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## PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

## "SUSTAINED CROSS-BORDER TERROR": INDIA WRITES TO PAK ON HALTING INDUS TREATY

**Diary Times Desk:** India doubled down on the Indus water treaty suspension this evening, formally notifying Pakistan that it comes into effect immediately and explaining why -- sustained terror and other reasons. The letter came shortly after Islamabad -- scrambling to retaliate against New Delhi's diplomatic offensive after the Pahalgam massacre -- threatened to suspend all agreements between the two countries, including the Simla pact of 1972, which validates the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

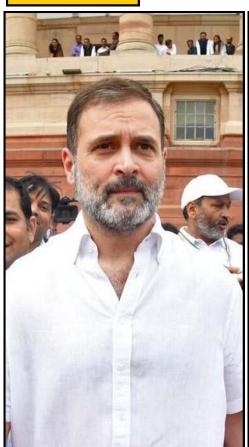
Pakistan also announced that it will reduce Indian diplomatic staff at the High Commission. Sent late this evening, the letter from the Union Ministry of Water Resources to Syed Ali Murtuza, Secretary in the Ministry of Water Resources of Pakistan said, "The obligation to honour a treaty in good faith is fundamental to a treaty. However, what we have seen instead is sustained cross border terrorism by Pakistan targeting the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir".

But along with it, it also mentioned that Pakistan has consistently ignored India's efforts to work out certain issues that have cropped up with "fundamental changes in the circumstances that have taken place since the Treaty was executed". "These changes include significantly altered population demographics, the need to accelerate the development of clean energy and other changes in the assumptions underlying the sharing of waters under the Treaty," the letter read. India said in addition, consistent cross-border terrorism has given rise to "uncertainties'.



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"We want peace to be restored in Jammu and Kashmir as soon as possible," added Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge. Mr Gandhi will visit Kashmir's Anantnag tomorrow, where the injured are admitted in the district hospital. Click here for Pahalgam terror attack live updates

"We are with the Center in the fight against terrorism. The country should fight it unitedly. The heads of all political parties have given the Prime Minister a message," said Trinamool Congress MP Sudip Bandopadhyay, seeking a meeting with PM Modi.

Twenty-six people had died on Sunday afternoon as terrorists from a Lashkar-e-Taiba offshoot opened fire on a group of unsuspecting tourists in the scenic meadows of Baisaran, often dubbed "mini Switzerland". Many were injured.

Among the 25 tourists who died, one was a Nepali national. The rest came from 14 states across India. The government has vowed retaliation. While several non-military moves have been initiated that includes indefinite suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, shutting the Attari border and revoking visas of all Pakistan nationals currently in India, many are not ruling out military action. Surgical strikes and air strikes were conducted on terror camps across the Line of Control after the terror attacks on Uri and Pulwama.

## AT ALL-PARTY MEET, OPPOSITION BACKS GOVT ON **NATIONAL RESPONSE TO PAHALGAM ATTACK**

**Diary Times Desk:** Closing ranks with the government after the Kashmir terror attack, the opposition fully backed it on the national response to the act even as the government briefed leaders on the lapses and the ways to prevent recurrence. After the all-party meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said the opposition fully supports the government on the national response to the attack. Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge also said the leaders asked for measures to restore peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Briefing on the government's behalf after the meeting, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said the opposition is with the government and against terror. "All parties said they are with the government and against terror. Leaders were briefed by Intelligence Bureau and Ministry of Home Affairs officials on the lapses and the steps being taken to prevent recurrence," Rijiju said amid evidence of intelligence failure in Pahalgam. Rijiju said the government has assured leaders of action against



### **PAKISTAN AIRSPACE CLOSURE IMPACTS AIR INDIA, INDIGO FLIGHTS**

Diary Times Desk: International flights of Air India and IndiGo have been impacted by the Pakistan airspace closure on Thursday, with the Tata Group-owned airline saying its flights connecting North America, the UK, Europe and the Middle East are likely to take an alternative extended route. IndiGo said some of its international flights have been impacted due to the sudden airspace closure by Pakistan. Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan due to the Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistan on Thursday said it will bar Indian airlines from using its airspace. In a post on X, Air India said that due to the announced restriction of Pakistan airspace for all Indian airlines, it is expected that some Air India flights to or from North America, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East will take an alternative extended route. "Air India regrets the inconvenience caused to our passengers due to this unforeseen airspace closure that is outside our control. We would like to reiterate that at Air India.

## PAKISTAN SAYS ANY ATTEMPT BY INDIA TO BLOCK WATER WOULD BE DEEMED AN ACT OF WAR



Diary Times Desk: A day after India announced a slew of measures against Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack, Islamabad on Thursday said any attempt by New Delhi to block the flow of water to it would be deemed an act of war. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif chaired a meeting of the National Security Committee after India's response to the terror attack. In its statement, Pakistan termed India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) unilateral. The IWT is a water-sharing agreement between India and Pakistan, facilitated by the World Bank. "If the flow of water owned by Pakistan is blocked or diverted, it will be deemed a declaration of war," Pakistan said. It also restricted the Indian High Commission's staff in Islamabad to a maximum of 30 personnel, effective from April 30. Besides, Pakistan has closed its airspace to all Indian airlines' flights with immediate effect. Islamabad also decided to suspend all trade with India, including that routed through third countries. It has also announced the immediate closure of the Wagah border crossing.

## PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK: RAHUL GANDHI TO VISIT KASHMIR TODAY TO MEET INJURED

Diary Times Desk: Following the terror attack in Pahalgam, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will visit Jammu and Kashmir tomorrow, the party announced on Thursday. Rahul had cut short his US visit after the terror attack and returned back today, following which he also attended the Congress Working Committee meeting. The party said he will also visit south Kashmir to inquire about the health of the injured at GMC Anantnag hospital. Earlier, the Congress had termed the Pahalgam attack as a "cowardly and calculated act of terror" masterminded by Pakistan, which is a "direct assault on the values of our Republic". The party also paid tribute to the local ponywalas and tourist guides, one of whom was "martyred while selflessly trying to protect a tourist". The party's national general secretary KC Venugopal announced, "In solidarity with the victims of the horrific Pahalgam terror attack, Congress workers across all states and districts will hold candlelight marches on April 25 to honour the victims.



## YOUR HOROSCOPE 25-04-2025



Today you will get success as your long

of happiness in the family as employed

people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the

money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty

in the workplace. People doing business

business partners. As the problem of

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Today, you will meet old friends, which heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business.Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

Today you should take special control over your speech and behavior. People in employment will get success in the workplace with the help of friends. People doing business will get financial gain due to some special offer, your financial condition will be strengthened. Old diseases of elders in the house may

Today you may have to face huge

arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra

workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion.

Diabetic patients should get themselves

checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Today 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

Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial pain and headache may bother you.

Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business face difficulties in repaying ess loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Today 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.

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: HIMACHAL MINISTER VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- PRIME MINISTER SHOULD GIVE A BEFITTING REPLY TO PAKISTAN, WE ARE WITH HIM

**Diary Times Desk:** Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh has said that asking about religion and killing unarmed people is nothing less than war. Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that the Central Government and the Prime Minister should give a befitting reply to Pakistan. We are together in this matter. Meanwhile, the All Himachal Hotel and Restaurant Association has strongly condemned the cowardly terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam. Association President Gaiendra Chand Thakur has expressed condolences on behalf of Himachal tourism businessmen to the families of those killed in the terrorist attack. Sarv Devta Seva Samiti Mandi has strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The committee says that the way bullets were fired on the tourists who had come to visit is condemnable. Dev Samaj strongly opposes this. Devta Samiti has appealed to the central government to take the strictest action against the terrorists so that such incidents do not happen in future.



## CM SUKHU SAID- BORDER TOURISM WILL BE PROMOTED IN THE STATE WITH THE HELP OF ITBP

Diary Times Desk: Frontier Commander Sanjay Gunjyal of the Northern Frontier Headquarters of Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Dehradun, met Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the role of ITBP in the border districts of Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti and issues related to India-China border security. On this occasion, various topics including action plan to promote border tourism in the border forward areas of the state, purchase of local products for supply to ITBP from border rural areas, providing medical facilities to the people through ITBP health institutions were also discussed. The Chief Minister said that better coordination would be established with the regional response centers of ITBP in view of disaster management in the state. He said that helipads located in various areas of ITBP in the state can be used to promote tourism in remote areas.

## HIMACHAL CONGRESS: DUE TO TERRORIST ATTACK, CONGRESS CANCELED THE SAVE CONSTITUTION RALLY, WHICH WAS PROPOSED ON 26 APRIL

Diary Times Desk: Due to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, Congress has cancelled the Constitution Bachao Rally. A state level rally was to be organized at Chaura Maidan in the capital Shimla on April 26. The state Congress has decided not to hold a rally in honor of those killed in the terrorist attack. In this regard, all the ministers, MLAs, former MLAs and senior party leaders have been informed by issuing a letter. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu's Principal Advisor Media Naresh Chauhan said that in view of the tragic circumstances arising out of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, the proposed Constitution Bachao Rally will not be held in Shimla. Soon the next date for organizing the rally will be decided. He said that the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir is not only a cowardly act but also inhuman. It is an attack on the basic spirit of civilized society. He bluntly said that such incidents cannot be tolerated under any circumstances and strict action should be taken against those who spread terror. Naresh Chauhan said that in this hour of arief, we all stand with the affected families.

# HIMACHAL CONGRESS: RAJNI PATIL REACHED SHIMLA, CONGRESS WILL TAKE OUT A CANDLE MARCH ON FRIDAY

Diary Times Desk: The State Congress will hold a candle march in Shimla on Friday in honour of those killed in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir and for the peace of their souls. State in-charge Rajni Patil reached Shimla on Thursday evening to attend the programme. Co-in-charge Chetan Chauhan, State Congress President Pratibha Singh, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, all members of the cabinet, MLAs, Mayor of Shimla Municipal Corporation, Deputy Mayor, all councillors, all office bearers and workers of leading organisations will participate in the candle march. The candle march will start from Sher-e-Punjab at 6:30 pm and will conclude in front of the statue of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi at the Ridge ground. State Congress President Pratibha Singh has urged all the party leaders and workers to join this candle march for the peace of the departed souls.

# HIMACHAL: HIMACHAL HIGH COURT RAISES QUESTIONS ON THE REJECTION OF APPOINTMENTS OF CONSUMER COMMISSION

Diary Times Desk: The Himachal Pradesh High Court has expressed dissatisfaction over the decision of the state government to reject the recommendations of the selection committee for the appointment of part-time members in the State and District Consumer Commissions and has raised strong questions. A division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma has given the government a last opportunity to clarify its position in the matter. The bench said that if the orders of April 11, 2025 are not complied with, a case of criminal contempt will be filed against the concerned officer. In compliance with the order, an office order dated April 21, 2025 issued by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Government of Himachal Pradesh was placed on record. This order expressed the inability of the competent authority to accept the recommendations of the selection committee for the appointment of parttime members. The reason for this rejection was stated to be Rule 6 (10) of the Consumer Protection (Qualifications for Appointment, Method of Recruitment.

# HIMACHAL WEATHER: WEDNESDAY WAS THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE SEASON, TEMPERATURE REACHED 39 DEGREES IN UNA, 30 DEGREES IN DHARAMSALA

Diary Times Desk : Himachal recorded the hottest day of this season on Wednesday. Maximum temperature increased due to clear weather in all areas. Maximum temperature in Una reached 39 and in Dharamshala it reached 30 degree Celsius. There are chances of rain, snowfall and hailstorm in the high altitude areas of the state from 24 to 27 April. This change in weather is predicted due to the activity of western disturbance. Weather will remain clear till 27 April in the mid-mountainous and plain districts of the state including Shimla. Capital Shimla and Dharamshala also recorded the highest temperature of this season on Wednesday. The effect of heat has started increasing in most of the areas of the state. On Wednesday, mercury was more than 30 degrees in 12 places of the state. Meteorological Center Shimla has predicted bad weather in the high mountainous and some surrounding mid-mountainous areas of the state for the next four days. There is a possibility of light rain at different places in the high hills and surrounding mid-hill areas from 24 to 27 April. Weather is also likely to remain clear in these areas from 28 April.

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH: IN THE RATION DEPOTS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, CONSUMERS WILL GET MALKA EXPENSIVE. URAD CHEAPER

Diary Times Desk: In Himachal's ration depots, consumers will get Malka 2 rupees more expensive and Urad 2 rupees cheaper. Food Supply Corporation has fixed the rates of Malka and Urad dal. Now BPL consumers will get Malka at Rs. 58, APL at Rs. 68 and taxpayers at Rs. 92 per kg, whereas next month BPL consumers were provided Malka at Rs. 56, APL at Rs. 66 and taxpayers at Rs. 91. BPL will get Urad at Rs. 56, APL at Rs. 66 and taxpayers at Rs. 91, whereas last month BPL consumers were getting Urad at Rs. 58, APL at Rs. 68 and taxpayers at Rs. 93. Food Supply Corporation has issued these instructions to depot holders. There are 19.5 lakh ration card consumers in Himachal Pradesh. The state government is providing them three pulses, two liters of oil (refined and mustard), sugar and one kg of salt at subsidized rates. The central government is providing wheat and rice. By grinding wheat, Himachal government is providing flour.

### BCCI SENDS TOUGH MESSAGE TO PAKISTAN AFTER PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK: "WILL NOT PLAY..."

Diary Times Desk: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) vice-president Rajeev reinforced that India will not play any bilateral cricket against Pakistan in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam. India and Pakistan have not played a bilateral series since 2012-13 when Pakistan travelled to India for a limited-overs series India last went to Pakistan in 2008. The only time the two teams face each other is during international competitions with Pakistan coming to India for the ODI World Cup 2023. However, India refused to travel to Pakistan for Champions Trophy 2025 and their matches - including the match against Pakistan and the final - were held in Dubai. "We are with the victims and we condemn it. Whatever our government will say, we will do. We don't play with Pakistan in bilateral series because of the government stand. And we will not play with Pakistan in bilaterals going forward. But when it comes to ICC event we play due to ICC engagement. ICC is also aware whatever is happening they will to it (sic)," he told Sports Tak.

#### COUPLE IN VIRAL PAHALGAM DANCE VIDEO, MISTAKEN FOR NAVY OFFICER VINAY NARWAL AND WIFE. SPEAKS OUT

Diary Times Desk: A misleading video circulating on social media falsely claims to show Indian Navy Lieutenant Vinay Narwal and his wife, Himanshi Sowami, dancing just hours before Tuesday's terror attack in Pahalgam. The officer's family has denied the claim, and the couple in the video has come forward to clarify that it is theirs and not of the Narwals, stating that the footage is being misused. The 19-second clip shows a young couple dancing against the scenic backdrop of Baisaran Valley, Pahalaam's swaying to the popular Coke Studio song Jhol. It was widely shared with a caption claiming it was the last video of Lieutenant Narwal and his wife during their Pahalgam trip, before he was tragically killed in a terrorist attack targetting tourists on April 22. After the video went viral, travel content creators Ashish Sehrawat and Yashika Sharma identified themselves as the couple in the clip. Speaking to HT.com, Sehrawat, who works for the Indian Railways, confirmed the video was recorded on April 14 during their vacation in Kashmir. Sehrawat also shared a screenshot with HT.com, displaying the video's metadata which showed that it was recorded on April 14.

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#### BSF JAWAN IN PAKISTAN CUSTODY AFTER ACCIDENTAL BORDER CROSSING: SOURCES

Diary Times Desk: A Border Security Force (BSF) soldier has been taken into custody by Pakistan Rangers after he accidentally crossed the International Border (IB) in Puniab's Ferozepur sector on Wednesday afternoon, Army sources told India Today TV. The incident occurred on Wednesday while the solider, identified as Constable PK Sinah of the 182nd BSF battalion, was on duty near farmland close to the Indo-Pak border. During the routine movement, Singh inadvertently moved beyond the Indian border fence and entered Pakistani territory, where he was detained by the Pakistan Rangers across the Ferozepur border. Singh was in uniform and carried his service rifle. He was accompanying farmers when he moved ahead to rest in a shade and was taken into custody by Pakistani soldiers. Following his detention, officials from both the Indian Army and Pakistan Rangers initiated a flag meeting to resolve the matter and secure the soldier's release. Talks are currently ongoing.

## SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION DURING ENCOUNTER WITH TERRORISTS IN J&K'S UDHAMPUR

Diary Times Desk: An Army soldier has been killed in action after security forces and terrorists exchanged fire in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Thursday, officials said. The firing took place in the Dudu-Basantgarh area during a cordon and search operation launched based on information about the presence of terrorists, they said. GOC (General Officer Commanding), White Knight Corps and all ranks salute braveheart Havildar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of 6 PARA SF, who made the supreme sacrifice during a counter terror operation. His indomitable courage and the valour of his team will never be forgotten. We stand in solidarity with the bereaved family in this moment of grief," the Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps posted on X. The encounter broke out two days after twenty-six people were killed as terrorists opened fire on tourists in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district. An officer from the Navy, an Air Force staff and another from the IB.

## "CAN PUT LIPSTICK ON PIG, BUT...": EX-US OFFICIAL SLAMS PAK OVER J&K ATTACK

Diary Times Desk: Ex-Pentagon official Michael Rubin likened Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir to the late Al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden, while pinning Pakistan for its role in the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Mr Rubin, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, told ANI, "The only difference between Osama Bin Laden and Asim Munir is that Osama Bin Laden lived in a cave and Asim Munir lives in a palace, but beyond that, the two are the same, and their end should also be the same." He added that the only response to the Pahalgam attack is the formal designation of Pakistan as a state sponsor of terror and of Asim Munir as a terrorist by the United States. Mr Rubin used the "lipstick on a pig" rhetoric to elaborate that there should be no pretence that the Jammu and Kashmir attack was any sort of "spontaneous action". "As for the timing, just as there was a terrorist attack when Bill Clinton went to India, so too does it seem that Pakistan wants to draw attention away from Vice President JD Vance's trip to India," he said.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## CHINA LAUNCHES 3 ASTRONAUTS TO ITS SPACE STATION

Diary Times Desk: China sent three astronauts to its permanently inhabited space station on Thursday, in its 15th crewed spaceflight and the 20th overall in the Shenzhou program that started over three decades ago. The spacecraft Shenzhou-20 and the crew lifted off atop a Long March-2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 5:17 p.m. (0917 GMT), according to state broadcaster CCTV.

### NEW JERSEY WILDFIRE BURNS 11,500 ACRES, COULD BE STATE'S LARGEST IN 20 YEARS

Diary Times Desk: A sprawling wildfire burning in New Jersey's Pinelands near Atlantic Ocean beach towns could become the largest in the state in 20 years, having already consumed some 11,500 acres, officials said on Wednesday. The Jones Road Wildfire had spread to 11,500 acres in less than 24 hours as of 10 a.m. on Wednesday and was 30 per cent contained, the New Jersey Fire Service said in a post on X. It was no longer threatening populated areas. The blaze could become the largest in New Jersey in 20 years, said Shawn LaTourette, the state's commissioner of environmental protection, at a press conference. A fire in 2005 in the same area consumed 17,000 acres.

## HARVARD SEEKS SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF SUIT OVER TRUMP FUNDING CUTS

Diary Times Desk: Harvard University told a federal judge it's eager to move quickly with its legal challenge to more than \$2 billion in funding cuts by the Trump administration. In a request for a scheduling conference filed late Wednesday, the university said it doesn't plan to ask for a temporary order blocking the government's actions, but will instead "expeditiously" pursue a final judgment on its central claim that the administration violated federal regulations for cutting funding. Harvard filed its lawsuit Monday after the White House froze \$2.2 billion in research grants on April 14 over the university's refusal to overhaul governance, discipline, hiring.

## RUSSIA UNLEASHES DEADLIEST KYIV AIR ATTACK THIS YEAR



Diary Times Desk: Russia has pounded Ukraine's capital Kyiv with missiles and drones, killing at least eight people in the biggest air attack on the city this year. Seven other regions were also attacked, Ukraine said. Rescue operations were still under way early Thursday morning to find bodies under the rubble of the overnight attack. Russia fired at least 70 missiles and 145 drones at Ukraine between late Wednesday and early Thursday, the main target being Kyiv, the Ukrainian Air Force said. Of the 215 projectiles, 112 were "confirmed to have been shot down", it wrote on Telegram. Through the night, rescue workers were scouring through the rubble of destroyed buildings and tackling blazes in apartment blocks. The Interior Ministry said damage was recorded at 13 separate locations across the capital.

## CHINA TELLS TRUMP: IF YOU WANT TRADE TALKS, CANCEL TARIFFS

Diary Times Desk: China has called on the US to cancel its sweeping tariffs on Chinese goods entering the country as a sign that the President Donald Trump is serious about resolving the trade war between the two countries. A Chinese official said there had been no trade talks with the US, despite suggestions otherwise from the Trump administration. The trade war between the world's two largest economies has been escalating, with China sending back Boeing planes it ordered from the US in its latest retaliation over tariffs. But Trump has appeared to soften his stance on China, saying that the taxes he has so far imposed on Chinese imports would "come down substantially, but it won't be zero". In one of China's strongest statements yet over the tariff war, Commerce Ministry spokesman He Yadong said the US should remove all "unilateral tariff measures" against China "if it truly wanted" to solve the issue. The person who tied the bell must untie it," he added. Separately, Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said China and the US had "not conducted consultations or negotiations on tariffs.

#### CANADIAN POLICE RELEASE IMAGES OF GURDWARA VANDALISM SUSPECTS

Diary Times Desk: The police in Vancouver have released images of a vehicle and two people suspected of vandalising the Khalsa Diwan Society Gurdwara on Ross Street last week. These suspects were outside the Gurdwara when it was spray-painted with graffiti in both English and Punjabi and included the word murdabad, which means "death to", on Saturday morning, Vancouver Sun reported. Anyone who recognises them is asked to contact the police, Sqt. Steve Addison, a spokesman for the Vancouver Police Department, said. He said the vehicle drove through the area around the time of the offence between 4 and 4:30 a.m. on Saturday. "We believe these people may have information about this crime and the motivation," said Addison. Two people, believed to be associated with the vehicle, a truck, then walked near the front entrance of the Gurdwara, said Addison. Police described one person as wearing a yellow cap, jacket, and black pants. The other was wearing a grey hoodie with black pants. The Khalsa Diwan Society, which runs the Ross Street Gurdwara, in a statement blamed the vandalism on a small group of Sikh separatists advocating for Khalistan. "This act is part of an ongoing campaign by extremist forces that seek to instil fear and division within the Canadian Sikh community," the statement said.



### PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT CALLS HAMAS "SONS OF DOGS", DEMANDS HOSTAGE RELEASE

Diary Times Desk : Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has called Hamas "sons of dogs" and called for the disarmament of the group and the release of the Israeli hostages, CNN reported. He called for stopping the "Israeli genocide that the Gaza Strip is being subjected to" a top priority. He said that the hostages present an excuse for Israel to attack the Gaza Strip. In a televised speech from Ramallah on Wednesday, Abbas said, "Sons of dogs, release the hostages and block their justifications." Israel has rejected accusations of genocide, stressing that it is fighting the war in Gaza in self-defence and targets Hamas. Abbas' remarks are the strongest public criticism of Hamas to date and come amid a renewed push to advance ceasefire negotiations between Israel and Hamas, with Egypt also suggesting the disarmament of the group recently, CNN reported. Abbas has not outrightly condemned Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel, however, he has slammed Hamas for it in the and reiterated condemnation of attacks against civilians

#### IRAN CAN'T ENRICH URANIUM, COULD ONLY IMPORT IT FOR CIVILIAN PROGRAM: US

Diary Times Desk: Iran will have to stop enriching uranium under any deal with the United States and could only import what is needed for a civilian nuclear program, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said ahead of talks between Tehran and Washington on Saturday. However, Iran has already made clear that its right to enrich uranium is not negotiable. When asked about Rubio's comments, a senior Iranian official, close to Iran's negotiating team, gagin said on Wednesday "zero enrichment is unacceptable." The U.S. is seeking to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear bomb and President Donald Trump has imposed a "maximum pressure" campaign of sanctions threatened to use military force if Iran does not end its nuclear program. Iran has denied wanting to develop a nuclear weapon and says its nuclear program is peaceful. U.S. and Iranian officials will meet in Oman on Saturday for a third round of talks on Tehran's disputed nuclear program. "There's a pathway to a civil, peaceful nuclear program if they want one," Rubio told the "Honestly with Bari Weiss" podcast on "But if they insist on Tuesday. enriching, then they will be the only country in the world that doesn't have a 'weapons program.

## GOLDEN TEMPLE HEAD GRANTHI GIANI RAGHBIR SINGH HARASSED BY AIR INDIA STAFF AT DELHI AIRPORT

Diary Times Desk: Giani Raghbir Singh, the head granthi of Golden Temple, faced harassment by Air India ground staff at the New Delhi airport when he was scheduled to board a flight to the US. Despite his complaints, the airline's staff failed to resolve the issue, and he, along with two other passengers accompanying him, missed their flight. Giani Raghbir Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, was supposed to travel from New Delhi to San Francisco on Air India flight AI 183 to participate in a "Gurmat" programme in Sacramento, USA, accompanied by his son and another member. When he boarded the plane, he was dismayed by the poor condition of the Business class. "The condition of the Business class seats was extremely poor, and the cleanliness was substandard," Giani Raghbir Singh. "I, along with some other passengers, raised objections about this. However, the Air India staff members misbehaved with us, although the flight captain was decent." Singh and some other passengers protested by exiting the plane and sitting outside near the terminal immigration checkpoint. "We sat without food and water for over three hours, and no Air India official reached out to us. This treatment was utterly disgraceful," he said.



## HC DISMISSES PLEA BY SANJAY COLONY DWELLERS AGAINST EVICTION

Diary Times Desk: A day before the demolition of Sanjay Colony in Industrial Area Phase-1, the plea of petitioner-residents that they were entitled to be rehabilitated before being dispossessed from their tenements/jhuggis failed to find favour with the Punjab and Haryana High Court. A Division Bench dismissed their petition challenging eviction notices issued by the UT Administration, holding that they failed to substantiate claims of long-term residence or eligibility for rehabilitation under government schemes. The order passed on April 22 was available today, while the colony was demolished on April 23. The ruling remains significant as it underscores the requirement for demonstrable evidence of eligibility when invoking rights under rehabilitation schemes. The Division Bench of Justice Sudhir Singh and Justice Alok Jain ruled that the writ petition filed by the jhuggi dwellers seeking to quash the impugned notice lacked merit, as the petitioners did not furnish any documentary proof to support their assertion that they had been residing in the colony for over 30 years. The petitioners' counsel, during the course of hearing, had submitted that the Chandigarh administration's action to evict the petitioners without prior rehabilitation was illegal and in violation of their right to shelter. They contended that similarly placed residents.

## POWER DEMAND IN PUNJAB HITS NEW HIGH BEFORE PADDY SEASON

Diary Times Desk: With the paddy transplantation season still over a month away, the power demand crossed 10,000 MW for the first time this year on Wednesday. In the morning, the power demand in the state touched 10.298 MW. according to Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). "We expect it to touch 17,500 MW this paddy season and efforts are on to manage the rising demand," said a senior official, as paddy transplantation is set to begin on June 1. Last year, the state recorded its highest-ever power demand on June 19 at 16,078 MW, surpassing the record demand of 15,325 MW witnessed in the 2023 paddy season. "The high demand is due to the use of air conditioners and coolers as temperatures have risen in the past one week. It is now expected that the demand will rise further and stay around 11,000 MW till the paddy season starts," the official said. Meanwhile, the Lehra Mohabbat thermal plant has coal stock sufficient for 27 days, Ropar plant 39 days and Goindwal Sahib plant 41 days. In case of private thermal plants, the Rajpura plant is left with coal stock sufficient for 22 days and Talwandi Sabo 12 days. All four units at the Lehra Mohabbat and Ropar thermal plants are operating. The units at Goindwal did not operate on Wednesday. Currently, the reservoir level at Ranjit Sagar Dam stood at 499.24 meters.

#### DADU MAJRA DUMPING SITE TO GET GREEN LOOK, RS 32L PLAN APPROVED

Diary Times Desk: The Finance and Contract Committee (F&CC) of the Municipal Corporation has approved a proposal to plant trees and shrubs at the cost of Rs 32.90 lakh at the dumping ground in Dadu Majra. The amount to be spent on the beautification of the dumping site was brought before the committee in its meeting held on March 24. In the minutes of the meeting, the Superintending Engineer (horticulture and electrical) stated that efforts were made for plantation at the site three to four times in the past. He pointed out that nearby villagers used to release their cattle during night hours, which damaged the plants. So, there was a need to install tree guards as well. Saurabh Joshi, a member of the committee, suggested that the concept of mini forest may also be taken into consideration near the garbage processing plant or in neighbourhood parks. Appreciating the suggestion, Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla said the main idea was to clean the environment by reduce the pollution at the dumping site.



## HARYANA APPROVES RS 22-CRORE PLAN FOR POLICE MODERNISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Diary Times Desk: A meeting of the state-level empowered committee (SLFC) held under was chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Sumita Misra, to review and approve State Action Plan for Modernisation of Police Forces for the financial year 2025-26. During the meeting, Misra underlined the state government's commitment to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all residents of Haryana. The committee approved the state action plan worth Rs 22.09 which includes crore procurement of advanced arms and equipment, such as pistols and CQB (machine guns), FSL equipment like image and video enhancement software, facial recognition and comparison software, polygraph system with accessories, nextgeneration sequencer, and trinocular stereo-zoom microscope, along with purchase of high-tech communication, security, CCTNS, and training equipment. To ensure the effective use of this modern equipment, domain experts will be engaged to provide technical guidance and support. Misra highlighted the importance deploying cutting-edge technology capable of delivering results swiftly.

#### DAY AFTER HC SET ASIDE SUSPENSION, SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SUSPENDED AGAIN

Diary Times Desk: A day after the Puniab and Harvana High Court set aside the suspension of Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd (DHBVNL) Superintending Engineer (SE) Hari Dutt, he has been placed under suspension again. "Er Hari Dutt, SE/OP Circle, DHBVNL, Jind, is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect in view disciplinary contemplated proceedings against him under Regulation-7 of DHBVNL Employees (Punishment and (Ipagga Regulations-2019 for imposition of major penalty on account of his non-performance and lack supervision as SE/OP Circle, DHBVNL, Jind", states the order issued by the Managing Director (MD) of DHBVNL on Wednesday. The MD has maintained that the above order is issued in terms of the liberty granted by the court in its decision dated April 22, 2025. Dutt, who was suspended last week. had challenged his suspension before the court. His counsel told the court that as per news reports, the petitioner was suspended because he did not attend to the phone call of the Power Minister on April 16.

#### PENALISE FIRMS FOR NOT FINISHING SOLAR FENCING WORK ON TIME: NEGI

Diary Times Desk: Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi today directed officials concerned to penalise companies engaged in the Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition (HP SHIVA) Project if they failed to complete solar fencing and field preparation work on time. Negi, while chairing a meeting of the governing council of the HP SHIVA Project here, asked Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar Forestry Horticulture and University, Nauni, to provide high-quality plants of plum and Japanese fruit (persimmon) to farmers. He also directed the officials concerned to purchase water-soluble nutrients and pesticides of branded companies through a tender and also purchase high-tech spray kits, pumps and other equipment with the cooperation of the HPMC. The minister said that the HP SHIVA Project was being implemented in seven districts of the state with an outlay of \$163 million (Rs 1,292 crore) and so far, Rs 190 crore had been spent under it.

### STONE CRUSHER SPARKS UPROAR, PROTESTS ERUPT IN PAONTA SAHIB

Diary Times Desk: A wave of public protests has swept across several villages in the Paonta Sahib region of Sirmaur district, as angry residents rallied against the operation of stone crushers and illegal mining activities The unrest underscores long-standing concerns over environmental degradation, health hazards and what many describe as administrative apathy. The issue has drawn added attention given that Industries. Parliamentary Affairs, Labour & Employment Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan — who also holds the mining portfolio – hails from the same district. Tensions reached a boiling point during a public hearing at Nawada panchayat, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) LR Verma arrived to conduct proceedings for a proposed stone crusher project. The meeting was disrupted by villagers chanting slogans like "Down with the administration!" and physically blocking the ADC's path, demanding the immediate cancellation.

#### FIRE BREAKS OUT AT SCRAP GODOWN IN HIMACHAL'S BADDI

Diary Times Desk: A massive fire broke out at a scrap godown located on Chakka Road in Baddi after a local resident set ablaze a heap of farm residue in a nearby field on Thursday morning. Strong winds contributed to the rapid spread of the flames from the field to the nearby godown, which was in the process of being vacated. A large quantity of inflammable material, including chemical-laced drums, corrugated boxes, plastics, and metals like copper and aluminium, had been left outside. The fire caught hold in no time, and thick black plumes of smoke were soon seen billowing from the site. Santosh Sharma, Commandant of the Home Guards, said that three fire tenders from Baddi and two from Nalagarh were dispatched to bring the fire under control. Preliminary estimates suggest losses running into lakhs, as a significant portion of the scrap material was destroyed. Although the fire was contained by 11:00 am, three fire tenders remained stationed at the site as a precautionary measure.



## POLICE ON HIGH ALERT AFTER TERROR ATTACK IN PAHALGAM

Diary Times Desk: A high alert has been sounded and security beefed up along the 240-km border that Chamba district shares with Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today directed the state police to remain on high alert to avert any untoward incident. He also ordered the police to step up vigil along the border with Jammu and Kashmir. DGP Atul Verma today chaired a high-level meeting in which steps to enhance vigil along the border with Jammu and Kashmir were discussed at length. He directed the police officers to ensure close coordination with the intelligence wing to monitor and verify any threat inputs and the preparedness of quick response teams (QRTs) and ensure anti-sabotage checks at vulnerable points. The high alert was sounded keeping in mind past instances when militants took refuge in uninhabited higher reaches in Chamba on the border with Jammu and Kashmir. Though there had been only a few incidents of militants killing people in Himachal, the most ghastly was the killing of 35 innocent labourers engaged in road construction at Kalaban in the Satrundi area of Chamba on the night of August 2, 1998. Following the killing of tourists by terrorists in Pahalgam.

### GIVING SPECIAL STATUS TO J&K LED TO SEPARATISM: JAI RAM

Diary Times Desk: BJP leaders, including state coincharge Sanjay Tandon and former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, led a protest march here today against the brutal killing of tourists by terrorists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir. They raised slogans against Pakistan and demanded justice for the innocent and unarmed tourists, who lost their lives. Tandon paid heartfelt tributes to the slain tourists and pledged unity against terrorism. He said, "The attack on Hindus in Pahalgam is a direct assault on the unity and integrity of our nation. Its time for India to demonstrate to the world that we will not bow down to terrorism and will eliminate the enemies of the country." Jai Ram said that those responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack would be brought to justice. He added, "Those who commit crimes against humanity will be destroyed. Granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir despite BR Ambedkar's opposition, led to separatism. The imposition of Article 370 and Article 35A in Kashmir deprived the region of development and pushed it towards separatism." He said that the global community was aware of the forces that were aiding terrorism in India. He expressed confidence in the Indian Army.

#### KANGRA, CHAMBA HAVEN'T BENEFITED FROM NADDA'S VISIT: SHAHPUR MLA

Diary Times Desk: Shahpur MLA Kewal Singh Pathania today asked Union Health Minister JP Nadda to use his high stature and good office to further the state's interests rather than indulging in petty politics. According to him, Nadda's recent visit had failed to benefit the Kangra-Chamba region. Pathania, while addressing mediapersons at Dharamsala, said that it would have been appropriate had the Union Minister taken part in a worthwhile discussion on the issues of interest to the state. The BJP national president could have taken interest in outstanding issues or the huge losses suffered by Himachal in the rain disaster, he added. Pathania, who is also the Congress' Deputy Chief Whip in the Assembly, blamed Nadda for misleading people on the medical devices park as the work on the project had not come to a standstill, as the latter had claimed. "In fact, our government has cancelled the project, as it was detrimental to the interests of the state. How can we transfer land worth over Rs 500 crore for mere Rs 12 lakh and provide electricity, which costs Rs 7 a unit, for Rs 3 per unit," he added. The MLA asked Nadda to first disclose the contribution of the Central Government towards Kangra in the past over 10 years, before commenting on the state government's performance. He added that the Pathankot-Jogindernagar railway line project had not moved even an inch during the BJP rule at the Centre.



## IPL 2025: RCB BREAK HOME GROUND JINX, BEAT RR BY 11 RUNS IN BENGALURU

Diary Times Desk : Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Rajasthan Royals by 11 runs to register their first victory of IPL 2025 at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday. Krunal Pandya has brought RCB back in the game with his twin strikes. Earlier, Virat Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal scored fifties as RCB posted 205 for 5 after getting an invitation to bat first. Kohli scored 70 runs off 42 balls while Devdutt Padikkal hit 50 off 27 balls. The duo stitched a solid 95run stand for the second wicket. For RR, Sandeep Sharma was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2 for 45. During the innings, Kohli reached the milestone of 3500 T20 runs in Bengaluru. He thus became the first-ever batter in the world to score 3500 T20 runs at a venue.



#### NZC ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW MLC FRANCHISE

Diary Times Desk : In a groundbreaking development, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) has announced a strategic partnership with an upcoming MLC franchise set to be introduced in the 2027 season. The franchise is currently owned by a consortium called True North Sports Ventures (TNS) headed by MLC co-founders Sameer Mehta and Vijay Srinivasan. The consortium will also include the NFL franchise San Francisco 49ers investment arm as a minority player. Cricbuzz understands that the consortium is also in talks with a top-tier Bollywood celebrity to join the ranks. This strategic deal will be a first of its kind where a national governing body for cricket has ventured out of its precinct to be part of an alien legaue held in a completely different country. The partnership, as revealed to Cricbuzz, is two fold. NZC is set to obtain a minority equity in the franchise as well as spearhead their cricketing operations for high performance, player development and management by leveraging their cricketing ecosystem. That arrangement includes cross utilisation of coaches, NZC contracted players and integration of the NZC domestic system with the franchise.

#### YOGRAJ SINGH SAYS ARJUN TENDULKAR CAN BECOME NEXT CHRIS GAYLE

Diary Times Desk: Yuvraj Singh's father -Yograj Singh - believes that Arjun Tendulkar should focus less on his bowling and more on his batting. Arjun, son of legendary India batter Sachin Tendulkar, is currently part of the Mumbai Indians squad in IPL 2025 but has not played a single game this season. Yograj, who has trained Arjun when he made switch from Mumbai to make his Ranji Trophy debut for Goa, made a stunning prediction for the youngster. In a recent interaction, Yograj said that if Yuvraj decides to take him under his wing and work on his batting skills, Arjun can become the next 'Chris Gayle' of international cricket. "With regards to Arjun, I said, focus less on his bowling and more on his batting. But if Yuvraj - he and Sachin are so close - takes Sachin's son under his winas.

### INDIAN CREW IN PAKISTAN SUPER LEAGUE SENT CLEAR MESSAGE: "RESTRICT MOVEMENT..." – REPORT

Diary Times Desk: The broadcast of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) could be in jeopardy in coming days with all the experienced Indian crew members in PCB roster set to be replaced after escalating cross-border tensions in the aftermath of Pahelgam terrorist attack. Pakistani terrorists are believed to be behind the killing of 26 Indian nationals, who were visiting Kashmir's Pahalgam area. A concerned PCB source said: "Since more than two dozen of the production and broadcast crew of the PSL, included Indian nationals. Steps are being taken to replace them. The broadcast and production crew includes engineers, production managers, cameramen, player-tracking experts (all Indian nationals), who ensure a smooth coverage of the PSL." The National Security Council after a meeting in Islamabad, on Thursday, announced that all Indian nationals in Pakistan should leave the country in the next 48 hours. The source said that PCB and the conglomerate which had rights to the PSL had discussed the option of replacing the Indian nationals in the crew as soon as possible.

## RESURGENT AND CONFIDENT WADHERA AIMS TO CONTINUE TAKING IPL BY STORM

Diary Times Desk: "I love playing under tough situations. We all know the ones who can win matches from tough situations are the ones who go on to play for India." This was Nehal Wadhera reflecting on his unbeaten 19-ball 33 against RCB in a tricky run-chase at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium last Friday (April 18). He spoke about how facing Suyash Sharma was a favourable match-up for him and his approach heading into his innings, following a briefing with the coach. "I think that before batting, the coach came to me and he told me that, 'Nehal, we just need run-a-ball. You can just go easy.' I said, 'okay, coach', but as soon as I went inside, I felt that RCB had put a lot of pressure on us at that time. So, I thought that now that I have come, the bowling match-ups are to my advantage, and it's my responsibility now to transfer that pressure back onto RCB... So, as soon as Suyash came I knew that he was just trying to throw in googlies, and it will [be] easy for me to hit him for a six straight down." Wadhera, 24, from Ludhiana, Punjab, has been one of Punjab Kings' solid middle-order batters this season. He has chipped in with 189 runs so far at a solid strike-rate of 146.51 across the seven games he has played. Having made his debut in the tournament in 2023 for Mumbai Indians, Wadhera found out he belonged at this level and obtained the self-confidence to take him further. "I did well in the practice games there [at MI]. That was the first time when I played [Jofra] Archer.

# ROHIT SHARMA SCRIPTS HISTORY, OVERTAKES WEST INDIES GREAT TO CLAIM MAMMOTH RECORD

Diary Times Desk: Mumbai Indians star batter Rohit Sharma returned form in spectacular fashion as he slammed 70 off just 46 deliveries to guide his team to victory against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Wednesdav. It was a great innings from the cricketer who has struggled to score run in the first half of IPL 2025. Rohit slammed three sixes during his knock and that took his tally of sixes for MI to 260. As a result, he has the highest number of sixes by any cricketer for Mumbai Indians. He shattered the record held by West Indies' Kieron Pollard who has 258 Meanwhile, Sunrisers Hyderabad Head coach Daniel Vettori, speaking after the game, admitted that the team's strategy to maximise the powerplay completely backfired. "I think obviously, the toss was important. We wanted to bowl first because the conditions were vastly different, (it was a different) wicket to the previous ones. I mean, we've discussed that it's a 280, 250 wicket. So conditions changed dramatically. So to be able to get that assessment early around what a par score was, is obviously difficult.

# "IKILLU": GAUTAM GAMBHIR GETS DEATH THREAT ALLEGEDLY FROM "ISIS KASHMIR"

Diary Times Desk : Indian cricket head coach Gautam Gambhir and a former Member of Parliament from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has reportedly received a death threat from "ISIS Kashmir." The threat prompted Mr Gambhir to approach the Delhi Police on Wednesday. seeking immediate action In response to the alarming situation, Mr Gambhir formally submitted a request for the registration of a First Information Report (FIR), according to the SHO Rajinder Nagar Police Station and the DCP Central Delhi. He also urged law enforcement authorities to take necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of his family. Given the severity of the threat, the Delhi Police are expected to investigate the matter thoroughly and implement appropriate security measures to safeguard Gambhir and his loved ones. On April 22 Mr Gambhir reportedly received two threatening emails--one in the afternoon and another in the evening--both containing the message "IKillU." This isn't the first time Mr Gambhir has faced such threats; back in November 2021, during his tenure as a sitting Member of Parliament, he had also received a similar email.