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PM MODI, VICE PRESIDENT VANCE WELCOME PROGRESS ON US-INDIA TRADE PACT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US Vice President JD Vance on Monday night reviewed the progress of the ongoing negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement. US President Donald Trump had imposed and then paused a sweeping tariff regime against around 60 countries, including India.

New Delhi and Washington are now holding negotiations to seal the bilateral trade agreement that is expected to address a host of issues including tariff and market access. Modi and Vance held talks at the PM's residence here. Vance, his wife Usha and three children had arrived on board a special plane on Monday morning and were received at the airport by Union Minister Ashwani Vaishnav. Vance, a former US military veteran, inspected a military guard of honour. A statement from the PM's office said, "They welcomed the significant progress in the negotiations for a mutually beneficial India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement."

The need for enhancing cooperation in energy, defence and strategic technologies was also on the agenda at the meeting which was followed by a dinner hosted by Modi for the visiting delegation. The two sides reviewed and assessed the progress in various areas of bilateral cooperation. "Various regional and global issues of mutual interest were discussed, so was the need for dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward," the statement said. Sources said the need for "dialogue and diplomacy" referred to the resolution of the Ukraine-Russia conflict. Vance had, in the past, taken a public stand against the continued funding of Ukraine.



RBI NEWS

RBI PERMITS MINORS ABOVE 10 TO OPERATE BANK ACCOUNTS INDEPENDENTLY



Diary Times Desk : The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday permitted banks to allow minors above the age of 10 to open and operate savings/term deposit accounts independently. RBI has issued revised instructions on opening and operation in the deposit accounts of minors.

Minors of any age may be allowed to open and operate savings and term deposit accounts through his/ her natural or legal guardian, the RBI said in a circular addressed to commercial banks and cooperative banks. They may also be allowed to open such accounts with their mother as guardian.

"Minors above such an age limit not less than 10 years and up to such amount and such terms as may be fixed by the banks keeping in view their risk management policy, may be allowed to open and operate savings/ term deposit accounts independently, if they so desire, and such terms shall be duly conveyed to the account holder," the circular said. Further, on attaining the age of majority, fresh operating instructions and specimen signature of the account holder should be obtained and kept on record.

"The banks are free to offer additional banking facilities such as Internet banking, ATM/ debit cards, cheque book facility, etc to the minor account holders on the basis of their risk management policy, product suitability and customer appropriateness," the circular said.

The banks will have to ensure that accounts of minors, whether operated independently or through a guardian, are not allowed to be overdrawn and that these always remain in a credit balance. Also, the banks shall perform customer due diligence for opening of deposit accounts of minors and undertake ongoing due diligence, RBI added. The RBI has asked banks to make new or amend existing policies to align them with the revised guidelines, latest by July 1.



UP WOMAN, LOVER KILL DUBAI-RETURNED HUSBAND, STUFF MUTILATED BODY IN SUITCASE

Diary Times Desk : In a stark reminder of the gruesome murder of a former merchant navy officer in Meerut, a woman and her lover killed her husband who returned from Dubai 10 days ago, cut the body in two and stuffed it in a suitcase before dumping it in a field. Police identified the man from the airline tag that was still attached to the suitcase. Uttar Pradesh has recently witnessed two diabolical spousal murders in Meerut -- one in which the merchant navy officer's body was stuffed in a drum and the other where the husband was strangled and an attempt was made to pass it off as a case of snakebite. On Sunday morning, a farmer at Patkhaul village discovered a trolley bag abandoned in his field. Inside were the severed upper and lower halves of a man's body, the police said. The police managed to identify the victim, Naushad Ahmed (38), through the airline tag which was still attached to the suitcase, they said. When officers visited Naushad's home, his wife Razia initially claimed he had gone out the night before. However, bloodstains and another suitcase inside the house raised suspicion. Upon questioning, Razia confessed to killing her husband with the help of her nephew, Ruman, the police said.



SUPREME COURT COLLEGIUM RECOMMENDS TRANSFER OF SEVEN HIGH COURT JUDGES

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the transfer of seven high court judges, including four from the Karnataka High Court. The decision was taken by the collegium led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna during meetings held on April 15 and 19. "With a view to infuse inclusivity and diversity at the level of high courts and to strengthen the quality of administration of justice, the Supreme Court Collegium in its meetings held on April 15 and 19 has recommended the transfer of the judges of high courts," a collegium resolution read. The recommendations asked Justice Hemant Chandangoudar from Karnataka High Court to be sent to Madras High Court, Justice Krishnan Natarajan to Kerala, Justice Neranahalli Srinivasan Sanjay Gowda to Gujarat, and Justice Dixit Krishna Shripad to Orissa High Court. The collegium also recommended transfers of Telangana High Court Justices Perugu Sree Sudha to Karnataka and Kasoju Surendhar.

MAHADEV APP CASE: ED CONDUCTS SEARCHES IN SEVERAL CITIES; SEIZES CASH, SECURITIES WORTH CRORES



Diary Times Desk : The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) last week conducted searches at various premises located in Delhi, Mumbai, Indore, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Chennai and Sambalpur (Odisha) under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in Mahadev Online Book Betting App case, according to official sources. The searches conducted on April 16, resulted in seizure of cash amounting to Rs 3.29 crore, freeing of securities/bonds/DEMAT accounts worth more than Rs 573 crore, besides seizure of various incriminating documents and electronic records. ED investigations have revealed that M/s Mahadev Online Book Betting App (which is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites to enrol new users, create user IDs) have generated, derived and obtained huge amount of Proceeds of Crime (POC) and such POC was laundering through a complex web of benami Bank accounts. The probe also found that funds/POC generated by these betting platforms was being transferred out of India and later deployed in Indian stock market in the name of "foreign FPIs" (which are based out of Mauritius, Dubai etc).

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

CORRUPTION CASE AGAINST YEDIYURAPPA: SUPREME COURT REFERS MATTER TO LARGER BENCH

Diary Times Desk : Does a probe agency need a prior sanction under the Prevention of Corruption Act after a magisterial court order of inquiry to prosecute a public servant? Faced with this legal question, the Supreme Court on Monday referred to a larger bench the issues arising out of senior BJP leader and former Karnataka chief minister BS Yediyurappa's petition challenging the Karnataka High Court's order reviving a corruption case against him. A bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra – which had on April 4 reserved its verdict on Yediyurappa's petition – noted that it has come across a April 16, 2024 order of a coordinate bench referring similar questions to a larger bench in a separate case. Citing the principle of "judicial propriety", Justice Pardiwala on Monday said on this aspect alone Yediyurappa's petition was being sent to the Chief Justice of India for setting up a larger bench. "We deem it appropriate to tag these petitions to the referred matter Manju Surana v. Sunil Arora," Justice Pardiwala said, directing the top court's Registry to place these matters before the CJI.





HIMACHAL NEWS: HIGH COURT ADVOCATES SURROUNDED CHHOTA SHIMLA POLICE STATION, PROTESTED FOR THREE HOURS

Diary Times Desk : The Bar Association of Himachal Pradesh High Court gheraoed the Chota Shimla Police Station on Monday against the working of the police. The police station was gheraoed in protest against the assault on a lawyer by a police constable on the road a few days ago. The High Court advocates raised slogans and blocked the road for about three hours demanding the suspension of the constable. Seeing the fierce protest of the advocates, SP Sanjeev Gandhi had to come to the spot. The SP assured the advocates that the constable has been suspended. He said that a departmental inquiry will be conducted by an ASP level officer. A report will also be given to the Bar Association of Himachal High Court within a week. After the assurance of the SP, the advocates ended the protest. Earlier, the Bar Association of Himachal Pradesh High Court held a general house on Monday at 10 am. In this, a video was shown of how a policeman slapped an advocate on the road. The constable then filed an FIR against the advocate in the police station. The FIR alleges that the advocate broke the buttons of his uniform. It was decided in the general house that all the advocates will sit on a dharna against such hooliganism of the police.



REVENUE MINISTER JAGAT SINGH NEGI SAID- CENTER CHEATED BY CHANGING THE NAME OF BORDER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Diary Times Desk : The central government has cheated Himachal by changing the name of the Border Area Development Program (BADP), launched for basic development in the border areas of the country, to Vibrant Village. In BADP, 239 villages were selected for two districts of Himachal, Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur district, their number has been reduced to 75 in Vibrant Village. Revenue, Horticulture and Tribal Development Minister Jagat Singh Negi has alleged that Himachal was cheated by changing the name of the scheme in 2022. Said that two blocks of Kinnaur district, Kalpa and Pooh, were included in the entire BADP scheme. The state had sent a DPR of about Rs 1000 crore to the Center under this scheme but did not get help from the Center. As gap funding, basic facilities like roads, drinking water, irrigation schemes, schools, community health centers and other facilities were to be provided in the border villages under this scheme. Not only this, an anti-freezing scheme was announced for Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti so that drinking water can be made available to the people even in minus temperatures.

HP CONGRESS: HIMACHAL CONGRESS LEGISLATURE PARTY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THIS DAY IN RAJIV BHAWAN SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : The Congress MLAs of the state will be apprised of the strategy made in the All India Congress Committee convention held in Gujarat recently on Tuesday. This meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon at the party headquarters Rajiv Bhawan Shimla under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and State President Pratibha Singh. All the former MLAs, former candidates and office bearers of leading organizations of the party will be present in the meeting. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu welcomed former Chief Minister of Rajasthan and senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot by presenting a flower bouquet on his arrival in Shimla. He was also presented a souvenir of the traditional musical instrument of Himachal Pradesh. During this, Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania, MLA Sanjay Awasthi, MLA Harish Janartha and MLA Vivek Sharma were present.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MP ANURAG THAKUR SAID- BABA SAHEB DR. BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR WAS PUSHED TO THE POLITICAL MARGINS BY CONGRESS

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and Hamirpur Lok Sabha MP Anurag Thakur has alleged that the Congress party pushed Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar to the political margins. He was addressing public meetings in Bhojpur in Bihar and Kolkata in Bengal under the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samman Abhiyan organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party. Anurag said that Ambedkar was a true son of Mother India. He emphasized on the establishment of a harmonious society with the end of bad practices. Baba Saheb kept trying to bring change in the lives of the deprived, oppressed, exploited, poor, tribals and women. Prime Minister Modi is trying to build the India of Baba Saheb's dreams. Congress is working to humiliate Baba Saheb. Congress adopted tactics to stop Baba Saheb from going to the Constituent Assembly from Bengal and gave his constituency to Pakistan. Anurag said that Ambedkar had to face defeat in two Lok Sabha elections due to Congress. In both the elections, Jawaharlal Nehru campaigned against Ambedkar. In the 1952 general elections, he contested from Bombay North Central, Congress fielded Narayan Kajrolkar as a candidate.

HIMACHAL NEWS: NARESH CHAUHAN SAID- WE WILL GIVE LAND TO INVESTORS IN MEDICAL DEVICE PARK ONLY AT MARKET VALUE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister's Principal Advisor Media Naresh Chauhan said that land will be given to investors in the Medical Device Park at market value only. There will be no compromise with the state's interest. BJP has auctioned the interests of Himachal. In a press conference at the State Secretariat on Monday, Chauhan said that the government itself will build the park within the stipulated time. Rs 25 crore including interest has been returned to the Central Government. Countering the allegations of Union Health Minister JP Nadda, who was on a visit to Himachal, he said that Nadda is a big leader at the national level. It does not suit him to talk without understanding and facts. He said that the state government is rapidly completing the work of Medical Device Park in Nalagarh. He described serious allegations like locking the Medical Device Park and corruption as baseless and ridiculous.

JAIRAM THAKUR: 'NOT ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL HERALD SCAM AS A SCAM SHOWS CONGRESS'S MENTALITY TOWARDS CORRUPTION'

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that it is extremely shameful that Congress leaders are not calling the scam in National Herald as corruption. Congress leaders going around the country to defend them shows the mindset of Congress that they consider the country's property to be the property of Gandhi family. Congress considers it their right to do corruption with the country's property. But now that era is over when Congress can do corruption as it pleases and no one raises a finger on it. The action of Enforcement Directorate (ED) going on against National Herald is being done on the instructions of the court. Despite all the efforts made by the big lawyers of Congress, Congress has not got any relief from any court. It is clear that there has been a scam in this entire episode. It is the responsibility of the country's investigation agencies to bring the scamsters.

HIMACHAL: TO GET A JOB IN THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT, THE SCOUNDRELS MADE A FAKE MARK SHEET OF 100 OUT OF 100 MARKS

Diary Times Desk : To get a job in the postal department, the scoundrels made fake mark sheets of 100 out of 100 marks in three papers. The scoundrels got the job by preparing fake mark sheets of 680 and 690 marks out of a total of 700. They have scored 100 out of 100 in three papers, English, Maths and Science. CBI suspected that these people working in the postal department in Himachal from other states cannot have such marks. Secondly, a complaint was also made by the postal department. First, CBI got to the bottom of the matter. The management of the board whose fake certificate the scoundrels had made was also talked to. It was found that the board had not issued a mark sheet with these marks. After this, CBI took the investigation forward. Five people left their jobs in Himachal due to fear of CBI investigation. The scoundrels have spread their network in Rajasthan, Haryana, UP and Bihar as well as many other states. CBI is digging into the layers of the entire case. The Anti-Corruption Bureau branch in Shimla had recently registered three separate FIRs against three persons for presenting fake documents to get a job in the postal department.

JAMMU-SRINAGAR HIGHWAY MAY REOPEN IN 5-6 DAYS: NHAI

Diary Times Desk : Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) remained suspended for the second consecutive day on Monday, after flash floods triggered massive landslides in the Ramban sector, washing away several portions of the road. Authorities now estimate that it may take five to six more days to fully restore the crucial highway, which serves as Kashmir's primary road link with the rest of the country. Project Director of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Parshutam Kumar, told Greater Kashmir that efforts are underway to clear thousands of tons of debris at over a dozen locations in Ramban district. "Due to the heavy volume of landslide debris, full restoration of the highway is likely to take another five to six days," Kumar said. He added that machinery belonging to the NHAI was buried under mud and debris between Ramban and Maroog, and fresh arrangements have been made to resume the restoration work. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer ul Haq Choudhury, along with SSP Ramban Kulbir Singh and SSP Traffic NH Raja Adil Hamid, visited several affected sites to monitor the ongoing restoration efforts.

"FILE SUIT": TOP COURT TO MAN WHO CLAIMED DISABILITY DUE TO COVID VACCINE

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday told a petitioner, who allegedly suffered disability due to the side-effects of Covid-19 vaccine's first dose, to file a suit for damages instead of pursuing his plea. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih made the observation while hearing the plea for a direction to lay down appropriate guidelines for an effective resolution of side effects following immunisation (AEFI) with specific reference to Covid-19 vaccination. "If you keep your petition pending here, nothing will happen for ten years. At least if you file a suit, you will get some quick relief," the bench said. The petitioner's counsel said the man was suffering from the adverse effects of immunisation after taking the first dose of Covid vaccine as he developed 100 per cent lower limb disability. "How can a writ petition be filed for that? File a suit for damages," Justice Gavai said. The counsel said there were two separate petitions raising a similar issue pending in the top court and the coordinate benches had issued notice on them. If the petitioner wanted, the court said, it would tag his plea with the pending petitions.

US VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE MEETS PM MODI, TALKS FOCUS ON TRADE DEAL



Diary Times Desk : US Vice President JD Vance, who is in India for a four-day visit, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today for a closed-door meeting. The meeting between the two leaders came at a time when the world is facing uncertainty over a raging US-China trade war. The meeting, which was followed by delegation-level talks, also comes at a time when India and the United States are at an advanced stage of talks to firm up a bilateral trade deal that will benefit both nations. President Trump, who had imposed a 26 per cent tariff over and above the previous 10 per cent tariff on Indian goods, has currently put the new "reciprocal" tariffs on "pause" for 90 days - which is seen by economists as a window to finalize the "win-win" trade deal between both sides. India and the United States enjoy a special and privileged partnership and are widely seen as custodians of the democratic world, being the largest and the oldest democracies respectively.

"HAVE YOU LEARNT ART OF...": TOP COURT SCHOOLS LAWYERS ON PETITION CONTENTS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court today schooled two lawyers and asked them to "come with a sense of responsibility" when they file petitions before the country's highest court. Advocate Vishal Tiwari and Advocate Shashank Shekhar Jha had filed public interest litigations linked to violence in West Bengal's Murshidabad during protests against the Waqf Amendment Act. Disappointed with the averments in the petitions, the bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh said lawyers should not file petitions "just to come in news". "The Supreme Court is a court of record. Posterity will see. You think it will be reported etc. But you have to be careful when filing pleadings or passing an order," it said. The court said it respects every member of the Bar and any averments can be raised provided lawyers "maintain decorum and dignity of the institution". "Averments should be decent, respectful. "Article 32 plea must raise good questions of law with interesting legal material. The rest of the things we forget when we sit here," the bench said.

"AS IT IS, WE ARE...": NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE REACTS TO ATTACKS ON JUDICIARY

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court today reacted to allegations of judicial overreach and controversial remarks by some BJP leaders following its landmark judgment that effectively set a deadline for the President and Governors to clear Bills passed by the legislature for the second time. Justice BR Gavai, the next Chief Justice, said the court is "facing allegations of encroaching into executive" domain after a lawyer sought a direction to the Centre regarding recent incidents of violence in West Bengal. The court's response came after Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain mentioned his pending plea linked to West Bengal, which recently witnessed violence during protests against the Waqf Amendment Act. The advocate said there is a need for paramilitary forces to remain on the ground to ensure peace. He said his pending plea, filed after post-poll violence in Bengal in 2022, is listed for tomorrow. In his fresh plea, he sought directions to the Centre to deploy paramilitary forces and set up a panel of three retired judges to investigate the violence. He also sought a report on the displacement of Hindus following the incidents of violence in north Bengal's Murshidabad.

KARNATAKA EX TOP COP OM PRAKASH'S WIFE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS MURDER

Diary Times Desk : Former Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) Om Prakash's wife on Monday was arrested in connection with his murder at his residence in Bengaluru, police said. Prakash's wife Pallavi (64) was arrested under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The developments came as the Bengaluru police Commissioner Dayanand ordered the transfer of the high-profile murder case to the Central Crime Branch (CCB). The CCB is set to officially assume charge of the investigation from tomorrow. The police are not likely going to see Pallavi's custody as the CCB will probe the case. Sixty-eight-year-old Prakash was allegedly stabbed to death by his wife at their residence in HSR Layout on Sunday evening. His body was found with multiple stab wounds to his stomach and chest. Sources say Pallavi is the prime suspect, with her son Karthikesh saying she had threatened to kill his father. In his complaint, Karthikesh said in view of the threats.

HIMANTA SARMA'S CONGRESS VS JUDGES LIST, NISHIKANT DUBEY'S SHAYARI REPLY

Diary Times Desk : Amid the massive row over BJP MPs' remarks targeting the Supreme Court, party leader and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has tried to turn the tables, accusing the Congress of attacking the judiciary and listing instances in which the main Opposition party publicly criticised judges. Interestingly, Mr Sarma's post on X got a response from Godda MP Nishikant Dubey, whose remarks against the Supreme Court prompted BJP chief JP Nadda to intervene and distance the party from the controversial statements. Mr Sarma said that the BJP has consistently upheld the independence and dignity of the judiciary as a cornerstone of India's democracy. Referring to Mr Nadda's remarks, stressing that the remarks by Mr Dubey and BJP MP Dinesh Sharma do not reflect the party's stand, Mr Sarma said the BJP chief reaffirmed its commitment to judicial independence by distancing the party from Mr Dubey's remarks. "Nadda Ji emphasised that these were personal opinions and not reflective of the party's stance, reiterating the BJP's deep respect.



CHINA'S BIG WARNING FOR COUNTRIES SIGNING TRADE DEALS WITH US

Diary Times Desk : China has warned other countries against making a broader trade deal with the United States at Beijing's expense, ratcheting up its rhetoric in a spiralling tariff war between the world's two biggest economies. China's warning came amid reports about the Trump administration's plan to pressure nations seeking tariff negotiations from the US to curb trade with China. While the US President Donald Trump slapped the rest of the world with a blanket 10 per cent tariff, China faces levies of up to 145 per cent on many products. Beijing has also responded with duties of 125 per cent on US goods. The Trump administration has said that a number of countries are now engaged in negotiations with the United States to lower tariffs. But on Monday, China's Commerce Ministry said it "firmly opposes" other countries making broader economic deals with America that compromise its interests. Appeasement will not bring peace, and compromise will not be respected," a spokesperson for Beijing's commerce ministry said in a statement. "To seek one's own temporary selfish interests at the expense of others' interests is to seek the skin of a tiger," Beijing said.

'HINDUPHOBIA': KHALISTANI EXTREMISTS VANDALISE HINDU TEMPLE, GURDWARA IN CANADA

Diary Times Desk : A Hindu Laxmi Narayan Temple in Surrey, Canada was vandalised by Khalistani extremists on April 19. A pro-Khalistani graffiti was spray-painted on its walls, sparking outrage amongst the Hindu community in Canada. The Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce shared a video of the graffiti on social media platform X, calling the act "Hinduphobia." The organisation expressed outrage, saying, "We strongly condemn the vandalism of Laxmi Narayan Mandir in British Columbia (BC) by Khalistani extremists." The Chamber further urged all Canadians to unite against hate and take swift action, declaring that "silence is not an option." Hindu Canadian Member of Parliament also criticised the incident and condemned persistent attacks on Hindu temples in Canada over the years.

TRUMP ISSUES 8-POINTER 'NON-TARIFF CHEATING' WARNING AMID 90-DAY PAUSE

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Sunday issued an eight-point 'non-tariff cheating' list, warning countries of non-tariff-related offences that could spoil relations with the US. The warning came days after Trump announced a 90-day pause on his sweeping tariffs on all countries, barring China. In the eight-point list, Trump mentioned currency manipulation - an accusation he has made previously on some countries for deliberately devaluing their currencies to make their exports more competitive while making US products costlier abroad. Another warning is about Value-Added Taxes (VATs) that are applied to imports but refunded on exports in many nations. The Republican leader also warned countries of dumping below cost, export and other government subsidies, protective agricultural standards, counterfeiting, piracy, and IP theft, and transshipping to evade tariffs. He also warned of protective technical standards, citing Japan's 'bowling ball test' - a claim Trump made first in 2018.

POPE FRANCIS HAS DIED ON EASTER MONDAY AGED 88



Diary Times Desk : At 9:45 AM, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words: "Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God." The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, told journalists later on Monday that the late Pope's body could be transferred to St. Peter's Basilica on Wednesday morning, so that the faithful may pray before his mortal remains.

UKRAINE REPORTS MANY RUSSIAN DRONE ATTACKS AFTER TRUCE ENDS

Diary Times Desk : Ukraine's military has reported Russian drone attacks on several regions overnight, just hours after the end of a 30-hour "Easter truce" declared by Moscow. Air raid alerts were issued by Ukraine's air force for the Kyiv region, as well as Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Cherkasy, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia. In the southern city of Mykolaiv, Mayor Oleksandr Senkevych said "explosions were heard". It was not immediately clear whether there were any casualties. Russia's defence ministry confirmed it has resumed fighting, adding that its military had "strictly observed the ceasefire and remained at the previously occupied lines and positions". The truce declared by President Vladimir Putin expired at midnight on Sunday Moscow time (21:00 GMT). Both sides accused each other of violating the ceasefire thousands of times. Early on Monday residents in several Ukrainian cities, including the capital Kyiv.



CHINA TESTS NON-NUCLEAR 'BLOWTORCH' BOMB THAT GENERATES FIREBALL LONGER THAN TNT

Diary Times Desk : Chinese scientists have developed a non-nuclear explosive device based on hydrogen fuel that produces a white-hot fireball lasting over two seconds, as per a report in South China Morning Post (SCMP). This duration of the fireball generated by the two kg bomb is 15 times longer than the equivalent TNT blasts. The temperature reached 1,000 degrees Celsius without using any nuclear material, the outlet further said. The explosive has been developed by China State Shipbuilding Corporation's (CSSC) 705 Research Institute. It uses a magnesium-based solid state hydrogen storage material. The SCMP report said that the explosive was originally developed to bring gas to off-grid areas, to power fuel cells for clean electricity and heat. The discovery has been published in a peer-reviewed paper published in Chinese language Journal of Projectiles, Rockets, Missiles And Guidance. The paper says that the silvery powder present in the explosive device, called magnesium hydride, undergoes rapid thermal decomposition when activated by conventional explosives and released hydrogen gas that turned into a sustained fireball.

'A CANCER': UN WARNS ASIA-BASED CYBERCRIME SYNDICATES EXPANDING WORLDWIDE

Diary Times Desk : Asian cybercrime syndicates have caused an estimated \$37bn in losses in the East and Southeast Asian regions, with the United Nations warning that the reach of the criminal networks is expanding globally. In a report released on Monday, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) detailed how Chinese and Southeast Asian gangs have been raking in tens of billions of dollars annually targeting victims in an array of cybercrimes, including fake investments, cryptocurrency, romance and other scams. The criminal organisation have largely operated out of squalid compounds in the border areas of Myanmar, as well as in so-called "special economic zones" designed to attract foreign investment in Cambodia and Laos. They have relied on often trafficked workers forced to work in squalid compounds. While the report said countries in East and Southeast Asia lost an estimated \$37bn to cyber-fraud in 2023, there were "much larger estimated losses" worldwide. The report warned that the networks have been spreading to South America, Africa.

AAP GOVT SANCTIONS RS 4,573 CRORE FOR CLEANING 15,000 PONDS IN 13,500 PUNJAB VILLAGES

Diary Times Desk : Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party government has launched an ambitious project to clean 15,000 ponds (chappars) in the 13,500 villages of the state. A sum of Rs 4,573 crore has been earmarked for the same, said Rural Development and Panchayats minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond. "A soft launch of the project was done a fortnight ago and we have dewatered and desilted 1,100 of these village ponds. The project will now be launched across the state, after the entire wheat crop has been harvested and the water in the ponds can be released into the adjoining vacant fields," he said. The government proposes to follow the Seechewal Model, Thapar Model and the model approved by Punjab Pollution Control Board, for cleaning and rebuilding the ponds. "The ponds will first be dewatered, the desilting work done and then a proper scientific method of cleaning all water of impurities before it percolates into the ground will be developed. This will be done by collecting water in a separate chamber, cleaning it in the next and storing it in the third," he said.



BEANT ASSASSINATION: SC DEFERS HEARING ON HAWARA'S PLEA FOR TRANSFER FROM TIHAR JAIL TO ANY JAIL IN PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Monday deferred by two weeks the hearing on Beant Singh murder case convict Jagtar Singh Hawara's petition seeking his transfer from Tihar Jail in the National Capital to a jail in Punjab. A Bench led by Justice BR Gavai deferred the hearing after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Chandigarh Administration, sought time to respond to Hawara's plea. The Punjab Government had on February 4 opposed Hawara's petition seeking his jail transfer plea, saying he can't be shifted to Punjab as he was tried in Chandigarh. "In Punjab, he has no claim. If at all he is to be transferred, it is to the UT of Chandigarh," the Punjab Advocate-General had told the Bench, adding a similar petition filed by Hawara was dismissed by the Delhi High Court in 2018. The Advocate-General had submitted that Hawara was tried in Chandigarh where he did a jailbreak and Punjab prison rules would not be applicable to Chandigarh. The Delhi Government had taken a stand that Hawara can't be transferred to Punjab as it was a border state and that he can go back to Chandigarh, the Punjab Government had submitted.

2 HELD FOR 'PLANNING' ATTACKS ON AMIT SHAH, BITTU AND MAJITHIA IN PRO-AMRITPAL WHATSAPP GROUP

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Police have arrested two individuals and registered an FIR in connection with a WhatsApp group allegedly supporting jailed MP Amritpal Singh, which reportedly discussed plans to attack Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP MP Ravneet Singh Bittu, and Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia. The plot was uncovered after leaked screenshots of the group chat surfaced on social media on Sunday, raising alarm across security agencies. The group, named 'Waris Punjab De Team', is believed to be linked to anti-national activities and reportedly included over 600 members. The Cyber Crime Police Station in Moga registered an FIR under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), and the Information Technology Act, including Sections 61(2)(a), 113(3), 152, 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The accused have been identified as Lakhdeep Singh Sardargarh, from Bathinda, Balkar Singh, from New Model Town, Khanna and Pawandeep Singh, from Khote, Moga. Of the three, Balkar and Pawandeep have been arrested. The accused are alleged to have incited unrest by opposing the extension of Amritpal Singh's detention under the National Security Act (NSA). They also reportedly discussed acts of violence targeting political.

RETIRED DSP MOVES PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AGAINST 'ARBITRARY' PROPERTY TAX HIKE

Diary Times Desk : Less than a month after the Union Territory of Chandigarh issued a notification "arbitrarily" increasing property tax on residential and commercial properties, the move has come under judicial scanner with a petition filed in public interest seeking its quashing. Among other things, retired Deputy Superintendent of Police Vijay Pal Singh has contended that it was issued in violation of statutory provisions. Challenging the notification dated March 31 by filing a public interest litigation (PIL), the petitioner through counsel Ferry Sofat and other advocates contended that it was arbitrary, ultra vires, and in derogation of the provisions of the Punjab Municipal Corporation (Extension to Chandigarh) Act, 1994. The petitioner stated that the move to revise property tax was already rejected by the Municipal Corporation House in a meeting held on March 25, making the executive decision illegal and beyond powers.



GOVT SOUNDS FIRE ALERT, ORDERS ROUND-THE-CLOCK PREPAREDNESS

Diary Times Desk : Amid a surge in fire incidents across the state during the ongoing summer and harvesting season, the Haryana Government has directed all Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to scale up fire safety preparedness and response mechanisms in their districts. A formal communiqué from the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management was issued to all DCs on Sunday, underlining the urgent need to enhance fire response infrastructure and ensure all systems remain in a state of operational readiness. According to sources, the DCs have been asked to ensure that all fire tenders, equipment, and firefighting systems are fully functional and available round-the-clock. Emphasis has been laid on maintaining adequate numbers of trained firefighting personnel at all times, including night shifts and holidays. Duty rosters must be clearly defined to avoid lapses in emergency response, officials said. To monitor the implementation of these directives, the DCs have been instructed to review fire safety arrangements periodically and submit a detailed weekly report to the state authorities every Friday, continuing until the end of the harvesting season.

ROHTAK PGIMS INTRODUCES 30-DAY MEDICINE SUPPLY FOR OPD PATIENTS

Diary Times Desk : In a significant relief for thousands of patients visiting Pt BD Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) Rohtak, the hospital administration has announced a major change for its outpatient department (OPD) medicine distribution policy. Patients will now receive a 30-day supply of medicines instead of the earlier 3 to 4 days' supply. The decision, taken under the leadership of PGIMS Medical Superintendent Dr Kundan Mittal, aims to ease the burden on patients who travel long distances for treatment. He credited the initiative to the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Dr HK Aggarwal and Director Dr SK Singhal, whose patient-centric vision led to this change. "This is a major step forward in providing better healthcare services. Patients from neighboring states like Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, and Chandigarh, as well as remote parts of Haryana including Sirsa, Dabwali, Ambala, Panchkula, Mahendragarh, and Kaithal, visit our hospital. Many of them faced difficulties due to frequent hospital visits for medicine refills.

**DIY CM-MINISTER'S MEET
FUELS SPECULATION OF
PARTY REJIG**

Diary Times Desk : The sudden closed-door meeting between Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and Rural Development Minister Anirudh Singh in Una has fuelled speculation about the appointment of the state president and reconstitution of the state Congress shortly. The development comes amidst talks in corridors of power of a minister being appointed as state Congress president, replacing Pratibha Singh. The conjecture gained momentum as Anirudh flew in a chopper from Shimla to Una to hold parleys with the Deputy CM, leaving everyone guessing about the urgency of this meeting. The fact that the name of Anirudh Singh, who represents the Kasumpti Assembly segment in Shimla district, is being tipped for being appointed as the State party chief has led to assumption about the meeting. The two reportedly met at a resort in Una and had one-to-one talk. There has also been talk of a minister from Shimla district being dropped as the district is over represented with Rohit Thakur, Anirudh Singh and Vikramaditya Singh being members of the Sukhu Cabinet.

**7TH NATIONAL MASTER
GAMES BEGIN IN
DHARAMSALA**

Diary Times Desk : The Minister for Technical Education, Rajesh Dharmani, inaugurated the 7th National Master Games at the Synthetic Track Stadium in Dharamsala today. The event saw participation from athletes across the country and was marked by a vibrant march past and cultural performances. Addressing the gathering, Minister Dharmani emphasized the state government's commitment to promoting sports and supporting athletes. He highlighted that Himachal Pradesh has now matched Punjab and Haryana in terms of the honorarium given to international-level players. "Players who brought glory to the country in the past are now being recognized and rewarded under the new sports policy, encouraging more youth to pursue sports," he said. Dharmani added that the state government would remain sensitive to the sentiments of athletes. "When our players succeed internationally, Himachal Pradesh gains recognition too," he said. He also announced a significant increase in the prize money for medal.

**HP RETURNED FUNDS GIVEN BY CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS: NADDA**

Diary Times Desk : National president of the BJP and Union Minister for Health and Fertilizers JP Nadda accused the Congress government in the state of returning money given by the union government for developmental works. The Himachal government, he said, was the only government in the country to do so. "This government is the most corrupt government of Congress. This is height of mismanagement. They are accusing the union government of not allotting funds to Himachal. I ask which money is due from the Centre and not being given," Nadda said while addressing a press conference today. Nadda said the union government had given Rs 25 crore for development of Medical Devices Park in Baddi. The union government was to give about Rs 100 crores for the project. However, the state government has returned the money given for project to the union government. Bulk Drug Park was another big project given by PM Narendra Modi in Una district of Himachal. The union government had committed Rs 1000 crore for the Bulk Drug Park and had given Rs 225 crore as first instalment. It has been two years but the amount has not been utilised by the state government.

**TWO-MONTH-OLD BABY SOLD FOR
RS 1.70 LAKH IN KARNAL, RESCUED
FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH**

Diary Times Desk : In a shocking case of alleged child trafficking, a two-month-old baby girl was sold for Rs 1.70 lakh in Karnal. The issue came to light after the baby's mother, Seema, a resident of Budha Khera village in the district, filed a complaint with the Ram Nagar police station on Saturday. The police have traced and rescued the infant from Jawalaji in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday. According to the police, the girl child was sold through mediators. With the efforts of Child Welfare Committee (CWC), along with police officials, the child has been brought back to Karnal safely. The baby has been placed in MDD Bal Bhawan, a Child Care Institute (CCI). The police have also arrested a woman identified as Suman from Himachal Pradesh. Giving details, Sandeep, SHO Ram Nagar, said that the girl child was sold for Rs 1.70 lakh. However, the deal was made through middlemen, making the transaction complex. The infant was handed over to the accused during Navratras on April 4. The middlemen gave Rs 95,000 to Seema, the actual mother of the girl. In her complaint, Seema alleged that she was misled by a man associated with an organisation who promised free medical treatment for her baby.

**RETURNED RS 25 CR TO PROTECT
STATE'S INTEREST: MINISTERS**

Diary Times Desk : Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani have hit back at Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda for misleading the people on the issue of Himachal returning Rs 25 crore central assistance given for Medical Devices Park with false claims. Refuting Nadda's allegations regarding the Medical Device Park, the ministers clarified that the state government has not scrapped the Rs 350 crore project, instead it has decided to implement the project independently. They said the union government had imposed several conditions for the proposed Rs 100 crore funding, which would have ultimately harmed the state's interest. "It is in light of these facts that CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu chose to return the Central funding of Rs 25 crore," they stated. "Had the state accepted the central funding, it would have been compelled to provide land to industrialists at a token rate of Re 1 per sq m. This would have meant handing over 300 acres of prime land, worth approximately Rs 500 crore, for just Rs 12 lakh," they explained. They said this proposition was not in the interest of the state, hence the reason for returning the central funding.

SUBMIT PLAN FOR IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES, CHAMBA ADMN DIRECTED

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare JP Nadda has directed the Chamba district administration to prepare a comprehensive action plan for strengthening health services and submit it to the Centre through the state government. He was chairing a meeting to review the implementation of Aspirational District Programmes late on Saturday. Nadda emphasised the importance of involving all public representatives in the planning and execution of developmental schemes. He noted that since the launch of the Aspirational District Programme in 2018, Chamba has witnessed significant development progress and the Central government continues to take proactive steps in this direction. The union minister also called for integrated efforts by the Rural Development Department, Forest Department and local communities in undertaking water conservation projects. He expressed satisfaction over the progress made under the ongoing schemes and issued new directives to officials to further accelerate development. The meeting was attended by Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, MPs Harsh Mahajan and Dr Rajeev Bhardwaj and MLAs Neeraj Nayyar, Dr Hansraj, Dr Janak Raj and DS Thakur.



NEERAJ CHOPRA INVITES ARSHAD NADEEM TO INDIA FOR JAVELIN EVENT, PAKISTANI ATHLETE SAID...

Diary Times Desk : India's very own Olympic hero, Neeraj Chopra, is all set to feature in a one-day javelin event in May 2024. The event, to be held in Bengaluru, is being organised by JSW Sports, on the name of the ace athlete, with some of the finest javelin throwers all across the globe being invited. In a chat with reporters on April 21, Neeraj confirmed that he has sent an invite to some of the finest javelin throwers he has competed with, including Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem. Neeraj and Arshad share both a rivalry and friendship, having competed alongside each other for years at different global events. However, Arshad's participation in India for an international event could turn out to be a little complicated. "Yes, I have spoken to Arshad Nadeem", Neeraj told reporters on Monday. However, Arshad hasn't yet confirmed if he will be able to participate. "He said he would discuss it with his coach and confirm. But as of now, he hasn't confirmed. Once the athletes confirm, I'll be able to share the final list. Every top athlete has been invited, and Arshad has also been invited. (If he competes), it will involve the government, so once everything is confirmed, we will know the final list."



SHUBMAN GILL STUMPED BY "GETTING MARRIED SOON?" QUERY AT KKR VS GT TOSS. ONE-WORD REPLY IS...

Diary Times Desk : Shubman Gill, Gujarat Titans captain, was stumped by a question at the toss ahead of the IPL 2025 match against Kolkata Knight Riders in Kolkata on Monday. Former cricketer Danny Morrison, who was at the toss, asked him a strange question: "You're looking good, wedding bells around the corner? Getting married soon?" Stumped by the question, Gill started blushing and then replied: "No." Then he went on to add, "Nothing like that." The question soon went viral on social media and some social media users did not like it. Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have brought in Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Moeen Ali, as captain Ajinkya Rahane won the toss and elected to bowl first against table-toppers Gujarat Titans (GT) in match 39 of IPL 2025 at the Eden Gardens on Monday. While GT, the IPL 2022 winners, are comfortably placed at top of the points table via five wins from seven matches, defending champions KKR are at seventh position with three wins and four losses in seven games. Moreover, GT lead the head-to-head record against KKR by 2-1.

PCB BREAKS SILENCE AFTER AUSTRALIA GREAT ACCUSES CRICKET BODY OF NOT PAYING SALARY

Diary Times Desk : After former Pakistan red-ball head coach Jason Gillespie claimed that he is still waiting on some remuneration from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), the cricket body has responded. On his Instagram account, Gillespie posted a story which was related to his interview with Pakistan media, saying that the PCB still had to clear some of his remunerations. Gillespie and South African Gary Kirsten were appointed the red ball and white ball head coaches respectively in April 2024 on two-year contracts by the PCB. The PCB promised a new era for the Pakistan team but six months down the line both were forced to resign after the Board pulled away much of the authority given to them, including being on the national selection committee. This is the first time either of them have spoken publicly on financial matters with the PCB.

PANT PROMOTED, IYER AND KISHAN RETURN AS BCCI ANNOUNCE CENTRAL CONTRACTS

Diary Times Desk : Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan have returned to the Board of Control for Cricket in India's central contract list for the national men's team, announced by the board on Monday. Seven players have been handed the BCCI central contract for the first time. The contracts will be valid from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. The 34-player list has retained the earlier format, with players being slotted into four categories - A+, A, B and C. Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah continue to be retained in the A+ category. The BCCI release didn't include fast bowling contracts, which were handed last year. In the A category, there's a new inclusion with Rishabh Pant finding an escalation. The wicketkeeper, who was in Category B in last season's contract, has been clubbed alongside Mohammed Siraj, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Hardik Pandya and Mohammed Shami. R Ashwin is the only exclusion from category A since he retired from international cricket earlier this year. Iyer, who was found a place again in the contract list, has been slotted in Category B, which apart from Pant, retains the same look, with Suryakumar Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Yashasvi Jaiswal finding a place.

ROHIT SHARMA'S TWO-WORD MESSAGE FOR ABHISHEK NAYAR DAYS AFTER TEAM INDIA SACKING BY BCCI

Diary Times Desk : Abhishek Nayar, who was associated with the Indian cricket team as an assistant coach since the last eight months, was sacked by the BCCI last week. While the side's poor performance at the Border Gavaskar Trophy is being seen as a reason behind Nayar's sacking, some reports have made serious allegations. A report by PTI claimed that Nayar's removal was on the cards after Sitanshu Kotak was added to the Indian team's support staff as an additional batting coach. "...just after the tour of Australia, there was a review meeting conducted by the BCCI. The top officials of the board, including secretary Devajit Saikia and vice-president Rajeev Shukla, were present along with important members associated with the Indian team, and the national selectors," a BCCI source was quoted as saying by the news agency. "On the sidelines of the meeting, a powerful member of the support staff expressed his apprehensions about Nayar's presence and said how him being in the dressing room is proving to be counter-productive. "While the BCCI didn't act immediately but they brought in Kotak, the former Saurashtra run-accumulator. It was a way of side-lining Nayar during the Champions Trophy," the source added. Now, Rohit Sharma has sent a two-word message.

'I REGRET PLAYING CRICKET': MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN DEEPLY PAINED, URGES BCCI TO TAKE ACTION AFTER BEING STRIPPED OF HONOUR

Diary Times Desk : Mohammad Azharuddin is heartbroken and pained after the Hyderabad Cricket Association decided to remove his name from a stand at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal. Azharuddin, the former India captain, has called the move a disgrace, slamming the authority, and urged the BCCI to step in and look into the matter. The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) received a formal directive to erase the name of Azharuddin from the North Pavilion Stand, following serious allegations of favoritism levelled against the former Indian cricket team captain. The order was issued on Saturday by Justice V Eswaraiyah, who serves as the Ethics Officer and Ombudsman for the HCA, in response to a petition that brought the matter to light. According to a report published by Cricbuzz, the action was prompted by a formal complaint lodged by Lord's Cricket Club, a local entity, which argued that Azharuddin, during his tenure as the president of the HCA, engaged in decision-making that demonstrated a clear conflict of interest, favouring his own interests. The petition specifically pointed to actions taken by Azharuddin that were perceived as self-serving, thereby undermining the principles of fairness and impartiality expected from someone in his position of authority.

MEHIDY 5-FOR HELPS TO TRIM ZIMBABWE LEAD AGAINST BANGLADESH ON 1ST TEST

Diary Times Desk : Bangladesh off-spinner Mehidy Hasan claimed a five-for and Zimbabwe's lead was reduced to 25 runs by the end of day two Monday of the first test. Half-centuries by opener Brian Bennet and Sean Williams led Zimbabwe to 273 and a first-innings lead of 82. But that was down to 25 by day's end when Bangladesh reached 57-1 at stumps, with opener Mahmudul Hasan and Mominul Haque, who hit 56 in the first innings, in the middle. After bowling out Bangladesh for 191, Zimbabwe resumed on 67 without loss and looked set for a significant innings lead but Mehidy triggered a collapse. Zimbabwe lost its last five wickets for 80 runs. Zimbabwe was initially unsettled by pacer Nahid Rana, who finished with 3-74. Nahid struck in the day's second over. He banged one in short with searing pace and Ben Curran, unable to evade the extra bounce, fended it to short leg on 18 and 69-1. Mominul Haque dived forward to take an excellent catch.