

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

UNION MINISTER'S "NO WATER" RESPONSE TO BILAWAL BHUTTO'S "BLOOD" THREAT

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri today issued a sharp response to Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) chief Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's recent remarks on India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) following the Pahalgam terror attack on Tuesday.

Mr Puri's comments come in the wake of Mr Bhutto-Zardari's inflammatory speech at a public rally in Sukkur, Sindh province. Addressing supporters, the PPP chairman had said, "The Indus is ours and will remain ours - either our water will flow through it, or their blood."

Responding to Mr Bhutto-Zardari's statement, Mr Puri remarked, "I heard his statement. Tell him to jump somewhere in water. Well, how will he when there will be no water? Do not dignify such statements. They will get to understand that."

"The Pahalgam incident is unequivocally a cross-border terrorist attack unleashed by a neighbouring state, and they are taking responsibility. Unlike before, no business will continue. Like Prime Minister Modi said, Pakistan will have to pay a heavy price, and this is just the beginning. The terrorists take away the most fundamental right to life. This is being condemned by the entire world. Pakistan is not just a rogue state, it is a country in terminal decline," he added. Mr Puri also commented on the throat-slitting gesture made by Colonel Taimur Rahat, the Pakistan Army and Air Advisor at the Pakistan High Commission in London. "This is state-sponsored terrorism. We have reached a point where they will have to pay a price."



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"WE NEVER HARM OUR NEIGHBOURS, BUT...": MOHAN BHAGWAT AFTER J&K ATTACK



Diary Times Desk : In a veiled message after the Pahalgam terror attacks in which 26 people were killed, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has said non-violence is India's religion and a key part of its values, but so is teaching a lesson to "oppressors and hooligans".

Speaking at an event to mark the release of the book 'The Hindu Manifesto' in New Delhi on Saturday, Mr Bhagwat also gave the example of Ravan and said he was killed not to harm him but for his own good.

"We never harm or disrespect our neighbours but if someone is bent on being evil, what is the cure? The king's duty is to protect the people and he will do his duty. The Gita teaches non-violence, but the teaching is to ensure that Arjun fights and kills... because he was confronted with people whose development could only be done this way," Mr Bhagwat said in Hindi.

"Non-violence is our nature, a key value," Mr Bhagwat said, asserting, "our non-violence is to change people and make them non-violent too. Some people will change, seeing our example, but others will not... they won't change no matter what you do and cause disorder in the world. So what will you do?"

The RSS chief then cited the example of Ravan and said he was a devotee of Lord Shiva who had knowledge of the Vedas and knew how to govern very well.

He (Ravan) had all the qualities required to be a good person. But the body and intelligence he accepted did not allow the good qualities in. So, if he wanted to be good, the only option was to end that body and intelligence. So, God killed him. That killing is not violence, it's still non-violence," Mr Bhagwat said.

'WE HAVE NOWHERE TO GO'; PAKISTANI HINDU
REFUGEES ANXIOUS OVER VISA STATUS

Diary Times Desk : Gripped with uncertainty over whether they will be allowed to stay or asked to leave, Pakistani Hindu refugees staying at Delhi's Majnu Ka Tila fear for their future after India suspended visa services for Pakistani nationals. India announced on Thursday that all visas issued to Pakistani nationals would be revoked from April 27 and asked these people to leave the country as tensions between the two countries escalated after the barbaric terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam left 26 persons dead. While the government later clarified that Long Term Visas (LTVs) already granted to Hindu Pakistani nationals will remain valid, many refugees are anxious about their status as their visas are renewed every two years and their applications for Indian citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 are still being processed. Sona Das, president of the Hindu refugee community at Majnu Ka Tila, said several families have been living in Delhi for years, renewing their visas periodically after document verification by authorities. "Also, many of these families crossed over from Pakistan just one or two months ago, some are living in camps near Majnu Ka Tila, while others have taken shelter under the Signature Bridge," Das said.



REFRAIN FROM SHOWING LIVE COVERAGE
OF DEFENCE OPS, MOVEMENT OF SECURITY
FORCES: GOVT TO MEDIA

Diary Times Desk : The government asked media outlets on Saturday to refrain from showing live coverage of defence operations and movement of security forces, contending that such reportage may inadvertently help hostile elements. The advisory comes in the wake of reporting on defence matters following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 people, mostly tourists. "In the interest of national security, all media platforms, news agencies, and social media users are advised to exercise utmost responsibility and adhere strictly to existing laws and regulations while reporting on matters concerning defence and other security-related operations," said the advisory by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. "Specifically: No real-time coverage, dissemination of visuals, or reporting based on 'sources-based' information related to defence operations or movement should be undertaken," it stated.

DEMOCRATIC POLITICS HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY
CHANGED GLOBALLY, SAYS RAHUL GANDHI



Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said democratic politics have fundamentally changed across the globe and the rules that applied a decade ago no longer hold good. Addressing a gathering at Bharat Summit 2025 here, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha said in today's aggressive political atmosphere, the aim is to crush the opposition and undermine the media. Reflecting on his experiences during 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', Gandhi said he realised that politicians have failed to listen to people's voices. "Politics, democratic politics have fundamentally changed across the globe. The rules that applied, I would say, a decade ago simply do not apply any more. Sometimes, when I speak to younger members of our party, what was effective 10 years ago, the tools that worked 10 years ago, simply do not work anymore," he said. "So in a sense, the old politician is dead and a new kind of politician has to be constructed," the AICC leader said. Gandhi also mentioned that he was originally scheduled to address the summit on Friday, but had to travel to Kashmir instead.

5,000 PAKISTANI NATIONALS IN MAHARASHTRA, 1,000
SHORT-TERM VISA HOLDERS ORDERED TO LEAVE: MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Maharashtra minister Yogesh Kadam on Saturday said 5,000 Pakistani nationals are residing in the state, including 1,000 on short term visas who have been asked to leave the country as per the Centre's directives. Some are residing in India since the last 8-10 years, some are married and some are those who have surrendered their Pakistani passport and applied for Indian citizenship, he said. "According to my estimate, there could be 4,000 long-term visas, of which 1,000 are the SAARC visa, those who have come to the state for film work, medical ground, journalism, personal work," Kadam said. The ones with short-term visas have been asked to leave by April 27, while those with medical visas have been given two more days to leave, Kadam said. Following the horrific Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, in which 26 persons were killed, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that all existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27, while medical visas issued to them will be valid only till April 29.



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.



HIMACHAL: ONE DAY'S SALARY OF TEACHERS INVOLVED IN PROTEST WILL BE DEDUCTED, THEY MAY BE SUSPENDED

Diary Times Desk : Primary teachers who make derogatory comments against the Himachal Pradesh government will be suspended. Disciplinary action will be taken against teachers involved in the protest despite the ban. One day's salary will be deducted. Teachers who refuse to do non-teaching work will be given compulsory retirement. The government has taken strong cognizance of the demonstration of the Primary Teachers' Union held at Chaura Maidan in Shimla on Saturday. Education Secretary Rakesh Kanwar has asked Director of School Education Ashish Kohli to take immediate action. After this, the government also issued suspension orders of six teachers. The Education Secretary has directed to take strict disciplinary action against those members of the union who have participated in public protests-movements against the policy decisions of the government. The Education Secretary said that on April 25, the Education Department had advised teachers not to participate in any kind of protest or movement.



HIMACHAL: UNION MINISTER OF STATE SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY HANDED OVER APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO 61 YOUTH IN SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : Union Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey handed over appointment letters to 61 youths in Shimla. The job fair was organized in the auditorium of Central Potato Research Institute, Bamloi, located in the capital Shimla. In this, chief guest Satish Chandra Dubey distributed appointment letters to 25 newly appointed candidates and Joint Income Tax Commissioner Shimla Raja Ghosh distributed appointment letters to other newly appointed youths. Dubey said that so far 15 job fairs have been organized at the national level. On Saturday, the national fair has been organized at 47 places across the country and employment letters have been distributed to more than 51 thousand youths. The government works on mission mode for such events. The central government is also working to provide employment opportunities in the private sector.

HIMACHAL: EMPLOYEE SERVICE CONDITIONS ACT IMPLEMENTED IN HIMACHAL, CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENTS BANNED

Diary Times Desk : The Employees' Service Conditions Act 2024 has been implemented in Himachal Pradesh. Under this, now recruitment on contract basis has been banned. All departments have been instructed to stop such recruitment processes till further orders are issued. The Personnel Department has issued a letter in this regard on Saturday. This order is being linked to the preparation of regularization only after five years of provisional service on the lines of Gujarat. The Personnel Department has given instructions in this regard to Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen or Secretaries of Boards-Corporations, Public Service Commission and Secretary of State Selection Commission. After the passing of the Employees' Service Conditions Act 2024 in the Assembly, it has been implemented from 20 February 2025. Some provisions are coming into force from 12 December 2003, under which there is now a provision for regularization only by removing contract appointments. In such a situation, all departments have been instructed to wait for the instructions of the government before giving fresh appointments.

HIMACHAL: HIGH COURT REPRIMANDED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION TO JUDGES AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh High Court has taken a tough stand on not providing residential facilities to judges and district judicial officers. The division bench reprimanded the government and said that under the Constitution, it is the statutory duty of the state to provide government accommodation to every judge and other judicial officers. But the government is deliberately not complying with the court's orders. The division bench has asked the government to clarify its position on the next hearing. The next hearing of the case will be on May 14. The division bench of Chief Justice GS Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma said that the government has not yet been able to provide government accommodation to the High Court judges. Even now some judges come from their private residences. When there is so much difficulty in allocating accommodation for High Court judges, then it can be assumed that the rest of the judicial officers in the state.

HIMACHAL: ANURAG SAID- IN PAKISTAN THERE WILL BE SHORTAGE OF WATER ALONG WITH FOOD, TIME WILL TELL WHOSE BLOOD WILL BE SHED

Diary Times Desk : On the threat of Pakistani leaders after the Pahalgam attack, former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur has said that in a country where people are already dependent on bread crumbs, if there is shortage of water too, then where will the bloodshed be, only time will tell. On the decision of the Centre to suspend the Indus Water Treaty, Anurag said that this is just the beginning. All the faces behind the terrorist attack including Pakistan will have to bear the brunt of this. Nothing is impossible. The Central Government is not going to back down from taking strict steps. In an informal conversation with the media after chairing the Samman Sabha seminar of Constitution maker Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in Sundarnagar, Anurag said that India has defeated Pakistan in the wars of 1965, 1971 and Kargil. Now such things do not suit Pakistan. India is not going to spare the terrorists, whether they are hiding in Pakistan or anywhere else, under any circumstances. India will not rest until it has dealt with them and sent them to their place. On the statement of Pakistan's Defense Minister, Anurag Thakur said that Pakistan is already known throughout the world for promoting terrorism.

HP POLICE: 1300 ARRESTS IN SIX MONTHS, 3400 DRIVERS CHALLANED FOR VIOLATING ROAD SAFETY RULES

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Police has taken strict action against those violating road safety rules. Between September 2024 and February 2025, the police have made 1,300 arrests in the state while suspending the licenses of 3,400 drivers. At the same time, more than 13,000 drivers were challaned under this campaign. Shimla, Solan and Mandi are on top in such cases. Director General of Police Dr. Atul Verma said that 12 digital display boards have been installed at various places to increase vehicle awareness in Himachal. Apart from this, an increase in road accidents of pedestrians has also been reported. Most of the incidents have occurred on national highways between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The DGP has urged the public that drivers should not drive after drinking alcohol. He has also asked the public to inform about suspicious or drunk drivers on number 112.

HIMACHAL NEWS: NHPC REACHES HIGH COURT, GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE BAIRA SIUL HYDROPOWER PROJECT

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh High Court has ordered to maintain status quo in relation to the 180 MW Baira Siul Hydroelectric Project. The court of Justice Ajay Mohan Goyal heard the case. The decision of the Himachal government has been challenged in the High Court on behalf of NHPC. The state cabinet has recently decided to take over the project after the completion of the time period of 40 years. The next hearing on this matter will be held in the High Court on May 26. Baira Siul Hydroelectric Project is the first project started by NHPC. It was started in 1981. Its installed capacity is 180 MW and it has three units of 60 MW. The state government has recently decided to take over five power projects allotted to the central undertakings Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) and National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC). Challenging this decision of the government in the High Court on behalf of NHPC, advocate Tushar Mehta presented his arguments through video conferencing. The project is situated on Baira Siul, a tributary of the Ravi River in Chamba district. The decision of the Himachal government has been challenged in the High Court on behalf of NHPC. The next hearing on this matter will be held in the Court on May 26.

THEY DIDN'T EVEN
RECOGNISE...: OMAR
ABDULLAH ON PAK'S PROBE
OFFER INTO PAHALGAM

Diary Times Desk : Hitting out at Pakistan's Shehbaz Sharif over his offer for a "neutral" probe into the Pahalgam terror attack, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah pointed out that Islamabad had initially denied the incident and accused New Delhi of "staging" it. "First of all, they did not even recognise that something had happened in Pahalgam. First, they said that India was behind it. For the people who made allegations against us in the first place, it is difficult to say anything about it now. I don't want to give much importance to their statements," Abdullah said. Abdullah's reaction came after the Pakistani Prime Minister, rattled by the increasing tensions with India, said he was ready for a "neutral and transparent investigation" into the terror attack that left 26 tourists dead. "The recent tragedy in Pahalgam is yet another example of this perpetual blame game, which must come to a grinding halt. Continuing with its role as a responsible country, Pakistan is open to participating in any neutral, transparent and credible investigation," Sharif said while speaking on the incident for the first time.

"INDIA, PAK FIGHTING FOR
1,500 YEARS ON BORDER":
TRUMP AFTER PAHALGAM
TERROR ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has said that India and Pakistan have shared tense relations "for 1,500 years," adding he is close to both countries. His comments came after 25 tourists and a local were killed in a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam region on April 22. Speaking with the media aboard Air Force One on Friday, the US President claimed the Kashmir issue had been going on "for a thousand years," adding that it could probably be "longer than that". Trump said, "I am very close to India, and I'm very close to Pakistan, and they've had that fight for a thousand years in Kashmir." He attempted to allay global concerns over the conflict, suggesting the two sides figure it out. There have been tensions on that border for 1,500 years. It's been the same, but I am sure they'll figure it out one way or the other," Trump said. Without mentioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi or his Pakistani counterpart Shehbaz Sharif, Trump said he knew both the leaders. "There's great tension between Pakistan and India, but there always has been," he added. Trump's comment came after US State Department Spokesperson.

BLOOD WILL FLOW IF INDIA STOPS INDUS WATER,
WARNS PPP CHIEF BILAWAL BHUTTO



Diary Times Desk : Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has threatened that blood would flow in rivers if water is stopped, in a sharp response to India's decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) after the Pahalgam terror attack. "The Indus is ours and will remain ours - either our water will flow through it, or their blood," the former foreign minister was quoted as saying by The News on Friday while addressing a public rally in the Sukkur area of his home Sindh province. The Indus flows through the province, and the Indus Valley Civilisation city of Mohenjo-Daro flourished on its banks. And Bilawal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has claimed India is heir to a civilisation thousands of years old, "But that civilisation lies in Mohenjo-daro, in Larkana. We are its true custodians, and we will defend it." Bilawal said that Modi cannot sever the aeons-old bond between the people of Sindh and the Indus, adding that "the Indian government has cast its eyes on Pakistan's water, and the situation demands unity among all four provinces to defend.

SOME YEARS AGO, WE IN CONGRESS
PARTY FELT COMPLETELY TRAPPED...:
RAHUL GANDHI

Diary Times Desk : Addressing the Bharat Summit 2025 in Hyderabad on Saturday, Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that there was a time when the Congress party members felt completely "trapped and isolated". Rahul Gandhi arrived in Hyderabad on Saturday to participate in the Bharat Summit 2025, a global conference hosted by the Telangana government. He was received at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka, and several senior Congress leaders. Addressing the challenges faced by the Congress Party in recent years, Gandhi said that there was a time when they felt completely "trapped and isolated". He said that the new, aggressive style of politics, where the aim was to "crush the opposition" rather than engage with it, had left the party with few functioning avenues. According to him, the media and the overall political environment made it difficult.

ATTEMPT TO GROPE BREASTS 'AGGRAVATED SEX ASSAULT' BUT 'NOT RAPE': CALCUTTA
HIGH COURT

Diary Times Desk : The Calcutta High Court on Friday, suspending an earlier order by a West Bengal trial court convicting and sentencing an accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act, observed that an attempt grope the breasts of a victim can only support the charge of "aggravated sexual assault" and not "attempt to rape", under the act. The trial court found the accused guilty of both "aggravated sexual assault" and "attempt to rape", and had sentenced him 12 years of rigorous imprisonment. Hearing the appeal, a division bench of Justice Arijit Banerjee and Justice Biswaroop Chowdhury also observed that the medical examination of the victim in the case did not indicate any penetration or attempt of penetration. It noted that, as per the version of the victim, the accused tried to "grope her breasts" under the influence of alcohol. "Such evidence may support a charge of aggravated sexual assault under Section 10 of the POCSO Act, 2012, but prima facie does not indicate commission of the offence of attempted rape," the division bench observed.

PAKISTAN CARRIES OUT
UNPROVOKED SPECULATIVE FIRING
ALONG LOC: ARMY SOURCES

Diary Times Desk : Tension between India and Pakistan continued to escalate on Saturday after the Pakistan Army carried out "unprovoked speculative firing" along the Line of Control for the second consecutive night on Friday following the Pahalgam terror attack, Indian Army sources said. Throughout last night, the "unprovoked speculative firing of small arms was carried out by Pakistan Army posts along the Line of Control", according to the sources. "The Indian troops responded appropriately," they said, adding that no casualty has been reported. According to the sources, Uri and Sunderbani were among the locations near the border where the firing was heard. India suspects Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba Islamist group, which India has designated as a terrorist organisation, to be behind the Pahalgam attack. At least 26 people were killed in the targeted attack, which India has called the worst terrorist act against civilians on its soil since the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

SHIV SENA (UBT) CALLS FOR UNITY TO
SAFEGUARD MARATHI PRIDE AMID
UDDHAV-RAJ REUNION TALKS

Diary Times Desk : The Shiv Sena (UBT) on Saturday said it was time to unite in the interest of Mumbai and Maharashtra, and party workers were ready to protect Marathi pride, a statement that has come amid speculation about a possible reunion of estranged cousins Uddhav Thackeray and Raj Thackeray. The party made the statement in a cryptic post on social media. "Time has come to unite for the interest of Mumbai and Maharashtra. Shivsainiks are ready to protect Marathi 'asmita' (pride)," the Shiv Sena (UBT) said in a post on X. Last week, Raj Thackeray sparked speculation about a potential political rapprochement with his cousin and former chief minister Uddhav, noting their past differences are "trivial" and uniting for the greater good of "Marathi mannos" is not a difficult task. To this, Uddhav Thackeray said he is ready to put aside trivial fights provided those working against Maharashtra's interests will not be entertained. Asked about the possibility of an alliance between the Sena.



**TRUMP CLAIMS RUSSIA-UKRAINE
DEAL 'VERY CLOSE', CALLS FOR
'VERY HIGH LEVEL' TALKS**

Diary Times Desk : President Donald Trump called for Ukraine and Russia to meet for "very high-level talks," stating that the two sides were "very close to a deal" to end the bloody three-year war between them. Trump made the statement on his Truth Social site, shortly after arriving in Rome to attend Pope Francis' funeral. His comments followed the visit of his envoy, Steve Witkoff, to Moscow earlier that day for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump wrote, "They are very close to a deal, and the two sides should now meet, at very high levels, to 'finish it off.' Most of the major points are agreed to. Stop the bloodshed, NOW. We will be wherever is necessary to help facilitate the END to this cruel and senseless war!" Trump's remarks came just after he made a controversial statement in an interview, declaring that "Crimea will stay with Russia," a comment that has sparked criticism. Trump has repeatedly pressured Ukraine to make territorial concessions, a position that has raised eyebrows given the ongoing Russian invasion.

**RUSSIA CLAIMS RETAKING KURSK,
UKRAINE SAYS STILL FIGHTING AS
ZELENSKY MEETS TRUMP**

Diary Times Desk : All Ukrainian troops have been forced from parts of Russia's Kursk region, which Moscow lost control of last year to a surprise Ukrainian incursion, Russia's top general said in a Kremlin meeting Saturday. Valery Gerasimov, Chief of the General Staff for Russia's Armed Forces, gave Russian President Vladimir Putin the news in a meeting Saturday, Peskov told Russian state news outlet Interfax. Ukrainian officials did not confirm the claim. In its morning update Saturday, Ukraine's General Staff said that its forces continue to hold back Russian troops in the Kursk sector, pushing back against Russian claims that Ukraine has been fully dislodged from the territory. In a statement, Putin congratulated the Russian soldiers and commanders and said that Kyiv's incursion had "completely failed". "The complete defeat of our enemy along Kursk's border region creates the right conditions for further successes for our troops.

**4 KILLED, 500 INJURED IN MASSIVE
EXPLOSION AT IRAN'S MOST
ADVANCED PORT**

Diary Times Desk : At least 4 people were killed and 500 injured after several containers exploded at a key Iranian port on Saturday, causing a massive fire. Videos showed thick smoke billowing from the port area. "The explosion occurred in a part of the Shahid Rajaei port dock, and we are extinguishing the fire," state TV quoted Esmail Malekizadeh, a regional port official, as saying. Shahid Rajaei, located 1000 kilometres south of the capital Tehran, is the most advanced container port in Iran, and 23 kilometres west of Bandar Abbas, the Hormozgan provincial capital, and north of the Strait of Hormuz through which a fifth of world oil output passes. "Four rapid response teams were dispatched to the scene after the explosion," Head of the Hormozgan Red Crescent Society, Mokhtar Salahshour, told state TV. Mehrdad Hassanzadeh, head of the province's crisis management authority has confirmed to state tv that the cause of the incident was the explosion of several containers.

**HAMAS SAYS OPEN TO FREEING
HOSTAGES, FIVE-YEAR TRUCE IN GAZA**

Diary Times Desk : Hamas is open to an agreement to end the Gaza war that would include the one-time release of all remaining hostages and a five-year cessation of hostilities, an official from the Palestinian group said Saturday. "Hamas is ready for an exchange of prisoners in a single batch and a truce for five years," the official told AFP on condition of anonymity, as a delegation from his group was set to meet mediators in Cairo later in the day. On April 17, Hamas, which opposes a "partial" ceasefire agreement, rejected an Israeli proposal that included a 45-day truce in exchange for the return of 10 living hostages. The group has consistently demanded that a truce agreement must lead to the end of the war, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, a prisoner exchange, and the immediate and sufficient entry of humanitarian aid into the war-battered Palestinian territory.

**IRAN, US TALK IN OMAN TO
HAMMER OUT DEAL ON
NUCLEAR PROGRAMME**

Diary Times Desk : Iran and the United States have concluded a third round of talks in Oman aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear activities, with discussions expected to centre on uranium enrichment. "The two delegations that were holding indirect talks with each other are returning to their capitals for consultations," Iranian state television said on Saturday, providing no further details. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi nor US envoy Steve Witkoff led the talks aimed at limiting Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for the lifting of some of the crushing economic sanctions the US has imposed on the Islamic republic for decades. Iran, for its part, has signalled it is eager to get sanctions relief as its economy continues to suffer. Host Oman said the US-Iran nuclear talks will continue next week, with another "high-level meeting" likely on May 3. "Core principles, objectives and technical concerns were all addressed" in the third-round talks, Omani Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi said in a post on X.

**LUIGI MANGIONE, ACCUSED
KILLER OF INSURANCE CEO,
PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN US
COURT**

Diary Times Desk : Luigi Mangione, accused of gunning down an insurance executive in cold blood in a slaying that has divided Americans, pleaded not guilty to murder charges Friday, after he was arraigned in court. Mangione has now been charged in both New York state and federal court over the killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson. He pleaded guilty to the federal charges in a Manhattan court on Friday. The case has stirred debate about political violence and the state of the healthcare system in the United States, and is the first case in which the Justice Department is seeking the death penalty since Donald Trump returned to the White House. Mangione wore beige prison scrubs and conferred with his lawyers, an AFP correspondent saw. Outside court, a van fitted with a video screen accused the Justice Department of "barbaric" conduct alongside an image of Mangione in court. Well-wishers brandished signs and chanted, with one stopping to admonish prosecutors for rushing the cases against him. Lindsay Floyd, an activist working in support of Mangione said ahead of the hearing that "these are serious accusations that deserve some reflection, not this vilification before the trial has even begun."

PRINCE ANDREW, EPSTEIN ACCUSER VIRGINIA GIUFFRE DIES BY SUICIDE

Diary Times Desk : Virginia Giuffre, who accused disgraced US financier Jeffrey Epstein and Britain's Prince Andrew of sexual abuse, has taken her own life at her home in Australia, her family said Saturday. Giuffre, a US and Australian citizen, was 41. "It is with utterly broken hearts that we announce that Virginia passed away last night at her farm in Western Australia," the family said in a statement provided to AFP by her agent. "She lost her life to suicide, after being a lifelong victim of sexual abuse and sex trafficking." Giuffre had accused Epstein of using her as a sex slave, and said she had sex with Prince Andrew when she was 17 -- a minor under US law -- after meeting him through the American billionaire. In 2019, Epstein took his own life in a New York City jail cell, while awaiting his own trial for sex crimes. Prince Andrew repeatedly denied her allegation of sexual assault and avoided trial by paying a multimillion-dollar settlement. As part of the deal, he reportedly gave money to a charity for sex-trafficking victims.



INDIA VISIT CUT SHORT, PAK CITIZENS CONDEMN PAHALGAM ATTACK BUT SAY 'SPARE COMMON PEOPLE'

Diary Times Desk : Ensure exemplary punishment for the Pahalgam terror attack perpetrators but spare the regular folks from bearing the brunt. That was the common refrain among Pakistani visitors at the Attari-Wagah land route racing to exit India ahead of a short deadline. India has announced that all visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be revoked from April 27 and advised Indians residing in Pakistan to return home at the earliest, as tensions between the two countries escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are valid till April 29. Most of the Pakistani nationals exiting through the told PTI that they had come to meet their kin in India. Some were here to attend weddings but now have to rush back home without participating. "It was my niece's wedding today. I came after 10 years but still couldn't attend the ceremony," said a visibly upset Baskari, a Karachi resident who had come to Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur along with her husband.



RAVNEET BITTU SEEKS COURT'S NOD TO PRESENT PEN DRIVES ALLEGING DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS AGAINST PUNJAB MINISTERS

Diary Times Desk : Minister of State for Railway Ravneet Singh Bittu has filed an application before Chandigarh court for placing on records pen drives containing video and audio of Bhagwant Maan Chief Minister Punjab, Arvind Kejriwal former Chief Minister of Delhi, Anmol Gagan Maan MLA, Dr Balbir Singh Health Minister Punjab and Kultar Sandhwa Speaker Punjab Legislative Assembly. Bittu, in an application filed through advocates Teriminder Singh and SC Mehta, said that the video and audio on the pen drive has been downloaded from various social media platforms, including news channels, and reproduced without any editing or alteration. By moving this application, he is seeking information from Dr Balbir Singh about whether the audio and video contain the voices of the persons mentioned in the application. He said that the information/interrogation is necessary to decide the present civil suit. The court had earlier, on April 4, 2025, restrained Ravneet Singh Bittu from issuing defamatory statements on social media platforms against the Punjab Health Minister of Punjab, Dr. Balbir Singh. The court passed the order on a civil suit filed by Dr Balbir Singh. In the suit, Dr Balbir Singh said that Bittu has made some defamatory statements.

AKALI DAL KEEPS DOOR OPEN FOR REBELS, SAYS THOSE WHO WILL WORK TO STRENGTHEN PARTY ARE WELCOME

Diary Times Desk : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal Saturday said the party has kept the door open for those rebels who left in the recent past and they are welcome if they come with a "clear heart" and work to strengthen SAD. He was addressing journalists on the sidelines of a party function in connection with the election campaign of the SAD candidate from Ludhiana West assembly constituency where byelections are due. Badal said rebel Akalis would be taken back into the SAD fold provided they "come back with a clear heart and work to strengthen the party and follow its principles and philosophy". The Ludhiana West seat fell vacant following the death of AAP MLA Gurpreet Bassi Gogi in January. The date for the byelection has not been announced yet. While AAP named Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora, the Congress has fielded former minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu for the bypoll. Earlier, Badal appealed to the electorate of Ludhiana West to support the SAD to "end gangster culture and drug menace". Addressing the media at the residence of SAD candidate Parupkar Singh Ghumman, he said, "The people of the state have experimented with both the Congress and AAP. Punjab has witnessed a steep decline in all parameters.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES DRESS CODE FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS IN CHANDIGARH

Diary Times Desk : The Chandigarh Education Department has ordained a dress code for teachers in the government schools of the city. The uniform specifications of the dress outlines that female employees will don sarees, salwar kameez, while male employees will wear formal shirts and trousers," the department said in an official release issued on Saturday. This change is aimed at unifying the appearance of educators, fostering a sense of professionalism, and creating an environment conducive to learning," it said. With the dress code for teachers, Chandigarh becomes the first state/UT to implement this in government schools, it said. "In a significant move towards enhancing the professional environment within educational institutions, the Chandigarh Education Department, acting on the advice of the Administrator UT Chandigarh, has implemented and inducted a uniform for teachers across government schools," it said.



SPEEDING PICKUP TRUCK KILLS 6 WORKERS ON DELHI-MUMBAI EXPRESSWAY

Diary Times Desk : Six workers engaged in cleaning work were killed, while five others were critically injured after a speeding pickup vehicle hit them near Ibrahimbas village on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway under Ferozpur Jhirka police station in district Nuh on Saturday morning. The injured have been admitted to a hospital for treatment, where their condition remains critical. The accident took place around 10 am when about 11 sanitation workers were cleaning the expressway. Suddenly, a speeding pickup vehicle hit these workers. The collision was so severe that six workers died on the spot. Locals immediately informed the police and helped in taking the injured to the hospital. Soon, a huge crowd gathered on the road. Ambulances, road safety agency vehicles, and police teams also reached the spot. A senior police officer said that the deceased have not been identified yet.

CM SAINI EXHORTS KHAPS TO HELP FIGHT DRUG MENACE IN STATE

Diary Times Desk : Flagging off the 'Drug-Free Haryana Cyclothon 2.0' from Jind today, CM Nayab Singh Saini said that the fight against drugs must be won through the united efforts of khap panchayats, youth, women, teachers, and all sections of society. Saini emphasised the significant influence of khaps, stating that they had long been a source of values for the youth. Khaps could play a key role in helping young people overcome drug addiction, a serious issue that was adversely impacting society, he said. The CM assured that whatever support khaps needed from the government to combat addiction would be provided. Saini met khap representatives from Haryana at the Public Works Department (PWD) rest house after flagging off the cyclothon. He urged the khap representatives to launch a campaign to keep youth away from drugs and support the goal of making the state drug-free. He stated that while the cyclothon was part of a broader awareness effort, its primary objective was to eliminate drug abuse. "We must save our youth from the harmful effects of drug addiction," he said. "It is crucial to engage as many young people as possible in sports, enabling them to bring home maximum medals and make Haryana proud, both nationally and internationally." The representatives also shared their views on various social issues. "The khap panchayats have been an integral part of Haryana's social fabric.

**DRUNKEN DRIVING
BEHIND 23 PER CENT****ROAD MISHAPS IN STATE**

Diary Times Desk : Around 23 per cent people involved in road accidents in the state have been found driving while under the influence of alcohol. As per the Himachal Pradesh Police, forensic reports have confirmed that samples taken between September 2024 and February 2025 showed alcohol presence in nearly 23 per cent of cases tested. As per the police, Shimla, Solan and Mandi districts reported the highest number of drunken driving cases. The highest number of 2,078 challans against drunken driving were issued in Shimla, followed by 1,493 in Mandi and 1,376 in Solan district. Similarly, 224 persons were arrested for drunken driving in Shimla, 268 in Mandi and 1,588 in Solan. Similarly, 535 driving licences were forwarded for suspension in Shimla district, 477 in Solan district and 397 in Mandi district. The lowest number of 122 challans over drunken driving were issued in Dehra police district. DGP Atul Verma said that to curb the practice of drunken driving, the state police had conducted a statewide enforcement drive last year and over 13,000 challans were issued, 1,300 arrests were made and more than 3,400 driving licences were forwarded for suspension.

**FIVE KILLED AS CAR
FALLS INTO GORGE**

Diary Times Desk : Five persons, including an eight-month-old girl, were killed in a tragic road accident near the Pandoh Dam in Mandi district today. The accident occurred on the Bakhli road when the car they were travelling in veered off the road and fell into a deep gorge. All five occupants of the car died on the spot. The victims have been identified as Duni Chand (35), his wife Kanta Devi (30), their eight-month-old daughter Kinjal, all from Taraur village, Dayalu Ram of Naun village in Mandi district and Meena Kumari from Nepal. According to preliminary information from the police, the family was returning from a marriage function when the fatal accident took place. Upon receiving information, a team from the Pandoh police post rushed to the accident spot and, with the help of locals, recovered the bodies from the gorge. Mandi Additional SP Sagar Chander said that investigation was underway to determine the exact cause of the accident.

**CLEAR DUES OF CONTRACTORS BEFORE APRIL 30, CM TELLS
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today instructed the Finance Department to clear all pending dues of contractors of the Public Works and Jal Shakti departments before April 30. Sukhu, while presiding over a meeting of the Finance Department here, said that the first installment of the pending liabilities would be disbursed before April 28 and the remaining by April 30. He directed both departments to speedily prepare bills and submit these timely to the treasury for payment. He also instructed the PWD and Jal Shakti Department officers to present their department's bills after the 10th of every month as the state receives its share of Central taxes on this day. MLA Sunder Singh Thakur, Chief Minister's Principal Adviser Media Naresh Chauhan, Additional Chief Secretary Onkar Chand Sharma, Secretary (Finance) Devesh Kumar, Engineer-in-Chief, PWD, NP Singh and Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Department, Anju Sharma attended the meeting.

**PRIMARY TEACHERS AT ODDS WITH
GOVT OVER SINGLE DIRECTORATE**

Diary Times Desk : The government and the Primary Teachers Federation (PTF) are on the warpath over the creation of the Directorate of School Education. While the PTF has given a call for a protest in Shimla tomorrow to oppose the creation of one directorate for school education, the government has warned its office-bearers of disciplinary action if they went ahead with the protest. Secretary (Education) Rakesh Kanwar has directed the federation to take back the protest call and "desist from indulging in any demonstration or agitation, failing which a suitable disciplinary action will be initiated against you along with all protesting teachers". The federation has given a notice for the protest to oppose the government's decision to create the Directorate of School Education, which will deal with all matters pertaining pre-primary to Class XII classes. Earlier, there was a Directorate of Elementary Education to deal with primary and upper-primary classes. "The Directorate of School education has been created without consultation with the stakeholders, and it will affect the standard of education," said Jagdish Sharma, president of the PTF. He added that the proposed protest would not be taken back. As per the orders, creating a single Directorate for School Education was a policy decision.

**TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION PROTESTS
AGAINST MERGER OF EDUCATION
DIRECTORATES**

Diary Times Desk : The Primary Teachers Association staged a protest against the creation of one Directorate of School Education and demanded the state government to take back the decision here today. During the protest, the teachers raised slogans against the Secretary (Education) Rakesh Kanwar as well as the state government. Pramod Chauhan, president, Primary Teachers' Association in Shimla, stated that while the government is making changes in the education sector — which teachers welcome — the merger of the Directorate of Elementary Education with the Directorate of Higher Education into a single body could damage the basic structure of education rather than bring about qualitative improvement. "Several discussions have been held with the state government on this issue, but the outcomes have been disappointing and our voices have fallen on deaf years," he said. Chauhan said the Directorate of Elementary Education was established after 1984 specifically to bring qualitative improvement in education, and since then, Himachal Pradesh has made significant strides in that sector.

KULLU'S SPRING FEST SET TO SHINE WITH RECORD REVENUE, CULTURAL SPLENDOUR

Diary Times Desk : The Kullu Municipal Council (MC) has generated a revenue of approximately Rs 1.20 crore from the allocation of plots for the upcoming Spring Festival, locally known as Pipal Jatra, scheduled from April 28 to April 30. This includes Rs 56 lakhs from plots designated for crockery, shoe and street vendor markets. Previously, the MC earned Rs 42 lakh from two domes and Rs 20 lakhs from the auction of plots for the handloom section and Meena Bazaar. The festival promises a variety of stalls offering food, utensils, clothing and shoes. MC president Gopal Krishan Mahant revealed that a 10 per cent increase in plot prices contributed to the revenue surge this year. He attributed the boost to the open bidding process for temporary markets, which heightened competition. The MC aims to create successful business opportunities for traders traveling from distant areas. To address potential concerns, a complaint box has been installed at the Dhalpur office, allowing traders to submit grievances, which the council promises to address swiftly. Traders have already begun setting up their shop structures on the allotted plots.



POLLARD: 'WE ALWAYS HAD THAT BELIEF THAT ROHIT IS GOING TO COME GOOD'

Diary Times Desk : Mumbai Indians (MI) batting coach Kieron Pollard is ecstatic that his prediction on Rohit Sharma's form and his run-scoring ability has proven to be right. Rohit has turned his season around with back-to-back 70s in his last two innings, both coming in comfortable wins for MI. But it was hardly this rosy at the start of IPL 2025 for the former MI captain. Rohit had managed just 82 runs in his first six innings and was also struggling with an injury which forced him to miss a game. It was around this time that Pollard was grilled about the form of MI's most experienced player. He had at the time said that Rohit should not be judged by a couple of low scores and that he would bounce back. As it turns out, Pollard's prophecy has come true. "If my memory serves me right, at the start of this competition, that question was different. I said sitting right here, we are also going to be singing his praises as an individual," Pollard said when asked about Rohit's surge in form. "For us, we always had that belief that he is going to come good."



VIRAT KOHLI, ANUSHKA SHARMA'S DECISION TO LEAVE INDIA AND MOVE TO LONDON EXPLAINED: 'THEY WANT TO RAISE KIDS NORMALLY'

Diary Times Desk : Virat Kohli continues to go from strength to strength. The right-hander is setting the stage on fire in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB). The 33-year-old is nearing the 400-run mark in the IPL 2025 season and is in the second spot in the Orange Cap race. However, Virat Kohli is dominating the social media chatter for another reason: intense speculation about him and Anushka Sharma seemingly having shifted base to London. Ever since the birth of their second child, Akaay, in February 2024, the celebrity couple have often been spotted out and about in London. Virat Kohli's childhood coach, Rajkumar Sharma, recently confirmed that the former India captain plans to move to London. Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit's husband, Dr Sriram Nene, has expressed his mutual admiration for Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma. He also revealed how Anushka spoke to him about wanting to move to London to raise their kids normally.

FLEMING ON CHEPAUK DEFEAT: 'WE WERE VICTIM TO A MATCH-WINNING CATCH'

Diary Times Desk : For Stephen Fleming, the turning point of the night was clear. "I thought Brevis was outstanding. We were probably victim to a match-winning catch," the CSK head coach said after their fourth consecutive defeat at Chepauk. The catch he was referring to came from Kamindu Mendis, the ambidextrous spinner who had just been hammered for three sixes in an over by Dewald Brevis. But Kamindu's flying full-length dive to his left at long-off, described by Cricbuzz as "like a football goalie", not only dismissed a rampaging and on-song Brevis but also knocked the wind out of CSK's innings. "Look, I think it's just instinct," SRH head coach Daniel Vettori said of the catch. "It's an innate ability to be able to move, to see the ball and time you're diving. So it's probably one of those catches that even a brilliant fielder only has one or two in their career. At 17 off 17 balls, Brevis had looked like another middle-order experiment."

MS DHONI 'KNOWS CSK HAVE NOT BOUGHT PLAYERS...': 5-TIME CHAMPIONS' 'RS 18 CRORE, RS 17 CRORE' STARS QUESTIONED

Diary Times Desk : Chennai Super Kings' chances of qualifying for the IPL 2025 are all but over. With their latest defeat to SunRisers Hyderabad on Friday, CSK have now lost seven of the nine games played. The five-time champions are lying at the bottom of the points table. Whatever could go wrong for CSK, has gone wrong for the MS Dhoni-led side. Dhoni was not supposed to lead the side this year but after designated captain Ruturaj Gaikwad was ruled, the legendary ex-India captain took over. However, the fortunes have not changed for CSK. Dhoni's long-time teammate in the Indian cricket team and CSK, Suresh Raina, feels the side got it wrong in the IPL 2025 mega auction. "Kasi Viswanathan has been handling the administration for a long time. Rupa ma'a, is handling buying the player, administration etc. MS knows, whoever is sitting, this time players have not been bought properly," Raina said on Star Sports. "Who is accountable for player selection in auction - is it the management or is it fully MS Dhoni?" the anchor asked. "They always make a call to MS. But to be very honest, I have never attended any of the auctions. I was never a part of those discussions. I always talked about the players who were retained. MS might get a call about whether to go ahead with a player or not - but he's not that involved," Raina replied.

SHASTRI EARMARKS FOUR UNCAPPED IPL YOUNGSTERS HEADED FOR HIGHER HONOURS

Diary Times Desk : Former India coach Ravi Shastri has shared high praise for the new generation of young batters lighting up the Indian Premier League and has earmarked four players set for an international career in the future. Shastri discussed the new breed of youngsters on show at the ongoing IPL with host Sanjana Ganesan on the latest episode of The ICC Review and the India legend admitted he has been taken aback by the fearless approach by some of the teenage sensations who have taken the tournament by storm. The former India coach made mention of the audacity and talent he has seen on display from youngsters such as Chennai Super Kings' Ayush Mhatre and Rajasthan Royals' Vaibhav Suryavanshi, as well as Punjab Kings' aggressive opening pair of Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh - and he believes the quartet could well replicate this form at international level in the future. "The two Punjab openers (Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh) as well, they give it a smack," Shastri began. "It's as if these youngsters who have come in now, they're 14 years, 17 years of age and it's see it, hit it in the first six overs." Arya has been in sublime form since the start of the tournament, with the 23-year-old smashing 254 runs from eight innings at a monstrous.

INDIA SHOULD BREAK ALL CRICKETING TIES WITH PAKISTAN: SOURAV GANGULY

Diary Times Desk : Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has a strict message for Pakistan after a terror strike in the Kashmir valley on April 22, Tuesday. Speaking to reporters, Ganguly said that India should break all its cricketing ties with Pakistan and not play them even in the ICC and Asian tournaments. Replying to questions about the cricketing relations between the two countries, the former Indian Cricket Board (BCCI) president said that every other year there was some terror activity on Indian soil and that it should not be tolerated anymore. "100 per cent, India should do this (break ties with Pakistan). Strict action should be taken. It has turned out to be a joke that such things are happening every year. Terrorism cannot be tolerated," Sourav Ganguly told reporters. Terror struck on Indian soil once again on April 22, when five to six terrorists opened fire in Pahalgam's Baisaran meadows, killing 26 people and injuring many more. The Resistance Force (TRF), a Pakistani terrorist group affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), claimed responsibility for the attack.

SHUBMAN GILL CLEARS AIR ON RELATIONSHIP STATUS: 'RUMOURS LINK ME WITH...'

Diary Times Desk : Shubman Gill is one of the most talented Indian cricketers of the current generation. The star Indian cricket team is currently playing in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 with Gujarat Titans. The team is currently leading the IPL 2025 with some terrific performances. Shubman Gill has been praised for his calm and composed captaincy style. Being one of the most known faces in Indian cricket, comes with a certain attention too off the field. Shubman Gill has also been linked with a Bollywood actress and the daughter of a famous cricketer. Now, Shubman Gill has cleared the air on his relationship status. "I mean, I've been single for over three years. There have been so many speculations and rumours, linking me with different people. And sometimes, it's so ridiculous that I would have never even seen or met that person ever in my life. And I would be hearing rumours that, I'm with this person and this person where else I'd be like," said Shubman Gill in an interview. "Like, I know I'm so focused on what I need to do in my professional career. There is no space in my life to be with someone like 300 days a year. We are on the road travelling somewhere. So there is hardly any time to be able to be with someone or invest, you know, the time to be with someone."