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BENGAL TEACHERS

JOBLESS BENGAL TEACHERS REACH SOURAV GANGULY'S DOOR WITH PROTEST INVITE

Diary Times Desk: A group of teachers rendered jobless by a recent Supreme Court verdict on Tuesday went to the residence of former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly to invite him to a march to West Bengal state secretariat 'Nabanna' on April 21, but the police stopped them and took them to a police station "to discuss procedural issues" before issuing such invites.

The teachers who tried to go to Ganguly's residence belong to a platform, 'Chakrihara Oikyamanch', which had issued the call for a rally to Nabanna demanding immediate steps by the state government to restore the jobs of the 'untainted' candidates through legal submission before the Supreme Court

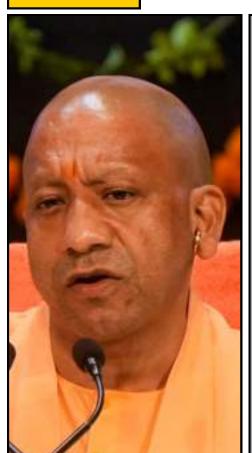
They were also part of the 25,753 teaching and non-teaching staff of state-sponsored and -aided schools who lost their jobs after the Supreme Court found large-scale irregularities in the 2016 recruitment process and scrapped the entire panel on April 3.

Those who were rendered jobless claimed that the reason behind their plight was the inability of the School Service Commission (SSC), which appointed them, to differentiate between the candidates who secured employment through fraudulent means and those who did not. "We wanted to go to the residence of Sourav Ganguly, who is a popular figure and an icon, to intervene so that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee holds talks with us. We wanted to meet Dada (Sourav) and invite him to our rally. We are carrying an invite for him," one of the three jobless teachers told reporters near the residence of Ganguly in Behala area in south Kolkata. When the teachers were asked to hand over the invite to the staff.



MAMATA BANERJEE

'MAMATA BANERJEE CALLS RIOTERS MESSENGERS OF PEACE': YOGI ADITYANATH'S ATTACK OVER MURSHIDABAD VIOLENCE



Diary Times Desk: Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee, questioning "her silence" on the violence in her state over the Waqf Act.

"Bengal is burning. The chief minister of the state is silent. She calls rioters 'messengers of peace'. But those who understand only force won't listen to words," he was quoted by ANI as saying.

"In the name of secularism, they have given complete freedom to rioters to create unrest. The entire Murshidabad has been on fire for the last week, yet the government remains silent. Such anarchy must be brought under control," he added.

Yogi Adityanath also criticized the Congress and the Samajwadi Party over their silence on the issue.

"I thank the judiciary there for deploying central forces to ensure the safety of the minority Hindus in the area. The Congress is silent on the riots in Murshidabad. The Samajwadi Party is also quiet," he said.

Three people were killed in the violence that erupted in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal last week after protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act intensified.

Several people fled the district and crossed the river to the adjoining district of Malda, seeking protection and shelter. Visuals from Murshidabad showed houses, shops and other property being burned down by large crowds. Clashes also erupted in South 24 Parganas' Bhangar on Monday, following a rally against the Waqf law.



ED FILES CHARGESHEET AGAINST SONIA GANDHI, RAHUL IN NATIONAL HERALD CASE

Diary Times Desk: The Enforcement Directorate has filed a chargesheet against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others on charges of money- laundering in the National Herald case. judge Vishal Gogne examined the chargesheet, which was filed on April 9, on the point of cognisance and posted the matter for April 25. The chargesheet also names Congress leader Sam Pitroda and Suman Dubey as accused. "The present prosecution complaint shall next be taken up for consideration on the aspect of cognisance before this court on April 25, when the special counsel for the ED and IO shall also ensure the production of the case diaries for perusal by the court," the judge said. The chargesheet was filed under Sections 3 (moneylaundering) and 4 (punishment for moneylaundering) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act by ED's special public prosecutor NK Matta. "Let the complaint be checked and registered. The Ahlmad (court staff) shall ensure that the entire file/documents are properly paginated. The ED is directed to file a soft copy of the complaint.



"NO RIGHT TO COMMENT...": INDIA REBUKES PAKISTAN'S CRITICISM ON WAOF ACT

Diary Times Desk: India on Tuesday lambasted Pakistan's comments on Waqf (Amendment) Act, saying Islamabad should look at its own "abvsmal record" on minorities while emphasising that the neighbouring country has no locus standi to comment on a matter that is internal to New Delhi. Reacting to Pakistan's comments on the Act, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We strongly reject the motivated and baseless comments made by Pakistan on the Waqf Amendment Act enacted by the Parliament of India. Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on a matter that is internal to India." He added, "Pakistan would do better to look at its own abysmal record when it comes to protecting the rights of minorities, instead of preaching to others." India said Islamabad should look at its own 'abysmal record' on minorities while emphasising that the neighbouring country has no locus standi.

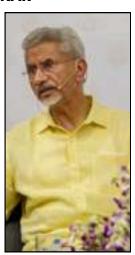
ED CHARGESHEET AGAINST SONIA, RAHUL NOTHING BUT 'POLITICS OF VENDETTA': CONGRESS; ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE PROTEST



Diary Times Desk: The Congress on Tuesday termed the Enforcement Directorate's fresh chargesheet against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case as "political vendetta" as the party alleged that "intimidation" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah has "gone completely berserk". The party also announced nationwide protests against the ED's move outside the probe agency's offices across the country on Wednesday. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "Seizing the assets of the National Herald is a state-sponsored crime masquerading as the rule of law." The party's general secretary in-charge communications, said, "Filing chargesheets against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and some others is nothing but the politics of vendetta and intimidation by the PM and the HM gone completely berserk." He added, "The INC and its leadership will not be silenced." Party general secretary KC Venugopal said, "The Modi-Shah regime's vendetta against the opposition knows no bounds. The witch hunt against Smt Sonia Gandhi ji and LOP Sh Rahul Gandhi ji, using the frivolous, politically motivated & fabricated National Herald case is a clear example of their attempt at intimidation and silencing of opposition voices."

MUMBAI TERROR ATTACK A TURNING POINT IN INDIA-**PAKISTAN TIES: JAISHANKAR**

Diary Times Desk: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said the 2008 Mumbai terror attack marked a turning point in relations with Pakistan when Indians collectively felt that such behaviour from a neighbouring country could no longer be tolerated. Speaking at Charotar University of Science and Technology during an interactive session, Jaishankar acknowledged India's transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the last decade. In contrast, Pakistan has remained unchanged, continuing with what he termed as its "bad habits". When asked why the Indian government rarely discusses Pakistan publicly anymore, Jaishankar explained that there was no need to waste "precious time" on them. India has changed. I wish I could say Pakistan has changed. They unfortunately, in many ways, are continuing with their bad habits. I would say the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attack was the turning point. I think that was when the Indian public, across political parties, said this is too much," he said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE 16-04-2025



Today, you will meet old friends, which Today you will get success as your long 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.

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.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will 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.

Today is aoina 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

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 pain and headache may bother you.

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

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.

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 increased difficulties ue to arguments v business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a

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

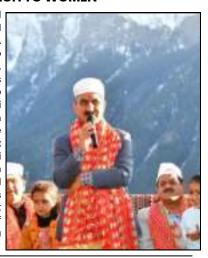
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

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 face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

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 DAY 2025: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU HOISTED THE TRICOLOR IN PANGI, ANNOUNCED TO GIVE RS 1500 EACH TO WOMEN

Diary Times Desk: Historically, for the first time, state level Himachal Day celebrations were held in the remote and picturesque Kilad area of Pangi valley in Chamba district. A large number of people gathered at the helipad ground to witness and participate in the 78th Himachal Day celebrations. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu extended warm greetings to the people of the state on the occasion. He paid tributes to the immense contribution of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and first Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Dr. Y.S. Parmar in getting statehood to the region. The Chief Minister hoisted the national flag and took the ceremonial salute. A parade of six contingents was held under the leadership of IPS officer Ravi Nandan. The contingent of 2nd India Reserve Battalion, Sakoh was led by ASI Satyanath Walia, the women contingent was led by ASI Pooja Sood, the Himachal Home Guard contingent was led by Khushi Ram, the Chamba District Traffic Police contingent was led by ASI Ravinder Kumar, the NCC contingent of Government Senior Secondary School Kilad was led by Tanika and the Home Guard Band was led by Havaldar Ret Ram.



HIMACHAL: BILASPUR POLICE STATION GETS BEST POLICE STATION AWARD, MANDI'S BSL COLONY POLICE STATION COMES SECOND

Diary Times Desk : The State Police Headquarters announced the best performing police stations in the year 2024 on Himachal Day. For this, the Police Headquarters has selected the top 3 police stations. Sadar Police Station of Bilaspur has been declared the best police station. Mandi BSL Colony Police Station has got second place and Damtal Police Station of Police District Nurpur has got third place. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Sukhu honored the in-charges of the respective police stations at the state level Himachal Day function in Pangi, Chamba. The Police Headquarters has included various policina parameters in the evaluation of the best police stations. This includes crime control, effective enforcement under special and local acts (NDPS, excise, arms, explosives), service of warrants, action against proclaimed offenders, quality and timely investigation, prevention of cyber crime and recovery in financial fraud, settlement of case property, Malkana management.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: CM SUKHU SAID-AFTER SIKKIM, PANGI WILL BECOME THE SECOND SUB-DIVISION IN THE COUNTRY TO PRACTICE NATURAL FARMING

Diary Times Desk: Pangi, a tribal area of Chamba district in the state, will become the first sub-division to practice natural farming. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu made this announcement in Kilad during the state-level Himachal Day celebrations. Now, the use of chemical fertilizers in farming and gardening will be completely banned in Pangi. The crops, fruits and vegetables grown here will be completely organic. Farmers and gardeners will get good prices for them in the market. After Sikkim, Pangi sub-division of Himachal will become the second such area in the country, where crops, vegetables and fruits will be grown completely through natural farming. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu announced Rs 5 crore for natural farming in Pangi. He said that urea will no longer be used in farming and gardening in the 19 panchayats of Panai sub-division. The state government will arrange for a better market for organic products. Kilad of Pagi-Bharmaur assembly constituency is a beautiful valley situated on the banks of Chenab river between Pir Panjal and the middle Himalayas. Pangi Kilad is famous for its natural beauty as well as wild dry fruit Thangi.

IPL 2025: VIEWERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT A BIT FOR IPL TICKETS, KNOW WHEN THE SALE WILL START

Diary Times Desk: Cricket lovers may have to wait a little longer for tickets for the IPL matches to be held in May at the International Cricket Stadium Dharamshala. The franchise has not vet started online sale of tickets for Puniab Kings matches on its official website. So far, tickets are being sold online only for Punjab Kings matches till April 15. While the online sale of tickets for the match to be held in Mohali on April 20 has not been started. Due to which cricket lovers of Punjab including the state will have to wait for a week for tickets for the IPL matches to be held in Dharamshala. According to the information, tickets for the remaining two matches in Punjab will be sold in advance by Punjab Kings, so that the number of spectators in these matches is also high. At the same time, the stadium in Mohali has a seating capacity of more spectators than Dharamshala. HPCA secretary Avnish Parmar said that only the franchise has the right to sell tickets online and offline during IPL matches.

HIMACHAL DAY 2025: HIMACHAL PRADESH HAS BECOME A MODEL STATE NOT ONLY FOR THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO FOR THE HILL STATES OF OTHER COUNTRIES

Diary Times Desk: Himachal Pradesh has become a model hill state by overcoming the challenges of the mountains. Not only India's own hill states, but countries of the world are also sending their teams to study the model of this ideal hill state. Himachal has set an example in many areas like education, infrastructure development, tourism, horticulture, green energy. The folk culture and cultural heritage of Devbhoomi, which binds the people of Himachal together, has also become a center of study for experts from all over the world. Himachal is celebrating its 78th foundation day on April 15. When this state came into existence on April 15, 1948, the connectivity and infrastructure were very weak at that time. Most of the people were not educated. The remote areas were cut off from the mainstream of the rest of the country and the world, but Himachal kept moving forward shoulder to shoulder with the nation, the standard of living of the common man here is also better than other states. Moving beyond the basic concerns of roti, kapda and makaan.

HIMACHAL: PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- KANGANA IS LIKE OUR ELDER SISTER, BRING FUNDS FROM THE CENTER

Diary Times Desk : Mandi parliamentary constituency MP and Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut is in the news these days over the electricity bill. In such a situation, Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh has also taken a dig at Kangana. He said that MP Kangana Rangut is like our elder sister. She should bring support for the state from the central government in Delhi, we stand with her in this. There should be no politics for the development of the state. Going forward, she should lobby for the state with the center. Whatever we can do in this, we will do and the administration will also support her. Vikramaditya said that Kangana is an elected public representative, so she should bring funds from the center. This will lead to development of the state. Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh has also taken a dig at Kangana. He said that Kangana Ranaut is like our elder sister.

HIMACHAL NEWS: WOMAN DUPED OF RS 2.59 CRORE IN THE NAME OF ONLINE INVESTMENT, CASE FROM PAPROLA AREA OF KANGRA

Diary Times Desk: In the name of online investment, the fraudsters have cheated a woman from Paprola area of Kangra district of more than 2.5 crore rupees. The woman deposited this amount in the bank accounts of the fraudsters in several installments. Now, after being cheated, the victim woman has registered a case in the cyber crime police station. On the basis of the complaint, the cyber crime police station has started investigating the case. According to the information, the woman from Paprola area had seen a post on social media about earning more profit from online investment. After clicking on this post, the fraudsters gave many types of temptations to the woman. The woman also got tempted by the fraudsters and started depositing money in the bank accounts of the fraudsters. The woman kept depositing money in their bank accounts since last year and looted an amount of Rs 2 crore 59 lakh. The woman did not even inform her family members about this matter. Now, after realizing that she has been cheated, the woman has lodged a complaint. On the other hand, ASP Cyber Crime Police Station North Region Dharamshala Praveen Dhiman said

KARNATAKA COURT'S BIG ORDER IN MUDA SITE ALLOTMENT CASE INVOLVING SIDDARAMAIAH

Diary Times Desk: A special court in Bengaluru has deferred its decision on the Enforcement Directorate's petition challenging the "B report" of Lokavukta in the MUDA land case, in which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been named. The court said it would not give a decision on the petition until the final report of the Lokayukta Police is filed. Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat has directed the Lokayukta Police to continue the investigation and submit the final report. In the "B Report", the Lokayukta Police had given a clean chit to the Chief Minister, his wife Parvati, wife's brother and the land seller due to lack of evidence. The ED, however, has challenged the report and demanded a deeper probe. The Lokayukta is already investigating more than 130 other people connected to the alleged scam. Earlier, the Lokayukta police had submitted an initial report after looking into the allegations against Siddaramaiah and three others. But the court said the investigation should not be limited to just four individuals and asked the police to investigate everyone connected to the case and file a comprehensive report.

ANDHRA MULLS POOLING 30,000 MORE ACRES FOR AMARAVATI; NO DECISION YET: MINISTER

Diary Times Desk: The Andhra Pradesh government is considering acquiring an additional 30,000 acres of land through the land pooling model around Amaravati to develop a 'mega city' with its own international airport, Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana said on Tuesday. However, he clarified that no decision has been taken yet, though Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is keen on developing a mega city by integrating the adjoining areas of Mangalagiri, Tadepalli, Guntur, and Vijayawada. "No decision has been taken on additional land pooling in However. СМ Amaravati. Chandrababu has decided to build an international airport over 5,000 acres. Land is required for this,' Narayana said in an official press release. The Minister noted that the government needs land constructing the airport. However, local MLAs informed him that if land is acquired through the 'acquisition' mode, farmers will stand to lose. An international airport is being planned to cater to the mega city, he added. If land is acquired, farmers will receive only two-and-ahalf times the registration value, unlike the benefits.

SONIA, RAHUL GANDHI NAMED IN PROBE AGENCY CHARGESHEET IN NATIONAL HERALD CASE



Diary Times Desk: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Congress MPs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, and Sam Pitroda, the party's overseas unit chief, in the alleged National Herald money laundering case. A special court fixed April 25 as the hearing date. The present prosecution complaint shall next be taken up for consideration, on the aspect of cognisance... when Special Counsel for the ED and the Investigating Officer shall also ensure production of the case diaries for perusal by the court," special judge Vishal Gogne said. This the first time a chargesheet has been filed against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. Neither the party nor the Gandhis have responded so far. On Saturday the ED had issued notices to take possession of immovable assets worth Rs 661 crore. These had been attached - in November 2023 - to the investigation into allegations of money laundering against Congress-controlled Associated Journals Limited, or AJL.

ROBERT VADRA QUESTIONED FOR 6 HOURS IN LAND CASE, CALLED AGAIN TODAY

Diary Times Desk: The Enforcement has Directorate questioned and Conaress MP businessman Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's husband Robert Vadra for over six hours in a money laundering case related to a 2008 land deal in Haryana. The development came on a day when it was revealed that Mr Vadra's in-laws and senior Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi were named by the probe agency in the National Herald money laundering case. The 56-yearold appeared before the ED's Delhi office around 11 am on Tuesday, after being summoned for the second time, and left after 6 pm. He has been summoned again on Wednesday. The businessman had not appeared before the probe agency on April 8, when the last summons was issued. On Tuesday morning, Mr Vadra walked 2 km from his residence at Central Delhi's Sujan Singh Park to the ED headquarters on APJ Road. Speaking to reporters on the way, the businessman pointed out that the case was nearly 20 years old.

BANGLADESHI INFILTRATORS' ROLE IN BENGAL WAQF PROTESTS, SAYS PROBE: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk: An initial investigation into the violence in West Bengal's Murshidabad during anti-Waqf protests suggest the involvement of suspected Bangladeshi elements. Sources said this is the report that the Union Home Ministry has received from the Central forces deployed in the state. The report suggests that these infiltrators received support from local elements, and the situation escalated when the infiltrators went out of control. The deployment of Central forces in violence-hit Murshidabad district was ordered last week by the Calcutta High Court. Three people died in the violence and arson in Murshidabad and many lost their homes in the unrest over the amended Waaf law, that started on April 13. More than 200 people have been arrested in but the locals in Suti, Samsergani, Dhulian and Jangipur are still shaken. Yesterday, violence rocked South 24 Parganas as supporters of the Indian Secular Front clashed with the police in Bhangar area. Videos showed police motorbikes being set on fire.

TELANGANA TO GIVE RS 4 LAKH TO HEATWAVE VICTIMS' FAMILIES

Diary Times Desk: The Telangana Government on Tuesday issued orders to declare heatwave/sunstroke as a "State Specific Disaster" henceforth for the purpose of providing relief to the families of the victims. Under the new government order, Rs 4 lakh compensation will be provided to the family members of the victims. "The state government, having taken into consideration all the above-mentioned facts, have decided to declare heatwave/sunstroke as a 'State Specific Disaster' henceforth for the purpose of providing relief to the families of the victims..." the order said. Heat waves remain a "hidden hazard" whose impacts are under-recognized due to measurement and valuation challenges. There is under-reporting of deaths and severe impact of heat waves especially in the vulnerable sections of the population including women, children and old aged, it said. The GO further said, it was observed in Telangana that except for five Districts, all the remaining 28 districts had at least 15 days of heatwave. In the absence of specific compensation.

MK STALIN ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND MEASURES FOR TAMIL NADU'S AUTONOMY

Diary Times Desk: Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin announced in the state assembly on Tuesday that a panel will be formed to recommend measures for the state's autonomy amid run-ins with the Governor, reported news agency ANI. The panel will be headed by Kurian Joseph, a former Supreme Court judge and ex IAS officers - Ashok Vardan Shetty and Mu Nagarajan. MK Stalin's move is aimed at giving the state more powers and strengthen relations with the Centre. The committee has been given a deadline of January 2026 to present an interim report to the state government, while the complete report is expected by 2028. Addressing the Tamil Nadu state assembly, Stalin said, "To strengthen the relationship between state and union Government, this committee will do a research and give recommendations." Stalin has also asked the committee to look into how the state subjects moved to the concurrent list can be retrieved. "The committee will study, as per the law, to transfer those subjects that went from the State List to the Concurrent List," he said.



SINGAPORE CALLS FOR MAY POLLS AS PM WONG SEEKS MANDATE TO TACKLE COST-OF-LIVING CONCERNS

Diary Times Desk: Singapore's government called for a May 3 election as Prime Minister Lawrence Wong seeks a mandate to tackle cost-of-living concerns and lead a nation that has long benefitted from global trade into a complicated new era. Wong called on President Tharman Shanmugaratnam to dissolve parliament and issue a writ of election, setting the stage for the vote in less than three weeks, according to government statements published Tuesday. High living costs are top of mind for voters as the 52-year-old leader of the People's Action Party, who took over from Lee Hsien Loong about a year ago, turns to cash handouts and social welfare programs to ease the economic pain that spiked in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. navigating choppy geopolitics will be just as big a challenge for the city-state, which for decades has used its strategic position to become a financial and commodities-trading hub with one of the highest living standards in the world. The world "is becoming more uncertain, unsettled and even unstable," Wong said in a statement on social media. "The global conditions that enabled Singapore's success over the past decades may no longer

ISRAEL OFFERS 45-DAY CEASEFIRE BUT WITH A HOSTAGE RELEASE DEMAND: HAMAS

Diary Times Desk: Hamas said Monday that Israel has offered a 45-day ceasefire if it releases half of the remaining hostages held in Gaza, which the United Nations said is now in the grip of its worst humanitarian crisis since the start of the war. A Hamas official told AFP that Israel had also demanded that the Palestinian militants disarm to secure an end to the Gaza war but that this crossed a "red line". Egyptian mediators passed on an Israeli proposal that "includes the release of half the hostages in the first week of the agreement, an extension of the truce for at least 45 days, and the entry of aid," the official said. Militants took 251 hostages during the October 7, 2023, attacks that set off the war. Some 58 are still held in Gaza, including 34 the Israeli military says are dead. "The proposal includes the disarmament of Hamas.

TRUMP TELLS IRAN TO FORGET THE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ELSE...



Diary Times Desk: As Iran moves a step closer to finalising a nuclear deal with the United States, US President Donald Trump has warned Tehran against a drive for nuclear weapons, saying he would not shy away from military actions on a Middle Eastern country's atomic facilities if it desists from its activities. The American leader also accused Iran of intentionally delaying the nuclear deal, and claimed Tehran is "fairly close" to developing a nuclear weapon. "I think they're tapping us along," Trump told reporters after US special envoy Steve Witkoff met with a senior Iranian official in Oman on Saturday. "Iran has to get rid of the concept of a nuclear weapon. They cannot have a nuclear weapon," the American commander in chief added. Asked if American options for a response include a military strike on Tehran's nuclear facilities, Trump said: "Of course it does." He added that Iranians need to move fast to avoid a harsh response because "they're fairly close" to developing a nuclear weapon.

"SET AN EXAMPLE": BARACK OBAMA AS HARVARD REJECTS TRUMP'S DEMANDS

Diary Times Desk: Former US President Barack Obama on Tuesday said Harvard University has "set an example" by rejecting President Donald Trump administration's demands to limit activism on campus. Harvard President Alan Garber on Monday said they would not bend to the government's demands, which included bringing broad government and leadership reforms to America's oldest university and changes to its admissions policies. It also demanded the university audit views of diversity on campus and stop recognizing some student clubs. "Harvard has set an example for other higher-ed institutions - rejecting an unlawful and ham-handed attempt to stifle academic freedom, while taking concrete steps to make sure all students at Harvard can benefit from an environment of intellectual inquiry, rigorous debate and mutual respect. Let's hope other institutions follow suit," Obama posted on X

PAKISTAN ACCELERATES DEPORTATION OF AFGHANS: UN

Diary Times Desk: Pakistan has ramped up the forced mass deportation of Afghan refugees and migrants, with nearly 60,000 having crossed the border since the start of April. the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) said. Nearly three million Afghans in Pakistan are facing deportation after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced in October a three-phase plan to send them back to their home country. The IOM said in a statement on Tuesday that it has assisted more than one million people returning from Pakistan and Iran. Amid the second phase of the plan, the IOM said it had registered a sharp rise in forced returns. Between April 1 and April 13, nearly 60.000 individuals crossed into Afahanistan through the Torkham and Spin Boldak border points, it noted. "With a new wave of large-scale returns now underway from Pakistan, needs on the ground are rising rapidly – both at the border and in areas of return that are struggling to absorb large numbers of returnees," said Mihyung Park, head of the agency's Afghanistan mission.



CHINESE DIPLOMAT CLAIMS WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY'S DRESS IS 'MADE IN CHINA', INTERNET REACTS

Diary Times Desk: The US-China trade war has spilled onto social media, with Chinese supporters aiming at the US. The latest target is White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt, who faced backlash after wearing a dress reportedly made in China. The controversy started after Chinese diplomat Zhang Zhisheng criticised Ms Leavitt for wearing a dress made with Chinese lace, highlighting the disconnect between the Trump administration's tough trade rhetoric and everyday realities. Mr Zhang, who serves as the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Denpasar, Indonesia, took to X to share a picture of the dress and also included screenshots from Weibo users. One user claimed the lace on Ms Leavitt's dress came from a factory in Mabu, China, where they work. "Accusing China is business. Buying in China is life. The beautiful lace on the dress was recognized by an employee of a Chinese company as its product," diplomat Zhang wrote on X. Many came to her defence, arguing that the Chinese website's dress might be a knockoff. "Chinese people are notorious for bootleg clothes. It's more likely that they copied a luxury brand's jacket, suggested a user.

INDIA, TANZANIA EXPLORE NEW WAYS TO BOOST DEFENCE TIES

Diary Times Desk: Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth met Tanzania's Minister of Defence and National Service Steraomena Lawrence Tax in Dar es Salaam and discussed new ways to bolster bilateral ties and cooperation in counter-insurgency and counterterrorism operations. The meeting was held on April 14. Seth also called on Vice President of Tanzania Philip Isdor Mpango, the Indian Ministry of Defence said on Tuesday. During the meeting between Seth and Tax, the ongoing defence cooperation was reviewed and "new ways were explored" to further bolster the ties. "Training of Tanzanian officers in military training institutes of India, defence industry collaboration, cooperation in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations, and cyber security were some of the key areas of cooperation deliberated upon during the meeting," the defence ministry said in a statement. On April 13. Seth and Tax inaugurated the harbour phase of the Indian Navy's maiden initiative of Africa India Key Maritime Engagement , a multilateral naval exercise in Dar es Salaam, onboard INS Chennai. A Defence Expo was also inaugurated. In his address on the occasion.

PARTAP BAJWA WALKS OUT OF POLICE STATION AFTER 6 HOURS, SAYS WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk: Congress leader Partap Bajwa on Tuesday night walked out of the Mohali police station after six hours, saying he would continue to fight for Punjab. After coming out of the Cyber Crime police station, Bajwa termed his questioning as a "sustained interrogation" and said his targeting by the state's AAP government was "political vendetta". Bajwa said calling him to the police station was an "insult" to the constitutional post he holds and alleged that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann could not "digest" his expressing concern over the current law and order situation in the state. "A sustained interrogation took place. We gave replies strongly... I was questioned for six hours," Bajwa told reporters. He also thanked the "overwhelming" support he got from the Congress leaders and workers following the registration of the FIR. Earlier, accompanied by senior Congress leaders, Bajwa had appeared before the Cyber Crime Police Station, in the afternoon. Congress leaders and workers had resorted to sloganeering and staged a sit-in protest outside the police station.



STOP INDULGING IN FEAR-MONGERING: PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN TO OPPOSITION

Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday asked Opposition leaders not to indulge in "fear-mongering" and let the state "walk the path of peace and prosperity", saying Punjab had already been a witness to a period of terrorism and bloodshed. "We have already witnessed dark days of terrorism, bloodshed, violence, bombs and AK-47s," he said stressing the need for a "responsible politics" in the state. The Chief Minister made the statement addressing a state-level event organised at Punjabi University here to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of Dalit icon BR Ambedkar. His remarks came a day after the state police booked the Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly - Partap Singh Bajwa — for his claim in a TV interview that 50 bombs/hand grenades had been smuggled into Punjab, with 18 of them already used in terror activities. Following the statement, the state police booked the Congress leader for allegedly spreading misinformation that could compromise national security and unity. Taking a dig at Bajwa, Mann said, "Now, when he has been asked to reveal details of the remaining grenades, he's hiring a lawyer." The Chief Minister also urged the Opposition to criticise him freely but refrain from spreading panic.

LOCALS NET LOSERS AS PATIALA JAIL TESTS MOBILE JAMMERS FOR INMATES

Diary Times Desk: The installation of "V-Kavach" jammers to check mobile phone use inside the Patiala Central Jail has left residents of nearby areas harassed, as they are facing difficulties in accessing the Internet, besides experiencing frequent call drops. This is the second jail in the state to see the installation of "V-Kavach" jammers after Bathinda. Using LAN (local area network) WiFi has been a tough task due to frequent disruptions for the past one week, residents said. "Call drops are a common experience for those on the main road near the jail. The WiFi signal in the Police Lines, Phulkian Enclave and near Bhadson road areas is disrupted too often," they claim. "Contacting each other during peak working hours also becomes difficult. Internet glitches often disrupt official working in the area. Service providers attribute these things to the installation of jammers in the jail," said an employee at the Mini Secretariat. A senior official said the Prison Department might have increased the signal strength of jammers, causing difficulties for residents living in nearby areas. The non-receipt of OTPs often affected digital transactions. Patiala Central Superintendent Varun Sharma said BSNL officials brought the issue to his notice last week. "The testing phase of the jammers is on.

USING FAKE NUMBER PLATES LANDS CHANDIGARH FORTUNER DRIVER IN JAIL FOR 3 YEARS

Diary Times Desk: A Judicial Magistrate First Class has sentenced a city resident to undergo three years of rigorous imprisonment for driving a car with fake registration number plates.An FIR against the convict, Saravdeep Singh, was registered for offences punishable under sections 188 (disobedience of orders given by public servants), 471 (using a forged document) and 473 (possessing counterfeit seals or plates) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) by the Sector 3 Police Station House Officer on April 10, 2020 on the complaint of a cop. A police team had stopped the Fortuner driver at a beat box in Sector 10 during the Covid-19 pandemic. He failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for roaming outside amid the curfew, following which his car was impounded. When the car was checked, it was found that registration number plates affixed on the front and rear side of the vehicle had different numbers. Following an investigation, a challan was presented in court. Charges were framed against the accused to which he did not plead guilty and claimed trial.



NOT HERE TO EXPLOIT FARMERS, WE STAND WITH THEM, SAYS MODI

Diary Times Desk: Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoked the legacy of Dr BR Ambedkar to launch a blistering attack on the Congress, accusing the grand old party of betraying the architect of the Constitution and stalling India's industrial and social progress for decades. Speaking on the 135th birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar at a programme in Yamunanagar on Monday, Modi drew a clear ideological line, asserting that it was his government-not the realising Congress-that was Ambedkar's vision of social justice through industrial growth. "Baba Saheb believed that industrialisation was essential to uplift the Dalits, who did not own agricultural land. He saw industries as engines of employment and empowerment," he said. "If they (Congress) had truly followed Baba Saheb's path, why did India remain trapped in power shortages, poverty, and joblessness for decades? Why did our Dalit, backward, and marginalised youth never get access to industry-linked employment?" Modi asked. Citing initiatives like Mission Manufacturing, PM Suryagarh Muft Bijli Yojana and reforms in MSME and credit policies, Modi said his administration was equipping the underprivileged with tools economic freedom.

AIR HOSTESS ALLEGES RAPE BY PRIVATE HOSPITAL STAFF WHILE ON VENTILATOR IN GURUGRAM

Diary Times Desk: A 46-year-old air hostess alleged she was raped by a hospital staff member while on a ventilator in the ICU of a renowned private hospital in Gurugram. An FIR was registered at the Sadar police station based on her complaint. According to the complaint, the air hostess had been admitted to the hospital after falling ill during a training session at a hotel. She claimed that while on a ventilator, she was sexually assaulted by some hospital staff. After being discharged, she informed her husband about the incident and they approached the police. The police have recorded the victim's statement before magistrate and are examining the hospital's CCTV footage to identify the accused. A probe is underway, and the accused will be arrested soon. This incident is not the first of its kind in Gurugram's private hospitals. In July last year, a 51-year-old Kazakhastan woman was raped by an attendant in a private hospital, and the accused was later arrested. A similar incident occurred in October 2020. where а 21-year-old tuberculosis patient was allegedly raped by a staff member while on a ventilator in the ICU.

SOLAN CIVIC BODY SEEKS LAND FOR DISPOSAL OF C&D WASTE

Diary Times Desk: With no land being available for safe disposal of construction and demolition (C & D) waste in Solan city, the Municipal Corporation and other agencies are facing problems in the safe disposal of waste generated through various developmental works. Earlier, civic body officials had identified land measuring 30,564m at Kather on the Solan-Shimla bypass for the dumping of debris in 2023. A request was made to the Deputy Commissioner of Solan to notify the said land for dumping muck and debris as massive landslides, flooding and sinking of land had damaged several buildings, leading to the generation of large quantities of waste. Following the request, the DC had granted temporary permission to the MC to dump debris and muck on the land while ensuring that it was dumped in a scientific manner. The unscientific dumping of muck can trigger environmental concerns such as soil erosion and contamination of water bodies besides the disruption of natural habitats.

MERCURY RISES ACROSS HIMACHAL PRADESH, WEATHER REMAINS DRY

Times Desk : The temperature rose by 2°C to 4°C across Himachal Pradesh, settling close to normal for this time of the year, on a mostly dry day on Monday, the MeT office said. The highest maximum temperature was recorded in Una at 36°C while Kukumseri registered the lowest minimum temperature at 2.3°C. Paonta Sahib recorded a minimum temperature of 22°C, followed by Dehra Gopipur at 19°C and Dhaulakuan at 16.8°C. The MeT office has issued an 'orange' warning for heavy rain and thunderstorms accompanied by lightning, hail and wind reaching speeds of 40-50 km per hour at isolated places in Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi and Shimla districts on Friday due to a fresh western disturbance. It has also issued a 'yellow' alert for thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and wind reaching speeds of 40-50 km per hour in Chamba, Kangra and Kullu districts on Wednesday and Thursday. The MeT office has predicted a dry spell with light precipitation at isolated places on Wednesday and Thursday, light to moderate precipitation.

HIMACHAL CM DEDICATES PROJECTS WORTH CRORES TO PUBLIC IN CHAMBA

Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu dedicated a series of developmental projects worth crores of rupees to the residents of Pangi during his visit to the area in Chamba district today. In Killar, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for various projects, including the construction of residential quarters for the Agriculture Department at Killar Pangi at a cost of Rs 3.75 crore, additional rooms at Government Senior Secondary School Luj and Government Senior Secondary School Mindhal. He also laid the foundation stone for a sub-market yard in Killar worth Rs 2.13 crore, a new office building for Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) at a cost of Rs 49.42 lakh, health sub-centres at Rei and Hudan tehsil, each with a budget of Rs 1.99 crore. The Chief Minister also inaugurated several projects, including the Mini Secretariat building at Killar constructed at a cost of Rs 20.88 crore, ITI building at Killar worth Rs 5.62 crore, a bus stand in Killar built with an expenditure of Rs 5.29 crore and an alternative approach road to the bus stand constructed at a cost of Rs 2.98 crore. He also inaugurated the 50-bed Civil Hospital at Killar built at a cost of Rs 19.83 crore.



SUKHU LAYS STONE OF SOLAR POWER PLANT

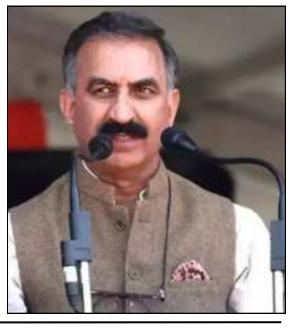
Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today laid the foundation stone of a 1 MW solar power plant at Dhanwas in the remote Panai valley and said that once operational, the solar power plant would guarantee uninterrupted power supply to all 19 panchayats of Pangi valley even during the harsh winter months. The project, estimated to cost Rs 10.5 crore, is scheduled for completion before November 2025. The CM also directed officers to expedite the construction process and ensure timely completion of this vital infrastructure. "The project also includes a 500-kilowatt battery storage system to provide electricity during night time, effectively eliminating load shedding and bolstering the region's power distribution network. Spread over 2.2 hectares, the plant will feature 2,400 solar panels dedicated to clean energy generation," said the CM. He emphasised the government's focused efforts on harnessing renewable energy to improve the quality of life in remote and far-flung regions. He reaffirmed the state's commitment to transforming Himachal Pradesh into a green energy state by March 31, 2026. He said, "This project is a testament to our resolve to promote green energy and ensure reliable infrastructure in the tribal and remote areas of Himachal Pradesh."

PANGI DECLARED 1ST NATURAL FARMING SUB-DIVISION OF HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday declared Pangi as Himachal Pradesh's first natural farming sub-division with a revolving grant of Rs 5 crore. The announcement was made during the state-level Himachal Day program held at Pangi in Chamba district. The Chief Minister unfurled the national flag and received the ceremonial salute during a parade led by IPS officer Ravi Nandan, featuring six contingents. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, CM Sukhu announced that improving the Udaipur-Killar road remains a top priority for the state government. He directed the administrations of Lahaul-Spiti and Chamba districts to expedite all formalities to accelerate the project. He also announced Rs 60 per kg Minimum Support Price (MSP) for naturally grown barley, and setting up of a milk processing plant with a capacity of 10,000 litre in Pangi area. To strengthen power supply in the Valley, he stated that the state government is working on various projects worth Rs 62 crore. This includes Rs 5 crore for an 11 KV line from Tindi to Shaur and Rs 45.50 crore for a 33 KV line from Thirot to Killar. Taking into account the unique challenges in the region, CM Sukhu assured sufficient funds.

HAMIRPUR MEDICAL COLLEGE TO HAVE NEPHROLOGY, NEUROLOGY DEPTS SOON

Diary Times Desk: The Dr Radhakrishnan Government Medical College and Hospital will have nephrology and neurology departments soon. This was stated by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while addressing the gathering at a function organised to mark the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar here today. He said that the Constitution was drafted by a team led by Dr BR Ambedkar and it had guided the people of the country to progress and prosperity. Earlier, the CM inaugurated a statue of Ambedkar installed on the premises of the DC office complex here. He also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development works including construction of heliport at Rs 18.42 crore, residential complex of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau at Rs 5.08 crore, sub-health centre at Dharog village at cost of Rs 4.43 crore and Fagot to Fafan link road at Rs 5.26 crore. The CM said that a cancer hospital would be established along with the medical college at cost of Rs 85 crore. He said that his government is committed to providing best health facilities to the people of the state and to do uniform development.



LOWEST IPL SCORES DEFENDED: PUNJAB KINGS DEFEND LOWEST TOTAL IN IPL HISTORY AGAINST KKR IN IPL 2025 MATCH

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Kings pulled off a stunning heist against the Kolkata Knight Riders in their IPL 2025 encounter in Chandigarh after being bundled out for a paltry 111run total. Shreyas Iyer's PBKS secured a 16-run victory to successfully defend the lowest total in IPL history. Led by Yuzvendra Chahal's manic four-wicket haul and Marco Jansen's three-for, KKR went from 62 for two in 7.3 overs to 95 all out in 15.1 overs to bear a harrowing defeat. PBKS surpassed a 16-year record held by Chennai Super Kings, who had incidentally defended a 116-run target against them back in IPL 2009.



MIRPUR, CHATTOGRAM TO HOST INDIA'S WHITE-BALL MATCHES IN AUGUST

: India will tour Diary Times Desk Bangladesh for a six-match white-ball series in August 2025, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) confirmed on Monday. The tour features three ODIs and three T20Is, with matches scheduled in Mirpur and Chattogram. The ODI series begins on August 17 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, which will also host the second ODI on August 20. The final ODI will be played in Chattogram on August 23. The T201 leg starts on August 26 in Chattogram and concludes with two matches in Mirpur, on August 29 and 31. This will also be the firstever bilateral T201 series between India and Bangladesh to be held in Bangladesh. BCB Chief Executive Officer Nizam Uddin Chowdhury said: "This series promises to be one of the most exciting and most anticipated events in our home calendar. India have set the benchmark in international cricket across all formats and the cricket-loving millions in both countries are sure to enjoy this contest. "Bangladesh and India have played some very competitive matches in recent years, and I am confident that this will be another hardfought and entertaining series."

VINOD KAMBLI SET TO EARN RS 30,000 PER MONTH, THANKS TO SUNIL GAVASKAR

Diary Times Desk: Former India batter Vinod Kambli recently came into the limelight due to his poor health conditions and financial struggles. Kambli, who is the legendary Sachin Tendulkar's childhood friend and played 104 ODIs and 17 Tests for India, has been dealing with several ailments. On December 21, 2024, he was admitted to Akruti Hospital in Thane for urinary infection and cramps. Amid his deteriorating health condition, Kambli is also battling a serious financial crisis. Seeing Kambli in his tough times, former India batter and renowned commentator Sunil Gavaskar came forward as a helping hand. Gavaskar had vowed to help Kambli during the inauguration of legendary coach Ramakant Achrekar's memorial at the Shivaji Park in Mumbai.

ROHIT SHARMA STAND AT WANKHEDE STADIUM GETS GREEN LIGHT FROM MUMBAI CRICKET BODY

Diary Times Desk : The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has approved a proposal to name one of the stands at Wankhede Stadium after India captain Rohit Sharma. The decision was made during the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday, April 15. Additionally, two other stands will be named in honour of former BCCI president Sharad Pawar and batting great Ajit Wadekar, the MCA confirmed. The proposal to name the stands after the three cricketing icons was put forward by politician and MCA apex council member Milind Narvekar. "Another key resolution passed during the AGM was the approval of the naming of stands at Wankhede Stadium - a proposal initially put forward by Mr Milind Narvekar and seconded by Mr Jitendra Awhad. The house unanimously approved the stand namings," the cricket body said in a statement. During the AGM, the MCA also announced that the match-day office at the MCA Pavilion will now be known as the MCA Office Lounge in memory of Amol Kale, the former president of the board, who passed away in 2024 at the age of 47.

SHREYAS IYER SCRIPTS HISTORY, BECOMES FIRST PLAYER IN WORLD TO...

Diary Times Desk: Stylish Indian batter Shreyas Iyer on Tuesday secured the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for March after playing a stellar role in India's Champions Trophy triumph. Iyer finished as the highest run-scorer with 243 runs during the ODI event to win the honour, overcoming competition from New Zealand's Jacob Duffy and Rachin Ravindra. He received the honour for the second time. He won the award for the first time in February 2022. Iyer won the award again after a gap of three years, 1127 days to be precise. With it, the right-handed batter has achieved a big record. 1127 days is the longest gap for a player claiming two ICC Player of the Month awards. "I'm truly honored to be named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March. This recognition is incredibly special, especially in a month where we lifted the ICC Champions Trophy - a moment I will cherish forever," Iyer said in an ICC release. "Being able to contribute to India's success on such a big stage is something every cricketer dreams of. I'm grateful to my teammates, coaches, and support staff for their unwavering support and belief. "A heartfelt thank you to the fans as well - your energy and encouragement keep us going every step of the way." India thus won the award back-to-back, with Shubman Gill winning the honour for February. Iyer helped India progress through the middle overs with his masterful stroke-play and his knack for anchoring the innings and forging crucial partnerships.

CRICKETER KL RAHUL AND SUNIEL SHETTY PURCHASE A 7 ACRE LAND PARCEL FOR ₹9.85 CRORE NEAR MUMBAI

Diary Times Desk : Cricketer KL Rahul and Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty have jointly acquired a seven acre land parcel in Owale at Thane West, near Mumbai, for Rs. 9.85 crore, according to property registration documents accessed by Square Yards. According to the property registration documents, transaction involves seven acres of undivided land within a larger parce I spanning 30 acres and 17 guntha. The documents show that the transaction incurred a stamp duty of Rs. 68.96 lakh and registration charges of Rs. 30,000. The transaction was registered on March 20, 2025. Square Yards said Owale is located in Thane West along Ghodbunder Road, one of the key arterial routes connecting Thane to Mumbai. Both Suneil Shetty and KL Rahul could not be reached for comment. In July 2024, KL Rahul and his wife Athiya Suneil Shetty, daughter of Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty, were in the news for purchasing an apartment in the Pali Hill area in Bandra, Mumbai, for ₹20 crore, according to the property registration documents accessed by IndexTap.com

VIRAT KOHLI BREAKS SILENCE ON REMOVING CONTENT FROM INSTAGRAM: "I AM NOT IN A..."

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli's recent social media activity generated a huge interest on social media. The India and RCB great is one of the most followed celebrities across social media platforms. He has 271 million followers on Instagram, while in X he has 67.7 million followers. He is among the top athletes in the world, when it comes to brand endorsements. Recently, Kohli removed promotional post in his Instagram account to the reels section. While no reason was given, the act got the internet intrigued. Now, Kohli has broken his silence on the act. "I'm in a very interesting place with social media. Currently, I'm not in a space where I'd be engaging too much, you never know about the future. But, it definitely needed a reset," Kohli said in a video on RCB's YouTube channel. Kohli had retired from T20 Internationals in the middle of last year after helping India win their second T20 World Cup in the Americas, having played matches to score 4,188 runs with one century and 38 fifties at an average of 48.69 and strike rate of 137.04. Virat Kohli's childhood coach Rajkumar Sharma hailed his pupil for scoring his 100th T20 fifty, saying that it is as good as scoring 100 centuries.