

SANJAY RAUT

'EMOTIONAL TALKS' UNDER WAY: SANJAY RAUT ON RAJ, UDDHAV RAPPROCHEMENT BUZZ

Diary Times Desk : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Sunday said there has been no announcement of an alliance between his party and the MNS, but claimed "emotional talks" between the two are going on. Talking to reporters, Raut also said Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has not put a precondition for rapprochement with Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) president and his cousin Raj Thackeray. "There is no announcement of an alliance. Currently, emotional talks are going on," Raut said. "They (Raj and Uddhav) meet at family events. They are brothers," the Rajya Sabha member added.

The buzz about rapprochement started after Raj Thackeray said in a podcast interview with filmmaker Mahesh Manjrekar—recorded weeks ago but released on Saturday—that he had no issues when working with Uddhav in the undivided Shiv Sena. The question is does Uddhav want to work with him, he said. MNS' Mumbai president and party spokesperson Sandeep Deshpande, however, said people were reading too much into the remarks made by Raj Thackeray. He said the election tie-up is a distant step and the Sena (UBT) must back the MNS in its agitation for Marathi language and people. Raj and Uddhav have sparked speculation about a possible reconciliation with statements indicating they could ignore "trivial issues" and join hands nearly two decades after a bitter parting of ways. While Raj Thackeray said uniting in the interests of "Marathi manooos" was not difficult, former CM Uddhav Thackeray said he was ready to put aside trivial fights, provided that those working against Maharashtra's interests were not entertained.



SAMAJWADI PARTY

SAMAJWADI PARTY TO FIGHT 2027 UP POLLS WITH INDIA BLOC? AKHILESH YADAV SAYS...



Diary Times Desk : Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav asserted on Sunday that the opposition INDIA coalition will continue in the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. He attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging it was trying to grab land like the mafia through the Waqf (Amendment) Bill. Addressing a press conference, Mr Yadav said that the "PDA (Backward, Dalits, and Minorities) would uproot the BJP" from the state in the 2027 assembly elections.

When asked about the INDIA bloc, he reiterated, "INDIA alliance is (present) and will remain", dispelling doubts about the fate of the alliance formed ahead of the 2024 general elections. "The BJP has brought the Waqf Amendment Bill so that it can snatch away land. Wherever they see land, they occupy it," he said and called the BJP "land mafia party".

He accused the ruling party of "snatching" people's money through demonetisation and GST and of diminishing reservation rights. Mr Yadav also criticised the BJP's handling of the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, promising an investigation into "mismanagement" if his party comes to power.

The SP chief claimed the government provided inaccurate figures regarding casualties and financial gains during the event, and alleged that drones and CCTV surveillance failed during the January stampede.

"When drones and CCTVs were needed the most (at the time of the stampede), they were either closed or were shut down," he claimed. Mr Yadav also accused the government of pressuring the relatives of stampede victims to change the cause of death. Regarding SP MP Ramji Lal Suman's controversial statement on Rana Sanga, Mr Yadav said, "The history which shows each other as superior and inferior, the history which stops our progress, that history should be allowed to remain."

'THROW MY ASHES IN A DRAIN': UP ENGINEER COMMITS SUICIDE, ACCUSES WIFE OF HARASSMENT

Diary Times Desk : A 33-year-old engineer allegedly committed suicide in a hotel room near Etawah railway station after accusing his wife and in-laws of harassment. Before taking the extreme step, he sent a video message to his family, stating, "If only there was a law for men too. If I don't get justice, immerse my ashes in a drain." Mohit Yadav hailed from Nagla Prasadpur village in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh. According to his brother Taran Pratap, Mohit was employed in a private company in Noida, where he met a woman named Priya. After a long live-in relationship, the couple married on November 27, 2023, with the consent of the families and without any dowry. After marriage, Mohit and his wife lived separately from their families. According to Taran, Mohit often complained that his in-laws pressed him to transfer his house and land in his wife's name. He alleged that his wife frequently quarrelled with him over the property. Mohit had informed his brother that Priya's father Anuj Kumar had lodged a "false police complaint" against him, and her brother had allegedly threatened to kill him if he did not comply with their property demands. Also, Mohit's mother-in-law allegedly forced Priya to abort a three-month-old pregnancy.



INDIA-US TRADE TALKS FROM APRIL 23, FOCUS ON EARLY AGREEMENT AMID TARIFF CONCERNS

Diary Times Desk : India and the US are meeting next week to speed up negotiations on the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), in an effort to avert some of the pressure being imposed by the Trump administration on India to significantly reduce trade tariffs. Commerce Ministry sources today said Indian and US officials would meet for three days starting April 23 and discuss broad contours of the BTA, focusing on 19-chapter terms of reference which had been finalised. "The Indian team led by Additional Secretary (Commerce) Rajesh Agarwal will be in Washington DC next week for the three-day meeting with the US counterparts. The two sides will also aim to go beyond the agreed terms of reference and discuss American interests in agriculture, non-tariff barriers besides customs facilitation," a source said. Agarwal, India's chief trade negotiator with the US, was yesterday appointed Special Secretary Commerce by an order.

CHEETAHS PRABHASH AND PAVAK GET NEW HOME IN MP'S GANDHI SAGAR SANCTUARY



Diary Times Desk : Two South African cheetahs, Prabhash and Pavak, who were translocated to Kuno National Park more than two years ago, found a new home on Sunday when Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released them into the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary. These six-year-old male cheetahs, originally brought from South Africa's Waterberg Biosphere Reserve to Kuno National Park in February 2023, arrived at Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary after a road journey. CM Yadav released them in the sanctuary at Basigaon Khemla this evening. He said four more cheetahs, proposed to be bought from Botswana in southern Africa, will also be released in Gandhi Sagar sanctuary. "A new history has been written in Gandhi Sagar in view of cheetah relocation. Prabhas and Pavak were released. I want to congratulate the people of the state and country," Yadav said on the occasion. Earlier, Yadav highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spearheaded a successful effort to reintroduce cheetahs to Asia in September 2022. The cheetahs were introduced in KNP on September 17, 2022. Due to that experiment, the growth of cheetahs is a matter of research for the entire world, Yadav said, adding that their growth rate in Madhya Pradesh is about 80 per cent.

WHY NO ACTION AGAINST MPS WHO CRITICISED SC, CONGRESS QUESTIONS BJP

Diary Times Desk : The Congress on Sunday described the BJP disassociating itself from the criticism of the Supreme Court by its MPs Nishikant Dubey and Dinesh Sharma as "damage control" and asserted that the minimum action against them should be their expulsion from the party. The opposition party also asked why no action had been taken against the two MPs and why no show-cause notices were issued to them. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the distancing of the "outgoing BJP president" from the "atrocious remarks" made by two MPs on the Chief Justice of India (CJI) carried little meaning. "These MPs are repeat offenders when it comes to hate speech and are very often used by G2 to attack communities, institutions and individuals. The outgoing BJP president's clarification is nothing but damage control," Ramesh said in a post on X.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
 21-04-2025

<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 PRADESH: BJP PRESIDENT JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA SAID – THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF RETURN TO HIMACHAL POLITICS

Diary Times Desk : BJP president JP Nadda on Sunday ruled out the possibility of a return to Himachal Pradesh politics. "I am in a responsible position and there is no possibility of a return to the state," Nadda, who was elected BJP national president in February 2020 and is on an extension since his three-year term ended, told a press conference here. Earlier this week, sources had said the BJP was in the process of choosing heads of several state units in the coming days to clear the way for the election of its national president. "Once the appointments are made in a few states, the process of electing Nadda's replacement will begin soon," a party leader said. Responding to a question on Sunday, Nadda said the state BJP president would be elected soon. He attacked the Himachal government, alleging that it was the most corrupt among the Congress governments in the country. Nadda claimed that the Congress government in the state had given advertisements worth crores of rupees to the National Herald, which are not being published. "The Himachal government is the most corrupt among the Congress governments in the country and ranks highest in financial mismanagement," he alleged.



SANJAUJI MOSQUE: ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED BY MAY 3, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION COMMISSIONER COURT REPRIMANDED THE MOSQUE COMMITTEE

Diary Times Desk : In the case of illegal construction of Sanjauli Mosque of the capital, the Commissioner Court has reprimanded the Masjid Committee. Despite giving additional time thrice, the committee which failed to demolish all the illegal construction in Sanjauli Mosque has now been given a last chance. The Masjid Committee will have to demolish all the illegal construction by May 3 at any cost. If this is not done, then one will have to appear in the Commissioner's office daily. The next hearing of this case will be on May 3. On Saturday, 45 cases related to illegal construction were heard in the court of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Bhupendra Atri. During this, the much talked about Sanjauli Mosque case of the capital was also heard. Chairman Mohammad Latif appeared in the court on behalf of the Masjid Committee. The Commissioner asked whether the work of demolishing the illegal construction was completed on the spot or not. The committee told that most of the work has been completed but one floor is yet to be demolished. It was argued that it is taking time to demolish the illegal construction in the mosque surrounded by residential buildings.

HIMACHAL NEWS: CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- RECRUITMENT PROCESS OF 700 NEW HOME GUARD PERSONNEL WILL START SOON

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu presided over the closing ceremony of the Fire Service Week at the State Fire Training Centre at Baldayan in Shimla district. The week-long event, held from April 14 to 20, 2025, concluded with impressive demonstrations of firefighting and rescue operations by the fire department personnel. On the occasion, the Chief Minister also flagged off 13 new fire fighting vehicles to enhance the emergency response capabilities of the department. During the ceremony, Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu felicitated fire service personnel for their exemplary service and presented prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the Fire Service Week. He also paid tributes at the Shaheed Smarak and announced financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of two firemen, martyr Joginder Pal and Ghanshyam, who were martyred in the line of duty in 2009 at Nalagarh in Solan district.

HIMACHAL: GEHLOT WILL COME TO SHIMLA TO TELL THE TRUTH OF THE NATIONAL HERALD CASE, NAMES OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MAY BE ANNOUNCED

Diary Times Desk : Former Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot will come to Shimla on Monday to reveal the truth behind the National Herald case, which is making headlines across the country these days. Gehlot will respond to BJP's allegations by holding a press conference at the party headquarters Rajiv Bhawan Shimla. The national leadership of Congress has devised a strategy to counter the BJP on this issue. Senior Congress leaders will go to every state of the country and clarify the situation on BJP's allegations. In this episode, Congress state in-charge Rajni Patil is also likely to come to Shimla on April 23. With Rajni Patil's arrival, the discussion of forming a new executive committee of Congress in the state has intensified. Himachal BJP has accused the state government of giving an advertisement of Rs 2 crore to the National Herald newspaper. Politics from the state to the center is heated these days on this issue. On the other hand, the state government has cornered the BJP yesterday by raising the issue of advertisements worth Rs 2.92 crore issued to magazines associated with BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh during the Jairam government.

SHIMLA NEWS: HUGE FIRE IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN VIKASNAGAR, LOSS OF LAKHS

Diary Times Desk : A fire broke out at Saraswati Vidya Mandir Him Rashmi School, Lower Vikasnagar at around 3:40 am on Sunday. The fire completely engulfed the upper floor and most of the school material was burnt to ashes. No one was present in the school at the time of the fire. The fire brigade was called immediately as soon as the information was received, but due to vehicles parked on the road and crossing point, the fire brigade was delayed in reaching the spot. The fire engine could not reach the school building, so an attempt was made to extinguish the fire by pulling the pipe from bottom to top. The fire was brought under control at around 4:40 pm. According to locals, if the fire brigade had reached on time, the damage could have been less. The fire has burnt school documents, furniture and other important items. Fortunately, no one was present in the school at the time of the incident, due to which there was no loss of life.

HP MINIMUM BUS FARE: CPIM CONDEMNS FARE HIKE, DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF DECISION; GIVES THIS WARNING

Diary Times Desk : The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has opposed the state government's decision to increase the minimum bus fare from Rs 5 to Rs 10. The party said that the government should immediately withdraw this anti-people decision of fare hike. Earlier also HRTC had increased the fare of school buses by 50 percent. If the government does not immediately withdraw the decision of bus fare hike, the party will mobilize the people against this decision of the government which puts financial burden on the common people and will hold a state-wide movement. The party says that in the absence of railway lines and other means of transport in the state, bus service is the only means of transport for the general public. In rural and urban areas, the general public is able to travel only by bus. Therefore, if the bus fare is increased, the general public, especially farmers, laborers, students, employees, women and youth will be badly affected by this. Daily travelers, which include daily wage laborers, school children, employees, working women and farmers, will have to pay almost double the bus fare for short distance travel.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: 400 CRORE SCAM IN FOUR STATES INCLUDING HIMACHAL PRADESH, MASTERMIND JATAV ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A scam of Rs 400 crore has taken place in the name of Ayushman and Himcare in four states including Himachal, Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana. In the name of treatment of patients in PGI Chandigarh, a scam of crores was being run from Brothers Chemist Shop located in the campus. The Crime Branch has arrested the main conspirator and operator of the chemist shop, Durlabh Kumar Jatav. On Friday, the court of Additional Sessions Judge has also rejected Jatav's bail plea. This makes it clear that the investigating agencies are taking it seriously. However, the police kept the arrest hidden from the media. This case came to light in February, when a young man went to Amrit Pharmacy located in PGI to get medicines worth about Rs 60 thousand with Ayushman card. He got all the medicines from the pharmacy for free.

"NO MOOD TO BE POLITE": OMAR ABDULLAH FUMES AS DELHI FLIGHT DIVERTED

Diary Times Desk : A Delhi-bound IndiGo flight from Srinagar carrying Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was diverted to Jaipur on Saturday night, prompting a sharp response from him who called the Delhi Airport a "sh*t show". In a late-night post on X, Mr Abdullah expressed his ordeal, saying that the flight - which took off from Jammu - was in the air for three hours and was then rerouted to Jaipur due to "apparent congestion or disruption" at the Delhi Airport. Passengers, including the Chief Minister, were left stranded on the runway at Jaipur Airport for hours. The Chief Minister also shared a selfie standing on the aircraft's steps after deplaning briefly for fresh air. "Delhi airport is a bloody sh*t show (excuse my French but I'm in no mood to be polite). 3 hours in the air after we left Jammu we get diverted to Jaipur & so here I am at 1 in the morning on the steps of the plane getting some fresh air. I've no idea what time we will leave from here," he said.

IMD: HEATWAVE TO GRIP NW, CENTRAL INDIA; RAIN, STORMS IN NE OVER NEXT 5 DAYS

Diary Times Desk : Heatwave conditions are expected to return to parts of northwest and central India, while light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning is likely over Northeast India in the next five days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Sunday. Areas that are likely to experience the heatwave are Vidarbha from April 21 to 23; south Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh till April 24; Rajasthan and south Haryana on April 23 and 24. According to the IMD, a gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3°C is likely in northwest India during the next five days, with no significant change expected in the following two days. Over central India and Gujarat, no significant change in maximum temperatures is expected in the next 24 hours, followed by a gradual rise of 2-3°C over the subsequent six days. In East India, maximum temperatures are likely to gradually rise by 4-6°C over the next four days. "The maximum temperatures will rise now over NW India and central India as the intense western disturbance (WD) has moved away. The system was very intense and brought a lot of thunderstorm and rainfall activity over the hills but now we do not expect any intense WD in the next few days. Over east India also, there was a lot of thunderstorm activity but that too has stopped.

LAWYER SEEKS CONTEMPT ACTION AGAINST BJP MP FOR REMARKS AGAINST SUPREME COURT



Diary Times Desk : A Supreme Court lawyer, representing one of the litigants in the Waqf Act case, has written to Attorney General R Venkatramani seeking consent to initiate contempt proceedings against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey for his remarks against the top court and the Chief Justice of India. This came a day after Dubey criticised the Supreme Court, saying that the Parliament and state Assemblies should be closed if the top court has to make laws. He also took a swipe at Chief Justice India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna, holding him responsible for "civil wars" in the country. In his letter to the attorney general, advocate Anas Tanveer said Dubey's remarks are "deeply derogatory and dangerously provocative". "I am writing this letter under Section 15(1)(b) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, read with Rule 3(c) of the Rules to Regulate Proceedings for Contempt of the Supreme Court, 1975, to humbly seek your kind consent for initiating criminal contempt proceedings against Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Lok Sabha.

KARNATAKA'S FORMER POLICE CHIEF STABBED TO DEATH IN BENGALURU HOME

Diary Times Desk : Karnataka's former police chief Om Prakash was found dead at his Bengaluru home on Sunday. He was 68. There was blood everywhere on the floor where his body - with multiple stab wounds to his stomach and chest - was found, the police said. His wife, Pallavi, daughter and another family member were in the house at the time of the incident, sources said. All three are being questioned. The police control room received a call from another person, informing about the body, sources said. As per sources, Prakash and his wife often used to quarrel. Bengaluru Additional Commissioner of Police Vikas Kumar said it appears a sharp weapon was used to attack the retired police officer. "Today afternoon around 4-4.30 pm, we got information about the death of our former DGP and IGP Om Prakash. His son has been contacted and he is giving a complaint against the incident, and based on that, an FIR will be registered," Mr Kumar told reporters. "After the case is registered, a detailed investigation will be carried out.

INDIA-US TRADE PACT, GLOBAL ISSUES: TOP AGENDAS OF JD VANCE'S INDIA VISIT

Diary Times Desk : US Vice-President JD Vance begins his four-day India visit on Monday with focus on a trade agreement, bilateral relations and the implementation of the outcomes of the India-US joint statement issued in February. Accompanied by his Indian-origin wife Usha Chilukuri and their three children, Vance's visit marks the first by a sitting US Vice-President to India in over a decade, with the last being former US President Joe Biden's visit in 2013. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to host Vance for talks and dinner at his official residence, 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, on Monday evening. The meeting is expected to cover the long-discussed India-US bilateral trade agreement and explore ways to deepen strategic and economic ties between the two democracies. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar are expected to join the discussions. The US Vice-President will be accompanied by a five-member high-level US delegation, including representatives from the Pentagon and the State Department.



'LOST EVERYTHING IN ONE NIGHT': J&K'S RAMBAN RESIDENTS AFTER LANDSLIDES

Diary Times Desk : Residents in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban are assessing the damage due to landslides triggered by heavy hailstorm, with many saying they have lost commercial property and homes. Three people were killed when their houses collapsed due to the landslide. "I live on the other side, but even there, the flow of water was very strong, we could not make it here in time. When I reached here, I saw the whole market, including my shop, had vanished... This is the first time I am seeing something like this," a Ramban resident, Om Singh, told news agency ANI. Some houses damaged by the landslides were visible behind Mr Singh. Ravi Kumar, a shopkeeper at Ramban, said he owned two shops, both of which vanished overnight. "I had two shops at the market... When we got to know at 4 am that the whole market had been washed away, we rushed here to find there was nothing left," Mr Kumar said. "We didn't know who to approach for help, what to do; we were clueless.

"RULE OF LAW PREVAILS OR MUSCLE POWER?" BOMBAY HIGH COURT ON ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS

Diary Times Desk : Does the rule of law or the rule of muscle power prevail in the state, the Bombay High Court has asked while slamming the state-run city planning agency CIDCO for failing to act against illegal structures on a land plot in Navi Mumbai. A division bench of Justices AS Gadhari and Kamal in the order passed earlier this month said the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) authorities were not desirous of taking stringent action against unauthorised constructions. The CIDCO informed the court that when they had tried to initiate legal action against the sarpanch of Bokadvira village. The bench then said that officers, while performing their lawful duties, are entitled to get sufficient police protection, and it is the duty of the authorities to prevent illegalities and establish the rule of law. "We fail to understand, as to whether, we live in a State where rule of law prevails or the rule of muscle power prevails," the high court said.

US ADMINISTRATION URGES COURT TO ALLOW DEPORTATIONS UNDER ALTERNATIVE LAWS: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : After the US Supreme Court temporarily barred the deportation of migrants, President Donald Trump's administration has urged the top court to allow the use of alternative laws to remove a group of Venezuelan migrants detained in Texas, CNN reported. Following the Supreme Court's order, the US Justice Department argued that the justices should deny the request to halt deportations under the controversial wartime authority provided by the Alien Enemies Act. The Justice Department further urged the Supreme Court to provide clarity that it may remove at least some of the same migrants under less controversial immigration laws. The Supreme Court's order did not distinguish between deportations under the Alien Enemies Act and other laws, CNN reported. The court said, "The government is directed not to remove any member of the putative class of detainees from the United States until further order of this court." Earlier, the White House said in a statement Saturday morning that "President Trump promised the American people to use all lawful measures to remove the threat of terrorist illegal aliens, like members of (Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua), from the United States."

US ATTACKS YEMEN AGAIN AFTER AT LEAST 80 PEOPLE KILLED IN HODEIDAH

Diary Times Desk : The United States has carried out 13 air strikes on Hodeidah's port and airport, the Houthis-affiliated TV channel Al Masirah says, two days after a US air strike targeted the Ras Isa port, also in Hodeidah, killing at least 80 people and wounding more than 150. Al Masirah also reported Saturday that three people were killed and four injured due to a US attack on al-Thawra, Bani Matar, and al-Safiah districts in the capital Sanaa. The Houthis have promised to carry out "more operations" despite the ongoing US attacks. US President Donald Trump's administration announced a major military offensive against the Houthis a few weeks ago. It said the air strikes are aimed at forcing the Houthis to stop threatening ships sailing on the Red Sea on a route crucial to international trade. Since November 2023, the group has reportedly launched more than 100 attacks on vessels.

"NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP FIGHTING": NETANYAHU VOWS TO CONTINUE GAZA OFFENSIVE

Diary Times Desk : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged to continue military operations in Gaza and emphasised that Israel must keep fighting to ensure its survival, despite increasing opposition, according to a report by CNN. In a pre-recorded video Saturday night, Netanyahu said Israel has "no choice" but to keep fighting "for our very own existence until victory." Netanyahu urged "perseverance and resilience" in defeating Hamas and rescuing the 59 hostages still held in Gaza. Netanyahu cited Hamas' refusal of a recent Israeli ceasefire proposal as a reason Israel will continue its bombardment of Gaza. Israel's proposal called for the disarmament of Gaza and did not include a permanent end to the war, both of which have been red lines for Hamas, CNN reported. "If we surrender to Hamas's demands now, all the tremendous achievements gained by our soldiers, our fallen, and our wounded heroes-- those achievements will simply be lost," Israeli PM said. Meanwhile, the Hostage Families Forum Headquarters criticised Netanyahu's latest address, accusing him of lacking a clear "plan" for securing the release of hostages.



POPE FRANCIS CONDEMNS "DEPLORABLE" SITUATION IN GAZA, CALLS FOR CEASEFIRE



Diary Times Desk : Pope Francis reiterated his call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza in an Easter Sunday message read aloud by an aide as the pontiff, still recovering from pneumonia, looked on during a brief appearance on the main balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. The 88-year-old pope, limiting his workload on doctors' orders, did not preside over the Vatican's Mass for Easter but appeared at the end of the event for a twice-yearly blessing and message known as the "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world). Before a five-week hospital stay for pneumonia, which nearly killed him, Francis had been ramping up criticism of Israel's military campaign in Gaza, calling the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian enclave "very serious and shameful" in January. In the Easter message, the pontiff said the situation in Gaza was "dramatic and deplorable". The pope also called on Palestinian operator group Hamas to release its remaining hostages and condemned what he said was a "worrisome" trend of antisemitism in the world.

TRUMP SLAMS BIDEN AS 'HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE MORON' IN BLISTERING EASTER MESSAGE

Diary Times Desk : In a fiery Easter address, former President Donald Trump launched into a blistering attack on his political opponents and former President Joe Biden, accusing them of undermining his hardline immigration policies. Trump, known for his unfiltered rhetoric, didn't hold back, referring to Biden as a "highly destructive moron" while slamming efforts to thwart his deportation strategies. In his Easter message on the Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Happy Easter to all, including the Radical Left Lunatics who are fighting and scheming so hard to bring Murderers, Drug Lords, Dangerous Prisoners, the Mentally Insane, and well known MS-13 Gang Members and Wife Beaters, back into our Country," on Sunday. He continued, "Sleepy Joe Biden purposefully allowed Millions of CRIMINALS to enter our Country, totally unvetted and unchecked."

HINDU MINISTER ATTACKED IN PAK, SHEHBAZ SHARIF CALLS IT "UNACCEPTABLE"

Diary Times Desk : A Hindu state minister in Sindh province of Pakistan has been attacked by protestors who took out a rally against a plan for new canals. Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz lawmaker Kheal Das Kohistani, the minister of state for religious affairs, was driving through the Thatta district on Saturday when his motorcade was pelted with tomatoes and potatoes by protestors who chanted slogans against the federal government. Officials said Kohistani was unharmed in the attack. Radio Pakistan reported that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif telephoned Kohistani and assured him of a thorough investigation into the incident. "The attack on the public representatives is unacceptable. The persons involved in the incident would be given exemplary punishment," the prime minister said. Minister for Information Atta Tarar sought details of the incident from Sindh Inspector General Police (IGP) Ghulam Nabi Memon and a report from the federal interior secretary. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah also strongly condemned the act in the strongest terms.

FLORIDA SHOOTER PHOENIX IKNER'S COP STEPMOTHER TAUGHT HIM HOW TO HANDLE GUNS

Diary Times Desk : The 20-year-old Florida State University (FSU) student accused of opening fire on campus Thursday was taught how to handle guns by his sheriff deputy stepmother, officials confirmed. Phoenix Ikner, the suspect behind the midday shooting - that killed two and injured six - near FSU's busy student union building, is the stepson of Leon County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jessica Ikner. Authorities said Ikner had access to one of her firearms, which he brought to campus on the day of the attack. "That was one of the weapons that was found at the scene," Leon County Sheriff Walter McNeil said, as per The NY Post. The sheriff's office also confirmed that Phoenix Ikner had been taught how to handle firearms by Deputy Ikner. "His family exposed him to safety as it relates to utilising firearms," a department spokeswoman said, as per The NY Post. Another spokesperson, Javonni Hampton, added that Phoenix Ikner learned to handle guns from his stepmother. The firearm used in the attack was a pistol Jessica Ikner had kept for personal use after the department upgraded its service weapons - a common practice, officials added. She is described by the department as a "model employee" with 18 years of service.

AMRITPAL SUPPORTERS INTEND TO TARGET AMIT SHAH, BITTU, MAJITHIA FOR EXTENDING HIS DETENTION UNDER NSA

Diary Times Desk : Leaked screen shots of a chat among members of a social media group supporting jailed MP Amritpal Singh show their intention to target Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP MP Ravneet Bittu and SAD leader Bikram Majithia for the one-year extension given in the detention of Amritpal. Sources said the chat screen shots and audio recordings have been shared with security agencies. The group having more than 600 members is seen planning revenge against Bittu, Majithia and others for their alleged key role in keeping Amritpal in jail. Amritpal's detention under the National Security Act (NSA) was extended by a year on Friday. Sources said that besides attacking these leaders the supporters may cause violence in Punjab. As per the screen shots of the chat, they also intend to attack Parminder Singh Talwara, a close aide of late Deep Sidhu, the founder president of 'Waris Punjab De'. In the chat, volunteers offering their lives for the "cause" sought assurance that their families would be looked after.



CONTINUING BACKLOG, SHRINKING BENCH: CRISIS PERSISTS AT PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court is staring at a worsening judicial crisis, with pendency of over 4.28 lakh cases and the judge strength down to nearly half. It is currently functioning with just 51 judges against the sanctioned strength of 85. The number is likely to register a dip with two Judges – Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Manjari Nehru Kaul – retiring this year, followed by nine in 2026. The number of judges went down by two from 53 earlier this month with the elevation of Justice Arun Palli as the Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court and the retirement of Justice Karamjit Singh on April 16. The judges retiring next year are: Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal, Justice SP Sharma, Justice GS Gill, Justice Anil Kshetarpal, Justice Meenakshi I Mehta, Justice Archana Puri, Justice Sukhvinder Kaur and Justice Sanjiv Berry. Though the high court has already forwarded names of district and sessions judges from Punjab and Haryana for elevation after a gap of more than two years, the process is expected to take time – further straining an already overloaded system and pushing justice delivery to the edge. The last recommendation for advocates' elevation was made by the high court collegium.

JAILED PUNJAB MP AMRITPAL'S FATHER SLAMS MANN GOVERNMENT FOR EXTENDING HIS SON'S DETENTION UNDER NSA

Diary Times Desk : Jailed radical preacher Amritpal Singh's father Tarsem Singh on Sunday slammed the AAP-led Punjab government for extending his son's detention under the National Security Act, alleging it wanted to keep the Khadoor Sahib MP behind bars as it considers him a "threat" in the political space. Amritpal (32) is lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail. He was detained under the NSA following his arrest on April 23, 2023. Following a proposal received from the Senior Superintendent of Police of Amritsar Rural, the Amritsar district magistrate issued a fresh order of Amritpal's detention on April 17. The Punjab government extended his detention under the NSA for another year. Speaking to the media in Amritsar, Tarsem strongly condemned the extension of Amritpal's detention, alleging the state government has "thrown all rules to the wind". Detaining Amritpal under the NSA for the third time is a "blot on democracy", he alleged. He alleged that the state government was "hand-in-glove" with the Centre in issuing the fresh order of Amritpal's detention under the NSA. Asked about the Punjab government's move of extending Amritpal's detention, Singh said they are feeling "threatened" with his son coming into politics.

COMMISSION TELLS UT POWER DEPARTMENT TO REFUND METER RENTAL

Diary Times Desk : The Electricity Ombudsman, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC), has directed the UT Electricity Department and the Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited to refund the meter rental wrongly charged from all consumers. Upholding the order passed by the Consumers Grievances Redressal Forum (CGRF), the ombudsman stated: "The UT Electricity Department (former licensee) and Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited (present deemed licensee) should make efforts to refund the meter rental wrongly charged from all consumers of the Electricity Department along with interest." On a complaint filed by SK Nayar, president, Indian Citizen's Forum (ICF), the forum, in its order dated November 26, 2024, had directed the UT Electricity Department to refund the excess amount of meter rental charged from all electricity consumers of the city with effect from April 1, 2023. Nayar had submitted that "in the tariff order for 2023-24, effective from April 1, 2023, the JERC has not approved these rentals and further in the tariff order for 2024-25 issued on July 25, 2024, no such rentals were approved. But, the UT Electricity Department is collecting rentals continuously in violation of these tariff orders."



AFTER MASSIVE FIRE, ADMINISTRATION STARTS LOSS ASSESSMENT IN K'SHETRA

Diary Times Desk : After the massive fire incidents reported at several villages in Kurukshetra, the district administration has started a loss assessment survey to compensate farmers. Fire incidents were reported from various villages, including Diwana, Mangna, Chanderbhan Pura, Jyotisar, Khaspur, Dyalpur, Samsipur, Thana, Helwa and Lohar Majra. Besides agricultural fields, the fire caused damage to some deras and residential areas near the fields. Dry fodder, crop residue, tractor trailers, agricultural machines, sheds and a number of coolers in a house were gutted. A newly constructed house was also destroyed. Rameshwar, a farmer from Khaspur village, said he had taken 4 acres on lease for farming and his standing wheat crop had been burnt, causing him heavy losses. Gurnam Singh, a farmer, said, "The fire had reached our house and we managed to save ourselves somehow. A buffalo and calf we purchased recently were killed. We have suffered heavy losses, and request the government to provide some relief."

RAIN DRENCHES WHEAT BAGS IN MANDIS, STRONG WINDS DISRUPT POWER IN REGION

Diary Times Desk : Thunderstorm and rain lashed the region late on Friday disrupting not only the power supply, but also wetting the wheat in the grain markets. Wheat arrivals are peaking these days in the mandis. In Panipat, a total of 2.16 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of wheat arrived at 12 mandis and purchase centres. Of this, 2 lakh MT were procured till Friday evening. Out of the total procured wheat, 88,451 MT wheat (44 percent) has been lifted by procurement agencies from the mandis. Dinesh Bhoker, president, Panipat mandi, said that around three lakh bags of procured wheat are lying in the grain market. He said that the bags got wet, but the wheat suffered no big damage as the rain spell was very short. Overall, procurement and lifting are going on smoothly in the mandi, he claimed. Baljeet Singh, president, Samalkha grain market, said lifting of wheat bags is better than was in the previous years. Around four lakh bags are lying in the Samalkha grain market, he said. Due to the bad weather, 11 poles broke and one transformer structure fell down in the rural area of Panipat district. As a result, power supply got disrupted. But it was restored within two hours, claimed Dharam Suhag, Superintending Engineer, UHBVN, Panipat Circle. In Sonapat district, 2.83 lakh MT wheat.

CHIEF SECY DEFENDS HOLY PARTY, SAYS IT WAS GOVT EVENT

Diary Times Desk : Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena today said that the much talked about party on Holi was not his personal event but was organised by the General Administration Department. That was why the party's bill was sent to the government. Saxena, while addressing mediapersons at Manali, said that such a practice was common and the Chief Minister and the Governor also host parties on various occasions. He added that the party was not of my relatives but the officers and the staff of the department. He said that it was not my birthday party and the media should have given him an opportunity to present his views before publishing news. A controversy had erupted after a bill of Rs 1,22,020 of a lunch party during the Holi festival in the name of the Secretary, GAD, issued by The Holiday Home hotel of the HPTDC circulated on social media. It mentions 'Information Bill' on the top and lunch and snacks for 75 persons and lunch for 22 drivers. The critics also alleged that the said bill also lacked a number and the date of issuance.

3 SPECIALIST DOCTORS APPOINTED AT SARKAGHAT CIVIL HOSPITAL

Diary Times Desk : The state government has appointed three specialist doctors at the Civil Hospital, Sarkaghat, in Mandi district fulfilling a long-pending demand of local residents. Out of the three appointed specialists, two have already joined duty. The development follows a representation made by Sarkaghat MLA Dilip Singh during the recent Vidhan Sabha session, where he raised the issue of acute shortage of doctors at the Civil Hospital, which caters to approximately 450 patients in its daily Outpatient Department (OPD). He had explained how the lack of adequate medical staff was affecting healthcare, making essential services inaccessible to the general public. Responding to the issue, the Chief Minister and the Health Minister had assured that the vacant posts at the hospital would be filled. Acting on the commitment, the state government has now appointed three specialists, including a medicine specialist (MD).

GOVT MAY RAISE SERVICE PERIOD FOR PENSION TO 25 YRS

Diary Times Desk : The state government may raise the minimum service required for employees to draw pension to 25 years. This is one of the major recommendations made by the Cabinet Sub-committee on Resource Mobilisation headed by Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. The Cabinet can discuss the contentious issue pertaining to the necessary amendment to the pension rules at its next meeting. The pension liability of the government following the restoration of the old pension scheme has risen tremendously and the state is at present not in a position to bear this additional expenditure. The other issue of raising the retirement age of employees by one year from 58 years to 59 years can also be discussed at the Cabinet meeting along with the assessment of its impact on the unemployed youth. In the past also, the Virbhadra Singh government had raised the retirement age of its employees by one year to postpone the payment of retirement benefits. At present, all state government employees, who have completed 10 years of regular service, are entitled to pension benefit.

**NADDA IN HP: 'HEIGHT OF MISMANAGEMENT, STATE GOVT RETURNING CENTRAL FUNDS FOR BIG PROJECTS'**

Diary Times Desk : BJP national president and Union Minister for Health and Fertilisers JP Nadda, while addressing a press conference at Kangra today, criticised the Congress government in the state for "returning money" given by the Union Government for developmental works. He said the Himachal Pradesh Government was the only government in the country to do so. "This government is among the most corrupt governments of the Congress. It has displayed the height of mismanagement. It is accusing the Union Government of not allotting funds to Himachal. I ask which money is due from the Centre," Nadda said. "The Union Government had given Rs 25 crore for the development of Medical Devices Park in Baddi. The Union Government was to give about Rs 100 crore for the project. However, the state government has returned the money. Bulk Drug Park was another big project given by PM Narendra Modi for Una district of Himachal. The Union Government had committed Rs 1,000 crore for the Bulk Drug Park and had given Rs 225 crore as the first instalment. It has been two years but the amount has not been utilised by the state government," he said. He alleged that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu had been trying to build a narrative that the Union Government was not helping.

JAI RAM GOVT GAVE RS 2.93 CR AD TO BJP'S MOUTHPIECES: CONG

Diary Times Desk : The Congress government today said that the previous regime headed by Jai Ram Thakur had issued advertisements worth more than Rs 2.93 crore to papers, magazines and journals associated with the BJP. Naresh Chauhan, Principal Media Adviser to the Chief Minister, while talking to mediapersons here, refuted the BJP's charge over the release of advertisements to National Herald. "In the past two and a half years, advertisements worth Rs 1 crore were given to National Herald. On the other hand, the previous BJP government had released Rs 2.93 crore worth of advertisements to the party's mouthpiece journals and magazines. Chauhan said that the allegations levelled by Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur over the release of Rs 2.34 crore worth of advertisements to National Herald were misleading. He added that Organiser, Panchjanya, Matrivananda magazines and journals, considered to be the mouthpieces of the BJP, were given advertisements worth more than Rs 2 crore. "The BJP government had given advertisements worth more than Rs 74 lakh to Deep Kamal Sandesh, Chhatra Udghosh magazine of the ABVP and Tarun Bharat magazine brought out by the RSS and published from Nagpur.

JAL JEEVAN MISSION SCHEMES IN KANGRA, CHAMBA STALLED DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FUNDS

Diary Times Desk : The functioning of several water supply schemes under the Central Government's Jal Jeevan Mission in Kangra and Chamba districts have come to a standstill due to the lack of funds. According to sources, seven water schemes in Kangra and five in Chamba are at present stalled because of the unavailability of funds. The largest among these is the Rs 65-crore water supply project in the Jaisinghpur area of Kangra, which is also facing delays due to the fund crunch. Sources say that the Union Government had approved around Rs 900 crore for Himachal Pradesh under the Jal Jeevan Mission. However, in the last financial year, the state received only about Rs 130 crore. To add to the problems of the state government, works based on the full approved budget had already been tendered and allotted. The sources say that as a result, the Irrigation and Public Health (IPH) Department — now called Jal Shakti Department — owe around Rs 500 crore to contractors for the works executed under the scheme in the past financial year.



IPL 2025: ROHIT SHARMA, SURYAKUMAR YADAV GUIDE MI TO EASY 9-WICKET WIN OVER CSK

Diary Times Desk : Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav struck fluent half-centuries as Mumbai Indians defeated Chennai Super Kings by nine wickets in an Indian Premier League match at Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. Chasing 177, Rohit (76 not out off 45 balls) and Suryakumar (68 not out off 30) shared an unbeaten 114-run stand for the second wicket to take MI home with ease. Ravindra Jadeja (1/18) was the lone wicket-taker for CSK. Earlier, Shivam Dube and Jadeja cracked half-centuries and shared a 79-run partnership for the fourth wicket as five-time champions Chennai Super Kings made 176 for 5. Dube struck 50 off 32 balls, while Jadeja made an unbeaten 53 off 35 deliveries to offset a none-too-impressive start by MS Dhoni's struggling side. Ayush Mhatre, who came in place of Rahul Tripathi for the match, struck a valuable 32 runs (15 balls) coming in at one-down.



RR NOT PANICKING DESPITE BACK-TO-BACK CLOSE DEFEATS, INSISTS BAHUTULE

Diary Times Desk : Twice in a matter of just over three days, Rajasthan Royals lost games that they were on course to win. On both occasions, they failed to chase down nine runs off the last over. Against Delhi Capitals, coming short in the Super Over, while against Lucknow Super Giants, losing by two runs. While the good sign maybe that they aren't as far off from the winners, the downside is that they have lost the opportunity to pick four crucial points in the league stage of IPL 2025 and now find themselves positioned eighth on the points table with only two wins in eight games. However, with nearly half the league stage remaining, Sairaj Bahutule, the spin bowling coach of Rajasthan Royals, has cautioned against any panic. He also reserved special praise for LSG pacer Avesh Khan, who delievered the final over under pressure to defend nine runs. "To be honest, we've been playing good cricket, Bahutule claimed following Royals' loss against LSG, in Jaipur, on Saturday. "It's just that the result has not gone away. In the dugout, there's a lot of calmness with Rahul (Dravid) being there.

HCA TOLD TO REMOVE AZHAR STAND IN UPPAL STADIUM

Diary Times Desk : The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has been ordered to remove the name of Mohammed Azharuddin from the North Pavilion Stand of the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad. The HCA has also been told to ensure that no tickets are printed with the name of Azharuddin hereafter. The order was passed by Justice V Eswaraiah, Ethics Officer and Ombudsman of the HCA on Saturday. The Ombudsman was acting on the petition filed by Lords Cricket Club. He ordered that it is a case of conflict of interest as Azharuddin, a former India captain and former HCA president, has taken a personal decision in his own favour. "The fact that there has been no ratification/modification of the decision by the General Body further strengthens the case against the Respondent No. 1 (Azharuddin), as the Respondent No. 1 has exceeded his authority to benefit himself. In consequence of my findings, a clear case of conflict of interest is made out.

KOHLI EXPLAINS RCB'S SUCCESS - 'WE GOT THE TEAM THAT WE WANTED'

Diary Times Desk : "I thought this award, as much as... I mean, I don't know why I've been given this to be honest." That was Virat Kohli after his unbeaten 73 off 54 - his record 67th IPL fifty - powered RCB to a fifth straight away win in New Chandigarh, just 36 hours after a third consecutive home loss to the same Punjab Kings. Kohli said he'd have given the award to "Dev" - Devdutt Padikkal - who, after two quiet seasons with Rajasthan Royals and Lucknow Super Giants, has found form and stability at No. 3 since returning to RCB. After Phil Salt fell in the first over of RCB's 158 chase, Kohli and Padikkal steered them towards victory with a 103-run stand. Padikkal, the aggressor, smashed 61 off 35 - his first fifty of the season - building on from his intent-laden knocks like 37 vs Mumbai Indians and 27 vs Chennai Super Kings, where he eased pressure on Kohli after Salt's dismissals. "There have been occasions where I felt like I wanted to accelerate more and more," Kohli said while crediting Padikkal for his aggression. "But I think it was understanding that if Salty doesn't get off to a start, my role then becomes to let the others around me to play the way they do.

I AM STILL WAITING ON SOME REMUNERATION FROM PCB: JASON GILLESPIE

Diary Times Desk : "Jason Gillespie had a controversial stint as Pakistan senior men's team head coach. The former Aussie all-rounder took over as Test team coach in April 2025, but resigned months later in December, blaming the PCB for a lack of communication. Gillespie had taken over as interim white-ball coach after the resignation of Gary Kirsten. In a recent interview with PakPassion, Gillespie made a shocking revelation, accusing the PCB of still owing him money. "Yes, without going into details. I'm still waiting on some remuneration from work that's being done. So I'll just navigate through that in due course", he said. "Admittedly, that's been a little bit disappointing, but hopefully that can get sorted sooner rather than later. But yes, we'll learn. But yeah, as I said, hopefully that'll get sorted as soon as possible," he added. After stepping down as Pakistan head coach, he also revealed that experience had soured his love for coaching and accused Aaqib Javed of being a clown, and of always undermining him during his tenure. Meanwhile after Gillespie's resignation, a PTI report also revealed that Gillespie was not included in major PCB decisions about the team, and the board also didn't renew the contract of high-performance coach Tim Nielsen. Also the Test squad for the South Africa series was reportedly announced without consulting him. Kirsten also faced similar circumstances reportedly, during his resignation.

VIRAT KOHLI'S ANIMATED CELEBRATION IN FRONT OF SHREYAS IYER SPARKS TENSE EXCHANGE DURING POST-MATCH HANDSHAKE

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli produced a brilliant knock against Punjab Kings on Sunday to help the Royal Challengers Bengaluru keep their perfect away record intact in IPL 2025. The RCB great remained unbeaten on 73 off 54 deliveries in the run-chase as the side reached a 157-run target with 7 wickets in hand, as many deliveries to spare. However, the post-match scenes following RCB's win caught fan attention as Kohli appeared to tease PBKS skipper, Shreyas Iyer, with his celebration. Kohli and Iyer have shared a great camaraderie over the years, but there was little sign of it in a frosty post-match exchange on Sunday. After Jitesh Sharma sealed the game for Punjab Kings, Kohli turned animatedly toward Iyer and celebrated in jest, seemingly pulling his India teammate's leg. However, Iyer didn't look amused. As he walked over for the customary handshake, there was a noticeable lack of warmth from Iyer's end. Kohli, still chuckling, tried to lighten the moment, but Iyer stayed stone-faced and engaged in a tense chat, seemingly making it clear he wasn't entirely pleased with the celebration.

HATHURUSINGHA ADMITS TO FEARING FOR LIFE WHILE FLEEING BANGLADESH

Diary Times Desk : Former Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusingha said on Sunday that he feared for his life while fleeing the country. Bangladesh were going through a political turmoil during that point of time as the country was at a standstill because of the student movement and the former Sri Lankan batter decided to leave as he literally panicked due to a lack of security. Hathurusingha left the country after the Bangladesh Cricket Board suspended him for breaching their code of conduct. Later, the BCB sacked him and even though Hathurusingha dismissed the allegations, he never spoke about what really happened with him until Sunday when he spoke to Code Sport. "The Bangladesh CEO's last words to me was that his advice was I should go. You don't need to tell any of the board people, do you have a ticket to go? This was a warning sign for me. That's when I got a little bit alarmed," Hathurusingha was quoted on Code Sport on Sunday (April 20). "Normally I get a driver and a gunman when travelling around in that country. He said, 'did you get your gunman and your driver today?' I said, no, 'I only had the driver,' he said.