

USA VP VANCE

THERE'S A VITALITY TO INDIA, A SENSE OF INFINITE POSSIBILITY: VANCE

Diary Times Desk : US Vice President JD Vance today lavished praised on India's resilience, lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi and narrated how his seven-year old son, Ewan, asked 'if he could stay in India'. Vance, who is on a four-day — April 21-24 — visit to India, is accompanied by his wife Usha and their three children.

Vance, who is on his first visit to India — where his wife's parents were born — said in many countries I feel there's a flatness, a sameness, a desire to just be like everyone else in the world, but it's different in India.

"There's a vitality to India, a sense of infinite possibility, there's a pride in being Indian, a feeling of excitement about the days that lie ahead. Now it's a striking contrast with too many in the West, where some in our leadership class seemed stricken by self-doubt and even fear of the future," Vance added.

"I am amazed by the ancient beauty of the architecture of India, by the richness of India's history and traditions, but also by India's laser-like focus on the future," Vance went on. Vance had a long list of praises for Modi. The western world criticised Prime Minister Modi's government, arguably the most popular in the democratic world. "I told Prime Minister Modi last night, he's got approval ratings that would make me jealous," Vance said. He narrated how at the dinner at Modi's residence yesterday the food was 'so good'. "The Prime Minister was so kind to our children that Ewan came up to me afterwards and said, 'dad, you know, I think maybe I could live in India.'"



J&K ATTACK

'TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY INSTEAD OF MAKING HOLLOW CLAIMS': CONGRESS' MESSAGE TO CENTRE AFTER J&K ATTACK



Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition (LOP) and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday lamented the "cowardly" terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. He urged the BJP-led Centre to take accountability instead of making "hollow claims" about restoring normalcy by ridding the erstwhile state of terrorism.

Rahul, who is in the US, took to social media stating that the reports of the attack on tourists were extremely heartbreaking. He said, "... instead of making hollow claims on the situation being normal in J&K, the government should now take accountability and take concrete steps, so such barbaric incidents do not happen in the future, and innocent Indians do not lose their lives like this."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and senior party leader Priyanka Gandhi also urged the ruling BJP to take decisive action against the terrorists.

"I strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The entire nation is united in fighting the scourge of cross-border terrorism. These dastardly targeted attacks are a blot on humanity," Kharge said.

In her statement, Priyanka said, "The practice of targeting civilians is a crime against humanity (and) is completely unacceptable. The whole country stands united against terrorism and strongly condemns it."

Congress MP and leader Jairam Ramesh said, "...this is a time for exhibiting a cohesive collective will. The Union Government should immediately call an all-party meeting and take all political parties into confidence. This attack cannot and must not go unanswered effectively."



INDIAN NAVY WARSHIP INS KOLKATA FOILS PIRATE HIJACK, SAVES 17 HOSTAGES

Diary Times Desk : "Indian warship, if you come any closer, we will shoot, and the 17 hostages on board will be harmed." This was a message from the pirate-captured merchant vessel MV Ruen to the Indian Navy warship INS Kolkata, some 380 km east of Somalia. The incident occurred on March 15 last year and led to a 44-hour-long standoff at sea between armed pirates leveraging the lives of hostages and the Indian Navy. The standoff ended with a daring mid-sea rescue of hostages and the freeing of the 45,000-tonne Bulgarian merchant vessel from 35 armed Somali pirates. Captain Sharad Sinsunwal, the commander of INS Kolkata, has penned a 17-page first-person account for the Naval War College Journal 'Indian Naval Dispatch' in its latest edition, with added inputs from decision-makers Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh, the Western Navy Commander, and Rear Admiral Praveen Nair, the fleet commander of the Western Fleet. INS Kolkata was headed home after a two-month-long deployment in the Gulf of Aden when the Navy's Western Command, headquartered in Mumbai, sent a message about a pirate ship. INS Kolkata signalled its readiness to undertake the task. The pirates were armed with automatic rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, and years.



MUSLIM MEMBER CAN'T SERVE IN WAQF BOARD AFTER LOSING POSITION IN BAR COUNCIL

Diary Times Desk : A Muslim member of a State Bar Council can't serve in the state Waqf Board after losing his position in the bar body, the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday. According to Section 14 of the Waqf Act, 1995, a Muslim member of the Bar Council of a State/UT can be appointed as a member of the Waqf Board of the said state/UT. However, the question was if a Muslim Member of the Bar Council of the State or the Union territory, duly elected as a Member of the Waqf Board constituted under Section 14 of the Waqf Act, 1995, can continue to hold the said position, even after the expiry of his tenure in the Bar Council. "There are twin conditions to be eligible to be a Member of the Board: (1) The candidate must be from the Muslim community; and (2) must hold an active position as a Member of Parliament, State Legislative Assembly or Bar Council. If a person no longer fulfils these conditions.

NEITHER PARLIAMENT NOR EXECUTIVE, CONSTITUTION IS SUPREME: SIBAL HITS BACK AT V-P DHANKHAR



Diary Times Desk : Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Tuesday said neither Parliament nor the executive, but the Constitution is supreme, as he hit back at Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar who slammed his critics for questioning his remarks on a recent Supreme Court order. The Rajya Sabha MP's remarks in posts on X came soon after Dhankhar said that every word spoken by a constitutional authority was guided by supreme national interest. Sibal also claimed that everything the court said was consistent with the country's constitutional values and guided by national interest. A top court bench recently prescribed a three-month timeline for the president of India to decide on Bills reserved by governors for her nod. Reacting to the directive, Dhankhar said the judiciary cannot play the role of a "super Parliament" and get into the domain of the executive. Addressing a Delhi University event, Dhankhar, who is also the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, said every word spoken by a constitutional functionary was guided by the supreme, sublime interest of the nation.

US, INDIA CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE TOGETHER: VANCE

Diary Times Desk : US Vice-President JD Vance on Tuesday called on India to give greater access to its markets, buy more American energy and defence hardware as he outlined the vision for stronger ties between the two countries. In an address at an event here, Vance said there is much that the US and India can accomplish together in diverse areas including high technology, defence, trade, and energy. Both India and US are working towards a bilateral trade agreement based on shared priorities, he said. The future of the 21st century will be determined by the strength of India and the US, he said. Trade relations must be based on fairness, Vance said referring to President Donald Trump's policy on trade and tariff. We want to make a bright new world, he said. Vance also said President Trump seeks to rebalance global trade so that the US, with friends like India, can build a better future. In defence, our countries enjoy a close relationship and we can build many military platforms together, he said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE

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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>



UNION MINISTER OF STATE AJAY TAMTA SAID- ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK WORTH RS 73,000 CRORE IS GOING ON IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister of State Ajay Tamta said that the Congress government of Himachal is making baseless allegations against the Center. Road construction works worth Rs 73,000 crore are going on in Himachal. He said that works worth crores are stuck due to lack of clearance from the state government. If the state government works well, the state will develop at a fast pace. The central government has left no stone unturned for Himachal Pradesh. The Union Minister of State said that a brief description of the National Highways with the State Public Works Department, Himachal Pradesh (Regional Office Shimla, Road Transport and Highways) is as follows. The length of NH in Himachal Pradesh is 2,592 km. Out of this, 1231 km has been handed over to PWD/PIU of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 792 km to NHAI and 569 km to Border Roads Organisation (BRO). At present, 18 projects are going on under the Regional Office, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Shimla.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: WEATHER IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN BAD FOR FIVE DAYS IN SOME PARTS OF HIMACHAL, MERCURY WILL RISE IN THE PLAINS

Diary Times Desk : The weather is forecast to remain bad for five days in some parts of Himachal Pradesh. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, light rain is likely at isolated places in the high hills and surrounding mid-hill areas during 22 and 24 to 27 April. This change in weather will be seen due to the activation of Western Disturbance. The weather is likely to remain clear in the entire state on 23 and 28 April. During the next 4-5 days, the minimum temperature is likely to gradually increase by 3-6 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state. At the same time, during the next 24 hours, the maximum temperature is likely to increase significantly by 3-5 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state. After this, during the next 4-5 days, the maximum temperature is likely to gradually increase by 2-5 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state. During the last 24 hours, 24.2 mm rain was recorded in Naina Devi, 23.0 mm in Bijahi, 17.2 mm in Ghaghs, 16.4 mm in Bilsapur, 16.2 mm in Malraon, 15.0 mm in Hamirpur, 13.2 mm in Kothi, 10.5 mm in Slappar, 9.5 mm in Dharamsala, 9.4 mm in Aghar, 7.6 mm in Guler, 7.2 mm in Kangra and Seubagh, 7.1 mm in Mandli, 7.0 mm in Mahere Barsar, 6.8 mm in Sujampur Tihra, 6.4 mm in Mandi, 6.0 mm in Bhuntar, 5.0 mm in Kufri, Rohru, Sarakum and Una, 4.8 mm in Kahunseri and 4.6 mm in Murari Devi.

JAIRAM THAKUR ON CM SUKHU: 'FOR SUKHU GOVERNMENT, THE LIFE OF THE POOR IS NOT IMPORTANT, BUT DONATIONS FOR NATIONAL HERALD ARE IMPORTANT'

Diary Times Desk : For Sukhu government, donating to National Herald newspaper is more important than the life of poor. During the tenure of this government, poor people are forced to sell their jewellery and land to get treatment. This allegation was made by former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur while talking to media during his Kullu tour. He said that earlier our government had started Himcare Yojana for poor people under which they did not have to worry about getting treatment but Congress government has stopped getting treatment under this scheme. Along with Himachal, PGI Chandigarh also has liabilities in crores which the government is unable to pay. In such a situation, the hospital management has stopped getting treatment. Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur said that Gandhi family has got into the habit of misusing the country's treasury.

HIMACHAL NEWS: PRADHAN WILL ISSUE TENDER, IF THERE IS A DELAY OF ONE MONTH THEN BDO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE; CM'S ASSURANCE TO PRADHAN

Diary Times Desk : Only the Pradhan will issue tenders in Panchayats, if there is a delay of one month then the BDO will be given the responsibility of issuing tenders. Only the Pradhans know the correct need of development in the Panchayat. They also have to take votes from the people, so they sit among the people in happiness and sorrow. The intention of the government is not to snatch the powers of the Pradhans. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said this while addressing the Pradhans who reached the Secretariat under the banner of Panchayati Raj Mahasangh. He said that the government will withdraw the notification issued earlier to withdraw the powers of tendering from the Pradhans. Earlier, the Pradhan of Panchayati Raj Mahasangh, Vijendra Singh Chandel, had requested the Chief Minister to cancel the changes made in the tender process. Apart from this, other demands were also raised in the Gram Sabha, including removing the restriction of not doing more than 20 works in the works approved under MNREGA and ensuring respectable participation of Panchayat representatives in preparing the BPL list.

ASHOK DHYAN CHAND SAID- DUE TO LACK OF ASTROTURF, THE INTEREST OF YOUTH IN HOCKEY IS DECREASING

Diary Times Desk : Former international hockey player and Arjuna Award winner Ashok Dhyan Chand said that the country's national game hockey has been dominated by astroturf or artificial ground. This is reducing the craze of youth for the game. Now it has become a power game and not a wrist game. The use of wrist in the game has reduced and the use of power has increased. Players get breathless in a short time, and hockey is going in the opposite direction due to the astroturf ground. The governments have also been unable to prepare this ground which is being built at a cost of eight crores. Due to the ground not being ready, the competitions have also lagged far behind. In international, national and Olympiad, this game is played only on astroturf grounds. Due to the lack of such grounds in schools and colleges, the youth are not coming forward. He said that in this ground which is being built at a cost of Rs 8 crore, even a hockey stick costs Rs 6000.

HIMACHAL : ARMY DECLARED HIM DEAD, FAMILY MEMBERS OFFERED GARLANDS ON HIS PHOTO, SOLDIER RETURNED AFTER 16 YEARS

Diary Times Desk : The soldier who was declared dead by the army after being missing for 11 years suddenly returned home after 16 years. The family was also surprised to see the soldier suddenly return alive after so many years. The family members also garlanded the soldier's photo at home. The army is also providing other benefits including family pension to his wife. The soldier who reached home has said that he left the job and home because of harassment from his wife. After leaving the job, he has said that he begged at railway stations in Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, besides working as a watchman and daily wager in parking. Surendra Kumar alias Mintu (46), son of Tilak Raj Sharma of Gram Panchayat Dakwan of Indora Assembly, joined the army in 1997 at the age of 18. At the time of recruitment, Surendra's younger brother was five years old. Surendra got married in a village in Punjab in 2006. Surendra, who reached home on Monday, said that after marriage, his wife started harassing him and she did not want to live with him. In the year 2008, he was transferred to Gujarat and his wife said she would go with him. Even there his wife kept harassing him.

HIMACHAL NEWS: HIMACHAL PRADESH HIGH COURT TAKES SUO MOTU COGNIZANCE OF KHAIR CUTTING IN TRILOKPUR, NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of the large-scale felling of Khair trees in the Trilokpur area of Kala Amb in Sirmaur district. The court has issued notice to all the respondents, including the government. A division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma heard the matter. The court has ordered the government to file a status report on this. The High Court was informed through photographs that how Khair trees are being felled in this area. Now the case will be heard on May 27. The Chief Secretary of the State Government, Principal Secretary (Forest), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

MURDERED KARNATAKA EX-TOP COP'S DAUGHTER IN SHOCK, SENT FOR MENTAL EVALUATION

Diary Times Desk : The daughter of former Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) Om Prakash, who was allegedly killed by his wife at their Bengaluru home, is in a "state of shock" and has been sent for a medical evaluation, officials said today. Kruthi Prakash was sent to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) last evening. Kruthi does not seem to be in a proper mental state to be questioned, officials say. The police will decide whether to question her based on the reports they get from the hospital, officials added. Kruthi was reportedly present when her father was brutally murdered in their house. 68-year-old Om Prakash was found dead in a pool of blood with multiple stab wounds to his stomach and chest on Sunday at his home Bengaluru's HSR Layout. He had been stabbed repeatedly after chilli powder was thrown into his eyes. When the police arrived, Kruthi, Prakash's wife, Pallavi, and another family member were present in the house, sources said.

AURANGABAD BENCH OF BOMBAY HIGH COURT RECEIVES BOMB THREAT ON EMAIL



Diary Times Desk : A bomb threat was made to the Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday, leading to a search of its building by police in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar city in Maharashtra, said an official. The HC bench received the bomb threat to its building through an email, he told PTI. After this, police teams consisting of sniffer dogs, bomb detection and disposal squad, cyber crime and special branch personnel along with local cops launched a search of the premises, informed the official. "The HC administration conveyed this threat to us and our teams have gone there. Our teams are thoroughly checking the court building, including garden and parking areas," he said. The HC's Aurangabad bench is located on the busy Jalna Road in the central Maharashtra city.

PAHALGAM ATTACK: 26 PEOPLE, MOSTLY TOURISTS KILLED; SEVERAL INJURED



Diary Times Desk : Terrorists opened fire at a famed meadow near Kashmir's Pahalgam town on Tuesday afternoon, killing 26 people, mostly tourists, in what is the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019. The 26 dead included two foreigners and two locals, a high ranking official said without getting into details. The toll is still being ascertained, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said while describing the terror attack as "much larger than anything we've seen directed at civilians in recent years". The attack, which comes as US Vice President J D Vance is visiting India and just as the tourist and trekking season is picking up momentum, took place around 3 pm, officials said. Baisaran, about six kilometres from the resort town of Pahalgam, is an expansive meadow ringed by dense pine forests and mountains and a favourite with visitors from across the country and the world.

ACTOR MAHESH BABU SUMMONED IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE LINKED TO REALTY FIRMS

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate has summoned popular actor Ghattamaneni Mahesh Babu in a money laundering case linked to realty groups Surana Group and Sai Surya Developers. The agency has asked Mr Babu to appear for an inquiry on Sunday. The actor, it was found, received over Rs 5.5 crore for appearing in advertisements for the Surana Group. Sai Surya Developers paid Mr Babu Rs 5.9 crore, including Rs 2.5 crore in cash and Rs 3.4 crore via cheque, for promotional activities. The Enforcement Directorate will investigate the remuneration paid to Mr Babu. During searches at Surana Group's affiliated companies, Sai Surya Developers and Bhagyanagar Properties, officials of the agency have uncovered illegal transactions worth Rs 100 crore and seized Rs 74.5 lakh in cash. Key evidence, the agency has said, was found at the residences of Surana Group chairman Narendra Surana and Managing Director Devendar Surana at Madhapur in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills.

"MAYBE I CAN LIVE IN INDIA": WHAT JD VANCE'S SON SAID AFTER PM'S DINNER

Diary Times Desk : US Vice-President J D Vance on Tuesday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "special person", and revealed he was only the second world leader apart from President Donald Trump his children are fond of. Mr Vance, who arrived in India for a four-day visit with his wife Usha Vance and three children on Monday evening, said his affection for Mr Modi flowed from his kids' perception of the Indian Prime Minister. While addressing an event in Jaipur, the US Vice-President shared a light moment from a dinner that was hosted by Mr Modi for him and his family at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg residence in the Capital on Monday evening. Mr Vance said that after the warm gesture, his eldest son, Ewan, told him that he could live in India. "My son, Ewan, is seven-years-old. He is our first born son. Yesterday after we had dinner at the Prime Minister's House, the food was so good and the Prime Minister was so kind to our three children, that Ewan came to me afterwards and said 'dad, maybe I can live in India,'" the US Vice-President said, as the audience burst into laughter.



"NO AUTHORITY ABOVE PARLIAMENT": JAGDEEP DHANKHAR TAKES AIM AT TOP COURT

Diary Times Desk : Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has again questioned the remit of the Supreme Court within the framework of the government as laid out in the Constitution, declaring the "Parliament (i.e., the Legislative) is supreme" and that "elected representatives (i.e., the Members of Parliament) are the 'ultimate masters' of what the Constitution will be... there cannot be any authority above them". Mr Dhankhar, at a Delhi University event Tuesday morning, also hit back at criticism of earlier attacks, declaring "every word spoken by a constitutional functionary is guided by supreme national interest". The unseemly public attacks on the Supreme Court included criticism for contradictory statements, in two separate landmark verdicts, about the Preamble of the Constitution - the 1967 IC Golaknath case and the 1973 Kesavananda Bharati case. Mr Dhankhar also questioning the court's role during the Emergency imposed by ex-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975. In one case, the Supreme Court says.

"CONTEMPT OF COURT": TOP COURT'S BAR BODY ON BJP MP'S COMMENTS

Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court Bar Association has condemned BJP leader Nishikant Dubey over his comments against the Supreme Court, saying it was not just defamatory but "amounts to contempt of court". In a resolution, the association expressed hope that the Attorney General will agree to contempt of court action against the BJP MP. "This attack on the Supreme Court, as an Institution, and qua the Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, as an individual, is unacceptable and must be dealt with in accordance with the law," lawyers' resolution read today. "We do hope that the Attorney General, charged with the responsibility of protecting the Constitution and the laws, who has reportedly received a petition seeking consent to proceed for Criminal Contempt against Mr. Nishikant Dubey, will grant consent to protect the dignity of the Institution and the dignity of the Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna," added the resolution. On Sunday, Mr Dubey expressed a series of strong comments against the top court.

US MILITARY CONDUCTS AIRSTRIKES IN YEMEN, KILLING OVER 500 HOUTHIS AMID ESCALATING OFFENSIVE

Diary Times Desk : The U.S. military has carried out over 100 airstrikes in Yemen within five days. These strikes targeted Houthi missile depots, drone engineers, and top commanders. Reports suggest that between 500 and 600 Houthi fighters have been killed. This is part of a larger plan that might lead to a full-scale ground invasion. High-ranking Houthi leaders are believed to be dead, but their propaganda is hiding the true impact. The offensive is being intensified by Trump, with U.S. officials warning that the campaign could last for months. This signals a broader strategy to contain Iran and secure Red Sea trade routes. The aim is also to stabilize the region. The situation remains tense as the U.S. continues its efforts in Yemen. The focus is on reducing threats and ensuring safety in the area. U.S. officials have highlighted the importance of these actions. They believe it is crucial for regional stability and security. The ongoing operations are seen as a necessary step to address the challenges posed by the Houthis and their allies.

SAUDI'S 'SLEEPING PRINCE' TURNS 36, REMAINS IN COMA 19 YEARS AFTER CRASH IN LONDON

Diary Times Desk : Saudi Arabia's Prince Al-Waleed bin Khaled bin Talal, often referred to as the "Sleeping Prince," turned 36 last week while still in a coma that has lasted nearly two decades. On April 18, as the Saudi royal marked his birthday, several users shared prayers and messages of hope for a recovery they still believe in, as reported by Roya News. Prince Al-Waleed has been unconscious since 2005, after suffering a brain injury in a car crash in London. As per the report, he has remained on life support ever since, dependent on a ventilator and feeding tube. His condition has shown little change over the years. In 2019, there were brief signs of limited response; his fingers moved, and his head shifted slightly, but there has been no documented progress since. Currently, he is being treated at King Abdulaziz Medical City in Riyadh, under the care of a full-time medical team. His parents, Prince Khaled bin Talal and Princess Reema bint Talal, continue to hold.

CHINA WOMAN EXPOSES HUSBAND'S AFFAIR WITH HIDDEN CAMERA, MISTRESS TAKES HER TO COURT

Diary Times Desk : A Chinese woman who placed a surveillance camera in her husband's and his mistress's home and posted the videos online has been ordered by a court to delete the footage. However, the court did not order the woman to pay compensation to the mistress. The case, which sparked widespread discussion on social media, was upheld on appeal by the Wuzhou Municipal Intermediate People's Court. Notably, the mistress, Wang, discovered a hidden camera in her rented flat in August 2023, where she lived with her partner, Hu, who was married to Li. The camera, installed by Li along with her siblings, captured intimate footage of the couple, which was then uploaded online and viewed multiple times. Despite police requests to remove the content, Li refused. Wang subsequently sued Li and her siblings, demanding they cease infringing on her rights to privacy, reputation, and image. Wang also sought the removal of all related written content, photos, and videos, a public apology, and compensation for spiritual loss and legal fees.



"TOPIC IS SO COMPLEX": KREMLIN WARNS AGAINST RUSHING UKRAINE TALKS



Diary Times Desk : The Kremlin on Tuesday warned against rushing Ukraine peace talks, pushing back on US President Donald Trump's hopes for a speedy deal the day before Ukraine's allies are set to meet in London. Trump, who promised on the campaign trail to strike a deal between Moscow and Kyiv in 24 hours, has in three months failed to wrangle concessions from Russian President Vladimir Putin to halt his invasion. The Republican had said over the weekend he hoped a peace deal could be struck "this week" despite no signs the two sides are anywhere close to agreeing even a ceasefire, let alone a wider long-term settlement. Moscow's forces occupy around a fifth of Ukrainian territory and tens of thousands have been killed since they invaded in February 2022. "This topic is so complex, connected with a settlement, that, of course, probably it is not worth setting any rigid time frames and trying to get a settlement, a viable settlement, in a short-time frame,".

HARVARD SUES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OVER \$2.2 BILLION FEDERAL FUNDING FREEZE

Diary Times Desk : Harvard University has filed a lawsuit against the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other federal agencies, challenging the Trump administration's decision to freeze \$2.2 billion in federal funding. The suit, filed in the US District Court in Massachusetts, alleges that the freeze violates Harvard's First Amendment rights and federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Harvard argues that the federal government has overstepped its authority by attempting to dictate internal university operations, including governance structure, hiring practices and academic content. The suit portrays this as a direct attack on principles of academic freedom protected by the First Amendment. "The Government's demands on Harvard cut at the core of Harvard's constitutionally protected academic freedom because they seek to assert governmental.

TRUMP'S APPROVAL HITS NEW LOW AS AMERICANS FEEL HE ABUSES AUTHORITY: POLL

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump's approval rating has dropped to its lowest level since he returned to the White House, according to a new Reuters/Ipsos poll. The survey found that only 42% of US citizens approve of the way Trump is handling the administration. That's a slight dip from 43% three weeks earlier and down from 47% right after his January 20 inauguration. The findings of the polls indicate that a higher number of Americans are becoming increasingly uncomfortable with how Trump is abusing his authority. In his first few days after assuming office, Trump signed many executive orders aimed at broadening his grip, not just on government ministries, but also over institutions like universities. The actions have made a majority feel as if he is going beyond his bounds. Although Trump's approval ratings remain higher than they have been for most of President Obama's presidency, the new numbers indicate that many are worried about what he has been doing lately. According to the survey, the majority of Americans agree that the president should abide by federal court decisions despite disagreeing with them. Approximately 83% of the 4,306 people polled agreed with the fact that Trump should abide by the law.

'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.

PAU TRANSFORMS INTO POLICE CANTONMENT AS EMPLOYEES' UNION PROTESTS SUSPENSION

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) was transformed into a police cantonment today, where PAU Employees Union was set to hold a protest against the suspension of a university employee. The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, Swapan Sharma, along with senior police officials and anti-riot police, was deployed in large numbers. As soon as union members arrived to protest, they were rounded up by the police. Manoj, a member of the union, said that a PAU employee had recently caught an AAP leader with a girl in a car in an objectionable state within the university campus. Malkit Singh, an employee in the plant breeding department, had raised the issue before university officials. However, instead of taking action against the AAP leader, the university suspended Malkit Singh. "Today, PAU has been converted into a police cantonment to prevent us from raising our voice," Manoj added. "Our members have been rounded up by the police under government pressure."



AMRITPAL SINGH CASE FAILS TO MAKE HEADWAY IN ABSENCE OF FRESH DETENTION ORDERS

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court was on Tuesday informed that fresh grounds of detention had not yet been supplied to Member of Parliament from Khadoor Sahib Amritpal Singh currently lodged in Dibrugarh Jail in Assam under National Security Act (NSA). His counsel told the court that he did not have instructions, as of now, to challenge the third detention order. Appearing before the Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel, senior advocate R.S. Bains, representing Amritpal, submitted that he would still press for adjudication on the matter already under consideration by the court. Bains added the second detention order expired today. The third detention order was yet to be supplied. But he had instructions to press the petition against the existing detention order being heard by the Bench. He added the court was required to be determine whether social media posts could be used to as a material to detain an individual. Initially, Amritpal and nine of his associates were detained under the NSA. But the State revoked the NSA against his associates in March and April this year, while extending his detention for a third year. Senior advocate Anupam Gupta, appearing on the State's behalf.

BSF AND NCB SEIZE ARMS, IED COMPONENTS, AND HEROIN AT PUNJAB BORDERS

Diary Times Desk : The BSF troops today seized arms, ammunition, explosives, hand grenades with accessories, and a huge amount of narcotics in the border area of Amritsar. Based on precise information from the BSF intelligence wing, the troops conducted a thorough search operation in the suspected area and successfully seized two large packets from a field near Bhallarwal village in Amritsar district. Upon opening the packets, two pistols along with four magazines, 50 live rounds, two hand grenades with accessories, explosive material with IED components, a remote device, two electric detonators, and eight small packets containing 7.7 kg of heroin were seized. In another operation, the BSF troops recovered a Pakistani drone and two heroin consignments from the border belt of Amritsar and Gurdaspur. A search operation conducted by the BSF, based on information provided by a local resident, resulted in the recovery of one packet of suspected heroin (gross weight: 500 g) at 10.20 am from a cauliflower field adjacent to Gola Dola village in Gurdaspur district. Similarly, another packet of suspected heroin (gross weight: 558 g) was recovered jointly by the BSF and Punjab Police at 11.40 am today from a harvested field adjacent to Modhe village in Amritsar.

DE-ADDICTION CENTRE BRINGS RAY OF HOPE AS 20 ADDICTS RETURN TO MAINSTREAM

Diary Times Desk : Amid rising concerns about drug abuse, the psychiatry and de-addiction centre at the District Civil Hospital has emerged as a ray of hope for people battling addiction to drugs. Since its inception in June 2023, the centre has successfully rehabilitated nearly 20 drug addicts, bringing them back into the mainstream of society. Four of these persons have volunteered to motivate other drug addicts to follow the same path to recovery. The centre operates with a 20-bed facility and an OPD. The centre has catered to over 8,000 patients through its OPD, admission and follow-up services. Led by Dr Saubhagya S Kaushik, medical officer and in-charge of the centre, the health facility offers not only medication, but holistic counselling and recreational therapy too. "Our mission is to bring addicts back into mainstream of society with compassion and care," said Dr Kaushik. "We have a trained team that engages in continuous counselling. We focus on recreational activities to divert patients mind from addiction." However, the journey is not without its hurdles. Dr Kaushik acknowledged the issue of relapse among some patients who discontinue treatment midway. "While many stay committed, some drop out and that remains one of our biggest challenges. But we follow such patients and motivate them to restart the treatment," she said.

OPEN BUS FOR GIVING TOUR OF AMBALA CANTONMENT TO BE INTRODUCED: VIJ

Diary Times Desk : Aiming to develop Ambala Cantonment as a tourist destination, Haryana Transport, Labour and Energy Minister Anil Vij has planned to introduce an open bus to give a tour of important locations in the area. Speaking to The Media Anil Vij said, "A Shaheed Smarak is being built in Ambala Cantonment to commemorate the unsung heroes of 1857 revolt. The Shaheed Smarak project is in its final phase, while a science museum will also come up here." "To make sure that the people, who visit museums, also get to know about other important locations and projects. It has been decided to introduce an open bus in Ambala Cantonment to give a tour of the city," he said. The minister said earlier, Netaji Subhash Park was built. A large number of people turn up daily to spend time with their families there, he added. A statue of Subhash Chandra Bose.

DERA BASSI BDPO, 2 OTHERS SUSPENDED OVER MISSING RECORDS

Diary Times Desk : Dera Bassi Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) Gurpreet Singh Mangat and two others department officials have been suspended for alleged involvement in the case related to missing records of six panchayats in Ludhiana Block 2. The case relates to the award money given to the six panchayats of Ludhiana district. The Rural Development and Panchayat Department officials said a bungling of Rs 120.87 cr is suspected and the departmental probe and a vigilance inquiry is underway. The matter, meanwhile, has been brought to the notice of the CMO. The suspended officials, identified as BDPO Rupinderjeet Kaur, Simrat Kaur (Social Education and Panchayat Officer with charge of BDPO) and Gurpreet Singh Mangat (Social Education and Panchayat Officer with charge of BDPO), will be reporting at the office of District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO) Ludhiana.



VISUALLY IMPAIRED PROTEST OUTSIDE SECRETARIAT OVER BACKLOG VACANCIES

Diary Times Desk : The Blind Persons Association of Himachal Pradesh once again staged a protest outside the Himachal Pradesh Secretariat, demanding the filling of backlog vacancies reserved for the visually impaired in various government departments. The protest caused a blockade on the Chotta Shimla-Sanjauli road, severely affecting traffic movement. During the protest, a minor scuffle broke out between the demonstrators and police personnel as officers attempted to clear the road. However, the protestors remained firm in their stance, demanding a meeting with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu or Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena. Rajesh Thakur, secretary of the association, said several government posts reserved for the visually impaired remain vacant despite repeated appeals to the government. "We have been raising this issue for a long time. Though we have held multiple discussions and received assurances, no concrete action has been taken. This has left us with no option but to protest," he said.

JAKHU KV HOSTS ORIENTATION FOR CLASS I STUDENTS, PARENTS

Diary Times Desk : PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jakhu, Shimla, held an orientation programme to welcome its newly admitted Class I students and their parents. Designed to provide a smooth transition into formal schooling, the event introduced families to the school's ethos, structure and academic environment. The day began with a traditional welcome as the young learners were greeted with tilak and crowned with decorative headgear by Vice-Principal Sherab Dorje and Headmistress Dr Neelu Sharma. This ceremonial touch added joy and warmth, making the first day of school a memorable one for the children. The formal proceedings, held in the school auditorium, opened with an inspiring address by Vice-Principal Dorje. He emphasised the importance of discipline, hard work and developing a lifelong love for learning. A cultural performance followed, creatively spreading awareness about the harmful effects of single-use plastic.

CHARGESHEET AGAINST SONIA, RAHUL A POLITICAL WITCH-HUNT: GEHLOT

Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot today alleged that the chargesheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate against Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case was purely 'a political witch-hunt'. "By targeting the Congress leadership and the Gandhi family through false and fabricated cases, the BJP government is trying to muzzle the Congress party," Gehlot said in a press conference in Shimla today. He was accompanied by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, state Congress president Pratibha Singh and other senior Congress leaders at the press conference. Claiming that the Gandhi family or the other directors of Young India Limited have not got a single rupee, Gehlot alleged that the BJP government had made ED its election department and was using it for vendetta politics. "Chargesheeting the Congress leaders is a direct assault on the very idea of democracy and Opposition. It is a crude attempt at political intimidation, orchestrated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah," he said.



RS 114 CR IN JUST A YEAR, CYBERCRIMINALS MAKE A KILLING IN HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : Cybercrime has become a major threat in Himachal Pradesh with people of the state having been reportedly duped of nearly Rs 114 crore in the past one year. According to the cyber cell of the state, one in three persons in the state is being targeted by cybercriminals. Data has revealed that over the past five years (up to April 2025), as many as 39,072 cybercrime complaints were registered in the state, of which around 22,000 pertained to financial frauds. Deputy Inspector General (DIG), State CID Cybercrime, Mohit Chawla said, "Cyber fraudsters do not spare anyone. Senior citizens and women are the most vulnerable and are frequently targeted and duped by the fraudsters. The scammers dupe people by using various tactics such as digital arrest, sextortion, offering exorbitant returns through investment in stocks and crypto currency markets, and lotteries." "The only way one can keep oneself safe from these criminals is by being cautious and aware about cybercrimes and the tactics being used by them," he said. The police have asked people to be cautious and avoid clicking on unknown and suspicious links, besides refraining from sharing sensitive information, whether personal or financial, with anyone.

'SUPER 30' EMPOWERS STUDENTS FROM REMOTE AREAS TO EXCEL IN JEE (MAIN)

Diary Times Desk : Of the 30 students enrolled in the coaching provided by CSRL, and sponsored by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), 28 have successfully cleared the JEE (Main). Better known as 'ONGC Super 30', these students hailing from the remote areas of Himachal have demonstrated that with the right guidance and opportunities, no dream is beyond reach. The 'Super 30' programme is an initiative by the ONGC under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mission in collaboration with CSRL. Students participating in the programme this year, have reached one significant step closer to winning admission in esteemed and famous engineering institutions across India, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs). Last year's student Piyush Choudhary is now in IIT-Roorkee, while Tenzin Dolma is in IIT-Kanpur and Vishal Chauhan in IIT-BHU. This year, Sridul secured a percentile of 98.6424655 and All India Rank 20882, Daksh Rana secured 97.8189845 per cent, Poonam Singh 97.687738, Tanvi Choudhary 97.3532683, Kartikeya Sharma 97.2061099 and Jatin secured rank 870. Established in 2022, the ONGC's 'Super 30' Kangra.

110 DAYS, 95 ARRESTS: SIRMAUR POLICE'S CRUSADE AGAINST NARCOTICS

Diary Times Desk : In one of the most intensive anti-drug crackdowns, the Sirmaur district police have registered 65 cases and arrested 95 individuals between January 1 and April 19 this year — a span of just 110 days — under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. This large-scale and coordinated campaign reflects a focused effort to dismantle the supply chains of narcotics, deter drug trafficking networks and safeguard communities from the growing threat of substance abuse. Among the 95 individuals arrested during this period, 72 are Himachal Pradesh residents, while 23 are from outside the state, indicating the infiltration of external peddlers into local drug circuits. The arrests include seven women, demonstrating that the illegal trade transcends gender and social boundaries, and law enforcement has spared no effort in bringing all culprits to justice. The scale and variety of the drugs seized underscore the vastness of the challenge. From high-potency charas to heroin, opium, ganja, poppy husk, narcotic capsules, and intoxicating syrups, the recovered substances reveal a complex and widespread network of illegal drug activity in the district. Notably, seven of the total cases involved commercial quantities of drugs, which attract stricter legal consequences and longer prison terms under the NDPS Act.



IPL 2025: RAJASTHAN ROYALS BREAK SILENCE ON MATCH-FIXING ALLEGATIONS AFTER RCA OFFICIAL CALLS FOR PROBE

Diary Times Desk : In their last IPL 2025 match the Rajasthan Royals lost to the Lucknow Super Giants by two runs on April 19 in Jaipur. Vaibhav Suryavanshi, 14, made his IPL debut in the match and became the youngest player in the history of the league. An injury kept Sanju Samson, the regular captain of RR, out of the starting lineup, and it is unlikely that he will feature in their next match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Amidst all of this, RR have been embroiled in a new dispute. There have been allegations of match-fixing against the franchise. RR are currently coached by Rahul Dravid and with four points from eight games — two victories and six losses — they are ranked eighth in the IPL 2025 points standings. The Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) ad hoc committee convenor, Jaideep Bihani, slammed RR in an interview with News18 Rajasthan, igniting a match-fixing row. Bihani, also an MLA from Sri Ganganagar, brought up a number of issues pertaining to the IPL. He questioned RR's loss on home ground despite the match titled in their favour. The franchise were also accused from preventing the RCA from participating in the ongoing IPL 2025 season's management by Bihani.



MS DHONI BUSTS MYTH ON THE LONG-STANDING RUMOUR ABOUT HIMSELF: 'BIT TOO MUCH FOR ANYONE'

Diary Times Desk : Former India captain MS Dhoni has finally come clean about a long-standing rumour about himself. During a promotional event for Chennai Super Kings (CSK) on Tuesday, the wicketkeeper-batter was asked to dismiss the "most ridiculous" rumour he has ever about himself. Then, the 2011 World Cup-winning skipper discussed the infamous milk story. Ardent MS Dhoni fans would be aware that there is a myth that Dhoni drinks five litres of milk every day to keep himself fit. When the anchor asked Dhoni, "What is the most ridiculous rumour you've heard yourself?" the stand-in Chennai Super Kings captain said, "I drink five litres of milk daily." The anchor was surprised to learn that it was indeed a rumour. Dhoni then replied that no human can have five litres of milk daily. "I used to drink, maybe, a litre of milk spread throughout the day. But four litres - it's a bit too much for anyone," he said. During the event, Dhoni also laughed off another rumour: he makes his lassi in a washing machine. To this, the wicketkeeper-batter said, "First of all, I don't drink lassi."

CSK WILL BOUNCE BACK IN IPL 2025 LIKE THEY DID IN 2020: CEO KASI VISWANATHAN

Diary Times Desk : Chennai Super Kings CEO Kasi Viswanathan acknowledged the hurt and disappointment among the franchise's fans due to their poor performances in IPL 2025. However, the senior administrator remained optimistic that CSK would improve in the upcoming games. He also said that a team led by MS Dhoni can never be ruled out, expressing hope for a turnaround reminiscent of the 2010 season. Chennai Super Kings are languishing at the bottom of the IPL 2025 points table, having suffered six defeats in their first eight matches. CSK have looked the weakest of the lot, struggling for intent with the bat and rhythm with the ball. On Sunday, CSK were hammered by Mumbai Indians. Their total of 176 after batting first proved well below par, as Mumbai chased it down in just 15.2 overs, further damaging the Super Kings' already sinking Net Run Rate. The top order has failed to fire.

RISHABH PANT BATS AT NO. 7 FOR LSG VS DC, BATS FOR 2 BALLS, GETS OUT FOR 0. INTERNET SAYS: "RS 27 CRORE..."

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JASON GILLESPIE TAKES PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD TO COURT OVER NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Jason Gillespie, former Pakistan cricket team head coach, is taking legal action against the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) over non-payment of his salary following his resignation from the post in December 2024, according to a report tribune.com.pk. The report claimed Gillespie has said PCB owes him salary as well as bonus for a Test series win over England and an ODI victory against Australia last year. The report quoted sources as saying that Gillespie has alleged that PCB did not honour 'written financial assurances'. Gillespie has even referred the matter to the International Cricket Council (ICC). However, it is not known whether the ICC has any right to mediate in the issue. 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.

HARSHA BHOGLE BREAKS SILENCE ON 'IPL COMMENTARY BAN AT EDEN' REPORTS

Diary Times Desk : Noted commentator Harsha Bhogle has rejected speculation that he was kept away from the IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Gujarat Titans on Monday due to a complaint by the Cricket Association of Bengal, insisting that he was only empanelled for two games in Kolkata, which are over. His clarification came a day after the CAB's letter to the BCCI, sent about 10 days ago by its secretary Naresh Ojha, was revealed in media reports. In the letter, the body asked for the removal of Bhogle and New Zealand's Simon Doull from the commentary panel for matches in Kolkata after they stated that the Eden Gardens pitch was not helping the local franchise Kolkata Knight Riders. "There are some inappropriate conclusions being drawn about why I wasn't at yesterday's game in Kolkata. Quite simply, it wasn't on the list of matches I was down to do!" Bhogle posted on 'X'. "Asking me would have resolved the issue. Rosters are done before the tournament starts. I was rostered for two games in Kolkata. I was there for the first and an illness in the family prevented me from being at the 2nd," he added without specifying the games.

IN PAKISTAN, PEOPLE WOULD'VE SAID...: RAJASTHAN ROYALS' 14-YEAR-OLD STAR RECEIVES BIG VERDICT

Diary Times Desk : Rajasthan Royals' 14-year-old sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi has impressed everyone with his performance in the IPL 2025. Suryavanshi slammed 34 off 20 deliveries against Lucknow Super Giants that included a brilliant six off Avesh Khan. It was an almost perfect start to his IPL career as he provided RR the perfect start and he has already received a lot of praise from both fans as well as experts. Former Pakistan cricket team star Basit Ali gave a mammoth verdict on Suryavanshi and said that he should receive support from the system and commented on the problems he would have faced in Pakistan. "The 14-year-old kid, Vaibhav Suryavanshi. The way he smashed that first ball for six, it's a huge deal. Imagine what would have happened had he gotten out trying to hit the first ball for six? What would people have said? In Pakistan, people would have said, throw him out. But this is how confidence is given, which later pays off," Basit said on his YouTube channel. Suryavanshi was bought by Rajasthan Royals for Rs 1.1 crore in the IPL 2025 mega auction.