

## BJP NEWS

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Patra told reporters that immediately after the CWC passed the resolution Channi held a "parallel" press conference in which he questioned the genuineness of India's air strike in Balakot after the 2019 Pulwama terror attack and also taunted Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He told reporters, "The Congress spares no occasion to supply oxygen to the Pakistani Army and terrorists and to boost their morale." Referring to the Pulwama attack, Channi said 40 Indian soldiers were killed and when elections were held, the government boasted of action. "But we have never seen where in Pakistan the strikes were done and where people were killed. If someone threw a bomb in our country, will people not know? They claim to have conducted surgical strikes against Pakistan but nothing had happened. Surgical strikes were not seen anywhere and no one knew about them," the former Punjab chief minister said.



## MANIPUR NEWS

### CONGRESS SEEKS FRESH ELECTIONS IN MANIPUR, ACCUSES PM OF FAILING TO UPHOLD 'RAJDHARMA'



**Diary Times Desk :** The Congress on Saturday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his silence and alleged failure to uphold "Rajdharm" in Manipur and demanded fresh elections in the strife-torn state.

The opposition party also alleged the ground situation was far from normal despite the imposition of President's Rule in Manipur. More than 260 people have been killed, 1,500 injured and over 70,000 displaced since ethnic violence broke out between the Meiteis and the Kukis on May 3, 2023.

President's Rule was imposed in Manipur on February 13 and the assembly put under suspended animation, days after N Biren Singh resigned as chief minister. The Manipur Assembly has a tenure till 2027. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said Modi, by not visiting Manipur even once during this time, had failed to uphold "Rajdharm".

In a post on X, he said Manipur was observing two years of violence without the Prime Minister setting foot on its soil. "Just two days ago, 25 persons were injured in a violent clash in Tamenglong district. More than 260 people have died. 68,000 people displaced and thousands are still living in relief camps," Kharge noted.

The leader of opposition in the Rajya Sabha tagged the Prime Minister in his post and asked three "pointed questions". "Since January 2022, your last election rally in Manipur, you have made 44 foreign visits around the globe and 250 domestic visits across the nation, yet you have not spent a single second in Manipur. Why this apathy and disdain for the people of Manipur? Where is the political accountability?" the Congress chief asked. He claimed the Centre passed a resolution to impose President's Rule "in a hurried manner, at 2 am midnight" to hide its "rank incompetence". The Congress chief asserted, "Modi ji, once again, you failed upholding — Rajdharm!!"

MANIPUR MARKS 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF ETHNIC CLASHES  
WITH SHUTDOWN, MASS GATHERINGS

**Diary Times Desk :** A state-wide shutdown and mass gatherings marked the second anniversary of the ethnic clashes between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities of Manipur on Saturday, amidst demands for free and safe movement of all residents, and a separate administrative arrangement. Shutdowns, observed in both the Meitei-majority Imphal Valley and the Kuki-Zo-dominated hill districts, brought life to a grinding halt across the state. While the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) enforced the shutdown in the valley, the Zomi Students' Federation (ZSF) and the Kuki Students' Organisation (KSO) led similar actions in the hill areas. In state capital Imphal, COCOMI organised a public convention at Khuman Lampak Stadium, where speakers urged the Central Government to ensure the "free and safe movement" of all residents in the state. Christened the 'Manipur People's Convention', it adopted a resolution accusing the Centre of failing in its responsibilities and called for an immediate and time-bound roadmap to restore peace and normalcy. "The People's Convention demands that the Government of India formally accept responsibility for its role in perpetuating the crisis and immediately initiate a comprehensive.



NAVIGATION ALERT ISSUED FOR  
CERTAIN PARTS OF ARABIAN SEA

**Diary Times Desk :** India's maritime authorities have issued a navigation warning to alert commercial ships to exercise caution in view of the Indian Navy's ongoing drills in the Arabian Sea, people familiar with the matters said. The NAV (navigation) alert comes amid increasing tensions between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack. It is learnt that Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is understood to have briefed him about the situation in the maritime domain. There is no official word on the meeting yet. The people cited above said the navigation warning alert has been issued by India's National Hydrographic Office that operates under the Indian Navy. Commercial vessels have been advised to avoid the area to ensure safety, the people cited above said. Pakistan has already put in place its naval warnings as its Navy has ramped up its manoeuvring in the critical sea lanes. The navies of the two countries are on high alert .

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WANT PAHALGAM ATTACKERS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE,  
JAISHANKAR TELLS RUSSIA'S SERGEY LAVROV

**Diary Times Desk :** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has spoken to his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and conveyed the perpetrators, backers and planners of the Pahalgam terror attack must be brought to justice. Jaishankar on Saturday posted on social media platform that he had discussed the Pahalgam attack with Lavrov yesterday. "Its perpetrators, backers and planners must be brought to justice," the post said. The Minister had used identical words when he spoke to his US counterpart Marco Rubio on April 30. The Russian side also put out its version of the telephone call, with the Russian embassy in New Delhi put out a statement, saying, "They (Lavrov-Jaishankar) discussed the aggravation of Indian-Pakistani relations following the terrorist attack near Pahalgam". The statement said Lavrov has suggested a way forward: "Sergey Lavrov called for the settlement of disagreements between New Delhi and Islamabad by political and diplomatic means.



### 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.





**SANJAULI MOSQUE CASE: ORDER TO DEMOLISH THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF SANJAULI MOSQUE, COURT ALSO DECLARED THE LOWER 2 FLOORS ILLEGAL**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Municipal Corporation Commissioner Court has also declared the lower two floors of the mosque built in Sanjauli, Himachal Pradesh's capital Shimla, illegal. The court, while giving its final verdict on this matter on Saturday, ordered the demolition of both the lower floors as well. Earlier, the court had ordered the demolition of the upper three floors by declaring them illegal on October 5, 2024. After the court's order, the mosque committee has also demolished the upper two floors. In this way, now declaring all the five floors illegal, the court has issued orders for complete demolition. During the hearing on Saturday, the Waqf Board could not present the approval, map and revenue records for the construction of the lower two floors. The Himachal Pradesh High Court had ordered the Commissioner Court to complete the hearing of this case by May 8, due to which the Commissioner Court has given its final verdict on Saturday. On the other hand, the Waqf Board has decided to challenge this decision of the Commissioner Court. The board says that when the copy of the decision arrives, it will be placed before the CEO of the Waqf Board, Zafar Iqbal. After this, it will be challenged in the competent court.



**HP POLITICS: BIKRAM THAKUR SAID- INDUSTRY DESTROYED, EMPLOYMENT VANISHED AND FAITH ATTACKED DURING CONGRESS RULE**

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Industry Minister and MLA Bikram Thakur has launched a scathing attack on the Congress government. He said that Himachal Pradesh has become the biggest victim of Congress' policy failures today. While the state was becoming a center of industrial investment during the BJP rule, now industries are migrating. Employment opportunities are ending. The government is attacking the faith of devotees by imposing tax on temples. In a press statement issued on Saturday, Bikram Thakur alleged that there is no environment left for industries in the state, neither the will to provide employment nor the government's intention is clear. He said that the economic future of Himachal is moving towards destruction at the hands of Congress. Reputed industrialists of other states are stopping production, due to which production has decreased by 60 percent and hundreds of small and big industries are on the verge of closure. He said that during the BJP government, an investment of Rs 1,000 crore came to the state under the Center's IDIP scheme, but this pace stopped due to the incompetence of the Congress. He said that 'Jizya tax' has been imposed on faith in temples. He described the imposition of tax on temples as an attack on faith like.

**IPL 2025: SUPERGIANTS SWEAT IT OUT IN DHARAMSALA, PUNJAB KINGS DO NET PRACTICE**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Lucknow Supergiants team sweated it out by practising for the IPL match against Punjab on May 4 at the Dharamshala International Cricket Stadium. The team players practised bowling and batting in the presence of coach Justin Langer and captain Rishabh Pant. Apart from this, only two to three players from Punjab practised batting. Team player Mitchell Marsh practised batting first. Many bowlers including bowlers Avesh Khan and Ayush Badoni bowled to him. Team mentor Zaheer Khan also gave complete information about the stadium to captain Rishabh Pant to defeat Punjab. After Mitchell Marsh, captain Pant and other all-rounders practised batting. During this, the captain took information about the pitch from HPCA's chief pitch curator Sunil Chauhan.

**SHIMLA: DOGS HAVE BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN BEFORE, CAUSING DEEP WOUNDS, BIT 2951 PEOPLE IN 16 MONTHS**

**Diary Times Desk :** In Himachal Pradesh's capital Shimla, 184 people are bleeding every month due to dog attacks. What is worrying is that dogs are now becoming so aggressive that they have started giving deep wounds to people. Many shocking revelations have been made in the research done by Himachal Pradesh University Shimla on the increasing terror of dogs in Shimla city. In the year 2021-22, Assistant Professor Dr. Deepak Sharma of the distance learning institute of the state university, ICDOL, and research scholar Begiram did research on dogs. According to the report, in the year 2021, 1870 cases of dog bites were reported in Shimla hospitals. Out of 1139, only 199 cases were such in which the victims got minor scratches due to dog attack. There were 940 cases in which deep wounds were caused by dog bites on the body of the victims. This shows that dogs are making aggressive attacks. Confirmed reports of the remaining 740 cases have not been received. The research report has also reported on dog bite cases in Shimla from January 2021 to April 2022. Within these 16 months, 2951 people were bitten by dogs.

**HIMACHAL NEWS: RAJENDRA RANA'S SON AND WIFE GET INTERIM BAIL FROM HIGH COURT**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Himachal Pradesh High Court has granted interim bail to former BJP MLA Rajendra Rana's wife, son Abhishek Rana and others. The petitioners had filed a petition for interim bail in the High Court against the complaint filed. The court of Judge Virendra Singh gave these orders while disposing of these petitions. The owner of a crusher company in Sirmaur district has lodged an FIR against Abhishek Rana, Anita Rana and Kamlesh Kumar. In a major dispute related to the mining business in Himachal Pradesh, the police have registered a case on charges of fraud and theft. Let us tell you that this crusher company is established under Pachhad police station of Sirmaur district. It is worth mentioning that the company owner Anil Chauhan has lodged a complaint against.

**HIMACHAL TOURISM: TWO AND A HALF THOUSAND TOURIST VEHICLES REACHED THE TOURIST CITY OF MANALI IN TWO DAYS, CROWD IN KOKSAR TOO**

**Diary Times Desk :** The summer season has started gaining momentum in the tourist city of Manali. The number of tourists has increased on the weekends. More than 2500 tourist vehicles have reached Manali from other states in two days. More than 500 vehicles are coming every day from various districts of the state. The number of tourist vehicles going towards Rohtang Pass has also doubled. On this route, tourists are being sent till Marhi. Tourists coming to Manali are visiting Deepak Tal, Jingjingbar and Koksar in large numbers. As per the data of Green Tax Barrier, about 1400 tourist vehicles reached Manali on Thursday and 1300 on Friday. Tourists have also come in more than a hundred Volvo buses. 500 to 600 tourist vehicles are plying on Rohtang route every day. Tourists are currently being sent to Madhi. Although, Manali will see a huge influx of tourists only after May 15, but advance booking for May-June has picked up pace. Travel agents Suresh, Vivek and Rakesh Rawat said that advance booking is coming from across the country. Most of the tourists are putting a condition to include Rohtang Pass in the tour.

**HIMACHAL: PRODUCTION IN MANY INDUSTRIES REDUCED TO HALF, INDUSTRIES STARTED MOVING TO SIKKIM**

**Diary Times Desk :** Renowned industrialists from outside states have reduced production in their industries in Himachal. Companies in Baddi, Nalagarh, Sirmaur have reduced production from 100 percent to 60 percent. Many companies are ready to close their business. Industrialists are preferring to set up industries in Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim. The reason for this is that industrialists are getting relief in subsidy, incentives in machinery, electricity and water rates for setting up industries there. At the same time, entrepreneurs in Himachal are citing the obstacles of Section 118, high freight of trucks and many other problems. Many companies have halved their production in Himachal. This is a matter of concern for the Industry Department these days. The financial condition of the Himachal government is not good. On the other hand, the Central Government has already closed the Industrial Development Scheme (IDS). The Central Government had started the IDS scheme in the year 2017 for the development of industries in Himachal, Uttarakhand and Jammu. The electricity prices in the state have become higher than Punjab and Haryana. The bills are coming around 20 to 30 per cent higher than before.

AMID TENSIONS WITH PAK,  
PM MODI'S "DECISIVE ACTION  
AGAINST TERRORISM" VOW

**Diary Times Desk :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is committed to taking "firm and decisive action" against terrorists and those who support them, even as the neighbouring countries ramp up actions against each other amid tensions. During a joint press conference with Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco, PM Modi said terrorism is the biggest threat for humanity. His statement comes as tensions between India and Pakistan continue to mount after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians had died. The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba, had claimed responsibility. Two of the four attackers were confirmed to be Pakistani nationals. After a Cabinet Committee on Security meeting a day after the attack, PM Modi had warned that India would leave no stone unturned in seeking justice. "We will identify, trace, and punish every terrorist and their supporters. We will pursue them to the ends of the Earth," he had said.

HAD INTEL ABOUT ATTACK ON  
TOURISTS BUT IN SRINAGAR,  
AROUND APRIL 19: OFFICIALS

**Diary Times Desk :** The intelligence bureau (IB) and other agencies alerted local security officers in Jammu and Kashmir about the possibility of an attack targeting tourists, but around the time of the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to the union territory (UT) on April 19, and in Srinagar, people familiar with the matter said. HT learns that in response, security was enhanced in and around Srinagar, including near several hotels popular with tourists, and also at tourist hotspots such as Dachigam National Park, 22 km away from the city. But PM Narendra Modi's visit was cancelled on account of bad weather, and when the terrorists struck, killing 26 people, all men, including 25 tourists, 24 of whom were Hindus in a targeted attack, it was in Pahalgam, 90 km away from Srinagar, and on April 22. "Nine out of ten times they don't come to anything but this one proved correct about tourists. The interpretation, which is the trickiest part, got the location wrong," said a senior police officer, confirming that both Army and civilian security officials in Jammu and Kashmir were told to prepare for an attack around the Prime Minister's visit, at a tourist location near Srinagar. Four days before the PM's scheduled visit, taking note of the meteorological department's warning of bad weather around April 18-19, the Prime Minister's Office cancelled.

MANIPUR SHUTS DOWN TO MARK 2 YEARS OF  
CLASHES, SEES WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUPPORT



**Diary Times Desk :** A shutdown called by various groups from the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities to mark two years of ethnic clashes in Manipur disrupted normal life across several parts of the northeastern state on Saturday. Markets, educational institutions, and private offices remained closed, while public transport stayed off the roads. On May 3, 2023, ethnic violence broke out between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups, leaving 260 dead, 1,500 injured, and over 70,000 people displaced. Amid growing tensions, chief minister N Biren Singh resigned in February this year and Manipur was placed under President's Rule. The state assembly, which has a tenure till 2027, has since been put under suspended animation. On Friday, security was tightened across Manipur after Meitei group Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) called a shutdown in the valley districts.

"KNOWINGLY HARBOURING...": CRPF  
CONSTABLE CONCEALS MARRIAGE TO  
PAK WOMAN, SACKED

**Diary Times Desk :** A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) constable, whose wife was about to be deported to Pakistan and got last-minute relief from the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, has now been sacked by the paramilitary force for concealing his marriage to a Pakistani national. In a statement, the CRPF said Constable Munir Ahmed of the 41 Battalion has been dismissed from service "for concealing his marriage to a Pakistani national and knowingly harbouring her beyond the validity of her visa". "His actions were found to be in violation of service conduct and detrimental to national security," the CRPF said. After the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam last week, in which 26 people were killed, India had revoked visas for most Pakistani nationals and asked them to leave the country within a specified period. Mr Ahmed's wife, Minal Khan, who is from Pakistan, had received deportation orders and had been sent to the Attari-Wagah border.

"RESPECTED PRIME MINISTER...": TEJASHWI YADAV TO PM MODI ON CASTE CENSUS

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, welcoming the Centre's recent decision to include caste-based data in the national census on Saturday. Mr Yadav called the move "a transformative moment in our nation's journey towards equality". He also urged the government to ensure the data leads to meaningful policy reforms. Sharing the letter on X, Mr Yadav wrote, "My letter to PM Narendra Modi. The decision to conduct the caste census can be a transformative moment in our nation's journey towards equality. The millions who have struggled for this census await not just data but dignity, not just enumeration but empowerment." In the letter, Mr Yadav expressed "cautious optimism" over the Centre's move, stating that for years the NDA government had resisted demands for a caste census, dismissing them as divisive and unnecessary. He also alleged that the Centre repeatedly obstructed Bihar when it undertook a caste survey, including resistance from officials and BJP leaders. Your belated decision represents an acknowledgement of the groundswell of demands from the citizens who have long been relegated to the margins of our society," Mr Yadav wrote.

POT IS FULL, NEED TO UPROOT  
TERRORISM NOW: FAROOQ  
ABDULLAH TALKS TOUGH IN  
PAHALGAM

**Diary Times Desk :** Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah said the "pot of sin is now full" and terrorism should be uprooted immediately as he firmly backed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's retaliatory actions against Pakistan. In powerful and emotional remarks on his first visit to Pahalgam after the terror attack, Abdullah said those behind the April 22 massacre would "rot in hell". The attack by Pakistan-based Lashkar terrorists killed 25 tourists and a Kashmiri pony ride operator, Syed Adil Shah. On Saturday, Abdullah met the family of Adil Shah, who was shot dead while trying to protect tourists in the scenic Baisaran meadow. "Those who lost their lives here, I want to tell that bride, who was married just 6 days ago, to the child who saw his father soaked in blood that we also cried. We also didn't eat. Such demons are still there who murder humanity. They call themselves Muslims, but I think they are not Muslims," Abdullah said.

PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK: J&K POLICE  
RAIDS MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN SRINAGAR

**Diary Times Desk :** Police on Saturday carried out searches at multiple locations in the city here as part of a clampdown on the terror ecosystem in the wake of the Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead. A spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Police said they have intensified searches across multiple locations in the city, with the aim to dismantle the terror-supporting infrastructure in the district. He said the searches were part of the continuing action against terrorist associates of proscribed outfits and in furtherance of the investigation into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The spokesperson said the searches were conducted at five places in the city. The searches were carried out in accordance with proper legal procedures, in the presence of executive magistrates and independent witnesses and under the supervision of officers of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, he said. The searches were conducted to seize arms, documents, digital devices etc.





## TRUMP TAKES SHOCKING JIBE AT ELON MUSK, STUNNED NETIZENS SAY 'THIS GUY HAS NO DECENCY'

**Diary Times Desk :** In a surprising remarks, US President Donald Trump declared that online users like billionaire X owner Elon Musk, who detested him throughout his first term, are now kissing his a\*\*. Speaking at the University of Alabama on May 1, Trump first praised Musk and called him "terrific." He, however, reminded the crowd that how Silicon Valley elites had changed their opinion about him. "Elon is so terrific. They all hated me in my first term, and now they are kissing my a\*\*. You know...it's true. All of them. It's true." Trump's statement coincides with Musk's impending resignation as DOGE's special government. On May 30, his term will come to an end. The Tesla owner has stated that he plans to continue to assist on a part-time basis even if he steps down from the post formally. Trump's remarks about Tesla CEO Musk received mixed reactions from netizens, with one writing: "This guy has no decency." "Elon sucks. HIB visas. Anti Americans," a Musk critic commented. "Very presidential of him," a third user said, while the fourth one stated, "Oh Donald, you'll regret those words."

## ISRAELI ATTACKS KILL TWO MORE AS SYRIA GOVERNMENT REACHES DEAL WITH DRUZE

**Diary Times Desk :** In a surprising remarks, US President Donald TrOvernight Israeli air raids on Syria have killed at least two civilians as Israel has stated it is carrying out attacks to protect the Druze minority from government violence, a stance the Syrian Druze community itself rejects. At least eight people were also reported injured after some 15 air raids hit multiple areas in Syria after midnight Saturday, with at least eight attacks hitting its capital Damascus. The Israeli military confirmed the attacks on Saturday, saying its forces "struck a military site, anti-aircraft cannons and surface-to-air missile infrastructure in Syria" without giving further details or any evidence. It comes a day after Israel carried out an attack near Syria's presidential palace and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would not allow Syrian forces to deploy south of Damascus nor tolerate "any threat to the Druze community".

## PAK SEEKS GULF ALLIES' HELP TO EASE TENSION WITH INDIA OVER PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

**Diary Times Desk :** Amid rising pressure from India after last week's deadly attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met with envoys from Gulf nations, seeking their support. In separate meetings with the Saudi, Kuwait and UAE ambassadors, Shehbaz Sharif briefed them on Islamabad's stance regarding the April 22 attack in Pahalgam, where 26 people were killed. India has blamed Pakistan for the attack, a charge Islamabad strongly rejects. After a Pakistani minister cited 'credible intelligence' suggesting India planned military action over Pakistan's alleged role in the Pahalgam tourist attack, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar received calls from US officials and other diplomats, according to Sharif's office and Pakistan's foreign ministry. Sharif's office stated that he had urged "brotherly countries, including Saudi Arabia, to press India for de-escalation and the defusal of tensions," reiterating Pakistan's commitment to peace and stability in South Asia.

## KASH PATEL, FBI DIRECTOR, ALLEGEDLY SPENDS MORE TIME IN NIGHTCLUBS THAN OFFICE



**Diary Times Desk :** Questions are mounting around FBI Director Kash Patel's commitment to his role, with a former high-ranking bureau official raising eyebrows over his alleged absence from headquarters and frequent visits at nightclubs. Frank Figliuzzi, who served as the FBI's Assistant Director for Counterintelligence under Robert Mueller, spoke out on MSNBC's Morning Joe on Friday. He said right now the atmosphere inside the bureau is pure "chaos." "Reportedly, he's been visible at nightclubs far more than he has been on the seventh floor of the Hoover building," Figliuzzi told host Jonathan Lemire. "And there are reports that daily briefings to him have been changed from every day to maybe twice weekly." According to several reports, Patel, Donald Trump's other blue-eyed boy, has been spending much of his time away from Washington, D.C., splitting weeks between the Hoover Building and his home in Las Vegas.

## MARCO RUBIO, GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CLASH ON X OVER AfD'S 'EXTREMIST' DESIGNATION

**Diary Times Desk :** US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the German foreign ministry engaged in a war of words after the former accused the government of America's key ally nation of "tyranny in disguise" for designating the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party as an 'extremist' group. The move comes just months after the party finished second in the German federal elections in February. Germany's BfV domestic intelligence agency had on Friday classified the far-right party as "extremist" and cited a 1,100-page experts' report which reportedly found AfD to be a 'racist and anti-Muslim organisation'. "Central to our assessment is the ethnically and ancestrally defined concept of the people that shapes the AfD, which devalues entire segments of the population in Germany and violates their human dignity," the German spy agency said. Rubio slammed AfD's classification on Friday afternoon.



## US APPROVES \$310 MILLION F-16 TRAINING AND SUPPORT DEAL FOR UKRAINE

**Diary Times Desk :** The US State Department has approved a potential USD 310 million sale to Ukraine covering F-16 training, maintenance, and related equipment, the Pentagon announced on Friday. The deal includes a broad range of support such as aircraft modifications, flight training, sustainment services, spare parts, and classified systems and software. Major defense contractors involved in the sale include Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, and AAR Corporation. This latest arms package comes alongside broader efforts to bolster Ukraine's F-16 fleet, which was originally supplied by European allies through a transfer approved by the Biden administration. While the new sale is different from the Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA) — under which more than USD 31 billion in weapons have been rapidly provided to Ukraine without congressional approval — it further reinforces US support for Kyiv's defense capabilities. In a parallel move, the US Air Force has begun sending retired, non-operational F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine for spare parts.

## 32 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES ACROSS GAZA: CIVIL DEFENCE

**Diary Times Desk :** At least 32 Palestinians have been killed and many others injured in Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, the enclave's Civil Defence reported. Six people were killed and several others injured in an Israeli raid targeting a charitable hospice near the Abdel-Al Junction in the centre of Gaza City, and two were killed in an Israeli shelling targeting a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood north of the city, Civil Defence spokesperson Mahmoud Basal told Xinhua news agency on Friday. In northern Gaza, at least six people were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a funeral home for the al-Masri family in the town of Beit Lahia, Basal said. In central Gaza, at least nine were killed in an Israeli strike targeting a house belonging to the Abu Zeina family in al-Bureij refugee camp, he added. In southern Gaza, two were killed in an Israeli strike at a gathering of civilians near the town of Asdaa in the governorate of Khan Younis, at least two others were killed in an Israeli drone strike at a group of civilians in the Qizan al-Najjar area south of Khan Younis, and five more were killed in other raids on different areas of Rafah and Khan Younis, Basal said. The Israeli army has not commented on these incidents yet, Xinhua news agency reported. Israel halted the entry of goods.

## PUNJAB SKIPS BBMB MEETING OVER WATER DISPUTE WITH HARYANA

**Diary Times Desk** : A day after Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan advised the Punjab Government regarding water release from the Bhakra dam, Punjab decided not to participate in a meeting convened by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) today. The meeting, scheduled to start at 5 pm, was intended to discuss water allocation, but Punjab sent a letter to BBMB requesting a postponement. The Punjab Government cited a special session of the Punjab Assembly on May 5, where BBMB's decision to allocate 4,500 cusecs of additional water to Haryana would be discussed, as a reason for not participating. The state machinery is preoccupied with preparations for the assembly session. Furthermore, Water Resources Department argued that a seven-day notice is mandatory before convening a BBMB meeting, as per Section 7 of Regulation 1976, and demanded adherence to proper procedures. Now, it remains to be seen what decision BBMB will take in light of Punjab's appeal.



## HARYANA CM SAINI SLAMS BHAGWANT MANN OVER WATER DISPUTE AT ALL-PARTY MEET

**Diary Times Desk** : Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini stated that all political parties were united on the issue of securing Haryana's share of water and criticised Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for being confrontational rather than cooperative. Addressing a press conference after an all-party meeting, Saini mentioned that a resolution was passed condemning the Punjab Government's actions as unconstitutional. Saini clarified that Haryana had not yet decided on convening a Vidhan Sabha session. The decision would depend on the outcome of the Punjab Assembly session and the BBMB meeting scheduled for 5 pm. "All our options are open," he added. Saini also urged Mann to draw inspiration from the teachings of the Gurus, which advocate for sharing. The meeting was attended by prominent leaders, including BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli, Ministers Anil Vij, Shruti Choudhry, Ranbir Gangwa, and Sham Singh Rana. Congress was represented by state chief Udai Bhan and former chief minister Bhupinder Hooda.

## HOODA SEEKS SPECIAL HOUSE SESSION ON WATER ROW WITH PUNJAB

**Diary Times Desk** : Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda has demanded a special session of the state Assembly to address the ongoing water-sharing dispute with Punjab. Speaking at a press conference in Rohtak, the Congress leader condemned Punjab's alleged stoppage of Haryana's water, calling it "unconstitutional, immoral, and inhuman." "The Punjab Government has no right to stop Haryana's water. Doing so is an attack on the federal structure. Haryana is not begging but demanding its rightful share, as per a formal agreement," Hooda said. He criticised the BJP-led state government for its failure to secure Haryana's share of water.

"Pressure must be mounted on the Punjab Government to avert a water crisis. But the BJP government has completely failed on this front," he added. Hooda accused the BJP of neglecting repeated warnings about the issue. "We raised this matter in the Assembly, but the BJP remained asleep. Today, Punjab officials hold all key posts in the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), while Haryana's representation has vanished," he claimed.

## PUNJAB HAS NO DROP TO SPARE FOR HARYANA: CM

**Diary Times Desk** : Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said amidst the state's fight against drugs and the recent tensions along the border, the new problem of water has been thrust upon the state by Haryana (government). He said Punjab was expected to produce the water intensive paddy, wheat and other crops but yet not allowed to have its share of water. He said this may have happened unchecked during previous governments, but would no more be allowed. The CM said this while addressing a 'Yudh Nasheyen Virudh' rally in Jalandhar on Saturday. Reiterating the state's stance that Punjab did not have even a single drop to spare for Haryana, the CM said the water-sharing was being imposed on the state without any agreement from this side. Addressing the gathering, the CM said, "Apart from the battles we are fighting against drugs and the recent tension on the state's border, a third battle for water been thrust upon us by Haryana. They say, 'give us water'. How do we give water when we don't have any? They said they'll change the BBMB chairman at short notice, will place Haryana officer there. We are forced to spare water. Pani vaste tan fer asi mar mitde aan (We undertake do or die battles for our water)."

## NEXT CHANDIGARH MAYORAL POLL LIKELY TO BE HELD BY SHOW OF HANDS

**Diary Times Desk** : The next mayoral elections of the Municipal Corporation (MC) are likely to be conducted by a show of hands, instead of the traditional secret ballot system. A senior official of the Administration said the proposal to amend rules under the Punjab Municipal Act, which governs the functioning of the Municipal Corporation in Chandigarh, had been finalised and would be sent to the UT Administrator for approval. "The move is aimed at enhancing transparency and curbing cross-voting as well as tampering during the mayoral poll," said the official. The mayoral elections held in January last year were mired in controversy with presiding officer Anil Masih allegedly caught on camera tampering with the votes.

## PUNJAB CONGRESS MP CHANNI DEMANDS PROOF OF SURGICAL STRIKES, BACKTRACKS AFTER BJP'S COUNTER

**Diary Times Desk** : Moments after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge today said in the working committee meeting that the Opposition was firmly behind the government in the response against Pahalgam terror attack, former Punjab Chief Minister and CWC member Charanjit Singh Channi again demanded proof for the surgical strikes after the Pulwama attack. Although Channi backtracked later, the BJP hit back with several MPs and leaders questioning the Congress for continuing to "cast aspersions on the armed forces." At a post CWC meeting press conference, Channi said the government had not taken any action even after 10 days of the Pahalgam terror attack and claimed that steps, such as annulling visas of Pakistanis and putting the Indus Waters Treaty on hold, have no meaning. BJP spokesperson CR Kesavan slammed the Congress, saying Channi had, in 2024, disgustingly commented "stuntbaazi" when Corporal Vicky Pahade was killed in the Poonch attack. "And now, he is insulting the armed forces again, saying no surgical strike on Pakistan happened," Kesavan said.

## INDIRA GANDHI'S MOVE TO CREATE BANGLADESH WAS GREATEST SURGICAL STRIKE: RAJA WARRING

**Diary Times Desk** : Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring criticised BJP's stance on surgical strikes amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. He emphasised that the Congress party's position was clearly articulated in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) resolution on April 23. Warring accused BJP leaders of attempting to divert public attention from their government's intelligence and security failures. "The Congress doesn't need lessons or certificates from BJP, which has no role in the country's freedom struggle or protecting its unity and integrity," Warring remarked. He expressed pride in the defence forces for conducting multiple surgical strikes against enemies. Warring highlighted Indira Gandhi's decision to create Bangladesh as the greatest surgical strike in history, asserting that BJP cannot match the Congress' commitment to defending the country. "BJP believes in hollow rhetoric, while the Congress takes real-time action," Warring stated, noting that the party has supported the government in responding to the Pahalgam terror attack. However, he questioned the delay in action, asking, "What is Prime Minister Narendra Modi waiting for?"



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**SANJAULI MOSQUE: COURT ORDERS WAQF BOARD TO DEMOLISH  
TWO ILLEGAL FLOORS**

**Diary Times Desk :** The Municipal Commissioner's court has ruled that the remaining two floors of the Sanjauli mosque are illegal and has ordered Himachal Pradesh Waqf Board and Sanjauli Mosque Committee to demolish these floors. This decision follows the Waqf board's failure to present the mosque's revenue records during the court hearing. The Waqf board's lawyer argued that the mosque originally existed before 1947 and was rebuilt after demolition. However, the Commissioner's court questioned why necessary permissions, including architectural plans, were not obtained from the municipal corporation for the reconstruction. The court determined that the construction was carried out in violation of regulations. Earlier, on October 5, the Commissioner's court had directed the Waqf board and Sanjauli Mosque Committee to demolish the top three floors of the five-storey mosque and submit revenue records for the remaining two floors.

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**TOURIST INFLUX DIPS IN  
DHARAMSALA AMID WAR FEAR**

**Diary Times Desk :** Three upcoming IPL matches in Dharamsala have not resulted in a significant boost to tourism in the region. According to local hoteliers, hotel occupancy in lower Dharamsala stands at around 70 per cent for the coming week, while the upper Dharamsala areas — including McLeodganj, Bhagsunag and Dharamkot — have only reported 35-40 per cent bookings. Hoteliers attribute the subdued tourist turnout to heightened tensions with Pakistan following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam. Ashwani Bamba, president of the hotel and restaurant association of Kangra, said while there was an initial surge in inquiries from tour operators looking to divert groups from Jammu and Kashmir to Himachal Pradesh, those inquiries have failed to convert into confirmed bookings. "The aggressive rhetoric on electronic and social media has negatively impacted tourism," Bamba said. He added that several tourist groups from Maharashtra and Gujarat had cancelled their plans due to fear of war breaking out between Indian and Pakistan. Ravi Sharma, another hotelier, said fear of war was especially deterring tourists from southern states. "Many groups have cancelled their trips due to the prevailing uncertainty," he said. Regarding the IPL matches.

**RULING PARTY WORKERS ANNOYED WITH OWN GOVT: BJP**

**Diary Times Desk :** State BJP spokesperson and Naina Devi MLA Randhir Sharma today said that the Congress was plagued with factionalism and there was complete disillusionment among party workers over the dismal performance of their government. Sharma, while addressing mediapersons here, said there was so much resentment among Congress workers that yesterday, they demanded the resignation of two ministers and asked Congress president Pratibha Singh to step down if she could not function properly. "Seeing total disappointment among the Congress leaders and cadres, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu should resign in the interest of the state," he alleged. He said, "The state Congress president appeared helpless at the meeting in Bilaspur, as she admitted that despite her repeated pleas to everyone, including Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and state Congress in-charge Rajni Patil, the Congress bodies both at the state and district level have not been revamped." Sharma said that the Congress workers expressed their anguish over the party organisation being totally defunct. "Not just this, they also raised questions on the functioning of the state government and the paucity of funds adversely impacting development works," he added. Even ministers were unhappy and had a major difference of opinion with the Chief Minister.



IPL 2025: RCB REGISTER NARROW WIN OVER CSK, GO TOP OF POINTS TABLE

**Diary Times Desk :** RCB registered a narrow two-run win over CSK in their IPL 2025 game at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru on Saturday. The win took the Rajat Patidar-led side to the top of table with 16 points from 11 matches. Half-centuries from Jacob Bethell (55) and Virat Kohli (62) as well a late 14-ball 53 not out from Romario Shepherd helped RCB set a 214-run target. Kohli smacked five sixes and as many fours to make 62 off only 33 balls. The left-handed Bethell cracked eight fours and two sixes to make 55 off 33 balls while putting on 97 runs for the opening wicket with Kohli. Towards the end, Shepherd smacked half a dozen of sixes to collect 33 runs off the penultimate over from Khaleel Ahmed and finished as holder of joint second-fastest fifty in IPL history. In the chase, CSK came really close to beating RCB, thanks to Ayush Mhatre's 94 off 48 and Ravindra Jadeja's 77 not out off 45, but they faltered towards the end.



RABADA BACK IN INDIA A MONTH AFTER SUSPENSION FOR RECREATIONAL DRUG USE

**Diary Times Desk :** Kagiso Rabada is back in India and if all goes fine, he may even be available for selection for Gujarat Titans's next match, against Mumbai Indians, at the Wankhede on May 6. The Titans are scheduled to travel to Mumbai on Sunday (May 4) and Rabada will, understandably, be part of the squad. The South African pacer rejoined the Titans squad in Ahmedabad on Saturday (May 3). Earlier in the day he confessed to having failed a dope test for recreational drug, and was serving a suspension. The Titans have not released a formal statement but it is understood the franchise will seek the advice of the Cricket South Africa (CSA) on the situation. Clarity will emerge on Monday (May 5), when the offices of CSA and South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport, the national anti-doping agency in that country, will reopen after the weekend. It is not clear what substance Rabada actually consumed. It could either be cocaine or cannabis. The South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport, which would have tested him, will apparently issue a statement on Monday. That might reveal more details and where Rabada's breach aligns with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. WADA has identified Cocaine, Methylenedioxymethamphetamine.

'CAN'T EXPECT 14-YEAR-OLD TO BE PROFESSIONAL': SHANE BOND REACTS TO VAIBHAV SURYAVANSHI'S FAILURE VS MI, DROPS ADVICE

**Diary Times Desk :** Vaibhav Suryavanshi, 14, is the toast of the town after his whirlwind 35-ball century against Gujarat Titans. The Rajasthan Royals opening batter smashed 8 fours and 11 sixes in his 38-ball 101-run knock. However, the youngster learned that cricket is a great leveller against Mumbai Indians as he walked back to the hut after registering a duck. Ahead of the fixture against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in IPL 2025, RR pace bowling coach Shane Bond advised the southpaw to learn from his mistakes and keep moving forward. Shane Bond also said that the team management has given the left-handed batter full freedom to express himself in the middle. In the four matches Vaibhav has played so far, Suryavanshi has registered scores of 34, 16, 101, and 0. With a century against Gujarat Titans, Vaibhav became the youngest-ever player to register a three-figure mark in the IPL. He also smashed the second-fastest hundred in the IPL, only behind Chris Gayle. "He's sort of got a bit of a licence to go out and just play, which he's done an amazing job so far, really, for a 14-year-old. I think the coaching staff haven't tried to complicate things too much with Vaibhav," Bond told reporter.

PAKISTAN TO GET KICKED OUT OF ASIA CUP? SUNIL GAVASKAR SAYS "CAN'T SEE..."

**Diary Times Desk :** Legendary batter Sunil Gavaskar has made a bold prediction that the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) might get disbanded, amid mounting political tensions between India and Pakistan following the terror attack in Pahalgam's Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 tourists were killed. India are co-hosts, alongside Sri Lanka, for this year's Asia Cup. While the dates and venues for the event are yet to be confirmed, a report recent claimed that the Asia Cup might not take place this year owing to tensions between India and Pakistan. Gavaskar was also of the opinion that if the Asia Cup does take place this year, it is highly unlikely for Pakistan to take part in the continental event. "BCCI's stance has always been what the government of India tells them to do. So I don't think it would be any different when it comes to the Asia Cup. India and Sri Lanka are the hosts for this particular edition of the Asia Cup, so it depends on whether things have changed at all, but if things haven't changed, I can't see Pakistan now being part of the Asia Cup, which is going to be hosted by India and Sri Lanka," Gavaskar told Sports Today. Gavaskar also suggested that the ACC might get dissolved if the situation doesn't improve.



RCB BATTER ROMARIO SHEPHERD SMASHED THE 2ND FASTEST FIFTY IN IPL HISTORY

**Diary Times Desk :** Royal Challengers Bengaluru batter Romario Shepherd smashed the joint-second fastest fifty (14 balls) in Indian Premier League. The caribbean's whirlwind knock propelled RCB to a commanding 213/5 against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the M.Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru. Romarion Shepherd arrived at the crease at the fall of the fifth wicket. RCB were at 157/5 and with 14 balls remaining in the innings, 200 was not on anyone's mind. Romario Shepherd refused to accept the norm and went on a six-hitting rampage. He clobbered 33 runs off the 19th over and another 21 off the final over. The West Indies batter smashed 33 runs off the 19th over, bowled by Khaleel Ahmed. He smashed 4 sixes and 2 fours off Khaleel. Shepherd smashed 32 runs in an over in IPL 2024 for Mumbai Indians vs Delhi Capitals.

VIRAT KOHLI BREAKS 5 RECORDS IN SINGLE KNOCK, BECOMES 1ST IN IPL HISTORY TO...

**Diary Times Desk :** Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) got off to a flyer against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match on Saturday, smashing 62 runs off just 33 balls. Over the course of his stay in the middle, Kohli hit 5 sixes and 5 fours, stitching a brilliant 97-run stand for the first wicket with debutant Jacob Bethell. In the process, Kohli went on to script history in the T20 league's history, becoming the first player ever to hit 300 sixes for a single franchise. In IPL history, no player had ever hit 300 sixes for a single team before. The second player on the list is Chris Gayle, who hit a total of 263 sixes in the IPL for RCB. Gayle also tops the list of most sixes in the league's history (357), while counting his maximums for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) as well. In the game, Kohli also became the batter to hit the most runs against a single franchise. After his innings against the Super Kings, Kohli aggregated 1146 runs. The tally takes him top of the charts, beating David Warner's record of 1134 runs against Punjab Kings. When it comes to performances against CSK, Kohli also has the most number of half-centuries against the MS Dhoni-led side in IPL history. He now has 10 fifty-plus scores against CSK, beating the record jointly held by Shikhar Dhawan, David Warner, and Rohit Sharma.