touch slower in the first innings, as toss-winning captain Rajat Patidar might have hoped for, but the Royals opening pair of Sanju Samson and Yashasvi Jaiswal were not allowed to get going. In contrast, Salt effectively sealed the game with his onslaught in the first six overs, after which the chase was but a procession. RCB did well to keep one of this season's fastest-scoring PowerPlay sides to just 45 runs, even though they couldn't break through with a wicket. The pitch played slow and wasn't easy to hit through the line early on, and RCB's seamers hit good lengths consistently to make strokeplay difficult. They also showed tactical flexibility - using a short third man as a fly slip and a short extra cover for Sanju Samson. Yashasvi Jaiswal was the more fluent of the two openers, using his feet well and struck six of the seven boundaries RR managed in the phase. Samson, in contrast, found it harder to get going, managing just 13 off 16 balls.

CSK HEAD COACH FLEMING: 'DHONI DOESN'T HAVE A MAGIC WAND'

Diary Times Desk : With Chennai Super Kings (CSK) suffering five straight losses in six games and rooted at the bottom of the IPL 2025 points table, their head coach Stephen Fleming said that making a comeback would be a "big challenge" and MS Dhoni's return to being captain in place of the injured Rituraj Gaikwad wouldn't change the team's fortunes overnight. "His [Dhoni's] influence will be always prominent but he's not a soothsayer, he hasn't got a magic wand," Fleming told reporters on the eve of the match against Lucknow Super Giants. "He can't just rub it over the side otherwise he would have brought it out earlier. "It's a case of us working very hard along with MS to turn it around and certainly in both of our cricketing careers, we've been in situations that require a lot of energy and we've got to make sure that the energy is put in the right place." After making only 103 for 9 and then being vanquished in 10.1 overs against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in their previous game, Fleming said the team was hurting. It was their fifth defeat on the trot - a first for CSK - following their worst IPL batting performance at Chepauk. "We've got to look at it in small steps and just continue to work to get better at all three facets really and then you start competing," Fleming said.

HARDIK KEEPS PROMISE, GIFTS SHREDDED-DOWN BAT TO KASHVEE

Diary Times Desk : Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya kept his promise to Gujarat Giants bowler Kashvee Gautam he had made a month ago, presenting her with his shredded-down bat. Kashvee, a big fan of Hardik, met him during the Eliminator of the Women's Premier League at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai in March. During their meeting, Kashvee's Giants teammate Harleen Deol revealed to Hardik that Kashvee not only tries to imitate his batting style but also has HP33 written on her bat. Hardik then promises to shred his bat down to her preferred weight of 1100g and gift it to her. Ahead of the IPL match against Delhi Capitals in Delhi, Hardik presented his signed bat to her and also congratulated her on her maiden India call-up. "Let me know if you don't like it, you can give it back," Hardik is heard telling Kashvee in the video. "Enjoy, go well, play for India." Kashvee posted the video on Instagram with the caption, "Champions don't just play the game - they uplift the next generation. Hardik Pandya, promise made, promise kept. Thank you."

KRIS SRIKKANTH TEARS INTO R ASHWIN: HORRIBLE BOWLING, CSK SHOULD DROP HIM

Diary Times Desk : Former India captain Kris Srikkanth has been critical of R Ashwin's performances in IPL 2025, urging the Chennai Super Kings management to drop him from the playing XI. Srikkanth did not hold back, labelling Ashwin's bowling as "horrible" and calling on the five-time champions to give youngsters a chance in his place. Srikkanth's comments came after Chennai Super Kings suffered their fifth consecutive defeat, an eight-wicket loss to Kolkata Knight Riders in Chennai on Friday, 11 April. Chennai could only manage 103 - their lowest total in IPL history at home - before KKR chased down the target in just 10.1 overs, handing CSK their heaviest defeat in terms of balls remaining. Ashwin conceded 30 runs in three overs, failing to take a wicket against KKR. It was disappointing to see the veteran off-spinner find no assistance on a pitch where Moeen Ali, Varun Chakravarthy, and Sunil Narine had success. Like Ashwin, Moeen bowled during the powerplay, but the England off-spinner was far more effective. "You know what I thought at the start of the season? I thought we had a gun bowling line-up. I thought CSK would make it difficult for visiting teams in Chennai with their three world-class spinners, Matheesha Pathirana.