

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

ATTARI BORDER CLOSED, INDUS WATER TREATY SUSPENDED; INDIA RESPONDS TO PAK AFTER PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : India on Wednesday suspended the Indus Water Treaty and closed the Integrated Check Post at Attari besides cutting down its diplomatic engagement with Pakistan in a response to its neighbour after the Pahalgam terror attack. It announced the move to lower the strength of the high commission staff in Delhi and Islamabad to 30 as against the present 55.

In a special briefing to unveil the decisions taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the wake of the terror attack, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the CCS had reviewed the overall security situation and directed all forces to maintain high vigil.

"The CCS resolved that perpetrators of the attack will be brought to justice and its sponsors held to account," Misri said. Among immediate measures India has taken in response to the attack by Pakistan-trained terrorists is immediate suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960. "The Treaty will be held in abeyance until Pakistan credibly abjures support for cross-border terrorism," Misri said. He announced that the Integrated Check Post at Attari will be closed with immediate effect. "Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return though that route before May 1," the Foreign Secretary announced. Pakistan nationals will not be permitted to travel to India on SAARC visa exemption scheme and all such visas to Pakistan nationals will be deemed cancelled. "Those in India on this visa category have 48 hours to leave India," said Misri.



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PAHALGAM ATTACK: CONGRESS CALLS EMERGENCY CWC MEETING IN DELHI ON THURSDAY



Diary Times Desk : An emergency meeting of the Congress Working Committee will be held here on Thursday in the wake of the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said. The terror attack at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday left at least 26 people dead and several others injured.

"An emergency meeting of the Congress Working Committee will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 24th April 2025 at 11:00 AM at 24, Akbar Road, in the wake of the horrific terrorist attack in Pahalgam," Venugopal said in a post on X.

Earlier in the day, Venugopal paid homage to those killed in the attack at the PCR Hospital, Srinagar. "The air was heavy with grief - families torn apart, innocent lives cut short, dreams extinguished before they could bloom. Standing there, amidst the pain and silence, one couldn't help but feel the cruelty of terror and the unbearable weight it imposes on humanity," Venugopal said on X after paying homage to the deceased. "We must stand united, not only in mourning but also in our unflinching resolve against violence, against terror. My heartfelt prayers are with the bereaved families. India will never forget," he said.

CENTRE TO CONVENE ALL-PARTY MEETING ON
PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK TODAY

Diary Times Desk : Seconds after India announced harsh measures against Pakistan in the wake of the April 22 terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, the government announced that it had convened an all-party meeting for Thursday. However, government sources said that after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, all parties were being contacted for the meeting scheduled for the next day. "An all-party meeting will be convened tomorrow regarding the situation related to the terror attack," top sources said. "Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh are speaking to all parties."



INDIAN CITIES ON HIGH ALERT, US
ASKS ITS CITIZENS NOT TO TRAVEL
TO KASHMIR

Diary Times Desk : Top Indian metropolitan cities, including the national capital, are on high alert, especially guarding their tourist places following the deadly Pahalgam attack where 27 tourists were gunned down in one of the most barbaric terror attacks of recent times. The attack, targeting tourists in the picturesque town of Pahalgam, has prompted a nationwide security response to prevent potential follow-up incidents. According to officials, authorities have intensified security protocols in key metropolitan areas, including Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Amritsar, and Jammu. Measures include increased surveillance at airports, railway stations, and other critical infrastructure. Security personnel have been deployed in greater numbers, and random checks are being conducted to ensure public safety. In Delhi, the police have augmented patrolling in sensitive zones and are coordinating with intelligence agencies to monitor any suspicious activities.

VADRA'S 'MUSLIMS FEELING WEAKENED' REMARKS
STOKE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY, BJP REACTS



Diary Times Desk : Robert Vadra sparked a major political controversy on Wednesday after linking the deadly Pahalgam attack in south Kashmir to what he described as a "growing divide between Hindus and Muslims" in the country. "If you dissect this terrorist act that took place – if they (the terrorists) are targeting people based on identity – why are they doing this? Because there's a divide that has emerged in our country between Hindus and Muslims," Vadra said. Notably, Vadra clarified that these were his personal views on the Pahalgam attack and not those of the Gandhi family or the Congress party. The 56-year-old businessman, who was recently summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with an alleged money laundering case, stated that minorities in the country, particularly Muslims, are feeling increasingly uncomfortable. He added that Muslims "feel weakened." "In our country, we see that this government often talks about Hindutva, and minorities feel uncomfortable and troubled – especially when there are surveys on mosques... These kinds of things create instability and communal issues," Vadra said.

"WILL GIVE A BEFITTING REPLY...": RAJNATH SINGH
ON PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today assured the nation that the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack will receive a befitting response, which will be evident in the near future. Speaking at Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, Singh said, "I assure the nation from this platform that the Government of India will take all necessary and appropriate steps in the wake of this incident." Without naming Pakistan, the minister made it clear that India would target not only those who carried out the attack but also those who conspired behind it. "We will not stop at those who carried out this attack. We will reach those who, sitting behind the curtains, conspire to carry out such nefarious acts on Indian soil," he said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



PAHALGAM ATTACK: OUTRAGE IN HIMACHAL, MARKETS CLOSED, EFFIGIES OF TERRORISTS BURNT, ANGER RALLIES, PROTESTS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal was boiling on Wednesday in protest against the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Ghumarwin market remained closed for half a day. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) protested in Gumma of Jubbal-Kotkhai and also burnt the effigy of terrorists. In the district headquarters Kullu, BJP burnt the effigy of terrorism after the protest. In Bilaspur, players came to the ground wearing black bands. On the other hand, the children of private school Naihariyan took out a protest rally in Amb market and sent a memorandum to the Prime Minister through the SDM. It said that we express deep sorrow and concern over the brutal killing of tourists in Pahalgam and demand strict action. Ghumarwin market remained closed for half a day on Wednesday in protest against the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Local traders and condolence organization also took out a protest rally against the attack. On Wednesday morning, on the call of condolence organization, local traders and citizens gathered at Dakdi Chowk.



UPSC RESULT 2024: ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER AKSHAT GOT SUCCESS IN THE FIFTH ATTEMPT, SAID- SHIMLA WAS LUCKY FOR ME

Diary Times Desk : Assistant Accounts Officer Akshat Kutiyal in Himachal Pradesh Accountant General Office Shimla has cleared the prestigious Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exam in his fifth attempt. He has secured 908th rank. Originally a resident of Koti village in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhnad, Akshat was posted in Shimla office on 19 October 2023. Expressing happiness over his achievement, Akshat called Shimla lucky for him. Sharing the secret of his success in a conversation with Amar Ujala, he said that he used to prepare for UPSC exam for at least two hours daily along with his job. On Saturday and Sunday off, he used to devote full time to studies. He regularly read news related to current topics and daily events and used social media only for exam preparation. Akshat did his schooling in Dehradun and has obtained a B.Tech degree from the prestigious IIT Dhanbad. His father Ganesh Singh Kutiyal expressed pride.

HIMACHAL: CM SAID- WE WILL DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM TO STOP THE MISUSE OF TRANSIT PASS IN MINERAL TRANSPORTATION

Diary Times Desk : The state government will develop an effective mechanism to curb corrupt activities related to misuse of transit passes during transportation of minerals. This will prevent loss in royalty and speed up development works. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while chairing a meeting of the Industry Department on Wednesday, gave instructions to the officials in this regard. The Chief Minister expressed concern over the use of fake transit passes in the transportation of minerals. He said that due to this the state government is suffering huge royalty losses in the transportation of minerals. To deal with this problem, the state government had earlier implemented Rule 81A. Under this rule, there was a provision to collect royalty of Rs 80 per tonne and a fine of Rs 20 from panchayats and other development agencies in case the transit pass is not available. However, the implementation of this rule.

HIMACHAL NEWS: USE OF SMALL PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES BANNED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH, NOTIFICATION ISSUED

Diary Times Desk : The use of small plastic water bottles has been banned in Himachal. It will be mandatory to install car bins in all vehicles. Keeping in mind environmental protection, the government has issued its notification under Section 3-A (1) of the Himachal Bio-Organic Waste Control Act-1995. According to the notification, the use of plastic (PET) water bottles up to 500 ml capacity will be banned in meetings and conferences of departments, boards, corporations and other institutions. The ban on small PET bottles will come into effect from June 1, 2025, so that the government and private institutions can dispose of the old stock and avoid financial loss. The government has fixed a fine of Rs 10,000 for not installing car bins in the vehicle and Rs 1,500 for throwing organic waste here and there. These provisions will be applicable in the entire state from April 29. DC Rana, Director, Department of Environment, Science and Technology, said on Wednesday that this decision has been taken due to the damage caused to the environment due to excessive use of small plastic water bottles. This ban will apply to all hotels. Environmentally friendly alternatives like glass bottles, steel containers and water dispensers will be adopted.

HIMACHAL NEWS: AFTER THE PAHALGAM ATTACK, TRAVEL AGENTS STARTED CANCELLING JAMMU AND KASHMIR TOURS, NOW BOOKING FOR MANALI AND SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : After the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, travel agents have cancelled tours there. Now they are booking for Manali and Shimla. Tourism businessmen say that online bookings in Manali have increased by 15 to 20 percent in a single day. Hotelier Association Vice President Roshan Thakur said that the terrorist attack is a sad incident. It will hit the tourism business of Jammu and Kashmir. So far, bookings have increased by about 15 to 20 percent. Hotel operator Gautam Thakur, homestay operator Rakesh said that travel agents have cancelled tours to Jammu and Kashmir. They are now planning tours to Manali. They have talked to such travel agents. Travel agents are booking in Manali. It is safe to come to Himachal Pradesh for sightseeing. There are also strong security arrangements. More than 200 additional police personnel are deployed in Manali during the season. After the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, now travel agents are booking Shimla and Manali. Travel agents are booking in Manali. It is safe to come to Himachal Pradesh for sightseeing.

HIMACHAL HIGH COURT: RECONSIDER INCREASING THE PENSION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed to reconsider the increase in pension of the Chairman and members of the Public Service Commission. The High Court directed the government to amend the notification of March 12, 2004, saying that when there is a provision for giving pension, then there should also be a consideration on increasing it. A division bench of Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Justice Sushil Kukreja gave these instructions while disposing of the petition. The High Court directed the government to keep in mind the Consumer Price Index. The matter has been listed on June 17 for compliance with the orders of the court. The division bench has said that the Chairman and Members of the Commission are entitled to pension. This pension was started for non-government members under the notification issued about two decades ago. Unfortunately, it has not been amended till date. Let us tell you that this petition was filed in the High Court in the year 2020 by the former Chairman of the Commission KS Tomar. In the petition, a demand was made to give respectable pension to the Chairman and Members of the Commission.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: WEATHER IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN BAD FOR FOUR DAYS IN SOME PARTS OF HIMACHAL

Diary Times Desk : The weather is forecast to remain bad for four days in some high mountainous and surrounding mid-hill areas of Himachal Pradesh. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, light rain is likely at different places in the high hills and surrounding mid-hill areas during 24 to 27 April. The weather is likely to remain clear in the entire state from 28 April. On the other hand, the minimum temperature is likely to gradually increase by 2-4 degrees Celsius in many parts of the state 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 next 3-4 days. In the pre-monsoon season, from March 1 to April 23, the state has received 30 percent less rainfall. 162.9 mm of rain was considered normal for this period, but in reality only 113.4 mm of rain was recorded.

MUMBAI ATTACKS: NIA OPPOSES TAHAWWUR RANA PLEA TO TALK TO KIN, SAYS MAY SHARE CRUCIAL INFO

Diary Times Desk : The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday said jailed Mumbai terror attacks accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana might share crucial information if allowed to talk to his family members. The NIA, appearing before a special NIA court, made the submission to oppose Rana's plea for talking to family members, pointing out their concern over his well-being. The anti-terror agency also said the matter was at a crucial stage. The judge, which heard the matter in his chamber, heard the argument and reserved the order for April 24. Rana moved an application through his lawyer, claiming that it was his fundamental right to talk to his family. The 64-year-old Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman was on April 10 sent to 18-day custody by a court. The NIA alleged as a part of the criminal conspiracy, accused David Coleman Headley, had discussed the entire operation with Rana before his visit to India. Anticipating potential challenges, Headley sent an email to Rana detailing his belongings and assets, the NIA told the court seeking his remand.

SANJAY RAUT BLAMES BJP'S 'POLITICS OF HATE' FOR PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Wednesday claimed the ruling BJP's "politics of hate" was responsible for the terror attack in Jammu Kashmir's Pahalgam in which 26 persons were killed. Talking to reporters, Raut alleged that Amit Shah was a "failed home minister" and demanded his resignation. Terrorists struck at a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 persons, mostly tourists, and injuring several others. The deceased included two foreigners—from the UAE and Nepal—and two locals. The family members of some of the victims claimed terrorists asked their religion before shooting them down. Asked about it, Raut said, "If terrorists ask for religion before killing people, then BJP's politics of hate is responsible for it." The politics of hate will "boomerang" someday, the Rajya Sabha member claimed. "No one else is (responsible for it). This is a result of the hate that is being spread from West Bengal to Jammu Kashmir," he charged. "They (referring to ruling coalition leaders) are busy 24 hours in forming and toppling governments and putting opposition leaders in jail. How will they protect people?" Raut said. "Amit Shah is a failed home minister in the history of the country.

INDIA SUSPENDS INDUS WATERS TREATY WITH PAKISTAN OVER KASHMIR TERROR ATTACK



Diary Times Desk : The Cabinet Committee on Security or CCS - the country's highest-decision making body on national security has taken some strict and punishing measures against Pakistan over the "cross-border linkages" that have surfaced in the investigation over the dastardly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, in which 26 people, including one foreign national, were killed. The boldest move has been to suspend the decades-old Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan indefinitely. With this, the water supply from the Indus river and its distributaries - the Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, and Satluj will be stopped. These rivers are the water supply for Pakistan and impacts tens of millions of people in that country. The Indus Waters Treaty was signed on September 19, 1960. The pact was signed between India and Pakistan, with the World Bank brokering the agreement. That treaty withstood three wars between India and Pakistan - in 1965, 1971, and 1999, but is now suspended indefinitely.

"MY DAUGHTER SAW HER HUSBAND BEING SHOT DEAD": MOTHER-IN-LAW OF PAHALGAM VICTIM

Diary Times Desk : Two families from Karnataka were left grief-stricken after the terror attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday, which claimed 26 lives. Bharath Bhushan from Bengaluru, who was visiting Pahalgam with his wife and three-year-old son, was shot dead by terrorists. His wife, Sujatha, and their child survived the attack. According to Vimla, Sujatha's mother and a resident of Mattikere in Bengaluru, Bharath was killed in front of his wife and son. "My daughter called me a short while ago. She said she is safe at an Army camp and will go to the hospital to claim her husband's body once her brother reaches Pahalgam. She told me the shooting happened right in front of her," Vimla said. She added that once Sujatha realised her husband was dead, she picked up his identity cards and fled the scene with her son. In Shivamogga, Roopa, sister of Manjunath Rao—another victim of the attack—said this was the family's first trip outside the state for a holiday.

POLITICAL ROW ERUPTS OVER ROBERT VADRA'S REMARKS ON KASHMIR TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law and businessman Robert Vadra on Wednesday triggered a row by suggesting that non-Muslims were attacked in Pahalgam as terrorists feel Muslims are being "mistreated" in the country, with the BJP accusing him of using the language of terrorists and demanding that he apologise. Mr Vadra condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack and said that whenever there are communal issues and people feel vulnerable, there is division in the country and neighbouring countries benefit from it. He said it is time to separate politics and religion, and political parties should introspect. When this terrorist act took place, they (terrorists) were looking at IDs, people who were non-Muslims were attacked and messages were given to the prime minister. Why is this happening? Because, they are feeling that Muslims are being mistreated in our country," Mr Vadra said. He, however, clarified that it was his personal view .

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK: SKETCHES OF 3 TERRORISTS RELEASED BY AGENCIES

Diary Times Desk : Security agencies on Wednesday released the sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, near Pahalgam in south Kashmir. The men are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, officials said. The three terrorists also had code names -- Moosa, Yunus and Asif -- and were involved in terror related incidents in Poonch. The sketches were prepared with the help of survivors, they said. From the pencil sketches, in black and white, they appear to be young and have beards. The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terror group, claimed responsibility for the attack on Tuesday afternoon. As the nation reels from the brutality of the assault, security forces have launched a massive manhunt to apprehend those responsible and uncover the full extent of the operation behind this chilling act of terror. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday held a meeting with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

CLAT UG: DELHI HC ASKS CONSORTIUM OF LAW UNIVERSITIES TO REVISE RESULT IN 4 WEEKS

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the Consortium of National Law Universities to revise the marksheets and republish the final list of selected candidates of CLAT UG-2025 within four weeks. A bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela accepted certain objections of the candidates while rejecting some of them. The judgment came on a batch of petitions pointing out certain errors in the common law admission test (CLAT) UG-2025 questionnaire. A detailed order is awaited. The court on April 9 concluded hearing the lawyers for petitioner aspirants, who appeared in the exam in December 2024, and Consortium of National Law Universities (CNLU) and reserved its order. The court had heard arguments on the questions which are under challenge in the petitions. It is yet to hear the petitions which have challenged certain questions in CLAT PG-2025. CLAT determines admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate law courses in national law universities in the country. Multiple pleas were filed in different high courts alleging several questions in the exam were wrong.



YEMEN'S HOUTHIS LAUNCH RARE
MISSILE ATTACK ON NORTHERN ISRAEL

Diary Times Desk : Yemen's Houthi rebels have launched a ballistic missile towards northern Israel, according to the Israeli military, which claimed to have shot down the projectile without causing any injuries. Shortly after 4am local time (01:00 GMT) on Wednesday, the Israeli army said that the missile triggered air raid sirens in Haifa, Krayot and other areas west of the Sea of Galilee. This area is a rare target for the Iran-backed Houthi rebels, who continue to be the target of an intense United States air strike campaign. Since the war in Gaza broke out in October 2023, the Houthis have repeatedly fired missiles and drones at Israel in what they say is a show of solidarity with the Palestinians. The rebel group controls swaths of Yemen, and Israel has struck Houthi targets several times inside the country, including in the capital, Sanaa. The Houthis claimed responsibility for the attack several hours later, with military spokesman Yahya Saree saying the group had carried out the attack on "a vital Zionist enemy target in the occupied area of Haifa".

XI JINPING SAYS TARIFFS HURT
MULTILATERAL TRADE, IMPACT
WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Diary Times Desk : Chinese President Xi Jinping said Wednesday tariffs "hurt" the multilateral trading system as he hosted his Azerbaijani counterpart for talks in Beijing, state media said. Tariff and trade wars "undermine the legitimate rights and interests of all countries, hurt the multilateral trading system, and impact the world economic order", he told Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, state news agency Xinhua reported. Beijing and Washington have been embroiled in a blistering trade war since US President Donald Trump this month slapped a 145 percent blanket tax on Chinese imports. China responded with a 125 percent duty on goods from the United States. Beijing's commerce ministry this week warned other nations to be wary in seeking a deal with Washington. "China firmly opposes any party reaching a deal at the expense of China's interests," a ministry spokesperson said Monday in a statement. "Appeasement will not bring peace, and compromise will not be respected.

JORDAN OUTLAWS MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD GROUP, CONFISCATES ASSETS

Diary Times Desk : Jordan has imposed a sweeping ban on the Muslim Brotherhood, the country's most vocal opposition group, after members of the group were found to be linked to a sabotage plot, Minister of the Interior Mazin Fraya said. Police surrounded the party's headquarters on Wednesday and were searching it. Fraya said all the activities of the group would be banned and anyone promoting its ideology would be held accountable by law. The ban includes publishing anything by the group and the closure and confiscation of all its offices and property, he added. There was no immediate comment from the group, which has operated legally in Jordan for decades and has widespread grassroots support in major urban centres and dozens of offices across the country. The Islamic Action Front, a political party linked to the regionwide group, won the most seats in parliamentary elections last year against the backdrop of mass protests against Israel over its war on Gaza. Jordan banned the Muslim Brotherhood a decade ago but officially licensed a splinter group and continued to tolerate the Islamic Action Front while restricting some of its activities. It was not immediately clear how far the latest ban would go.



NEWS ANCHOR PAUSES LIVE INTERVIEW,
ASKS PRODUCER TO CALL HER MOTHER
DURING ISTANBUL EARTHQUAKE



Diary Times Desk : A live television broadcast turned tense on Monday afternoon when a CNN Turk anchor interrupted an ongoing interview as a powerful earthquake struck parts of Turkey. Visibly shaken and anxious, presenter Meltem Bozbeyoglu asked her producer to contact her mother, as tremors rocked the studio in Istanbul. "We felt it terribly," said Bozbeyoglu, out of breath and trying to maintain composure. Speaking through her earpiece, she was heard asking a colleague, "Can you reach my mother?" before leaving a message: "Can you please reach me on WhatsApp?" The 32-year-old anchor, still live on air, added: "I'm 32 years old and this is the first time I've experienced such a big earthquake." After a brief pause, she turned to viewers and said, "I was frightened, I apologise if I made you panic."

SIX TRAPPED UNDER RUBBLE AFTER ISRAELI
ATTACK ON GAZA CITY SHELTER KILLS 13

Diary Times Desk : More Palestinians have succumbed to their burn wounds after an Israeli strike hit their shelter in Gaza City overnight, raising the death toll there to at least 13, with reports of six people remaining under the rubble. The school-turned-shelter was one of several sites hit in Gaza on Wednesday. Gaza's civil defence said four more bodies were pulled from two nearby homes. Rescue teams know at least six more victims remain trapped beneath the rubble in Gaza City, but they are unable to reach them, reported Al Jazeera's Hani Mahmoud from the city. "It's not just their inability to get to the area," he said. "They lack the heavy equipment needed to remove the rubble and recover the bodies." In total, 39 people were killed and 105 injured across the territory in the past 24 hours, the Health Ministry reported. The latest attacks came as Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas urged Hamas to release the remaining Israeli captives in Gaza. Hamas, which governs Gaza and rivals Abbas's PA, has said it would release all captives in exchange for a full Israeli withdrawal.

FIRST PHOTOS OF PUTIN'S
ALLEGED SECRET SON IVAN
VLADIMIROVICH, 10, LEAKED
ONLINE

Diary Times Desk : The first images of Vladimir Putin's alleged secret 10-year-old son, Ivan, have surfaced, released by VChK-OGPU, a Russian anti-Kremlin Telegram channel with ties to law enforcement and secret services. According to the Sun, the boy, reportedly the son of Putin and his long-time partner, gymnast Alina Kabaeva, 41, has been kept hidden from the Russian public. The two blurred but high-resolution images, shared anonymously, reveal 10-year-old Ivan Vladimirovich Putin to the public for the first time. The Telegram channel claims Ivan has lived a secluded life under heavy security, shielded from the public eye. The channel also said that the child resembles Putin in his Soviet childhood. "VChK-OGPU has obtained a photo of the most secret and probably the loneliest boy in Russia. This is Ivan Vladimirovich Putin. He hardly communicates with other children, spending all his time with guards, governesses, and teachers," their Telegram channel reads. The first photo shows him wearing a traditional Russian outfit. The second image shows Ivan alongside his mother, Ms Kabaeva.

US HAS REVOKED VISA OF
HEAD OF STATE, CLAIMS
COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT,
SLAMS 'DONALD DUCK'

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration has been revoking the visas of international students, even those who have been charged with minor offences and cleared by courts. Now, it seems it has gone ahead and revoked the visa of a head of state. At least that is what Colombian President Gustavo Petro claims. Petro claimed that American officials had revoked his visa even as he was supposed to attend meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank in the US. "I can't go any more because I think they've revoked my visa," The Daily Mail quoted Petro as saying. Petro, Colombia's first Leftist President, also took a dig at his American counterpart, calling President Donald Trump "Donald Duck". "I didn't need a visa, but hey, I've seen Donald Duck several times. So, I'm off to see other things," Petro said. The Colombian President didn't provide any evidence to back his claims, and the US State Department declined to either confirm or reject his allegation, according to reports. A State Department spokesperson declined to comment, citing the confidentiality of visa records. In January, Petro found himself at odds with the Trump administration over accepting deported Colombian.

PUNJAB ON HIGH ALERT AFTER PAHALGAM ATTACK; SECURITY UP AT PROMINENT PLACES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Government has issued a high security alert in the state, in the wake of the terror attack at Pahalgam on Tuesday. The state has increased the security of individuals at high risk and increased patrolling around their residences, enhanced security around religious places and places of public gathering, besides educational institutions which have students from Jammu and Kashmir. This was stated by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav, after a meeting was held to assess the security situation in the state, after the terrorists struck tourists in Jammu and Kashmir. It was also attended by state Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, state Intelligence chief and Vigilance chief, besides the DGP. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that after the terror attack last evening, the state government had issued a security alert by first increasing the vigilance at the inter-state boundary with J&K, later taking measures to enhance security and patrolling in the state, especially in public areas having high footfall to maintain a sense of security among the public.



HC ASKS PUNJAB, COMMISSION TO DECIDE ON SIKH RAJPUT COMMUNITY'S EXCLUSION FROM BC LIST

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked Punjab and the Punjab State Backward Classes Commission to take a considered decision on the plea for exclusion of the 'Sikh Rajput' community from the list of Backward Classes (BC) in the state. The Bench made it clear that a speaking order on the issue was required to be passed and conveyed to the petitioners seeking exclusion within 90 days. The direction came as a Division Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel disposed of a public interest litigation filed by Virinder Singh and another petitioner claiming to be public-spirited persons from the 'Sikh Rajput' community. Among other things, they assailed a 2016 notification issued by Punjab Department of Welfare (Reservation Cell), whereby the community was included in the list of Punjab State Backward Classes. It was submitted before the court that the 'Sikh Rajput' community was an affluent section that neither qualified for nor desired the benefits of reservation under the backward class category. Counsel for the petitioners — Ritu Punj, Sahaj Punj, Kulwinder Kaur and Arashdeep Kaur — submitted that several representations had been made by the community since 2017.

FALSE ALARM: BOMB-LIKE OBJECT IN FARIDKOT FIELD TURNS OUT TO BE SMOKE CANDLE

Diary Times Desk : A panic-like situation gripped the village of Araian Wala Kalan in Faridkot district this evening after a farmer discovered a suspicious bomb-like object while harvesting wheat with a combine harvester. The object, found buried in the field, led to widespread fear among villagers. The farmer immediately informed the police. SHO Rajesh Kumar of the Sadar police station, along with his team, reached the spot and secured the area. The public was moved to a safe distance, and the object was examined. Initial inspection revealed that the object resembled a military shell or device. The police then contacted military authorities for further verification. After reviewing the object, it was identified as a smoke candle—a non-lethal military signalling device—not an explosive bomb. However, how the object ended up in the field remains unclear. Inspector Rajesh Kumar stated, "There was a moment of real concern when we received the call. Once the area was secured and the object assessed, we established contact with the military, who confirmed it was a smoke candle." The field owner explained that his nephew had been operating the harvester when it struck the heavy object. Initially assumed to be a stone or brick, closer inspection led them to believe it might be a bomb.

CHANDIGARH'S SLUM-FREE DRIVE: SANJAY COLONY RAZED TO RECLAIM 6 ACRES OF LAND

Diary Times Desk : In an effort to make the city slum-free, the UT Administration today demolished Sanjay Colony, a slum cluster in Industrial Area, Phase-I. Nearly 1,000 jhuggis were removed to reclaim approximately 6 acres of government land that had been illegally encroached upon by slum dwellers. A camp was organised at the colony on Tuesday to give eligible slum dwellers a last chance to submit their documents. About 20 residents submitted their documents, but none met the eligibility criteria for rehabilitation under the Central Government's Affordable Rental Housing scheme. Most of the colony's occupants began removing their belongings before the demolition drive was launched. Following the demolition drive in Sanjay Colony, the UT Administration will now focus on removing slum dwellers from Janta Colony, Sector 25, which spans over 10 acres of government land with around 2,500 shanties. Considered the largest slum area in the city, Janta Colony is estimated to be home to over 10,000 people. The colony stands on government land valued at approximately Rs 350 crore, which has been earmarked for a dispensary, primary school, community centre, and shopping area.



WIFE BIDS TEARFUL ADIEU TO NAVY OFFICER VINAY NARWAL KILLED IN PAHALGAM ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : There was hardly a dry eye as Indian Navy officer Vinay Narwal's wife Himanshi bid adieu to him embracing his coffin wrapped in the Tricolour. Married on April 16, the couple was on their honeymoon trip to Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam when terrorists killed the officer in cold blood in front of his wife. "Let his soul rest in peace...We should all be proud of him in every way. And we will make him proud in every way," said Himanshi, who hails from Gurugram and is pursuing a PhD. On Wednesday afternoon, Narwal's mortal remains were brought to the IGI airport in Delhi from Kashmir, from where they were taken to his native place Karnal in Haryana where the last rites were held with full military honours. "Jai Hind," Himanshi said, saluting her husband Narwal at the IGI airport. At the airport, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta paid homage to Narwal (26) and laid a wreath at the mortal remains and was also seen trying to comfort his wife. Narwal's mortal remains were brought in a Navy vehicle to his home in Karnal with his wife and some other family members accompanying it from Delhi.

HC SLAMS HARYANA'S 'ABSURD' STAND, GRANTS PROMOTION TO RETIRED OFFICER 17 YEARS LATER

Diary Times Desk : Admonishing the state of Haryana for adopting a stand "entirely absurd and lacking a valid foundation in law", the Punjab and Haryana High Court has set aside the denial of promotion to a retired officer, 17 years after his juniors were elevated to the post of District Development and Panchayat Officer. Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj held that the initiation of disciplinary proceedings was a prerequisite for withholding promotion or retirement benefits. Once the state itself admitted that a chargesheet concerning acts/omissions occurring more than four years prior to the date of superannuation could not have been issued, "it could not then deprive the benefit of statutory protection by relying on an assumed interpretation of the statutory rules". The case had its genesis in 2008, when the employee's juniors were promoted. The only actual chargesheet ever served upon him was in connection with a separate matter dated May 29, 2008. That charge was dropped seven years later—on September 16, 2015—after the enquiry officer held that the charges could not be proved.

MAN HELD FOR RAPE ON PRETEXT OF MARRIAGE

Diary Times Desk : The Solan police have arrested a 34-year-old man from Chamba, currently residing in the Deonghat area of Solan, for allegedly raping a woman under the false promise of marriage. The accused, Mukul Dev, was produced before a local court on Tuesday as police sought his remand for further probe. The Solan SP said the case originated with a zero FIR filed at the Women Police Station in Mataur on April 9. According to the complaint, the victim befriended Mukul Dev in 2023 through Instagram. Their friendship soon developed into a relationship and both agreed to get married. Mukul allegedly called the woman to Deonghat, where he was living in a rented room and claimed that he had convinced his parents about their marriage. On the assurance that they would marry after a year, the woman met him multiple times at his residence, during which they developed physical relations. However, complications arose in November 2024 when the woman became pregnant and informed Mukul. Instead of supporting her, he denied paternity, stopped answering her calls, and later began threatening and blackmailing her, allegedly attempting to defame her.

SWACHH SHEHAR, SAMRIDH SHEHAR: SOLAN LEADS STATE IN CLEANLINESS DRIVE, BEATS DHARAMSALA BY HALF POINT

Diary Times Desk : The Solan Municipal Corporation (MC) has secured the top position among eight civic bodies in Himachal Pradesh in the first phase of the 'Swachh Shehar, Samridh Shehar' initiative. With a score of 86.5 points, Solan edged past Dharamsala, which scored 86 points, while the Palampur MC followed closely with 84 points. The 60-day campaign, launched in February, aimed to introduce clean and sustainable urban practices across the state. Key focus areas included source segregation of solid waste, organizing Samadhan Shivirs in every ward to address civic issues, and launching an online citizen service portal offering comprehensive public utility services. Solan stood out by scoring 34 points in source segregation of waste, 33 in Samadhan Shivirs, and 19.5 in the online citizen service portal. These cumulative efforts elevated the town to the top rank.

HP POLICE ON HIGH ALERT FOLLOWING PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : In wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam on Tuesday, a high alert has been issued and security beefed up along the 240-km boundary that Himachal Pradesh shares with Jammu and Kashmir in Chamba. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday has directed the Himachal Pradesh Police to remain on high alert to avert any untoward incidents in the state. He directed the police to step up vigil along the inter-state border with Jammu and Kashmir. Director General of Police (DGP) Dr Atul Verma chaired a high-level meeting in Shimla today, where steps to enhance vigil along the border were discussed. He directed ensuring close coordination with intelligence units to monitor and verify any threat inputs and preparedness by Quick Response Teams (QRTs), and anti-sabotage checks at vulnerable points. The alert follows concern over past instances of militants seeking safe haven in the uninhabited higher reaches of Chamba, which borders Jammu and Kashmir. Though Himachal Pradesh has seen very few such instances, the state remembers the killing of 35 road construction labourers by militants at Kalaban, Satrundi area of Chamba, on August 2, 1998.



NCC LAUNCHES DRONE TRAINING COURSE IN KULLU

Diary Times Desk : The 1 HP Air Squadron NCC, Kullu, has initiated a pioneering drone training course in collaboration with premier institutions IIT-Mandi and NIT-Hamirpur. Launched yesterday, the programme aims to enhance technological capabilities within the NCC framework. Organised under the NCC Directorate, the course features 20 trainees and will run until May 4. Wing Commander Kunal Sharma, Commanding Officer of 1 HP Air Sqn NCC, highlighted the strategic vision behind the initiative. "The course includes participation from Aero Modelling Instructors, Ship Modelling Instructors, Girl Cadet Instructors, and PI Staff from eight different groups of the Directorate," he said. "We're using a cascading model — training instructors first so they can later train cadets in their respective groups. This ensures standardised and wide-reaching drone training." The collaboration brings significant technical value. IIT Mandi's dedicated drone lab and NIT Hamirpur's engineering expertise offer participants hands-on experience in drone assembly, operation, maintenance, and application in civil and defence sectors. The programme has also attracted interest beyond the NCC. Organizations such as ABVIMAS Manali, Himachal Pradesh Police, HPPWD, Fire Services, and DDMA.

FROM STREETS TO SCREENS, DHARAMSALA BECOMES SMART CITY PIONEER

Diary Times Desk : In a significant milestone under the Smart Cities Mission, Dharamsala has become the first city in Himachal Pradesh to operationalise its Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC). With around 200 CCTV cameras now streaming live feeds directly to the ICCC, the entire city has come under real-time surveillance, enhancing civic management and security. Zaffar Iqbal, Commissioner of Dharamsala Municipal Corporation, confirmed that setting up ICCCs is a key objective of the Smart Cities Mission. These centres are designed to allow city authorities to monitor essential urban services in real time, including water and power supply, sanitation, traffic management, building infrastructure and internet connectivity. The ICCC functions as the nerve centre of city operations, processing vast amounts of data to enable better decision-making and quicker responses. It also integrates services such as LED street lighting, air quality monitoring and CCTV surveillance, making urban management more efficient and proactive," said Iqbal.

SIRMAUR DISTRICT ADMN AIMS TO BOOST INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPORT

Diary Times Desk : In a significant step towards integrated infrastructure development and enhancing export capabilities at the district level, the District-Level Coordination Committee meeting was held today at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here. The meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Sumit Khimta, was convened under the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Logistics Policy-2022, formulated in alignment with the Government of India's ambitious PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. Addressing the officials present, Khimta highlighted that the PM Gati Shakti initiative is focused on the comprehensive strengthening of multi-modal connectivity infrastructure in the district. He underlined the importance of enhancing road networks, rail links, air connectivity, and transport logistics infrastructure to streamline the movement of goods and services and to reduce overall logistics costs. Emphasising the digital nature of the scheme, he described the PM Gati Shakti as a cutting-edge platform that integrates infrastructure-related data from various departments into a unified Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interface. This digital ecosystem will serve as a decision-making tool to ensure coordinated project planning and implementation across sectors.



"SAD AND...": EX-PAKISTAN CAPTAIN MOHAMMAD HAFEEZ'S 'HEART-BROKEN' REACTION ON PAHALGAM TERRORIST ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : The terrorist attack on innocent civilians in Pahalgam, Kashmir, is being condemned universally. The tourist hotspot in Pahalgam on Tuesday was witness to one of the biggest terror strikes that Kashmir has seen in recent times. The victims were citizens from across the country, from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in the south to Arunachal Pradesh in the east to Uttar Pradesh in the north, among others. Indians on social media from across the globe have asked the government to take strong action in the form of destroying the launchpads of terrorists. People involved in the dastardly terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam will get a strong response in the "near future" and India cannot be "intimidated" by any such terrorist activities, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday. His remarks in an address at an event came a day after 26 people were killed by terrorists in Pahalgam in an attack that triggered wide-spread outrage within India and abroad. "From this platform, I assure the countrymen that in view of the incident, the government of India will take every step that is necessary and appropriate," Singh said. "And we will not only trace those who perpetrated this incident."



"NO POINT COMING TO BAT FOR 2 BALLS": RISHABH PANT TORN APART OVER NO. 7 STUNT

Diary Times Desk : Lucknow Super Giants' (LSG) thumping defeat at the hands of Delhi Capitals (DC) in IPL 2025 has led to heavy criticism of captain Rishabh Pant, mainly due to one tactical blunder committed by the team. Pant decided to demote himself to number seven, with the likes of Abdul Samad, Ayush Badoni and David Miller batting ahead of him. The gamble backfired as LSG could only manage 159/6 with Pant getting bowled on the final over of the innings by Mukesh. Former India selector Saba Karim was also baffled with Pant arriving to the crease with only two balls remaining in the innings. "Strategy? It's beyond my understanding. You are the captain. You are handed this responsibility, and the reason for it is that you can add value to the team. And this was your time," Saba said on JioHotstar. "Rishabh Pant was ready. But who took the call to not send him? Was it Pant himself? Was it team management? Was coach involved? Visuals show that Pant was upset at not playing earlier," he added.

ISHAN KISHAN WALKS BUT ULTRA EDGE SHOWS NO EDGE

Diary Times Desk : Ishan Kishan was dismissed in curious circumstances during Sunrisers Hyderabad's (SRH) home game against Mumbai Indians (MI) on Wednesday, even as Ultra Edge suggested he may not have been out. Kishan tried to glance a length ball from Deepak Chahar that was swinging down the leg side off his hips, failed to make proper contact, and then began to walk off even though none of the MI players had appealed for a caught behind after wicketkeeper Ryan Rickelton collected the ball. Umpire Vinod Seshan first began to signal a wide because Chahar had strayed down leg side but then dropped one arm and raised the other to signal out as he spotted Kishan walking off. MI captain Hardik Pandya ran up to Kishan and patted him on the helmet for his decision to walk without waiting for the umpire's decision. However, when the Ultra Edge replays were shown on the broadcast a few deliveries later, there was no spike to indicate an edge.

"NO INTENT, NO HUNGER TO WIN": SURESH RAINA SLAMS CSK'S APPROACH AFTER 6 DEFEATS IN 8 GAMES

Diary Times Desk : Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) performances have been disappointing in IPL 2025, with the franchise sitting rock bottom of the points table after eight matches, of which they have lost six. Former India cricketer and CSK legend Suresh Raina, meanwhile, has continued the criticism of his old team. Raina has pointed out the lack of local players in CSK's squad, stating that this side is the weakest the franchise has ever had, and that it has veered away from its brand of cricket. "This is the weakest CSK team, definitely. I think there's no intent. The hunger to win is not there. Not to disrespect anyone, but the brand that CSK is known for, that's not there now," Raina said on his Instagram, in a chat with Harbhajan Singh. Raina questioned why CSK does not have many players from its home state of Tamil Nadu despite several talented players playing in the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL). "Look at how local players who have played in TNPL are doing. B Sai Sudharsan is doing well, he is playing for Gujarat Titans. R Sai Kishore and Shahrukh Khan are also playing for GT. You have to bring local players," Raina further said.

IPL 2025: RCB EYE HOME IMPROVEMENT AGAINST STRUGGLING RAJASTHAN ROYALS

Diary Times Desk : Struggling to find form in their own den, Royal Challengers Bengaluru will look to regain control of their IPL campaign at home when they meet a floundering Rajasthan Royals on Thursday. RCB's three defeats at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in as many matches offer one of the biggest paradoxes of this edition. An outfit that has steam-rolled opposition in all parts of the country has been left chasing shadows in their own backyard. The RCB batters have appeared strangely subdued and their bowlers seem to have forgotten the lengths to adopt here. Central to that woeful run is the changed character of the 22-yard strip here which has offered some grip to the bowlers. The Bengaluru batters are yet to find the right tempo to tide over the slowness in the pitch, as they seem to have been caught in the dilemma of whether to step on the gas or not. It's evident in the team's totals here so far -- 169/8, 163/7 and 95/9 (14 overs). They have scored over 9-10 runs an over in other venues, but here the rate has dropped down to 7-8 runs an over. Their mainstay Virat Kohli has been in decent form this season, averaging 64, but more would be expected of Phil Salt, Devdutt Padikkal and skipper Rajat Patidar. The inconsistent bounce is holding back the RCB batters, particularly after the Power Play segment.

THREE UNCAPPED PLAYERS IN SRI LANKA'S ATHAPATHTHU-LED SQUAD FOR TRI-SERIES

Diary Times Desk : The uncapped trio of Malki Madara, Dewmi Vihanga and Piumi Badalge are among six changes to the squad that toured New Zealand earlier this year, as Sri Lanka named a 17-member squad for the upcoming ODI tri-series against India and South Africa starting April 27. There are recalls for veteran Inoka Ranaweera, as well as Hasini Perera and Hansima Karunaratne. Making way are Imesha Dulani, Sachini Nisansala, Kaushini Nuthyangana, Chethana Vimukthi and the injured Udeshika Prabodhani. Of the three new faces, 24-year-old spinner Madara made her senior debut during last month's T20I series against New Zealand, impressing with a match-winning three-wicket haul in her first game. She joins a strong spin contingent, bolstered by the returning Ranaweera, and one that also has the likes of Sugandika Kumari, Inoshi Priyadarshani, star allrounder Kavisha Dilhari, and the uncapped 19-year-old spin-bowling allrounder Vihanga.

RAMIZ RAJA CALLS PSL 'IPL' DURING POST-MATCH PRESENTATION ON LIVE TV, DOESN'T BOTHER CORRECTING HIMSELF

Diary Times Desk : Multan Sultans may have registered their first victory of PSL 2025 emphatically, but it was a slip of the tongue from commentator Ramiz Raja that ended up stealing some of the spotlight after the game. During the post-match presentation, as Ireland's Josh Little was being awarded for taking the best catch of the match -- a sharp dismissal of Fakhar Zaman -- Raja, a former Pakistan captain and seasoned voice of cricket, mistakenly referred to the tournament as the "HBL IPL" instead of the PSL. The awkward moment drew immediate reactions from fans online, with video clips of the gaffe quickly going viral across social media. The blooper shortly after a high-octane contest at the Multan Cricket Stadium, where the hosts defeated Lahore Qalandars by 33 runs. Sultan's campaign had started on a shaky note, but Tuesday's win saw them roar back in style with an all-round show, led by a blistering innings from Yasir Khan and a disciplined bowling effort spearheaded by young pacer Ubaid Shah. Making his first appearance this season, Yasir lit up the evening with a 44-ball 87 that included six fours and as many sixes. The opener was on song from the get-go, punishing the Qalandars' bowling with clean hitting.