

## PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

## EVERY INDIAN SEETHING WITH ANGER, PAHALGAM VICTIMS TO GET JUSTICE: PM MODI IN 'MANN KI BAAT'

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the enemies of India could not tolerate the return of peace and progress in Kashmir, and, therefore, hatched the terror conspiracy to destabilise the region.

"Terrorists and their masters want Kashmir to be destroyed once again and that is why such a big conspiracy was hatched," the prime minister said during his 'Mann Ki Baat'. Modi said the attack happened as the "enemies of the nation and of Kashmir" did not like normalcy in the Valley.

"There was vibrancy in schools and colleges, construction activities had gained momentum, democracy was getting stronger, the number of tourists was witnessing a record increase, people's income was rising, and new opportunities were being created for the youth, but the enemies of the nation and that of Jammu and Kashmir did not like it," he said.

The Prime Minister said the assault reflects the "frustration and cowardice" of those who patronise terrorism. "Today as I talk, there is anguish in my heart. The Pahalgam attack has left every citizen heartbroken. Every Indian feels deep sympathy for the families of the victims," he said. The PM noted that the entire nation, regardless of region or language, shares the pain of the victims and is seething with anger. Calling for a united national response, Modi said the solidarity of 1.4 billion Indians is India's greatest strength in the fight against terrorism. He urged people to display strong willpower and unity in the face of such challenges.



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## NIA REGISTERS CASE TO PROBE PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK, HUNTS FOR CLUES



**Diary Times Desk :** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has formally taken over the Pahalgam terrorist attack case, intensifying its search for evidence and questioning eyewitnesses to unravel the terror conspiracy, officials said on Sunday.

They said the anti-terror agency registered a case in Jammu on Sunday following orders from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and several teams are involved in the investigation.

After the dastardly terror attack on Tuesday afternoon that claimed 26 lives, a team of NIA officials led by its Inspector General (IG) was rushed to the site to assist the local police, the officials said. They said NIA teams have been camping at the terror attack site since Wednesday, looking for clues.

The entry and exit points are being closely scrutinised by the investigating NIA teams for clues to the modus operandi of the terrorists. The teams, aided by forensic and other experts, are checking the entire area thoroughly for evidence to expose the terror conspiracy that led to the horrendous attack that has shocked the nation," an NIA statement said.

The eyewitnesses are also being questioned in minute detail to piece together the sequence of events that led to one of the worst terror attacks in Kashmir, it said. The teams, overseen by an IG, a Deputy Inspector General (DIG) and a Superintendent of Police (SP) from the anti-terror agency, are examining eyewitnesses who had seen the horrifying attack unfold before their eyes at the peaceful and picturesque Baisaran Valley in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, according to the statement issued by NIA. In the targeted attack, a group of terrorists killed male tourists milling around eateries, taking pony rides or just picnicking with their families including young children.

MISLEADING MESSAGE CIRCULATING ON WHATSAPP  
RELATED TO DONATION FOR ARMY'S MODERNISATION: GOVT

**Diary Times Desk :** The Ministry of Defence on Sunday cautioned that a "misleading" message is doing the rounds on WhatsApp claiming that the government has opened a bank account seeking donation for modernisation of the Indian Army. In a statement, the ministry debunked the message and urged people to "remain cautious and not fall prey to such fraudulent messages". "There is a misleading message doing the rounds on WhatsApp pertaining to donation to a particular bank account for the modernisation of the Indian Army and for the soldiers injured or killed in action," the statement said. The message being circulated erroneously quotes a "Cabinet decision" to this effect and invokes the name of actor Akshay Kumar as being the "prime mover" of the proposal, the ministry flagged. "The account details in the said message are wrong, leading to online donations getting dishonoured," it said. The ministry said the government has "initiated several welfare schemes for soldiers killed or disabled during active combat operations". "In 2020, the government instituted 'Armed Forces Battle Casualty Welfare Fund' which is utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance to the families of soldiers/sailors/airmen who lay down their lives.



MUGHALS, DELHI SULTANATE DROPPED FROM NCERT  
TEXTBOOKS; MAKE IN INDIA, MAHA KUMBH NEW ADDITIONS



**Diary Times Desk :** All references to Mughals and Delhi Sultanate have been dropped from Class VII NCERT textbooks, while a chapter on Indian dynasties, 'sacred geography,' references to Maha Kumbh, and government initiatives like Make in India and Beti Bachao, Beti padhao are among the new additions. The new textbooks released this week have been designed in line with the new National Education Policy (NEP) and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023, which emphasised incorporating Indian traditions, philosophies, knowledge systems, and local context into school education. When contacted, NCERT officials said these are only first part of the book and second part is expected in coming months. They, however, did not comment on whether the dropped portions will be retained in the second part of the book. While NCERT had previously trimmed sections on the Mughals and Delhi Sultanate – including detailed account of dynasties like Tughlaqs, Khaljis, Mamluks, and Lodis and a two-page table on Mughal emperors' achievements as part of its syllabus rationalisation during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022-23, the new textbook has now removed all references to them.

2 CHILDREN KILLED, 800 SHANTIES GUTTED AS FIRE ENGULFS  
JHUGGI CLUSTER IN DELHI'S ROHINI

**Diary Times Desk :** Two children died and five people were injured when a massive fire gutted over 800 shanties in a jhuggi cluster in Rohini on Sunday morning, a Delhi Fire Service official said. The blaze was doused completely after firefighters worked tirelessly for three hours, he said. Charred bodies of two children –a two-and-a-half-year-old and a three-year-old– were recovered from the remains, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Rohini) Amit Goel told PTI. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) official said they received a distress call around 11.55 am. "We received a call reporting a fire close to Sriniketan Apartment at Sector 17. We immediately dispatched 17 fire engines. Upon observing the intensity of the fire, we upgraded it to a medium category fire by 12.40 pm and called for more vehicles and manpower," he said, adding that a total of 26 fire tenders were deployed at the spot. The fire engulfed over 800 densely packed shanties spread across around five acres. Thick plumes of smoke billowed into the sky as fire fighters battled the flames.



SENTHIL BALAJI, PONMUDY  
RESIGN AS TN MINISTERS, MANO  
THANGARAJ MAKES COMEBACK

**Diary Times Desk :** Tamil Nadu Ministers V Senthil Balaji and K Ponmudy have resigned from the M K Stalin-led state cabinet and the Governor has accepted the same, the Raj Bhavan said on Sunday. Governor R N Ravi has approved Chief Minister Stalin's recommendation on their resignation, a Raj Bhavan communique said. Opposition AIADMK claimed victory for its protests against Ponmudy, while its ally BJP said the "removal" of the two from the state cabinet was "late." Senthil Balaji, facing ED probe in a cash-for-jobs scam in an earlier AIADMK regime, had been asked by the Supreme Court on Wednesday to make a choice "between post and freedom" as it had warned him of cancelling bail if he did not step down as minister. "When you were a minister, categorical findings have been recorded against you in the manner in which you brought about settlement and the proceedings are quashed.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 PRADESH: SUKHU GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL WILL TAKE A LOAN OF RS 1300 CRORE, ARGUING TO SPEND IT ON DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal government will take a loan of 1300 crores this financial year. This loan will be taken for a period of 10 years. On Saturday, the Finance Department issued a notification in this regard in the gazette. The rationale for taking a loan has been given to spend on developmental works. The government is taking a loan to arrange additional loan for the balance of the treasury after the payment of salaries and pensions of the state employees. Let us tell you that a loan of 500 crores will be taken for 7 years, while a loan of 800 crores will be taken for 9 years. The government is going to take a loan for the second time in the very first month of the financial year 2025-26. It is going to take a loan for the second time in the very first month of the new financial year. A loan of 800 crores will be taken for 9 years, that is, it will have to be repaid by 30 April 2034. The state government will receive this loan amount on 30 April. While the loan of Rs 500 crore will have to be returned by 30 April 2032. Principal Secretary Finance Devesh Kumar has issued a notification regarding taking the loan.



## HIMACHAL PRADESH: NEW RECRUITMENTS ANNOUNCED ON CO-TERMINUS BASIS IN HIMACHAL, THIS MUCH SALARY WILL BE GIVEN

**Diary Times Desk :** Himachal Government has issued fresh rules and conditions for Group C and D posts created/filled on co-terminus basis in the offices of Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip, Chairman Himachal Pradesh State Finance Commission and Vice Chairman State Planning Board. Under this, appointment to the post of Senior Advisor and Advisor (Group-C) will be made only on the specific recommendations of the concerned dignitaries. Also, the incumbent will have to submit a certificate of his fitness from a government or registered doctor. The services of the appointee will co-terminate with the tenure of the concerned dignitary and the services will automatically terminate on completion of the tenure. The service of the appointee will be purely on temporary basis and if the performance and conduct of the person appointed on co-terminus basis is not found satisfactory.

## HIMACHAL: 13 PAKISTANIS HAVE REACHED HIMACHAL WITH VISA, WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE STATE IN THREE DAYS; OTHERWISE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

**Diary Times Desk :** After the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Pakistani citizens who had reached Himachal Pradesh have started returning as per the strict orders of the Central Government. According to preliminary information, 13 Pakistani citizens have come to Himachal Pradesh on visas to visit or to visit their relatives. The state government has asked them to leave Himachal by May 29. The Home Department has issued orders to the Superintendents of Police in this regard and has also sought a report in three days. These people who have come from Pakistan belong to different communities. An alert has been issued in Himachal Pradesh after the Pahalgam terrorist attack. The identity cards of people coming from outside states are being checked. The Home Department has given instructions that if any Pakistani is found in Himachal Pradesh after the stipulated date, legal action will be taken against him. He can also be put in jail wed.

## HIMACHAL PRADESH: CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU SAID- THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEAR THE EXPENSES OF INSTALLING THE STATUE OF FORMER CM VIRBHADRA ON THE RIDGE

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh government will bear all the expenses of installing the statue of former Chief Minister late Virbhadra Singh. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has written a letter to the state Congress President Pratibha Singh in this regard. In the letter sent by the Chief Minister, it was written that the state government has decided to install a grand statue of late Virbhadra Singh on the Ridge ground. The government will bear all the expenses of installing it and the responsibility of its maintenance will also be of the state government. Every citizen of Himachal Pradesh is aware of the fact that Virbhadra Singh has made a valuable contribution to the development of the state. Virbhadra Singh was the Chief Minister of Himachal six times. He tirelessly served the people of Himachal and established new dimensions of development in the state. Himachal resided in his heart and perhaps this is the reason why he got the trust and love of the people. There are many such memories of him which will always remain alive in our hearts. The Chief Minister wrote that I believe that installing his statue will be a symbol.

## IPL 2025: OFFLINE SALE OF TICKETS FOR IPL MATCH STARTED, AJAY FIRST BOUGHT THE TICKET WORTH RS 1500

**Diary Times Desk :** The sale of offline tickets for the IPL match between Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants to be held on May 4 at the International Cricket Stadium has also started. A crowd of cricket lovers started gathering at the offline ticket counter near Gate 1 of the Dharamshala Stadium since morning to buy tickets. As soon as the counter opened at 11 am, Ajay Kumar of Pathankot, Punjab, who was first in the line, got the tickets first. He bought two tickets worth Rs 1500. After buying the tickets, Ajay Kumar said that he is a fan of the Punjab team and he wants to watch every match of theirs. For this, he left from Pathankot at 5 am and stood at the offline ticket counter outside the stadium at 8:30 am. After waiting for exactly two and a half hours, he got the tickets. After this, Aman of Dharamshala also bought two tickets for the match on May 4. There was not so much crowd at the ticket counter outside the stadium as before. If people are to be believed, many people have booked tickets online. While some people are reaching the counter to buy tickets. Sale of tickets will continue at the offline counter on Monday as well. Three IPL matches are proposed to be held at Dharamshala Stadium. The first match of which will be played between Punjab and Lucknow on May 4.

## HIMACHAL: HIGH COURT STAYS ORDER ALLOWING MP ANURAG TO PARTICIPATE IN BFI ELECTIONS

**Diary Times Desk :** A double bench of the Himachal Pradesh High Court has stayed the order allowing former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur to participate in the Indian Boxing Federation elections. The single judge had ordered the Boxing Federation of India to consider Anurag Singh Thakur's nomination along with Rajesh Bhandari's nomination as a valid nomination for the electoral college. It was also asked to proceed with the election process as per the rules and regulations of the BFI. The court had issued orders to stay the conduct of the electoral college list as well as the final list of the electoral college as an interim measure. The court ordered that the BFI extend the last date for submitting nominations so that Anurag Singh Thakur could file his nomination. Now a division bench of Chief Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Satyen Vaidya has stayed this decision. Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President Ajay Singh has challenged the order allowing MP Anurag Thakur to participate in the elections in a double bench. He told the division bench that he had sought a stay on the interim orders given by the single judge. Anurag Singh Thakur's nomination for the electoral college of the Boxing Federation of India was rejected.

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10 KILLED AS VAN FALLS INTO 'POISONOUS' WELL IN MADHYA PRADESH

**Diary Times Desk :** Ten people died in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district after a van with 13 occupants fell into a well on Sunday afternoon, officials said. The incident occurred at Kachariya village and a rescue operation involving the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other units is underway. Deputy Chief Minister Jagdish Devda, who rushed to the site, said the driver apparently lost control of the van, which then veered off the road and fell into a well. The well has poisonous gas. "There were 13 persons, including two children in the van. Four have been rescued and hospitalised. The rescue operation is priority now. There is poisonous gas in the well," Jagdish Devda said. Four people swam their way to safety and were admitted to the hospital later. However, a man who got in to help others died. It is suspected that six bodies will be recovered from the van. "There were 13 passengers inside the vehicle. We have received information that 9 people have lost their lives among them. A brave jawan from the village who had done the rescue operation and saved lives, has also died in the process. Total 10 people have died and 4 have been rescued alive...rescue operation will conclude in half an hour," Manoj Kumar Singh, DIG, Mandsaur said while speaking to news agency ANI.

PAKISTAN PROVOKES INDIA AGAIN WITH FIRINGS ACROSS LINE OF CONTROL

**Diary Times Desk :** The situation remains tense along the Line of Control, the military control boundary in Jammu and Kashmir, with the Pakistan Army trying to provoke the Indian troops with regular cross-border firings in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack. The massacre of 26 civilians in Pahalgam last week is one of the biggest terror attacks in decades and the deadliest since Article 370 was scrapped in 2019. Relations between the two Southeast Asian neighbours have soured further after the role of a terror group linked to Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba emerged in the terror attack. Repeatedly accused of being a "global epicentre of terrorism", Pakistan has called for a "credible" investigation, resisting direct blame for harbouring terrorists over the years. Their troops have been regularly violating the ceasefire along the Line of Control, the boundary that separates the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which hosts several terror launch pads that help infiltrating terrorists into India.

130 NUKES AIMED AT YOU: PAK MINISTER'S OPEN THREAT TO INDIA AS TENSIONS FLARE



**Diary Times Desk :** In an explosive escalation of tensions, Pakistan Minister Hanif Abbasi openly threatened India with nuclear retaliation, warning that Pakistan's arsenal - including Ghorri, Shaheen, and Ghaznavi missiles along with 130 nuclear warheads - has been kept "only for India". Abbasi said if India dares to halt Pakistan's water supply by suspending the Indus Waters Treaty, it should "prepare for a full-scale war". He declared that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are not for display, and their locations are hidden across the country, ready to strike if provoked. "If they stop the water supply to us, then they should be ready for a war. The military equipment we have, the missiles we have, they're not for display. Nobody knows where we have placed our nuclear weapons across the country. I say it again, these ballistic missiles, all of them are targeted at you," he warned.

SHASHI THAROOR REACTS TO BILAWAL BHUTTO'S "BLOOD WILL FLOW" REMARK

**Diary Times Desk :** The nation has been demanding military action against Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack, and some visible military response is unavoidable, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has said as tensions soared between the two countries after the massacre of 26 civilians in Jammu and Kashmir. Calling it a "long pattern" seen over a quarter century, the former diplomat said that Pakistan always denies responsibility for terror attacks in India despite training and arming terrorists across the border. "I think it's very clear that there is a pattern. People are encouraged, trained, armed, and often guided from across the border. Then Pakistan denies all responsibility. Eventually, responsibility is established and proven, including by foreign intelligence agencies," he told the news agency ANI. Mr Tharoor pointed out there was retaliation from the Indian side after the 2016 Uri attacks and 2019 Pulwama attacks, and suggested that this time, Pakistan might face a stricter response from India.

"ANYTIME, ANYWHERE": INDIAN NAVY'S MESSAGE WITH ARABIAN SEA WARSHIP VISUALS

**Diary Times Desk :** Indian warships have conducted multiple anti-ship firings in the Arabian Sea, demonstrating their preparedness for long-range precision strikes, with the Navy asserting they are combat-ready to protect the nation's interests. Multiple visuals of BrahMos anti-ship and anti-surface cruise missiles being fired from warships in the middle of the sea were shared by the Navy. These warships included Kolkata-class destroyers, and Nilgiri and Krivak-class frigates. "Indian Navy Ships undertook successful multiple anti-ship firings to revalidate and demonstrate readiness of platforms, systems, and crew for long-range precision offensive strike. Indian Navy stands combat-ready, credible, and future-ready in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests Anytime Anywhere Anyhow," said the Indian Navy in an online post. Pakistan issued a notification for the firings in the Arabian Sea region. The firings come amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan.

MEERUT WOMAN RETURNING TO PAKISTANI HUSBAND IN KARACHI STOPPED AT ATTARI-WAGAH BORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** As the deadline nears for the Pakistani nationals to leave India, hundreds of short-term visas holders are heading to Attari-Wagah border. As per latest data by the government, as many as 537 Pakistani citizens have crossed to the other side. However, not everyone experienced an easy exit. A woman from Uttar Pradesh's Meerut, who is married to a doctor in Karachi, was stopped at the Integrated Check-Post because she carried an Indian passport. As per a report by NDTV, the woman has been identified as one Sana. The report says that while the woman was stopped and told to return home, her children aged three and 1 were asked to go as they have Pakistani passports. The report added that Sana's husband, who had come from Karachi to receive them had to take the children with him as the officials told her to return to her parents' house in Meerut and wait for new guidelines. Sana's is not the only case.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT ED OFFICE IN MUMBAI, IMPORTANT GOVT FILES DESTROYED

**Diary Times Desk :** A fire broke out at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office in Mumbai on Sunday, an official said. The blaze erupted at the Kaiser-I-Hind building located in the Ballard Estate area. No casualties were reported. According to the Mumbai Fire Department, the fire broke out at around 2:30 am and was escalated to level 3 at approximately 4:21 am, a classification typically reserved for major fires. Mumbai Fire Brigade Chief Fire Officer Ravindra Ambulgekar told ANI that there was a level 3 fire, and it took time to extinguishing the flames was challenging due to the heavy smoke. "It was a level 3 fire. It took time to douse the fire due to heavy smoke. Since the area was large, the situation was brought under control from all sides," Ambulgekar said. Chief Fire Officer Ambulgekar added, "Furniture, computers and many important government files were destroyed in the fire."





## US DEPORTS 3 AMERICAN CHILDREN, INCLUDING CANCER PATIENT: RIGHTS GROUPS

**Diary Times Desk :** Three American children aged two, four and seven -- one of whom has a rare form of cancer -- have been deported from the United States alongside their undocumented immigrant mothers, campaigners announced Saturday. The deportations from the southern state of Louisiana come as President Donald Trump pursues a hard-line immigration policy, calling for mass expulsions of undocumented migrants. The administration of President Donald Trump contends one of the women asked for her child to be sent with her. "The New Orleans ICE Field Office deported at least two families, including two mothers and their minor children," the National Immigration Project said in a Saturday statement, referring to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. It said the deportations were hastily ordered, and carried out in the early hours of Friday. "One of the mothers is currently pregnant," the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said in a separate statement, describing the deportations as "illegal and inhumane." One of the US children removed from the country has "a rare form of metastatic cancer" and was deported without medication or medical consultations, the ACLU said.

## A TRUMP-ZELENSKY MEET AT VATICAN BASILICA, THEN A "DEALT WITH" JAB AT PUTIN

**Diary Times Desk :** US President Donald Trump has raised doubts about his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin's willingness to end the war in Ukraine. Trump suggested Putin has been "tapping me along" and said the Russian leader "has to be dealt with differently." His remarks came after a brief meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky during Pope Francis's funeral in Rome, where the two leaders discussed the ongoing conflict and the possibility of peace. In a Truth Social post after the meeting, Trump said that Putin's actions indicate a lack of genuine interest in ending the war. "Maybe he doesn't want to stop the war, he's just tapping me along, and has to be dealt with differently, through 'Banking' or 'Secondary Sanctions?'" Trump wrote.

## US AIRLINE PLANE GROUNDED AFTER FEMALE PASSENGER STRIPS NAKED AND POOPS ON SEAT

**Diary Times Desk :** A female passenger onboard a Southwest Airlines flight allegedly stripped down naked and pooped on her seat, as per a report in NBC New York. The incident took place on a flight from Philadelphia to Chicago. Police were called to Chicago's Midway Airport after reports that a passenger on the flight took off her clothes and defecated on the plane seat. It is unclear what happened to the passenger. However, the incident forced the plane to be taken out of service for cleaning. "Our Teams are reaching out to those onboard to apologise for the situation and any delays to their travel plans," the airline said in a statement, as per the outlet. "Nothing is more important to Southwest than the safety of our customers and employees, and we appreciate the professionalism of our flight crew," it added. Notably, this incident follows a series of flight-related troubles for airlines. Earlier this month, passengers aboard a Delta Airlines flight had a harrowing experience when they were forced to hold up the roof of the plane after its interior suddenly caved in. The incident transpired on a flight bound for Chicago from Atlanta on April 14 as the freaked-out passengers attempted to salvage the situation.



## PAK ARMY SAYS KILLED 54 MILITANTS TRYING TO CROSS BORDER FROM AFGHANISTAN



**Diary Times Desk :** Pakistan's army said Sunday its soldiers killed 54 militants who had tried to enter the country by crossing its northwestern border with Afghanistan. "Movement of a large group... who were trying to infiltrate through Pakistan-Afghanistan border was detected by the security forces" in the northern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa between Friday and Sunday, according to an army statement. The "group of jihadists was specifically infiltrating on behest of their 'foreign masters' to undertake high profile terrorist activities inside Pakistan," it said, adding that 54 militants had been killed. Pakistan is grappling with a broad uptick in militancy coinciding with the Taliban's 2021 return to power in neighbouring Afghanistan, where Islamabad claims attackers are now taking shelter. Separately, India has blamed Pakistan of supporting "cross-border terrorism" after gunmen killed 26 people on April 22 in the worst attack on civilians in the contested Kashmir region in years. Islamabad has denied any involvement.

## CHINA CLOSELY FOLLOWING "EVOLVING INDIA-PAKISTAN SITUATION": STATE MEDIA

**Diary Times Desk :** China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a phone call with his Pakistani counterpart Mohammad Ishaq Dar on Sunday said his country is closely following the situation between India and Pakistan, China's state media Global Times said in a report. Wang told Mr Dar that China supports an impartial investigation into the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 tourists. China also hopes both sides will exercise restraint, move toward each other, and work to de-escalate tensions, Wang, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said during the phone call. The Pakistani leader briefed Wang on the latest developments regarding tensions between the two neighbours, following the terror attack. India has already taken a series of actions against Pakistan.

## US STRIKES ON HOUTHI-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN YEMEN WOUND 8 PEOPLE

**Diary Times Desk :** Iran-backed Houthi rebels claimed that a series of US airstrikes on territories under their control, including the Yemeni capital Sanaa, left at least eight people wounded. "Eight citizens, including two children, were wounded when the American enemy targeted a residential district" west of Al-Rawda in Sanaa, the Houthi-run Saba news agency stated. The Houthi administration's health ministry was cited as the source for this provisional toll. According to an AFP report, its correspondent in Sanaa heard explosions in the city earlier on Saturday. In addition to Sanaa, the Houthis, who control vast areas of the war-ravaged country, said that strikes also took place in other regions, including their stronghold in Saada, located in the north. The Houthis also claimed that the Ras Issa fuel port in the western Hodeida region — the site of a recent deadly strike where they report 80 fatalities — was again hit. Part of Iran's "axis of resistance" against Israel and the US, the Houthis position themselves as defenders of Gaza amid the Israel-Hamas war. They have frequently launched missiles and drones at Israel, as well as at cargo vessels navigating the critical Red Sea trade route.

## 'I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT': F-1 STATUS OF SOME INDIAN STUDENTS RESTORED AFTER US REVERSES ABRUPT TERMINATION OF VISA REGISTRATION

**Diary Times Desk :** It was 3 am in Atlanta on Friday, the 20-year-old student from Bengaluru recalls, when the good news came. His status as an F-1 student had been in limbo since April 4 when his record on SEVIS — the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, a US government database that tracks international students — was terminated following a drunk driving charge that had not led to a conviction. He was preparing to file a lawsuit when, on April 24, his status on the SEVIS portal showed "active" again. "I couldn't believe it. I was just about to file (the lawsuit). And then it got reactivated. No reason given," said the third-year engineering student. "For now, I'm relieved... but I'm still scared. If this hadn't happened, I would probably have had to leave everything midway and go back home." Across the US, several Indian students, whose SEVIS records were recently terminated — over minor infractions like speeding tickets or dismissed misdemeanours — have seen their statuses reinstated in the last 48 hours.

**537 PAKISTANIS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATS, LEAVE INDIA VIA ATTARI BORDER IN 4 DAYS AS DEADLINE ENDS FOR SHORT-TERM VISA HOLDERS**

**Diary Times Desk :** As many as 537 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India through the Attari-Wagah border point in four days beginning April 24 as the exit deadline for the 12 categories of short-term visa holders of the neighbouring nation ended Sunday, officials said. A total of 850 Indians, including 14 diplomats and officials, have returned from Pakistan through the international border crossing located in Punjab in the last four days. The 'Leave India' notice to the Pakistani nationals was issued by the government after 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed by Pakistan-linked terrorists in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. The officials told PTI that altogether 237 Pakistani nationals, including nine diplomats and officials, left India through the Attari-Wagah border post on Sunday, 81 left on April 26, 191 on April 25 and 28 on April 24. Similarly, 116 Indians, including one diplomat, returned from Pakistan on Sunday through the international land border crossing; 342 Indians, including 13 diplomats and officials, came back on April 26; 287 Indians crossed over on April 25; and 105 Indians returned on April 24, the officials said.

**WIFE OF BSF JAWAN DETAINED BY PAKISTAN RANGERS TO VISIT PUNJAB FOR HIS RETURN DETAILS**

**Diary Times Desk :** The wife of BSF jawan Purnam Sahu – detained by Pakistan Rangers after inadvertently crossing the international border – on Sunday said she is planning to visit Ferozepur in Punjab to gather information from senior officials of the force about efforts to bring back her husband. According to BSF officials, the incident occurred when Sahu, escorting a group of farmers near the border, stepped away to rest under a tree, unknowingly slipping into Pakistani territory. He was posted with the 182nd battalion of the BSF at the Ferozepur border in Punjab. The Indian and Pakistani border forces held a flag meeting to negotiate Sahu's release, the officials said on Thursday night, but the family has received no further updates. Sahu's pregnant wife Rajani said she plans to board the Amritsar Mail on Sunday evening, which travels to Ferozepur from Howrah via Pathankot. "I am under severe stress since hearing the news. Today is the fifth day and there is no update on his return. I am yet to get a confirmed train ticket to travel to Ferozepur. If I manage to get a ticket, I will start today or again try tomorrow or the day after," she told PTI. Rajani said if her queries are unanswered, she would travel to Delhi from Ferozepur.

**EXIT DEADLINE ENDS TODAY; PAK CITIZENS BID TEARFUL GOODBYES TO KIN, RUSH HOME THROUGH ATTARI**

**Diary Times Desk :** "My mother's an Indian and she is not being allowed to accompany us to Pakistan," bawled teenage Sarita, not knowing when she could see her in person. She, her brother and father were among the hundreds queued up at the Attari border point to exit India on Sunday as the clock ticked. The exit deadline for Pakistani nationals visiting India on SAARC visas ended on April 26, while for the rest, except those on medical visas, it is set to close on Sunday, April 27 amid escalating tensions between the two countries over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals are valid till April 29. At the Attari border in Amritsar district, vehicles queued up as Pakistani nationals rushed to cross over to their country. Many Indians came to see off their Pakistani relatives at Attari and the pain of separation was palpable. Sarita's family had come to India for a kin's wedding set for April 29. "We came to India after nine years." She, her brother and her father are Pakistanis while her mother is an Indian. "They (the authorities at Attari) are telling us they will not allow my mother to go along. My parents got married in 1991. They are saying Indian passport holders will not be allowed," she said, crying bitterly.

**CASH-STRAPPED MC PROPOSES 30-40% HIKE IN PARKING FEE**

**Diary Times Desk :** Facing a severe financial crisis, the Municipal Corporation is planning to increase the parking fee from 30 to 40 per cent at 87 parking lots under its jurisdiction. The agenda for increasing the parking fee will be placed before the next General House meeting of the MC scheduled for April 30. In the agenda, the MC has proposed that preparations for issuing a fresh request for proposal (RFP) for the smart parking system is under consideration. As such, the proposed revision in the parking rates needs to be approved by the General House so that these could be included in the fresh RFP documents. The MC has proposed to increase the parking fee for two-wheelers from Rs 7 to Rs 10 (for duration from 15 minutes to 4 hours), from Rs 10 to Rs 16 (from 4 to 8 hours) and additional Rs 5 per hour after 8 hours. The parking rates for Elante Mall, Fun Republic in Mani Majra and Piccadilly MultiPlex have been proposed as Rs 35 (for up to 4 hours), Rs 50 (for 4 to 8 hours) and additional Rs 5 for every hour.

**BUILD AS MANY CHECK DAMS AS POSSIBLE IN HILLY FOREST AREAS: CM**

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today directed Forest Department officials to build as many check dams as possible in the hilly forest areas so that water can be conserved during the rainy season. This will not only fulfill the water requirement of the trees and plants of the forest, but will also help in maintaining the groundwater level. The Chief Minister was reviewing the projects related to 'CM Announcements' here today. The Chief Minister reviewed the projects of various departments, including the Home Department, Revenue, Environment, Forest and Wildlife, and Transport. He will also review the projects of 'CM Announcements' of the remaining departments on April 29. Saini told officials not to compromise on quality at any cost in the construction of check dams. He also directed to check the current condition of all old check dams and repair them. The Chief Minister directed to planting of saplings on the roadsides in the upcoming rainy season and ensured their care. He told officials to give concrete shape to the plan of establishing at least two Oxyvans in every district.

**FUGITIVE GANGSTER KUNAL JOON ARRESTED AT DELHI AIRPORT**

**Diary Times Desk :** In a significant breakthrough against organised crime, the Special Task Force (STF) Haryana apprehended notorious gangster Kunal Joon on Sunday at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. Joon, wanted in 15 heinous crime cases across Jhajjar and Rohtak districts, is a key member of the infamous Rahul Baba gang, said police. "His arrest was made possible following a meticulously coordinated international operation spanning several countries, months and a close cooperation with Interpol and foreign law enforcement agencies," said STF SP Waseem Akram, while addressing a press conference along with Bahadurgarh DCP Mayank Mishra. Akram revealed that Joon had fled India using a fraudulent passport and continued to orchestrate criminal activities from abroad, evading arrest. He had been declared a proclaimed offender in multiple cases and was attempting to illegally enter the USA when he was nabbed. "He will be taken on police remand from the local court to further investigate the full extent of his criminal network," the police officer added. STF Haryana SP Waseem Akram says arrest made possible after coordinated international operation and close cooperation with Interpol and foreign law enforcement agencies



## PANCHAYAT POLL CANDIDATES HAVE TO DISCLOSE INFO ON PENDING CASES: SC UPHOLDS HC ORDER

**Diary Times Desk :** The Supreme Court has upheld the Himachal Pradesh High Court's decision that candidates contesting panchayat elections are obliged to disclose information about cases pending against them. A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh upheld the High Court's decision of October 16, 2024, affirming the dismissal of 'pradhan' of Pangna village panchayat in Mandi district and said, "It is a case where he deliberately filed a false affidavit/undertaking concealing the factum of the pendency of a criminal case against him. The concealment of that material fact per se was a valid ground to annul his election." In any case, the misconduct attributed to petitioner Basant Lal did not require reference to any provision of the Act, rules or regulations, it said. Basant was declared panchayat pradhan on January 17, 2021. Jitender Mahajan, who had finished third in the elections, challenged his election before the authorised Sub-Divisional Magistrate, contending that Basant deliberately did not disclose the pendency of a criminal case registered against him.

## CM SUKHU ASKS HOME DEPT TO SET UP DOG SQUAD WITH SDRF

**Diary Times Desk :** Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today directed the Home Department to establish a dog squad with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to enhance the efficiency of rescue operations during natural calamities. Sukhu congratulated the SDRF for securing the first position in the national-level SDRF, CSRR competitions organised by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, recently. He also instructed the department to commence the recruitment of 700 Home Guard jawans immediately to bolster manpower and improve services. The Chief Minister said that Himachal Pradesh was prone to natural disasters and the SDRF had been playing a vital role in saving valuable lives and carrying out rescue and rehabilitation operations. He added that the state government was committed to strengthening the SDRF.

## PRIMARY TEACHERS MAY FACE SUSPENSION, COMPULSORY RETIREMENT FOR FLAYING GOVT

**Diary Times Desk :** The state government has decided to deal sternly with the protesting primary teachers, who could face severe action, including transfer, suspension and compulsory retirement. The Primary Teachers Federation held a demonstration at Chaura Maidan here today against the creation of the Directorate of School Education. The government had issued a notice to the federation yesterday, warning it not to criticise the government decision to create the Directorate of School Education. As per an order issued by Secretary (Education) Rakesh Kanwar, all those who addressed the gathering, criticised the government policy and used derogatory language should be immediately suspended and strict disciplinary action be taken against them. Those who took part in the demonstration, which was videographed, would not be paid one-day salary, as they did not avail of leave, as per the service rules. The order stated that some federation office-bearers, who had spoken about not to do online work, not to mark online attendance and not to take mid-day meal, would also face action. "If any teacher refuses to undertake these tasks, a case for compulsory retirement should be made for the violation of government directives," it added.



## GOVT TO RAISE RS 1,300-CR LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT, CLEARING LIABILITIES

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Government has decided to raise a loan of Rs 1,300 crore to meet its development needs and clear the pending liabilities, taking the total loan amount raised in the 2025-26 financial year to Rs 2,200 crore. The Finance Department today issued a notification regarding the Rs 1,300 crore loan, which will be raised in two installments of Rs 800 crore for nine years and Rs 500 crore for seven years and will be returned by April 30, 2034. The consent of the Central Government has been obtained for raising the loan, as required by Article 293(3) of the Constitution. The state government had raised a loan of Rs 900 crore on April 2, just after the commencement of the financial year 2025-26. The loan amount will be utilised for development works and for making pending payments to the contractors of the Public Works Department and the Jal Shakti Department. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has already directed officials concerned to clear the pending payments of the contractors at the earliest. Bills under the Himcare scheme are also pending. Himachal can raise only up to Rs 7,000 crore as loan in 2025-26. As such, raising Rs 2,200 crore in the first month of the financial year.

## J&K AGRICULTURE MINISTER URGES CM TO ENSURE SAFETY OF KASHMIRIS IN HIMACHAL

**Diary Times Desk :** Agriculture Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Javid Ahmed Dar today called on Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir are visiting various parts of the country in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. He urged the Chief Minister to ensure the safety and security of students and Kashmiri people working in Himachal Pradesh though nothing untoward had happened till now. Dar said that the entire humanity in one voice had condemned the ghastly attack on innocent tourists in Pahalgam. "People in Kashmir have condemned the attack and they stand in solidarity with the people of the country. They want the culprits to be punished," he added. He said, "Terrorism has no religion and the people of Pahalgam had extended all possible help to tourists, who also acknowledged it." He added Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had already spoken to the Himachal Chief Minister and so far, Kashmiri people had not faced any backlash anywhere in the state. Sukhu said, "The people of Himachal Pradesh are peace-loving and deeply committed to the values of brotherhood and harmony."

## GOVT DELIBERATELY DISMANTLING EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH MISGUIDED EXPERIMENTS: JAI RAM

**Diary Times Desk :** Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur today accused the state government of deliberately dismantling the education system through continuous and misguided experiments. Thakur, while addressing mediapersons during a tour of Sirmaur, alleged that over 2,000 schools had been shut in the past two years, sparking widespread opposition from educators and stakeholders in the state. He said that on the pretext of implementing the New Education Policy (NEP), the government raised the admission age for Class 1 students from five years to six years. Consequently, there had been a natural decline in the Class 1 enrollment, which the government used as justification to close hundreds of schools during mid-session. "This approach is extremely damaging for students and the future of education in the state," he added. Thakur alleged that while the government was busy finding reasons to shut schools and colleges, it was simultaneously opening more liquor shops in the state. "Such contradictory policies reveal the misplaced priorities of this government," he added.



BUMRAH, SURYAKUMAR AND BOULT STAR AS MI WIN A FIFTH ON THE BOUNCE

**Diary Times Desk** : Mumbai Indians continued their charge towards the IPL 2025 Playoffs with a commanding 54-run win over Lucknow Super Giants at the Wankhede Stadium, a result that provisionally lifted them to second place in the standings. It was a night of milestones for MI: this victory marked their fifth in a row and their 150th win in IPL history. Blistering half-centuries from Ryan Rickelton and Suryakumar Yadav powered MI to 215 before Jasprit Bumrah (4-22) and Trent Boult (3-20) took over in the second innings, delivering MI's first-ever league-phase win over LSG. In the middle overs. At the halfway mark of the chase, LSG needed 112 from 60 balls with Mitchell Marsh and Ayush Badoni well-set. But Trent Boult's double strike, dismissing both Marsh and Badoni, broke the back of the chase. Boult's two overs cost just nine runs and left LSG with too much to do. It was also in this phase that MI, despite losing a few wickets in their batting innings, never allowed the scoring rate to dip, keeping the pressure firmly on LSG.



SURESH RAINA CONFIRMS MS DHONI'S IPL 2026 PLANS AFTER CSK'S 2025 DEBACLE

**Diary Times Desk** : Chennai Super Kings are in the middle of a torrid Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season that sees them placed at the bottom of the points table, with just two wins in nine games so far. While the hopes of a playoff qualification only remain mathematically possible, the results have triggered a debate around the franchise undergoing a possible major reshuffle ahead of the next campaign. There are also questions on the future of MS Dhoni, but if CSK's 'Chinna Thala' Suresh Raina is to be believed, Dhoni is set to stay for at least one more season. Analysing CSK's campaign, Raina highlighted how poor the team has been in almost all departments, be it fielding, batting, or bowling. For Raina, the foundation for the next season would be laid on the auction table for the franchise. "I hope that next season, they (CSK) come with better planning. And Dhoni is going to play for one more season, for sure," Raina said in a chat with sports presenter Jatin Sapru in a video on his YouTube channel.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV SCRIPTS HISTORY, ACHIEVES NEVER-DONE-BEFORE IPL FEAT

**Diary Times Desk** : Mumbai Indians (MI) batter Suryakumar Yadav on Sunday completed 4,000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Suryakumar achieved the feat during MI's IPL 2025 match against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at the Wankhede Stadium. However, Suryakumar etched his name into the history books, becoming the fastest Indian batter to complete 4,000 runs in the IPL. It took him just 2714 balls to achieve the feat, surpassing the previous record held by KL Rahul, who got the milestone in 2820 balls. Suryakumar now ranks third overall, behind only AB de Villiers and Chris Gayle, who both reached the milestone in 2658 balls. He has accumulated another record in the match as he crossed 150 sixes in the IPL. Yadav accomplished the milestone with his initial maximum of the game off Ravi Bishnoi. Surya made 54 (28), before getting out to Avesh Khan in the 18th over of MI's innings included four fours and four sixes.

SUDIRMAN CUP 2025: PV SINDHU LOSES, INDIA GO DOWN 1-4 TO DENMARK IN OPENING TIE

**Diary Times Desk** : India's hopes of reaching the knockout stage of the Sudirman Cup, the prestigious biennial team badminton tournament, took a major hit after they lost their opening tie to powerhouses Denmark 1-4 on Sunday, April 27. Only the women's doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Shruti Mishra managed to win their match, as the big guns, including PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy, failed to deliver. India, missing their best doubles pairs - Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, and Gayatri Gopichand and Tanisha Crasto - due to injuries, needed their singles stars to step up. However, that did not happen on the opening day of the competition in Xiamen, China. India have been drawn in a tough Group C, which also features former champions Indonesia and England. The tie began with India fielding Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto in the mixed doubles, but they were comfortably outclassed 13-21, 14-21 in just 33 minutes by the World No. 7 pairing of Jesper Toft and Amalie Magelund. India then looked to HS Prannoy to level the tie in the men's singles. However, he was outplayed 15-21, 16-21 in 49 minutes by Anders Antonsen. The former Asian Games bronze medallist has had a tough start to the year, losing eight of the ten singles matches he has featured in.

CLINICAL INDIA DOWN SRI LANKA IN TRUNCATED TRI-SERIES OPENER

**Diary Times Desk** : India came up trumps against Sri Lanka in the first game of the tri-series in Colombo by nine wickets, in a rain-curtailed affair. The spinner set up the win with Sneh Rana bagging a three wicket-haul while Nallapureddy Charani and Deepti Sharma picked a brace of wickets. Earlier, due to inclement weather, rain delayed the start of play for over two hours which reduced the contest to a 39 overs-a-side contest. Debutant Kashvee Gautam got some early swing and even got Hasini Perera to edge one which fell short of the slip fielder. After being kept quiet in the first four overs, Sri Lanka finally found the boundary in the fourth with a swivel to the fence and then repeated it two more times in the next couple of overs. But just when the innings began to get going, Chamari Athapaththu got an under-edge to the 'keeper for just seven. Perera found the boundary a couple of more times as the PowerPlay came to and end with the hosts on 37 for 1. Hasini had done the bulk of the scoring until then but the move to bring in Rana turned the game towards India, as she trapped the batter leg before. Two overs later, Harshitha Madavi was run-out courtesy Jemimah Rodrigues as the hosts slumped to 67 for 3.

BCCI PUNISHES RISHABH PANT, ENTIRE LSG TEAM WITH HARSH PENALTY FOR BREACHING CODE OF CONDUCT AGAINST MI

**Diary Times Desk** : Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant has been fined after breaching the Indian Premier League's (IPL) Code of Conduct in the fixture against Hardik Pandya's Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. The Lucknow Super Giants were found guilty of maintaining a slow over-rate, and hence, Rishabh Pant has been fined INR 24 lakh. The rest of the playing XI, including the impact player David Miller, will be fined either INR 6 lakh or 25 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser. "As this was his team's second offence of the season under Article 2.22 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which pertains to minimum over-rate offences, Pant was fined INR 24 lakhs," the BCCI stated in an official release. Speaking of the IPL 2025 encounter between Mumbai Indians and Lucknow Super Giants, the former won the contest by 54 runs after Rishabh Pant and co failed to chase down 216. Jasprit Bumrah returned with four wickets as Lucknow Super Giants were bowled for 161. For LSG, Ayush Badoni returned with 35 runs.

"MEANS BUSINESS GAME AFTER GAME": RAVI SHASTRI BACKS IGNORED INDIA STAR TO MAKE COMEBACK DURING ENGLAND TESTS

**Diary Times Desk** : Former India head coach Ravi Shastri believes the fit-again pace trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj will be lethal for England batters in the upcoming five-match Test series starting in June. India faced challenges in that series due to the unavailability of their pace attack, as both Mohammad Shami and Jasprit Bumrah dealt with injury setbacks. Meanwhile, Mohammed Siraj, who had struggled during the Border-Gavaskar series, was omitted from the squad for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025. However, Siraj has made an impressive comeback in the ongoing IPL, taking 12 wickets in eight matches so far, showing he's back to his best, while Bumrah and Shami have both fully recovered from their injuries. The series will kick off the new ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle, with India entering it on the heels of their white-ball success from winning the Champions Trophy. However, their Test team will be determined to bounce back after a disappointing performance in their previous assignment in Australia - a 3-1 series defeat.