

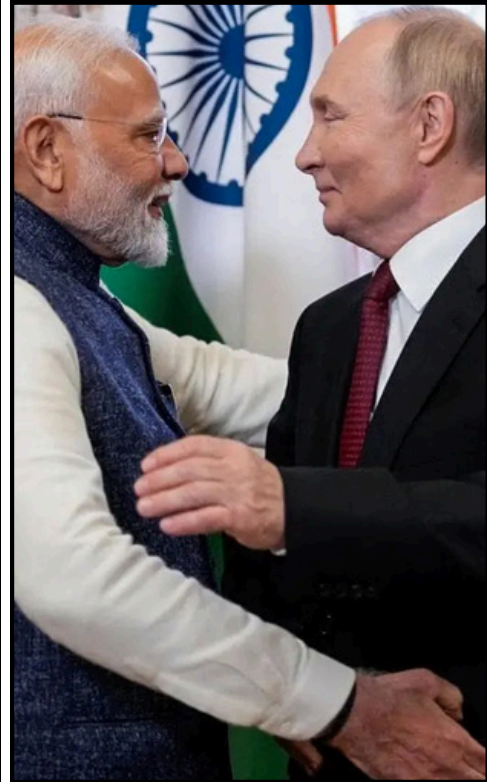
PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

PUTIN DIALS MODI, CONVEYS RUSSIA'S FULL SUPPORT TO INDIA'S FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

Diary Times Desk : Russian President Vladimir Putin called Prime Minister Narendra Modi and expressed full support to India in its fight against terrorism, following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal shared details of the call on social media platform X. "Putin strongly condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam, India. He conveyed deepest condolences on the loss of innocent lives and expressed full support to India in the fight against terrorism. He emphasised that the perpetrators of the heinous attack and their supporters must be brought to justice," Jaiswal said. Both leaders reiterated their commitment to further deepen the India-Russia special and privileged strategic partnership.

PM Modi conveyed greetings to President Putin on the celebration of the 80th anniversary of Victory Day (May 9) and invited him for the annual summit to be held in India later in the year. Meanwhile, the Kremlin confirmed that Putin has accepted PM Modi's invitation to visit India for the annual high-level meeting, reports PTI. "The Indian leader confirmed his invitation to the Russian president to visit India for an annual bilateral summit. The invitation was gratefully accepted," the Kremlin said in a statement. Last week on May 2, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, had spoken to his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and conveyed the perpetrators, backers and planners of the Pahalgam attack must be brought to justice. Jaishankar posted on social media platform that he had discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack with Lavrov.



SUPREME COURT

CASH AT JUDGE'S HOUSE: SUPREME COURT- APPOINTED PANEL SUBMITS REPORT TO CJI KHANNA



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court-appointed three-judge committee has submitted its report on the inquiry into the alleged discovery of unaccounted cash at the residence of the then Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma on March 14 to Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. Based on the March 24 recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium, Justice Varma was on March 28 transferred to his parent high court, i.e., the Allahabad High Court where he has not been assigned any judicial work "for the time being".

"The three-member Committee consisting of Mr Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Mr Justice G.S. Sandhawalia, Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh and Ms Justice Anu Sivaraman, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka, constituted for conducting an inquiry into the allegations against Mr Justice Yashwant Varma, a sitting Judge, has submitted its report dated 03.05.2025 to the Chief Justice of India on 04.05.2025," read a statement issued by Supreme Court on Monday.

The report contained the committee's findings on the alleged cash discovery during a fire incident at Justice Varma's Delhi residence around 11.35 pm on March 14, prompting the fire officials to rush to the spot and douse it. The exact contents of the report were not known. The three-member panel was set up by CJI Khanna after receiving an initial report from Delhi High Court Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya on the allegations against Justice Varma. Now, further course of action against him was likely to be decided on the basis of the latest report. If the three-judge committee indicts Justice Varma, the CJI can advise him to resign or to seek voluntary retirement. However, if the judge in question ignores his advice, the CJI would intimate the President and the Prime Minister of the committee's findings, warranting initiation of proceedings for his removal.

ARMY BOLSTERS CYBERSECURITY INFRA AFTER WEBSITE
INTRUSION CASES

Diary Times Desk : Amid attempts to hack and compromise multiple websites, including of Army Welfare Education Society-linked institutions, in the past few days, the Indian Army is taking “appropriate and necessary” measures to bolster cybersecurity infrastructure and strengthen digital defence mechanisms, sources said on Monday. At least two members of the senior management categorically dismissed social media claims that the website of Delhi-based think-tank Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses had been “hacked”. Cyberattacks targeting several Indian websites, especially of academic institutions, have been reported in recent days, particularly after the April 22 Pahalgam attack. At least four Army Public Schools (APS), including APS Nagrota and APS Sunjuwan, were targeted by hackers, a source said. The websites of APS Nagrota and APS Sunjuwan, located in Jammu and Kashmir, were down on Monday evening. The website of a PSU under the Defence Ministry was also down. However, there is no official word on the reason for it being down.



AIR FRANCE, LUFTHANSA, OTHERS
AVOID PAKISTAN AIRSPACE AMID
INDIA TENSIONS

Diary Times Desk : Air France and Germany's Lufthansa were among global carriers avoiding Pakistani airspace, airlines said and flight-tracking websites showed on Monday, as tension between nuclear-armed neighbours India and Pakistan remained high after a deadly attack in Kashmir last month. India took measures such as closing its airspace to Pakistan airlines, while Pakistan barred those owned or operated by its neighbour, suspended trade and halted special visas for Indians, although it let international airlines use its airspace. Lufthansa Group's airlines are "avoiding Pakistani airspace until further notice" it said in a statement to Reuters, although that will result in longer flight times on some routes to Asia. Lufthansa Flight LH760 from Frankfurt to New Delhi had to fly for nearly an hour longer than usual on Sunday because it took a longer route, data from flight-tracking website Flightradar24 showed.

INDIA-PAKISTAN MILITARY CONFLICT COULD 'SPIN OUT
OF CONTROL', WARNS UN CHIEF GUTERRES




Diary Times Desk : UN Secretary-General António Guterres has advised India and Pakistan to avoid a military confrontation, warning that it could “spin out of control”. He made these remarks while condemning the Pahalgam terror attack, which targeted civilians and resulted in the deaths of 26 tourists. Guterres emphasised that targeting civilians is “unacceptable” and those responsible must be brought to justice through credible and lawful means. Speaking at the UN headquarters in New York, Guterres noted that tensions between India and Pakistan are at their highest in years. He stressed the need for maximum restraint and diplomacy, saying, “Now is the time for maximum restraint and stepping back from the brink.” Guterres reiterated that a military solution is not a solution and that the UN stands ready to support any initiative that promotes de-escalation and renewed commitment to peace. The UN Security Council is set to meet on Tuesday to discuss the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, amid reports of increased military activity on both sides, including Pakistan's recent tests of ballistic missiles. Guterres has been in ongoing outreach with both countries, urging them to prioritise diplomacy and peace.


INDIA LODGES STRONG PROTEST WITH CANADA OVER
PARADE BY KHALISTANI EXTREMISTS

Diary Times Desk : India on Monday lodged a strong protest with Canadian High Commission in New Delhi over a parade held by Khalistani elements and sympathisers in Canada. The parade called for the deportation of 8 lakh Hindus to India and featured a truck with a mock jail containing effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) sources stated, “We have conveyed our concerns in the strongest terms to Canadian High Commission in New Delhi regarding the parade held in Toronto where unacceptable imagery and threatening language were used against our leadership and Indian citizens residing in Canada.” They added, “We once again call on the Canadian authorities to act against anti-India elements who spread hatred and advocate extremism and separatist agendas.”







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.




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.

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HIMACHAL NEWS: MLA KULDEEP SINGH RATHORE SAID- AFFECTED FARMERS AND GARDENERS SHOULD BE GIVEN COMPENSATION AS PER RULES

Diary Times Desk : All India Congress Committee spokesperson and Theog MLA Kuldeep Singh Rathore has urged the Chief Minister, Agriculture Minister and Horticulture Minister to assess the damage caused to cash crops and fruits due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm in the state and provide compensation to the affected farmers and gardeners as per the rules. He said that the apple crop has been completely destroyed due to hailstorm in the state, while other crops like vegetables and wheat have also suffered heavy losses. He said that the Revenue Department of the state should be instructed to assess this loss soon. Talking to journalists on Monday, Kuldeep Singh Rathore expressed his concern over the increase in natural disasters in the state in the last two years and said that now scientific research is needed on this. He said that increasing global warming can be a major reason for this. He said that long-term policies should be made for horticulture and agriculture, so that they can be saved from economic loss due to any natural disaster. Rathore said that anti-hail guns have been installed at many places in Upper Shimla to prevent hailstorm. Some gardeners believe that it is having an adverse effect on other places and hailstorms are turning towards their area.



PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN SAID- THERE IS NO DISPUTE WITH HARYANA REGARDING WATER, WE DO NOT HAVE SURPLUS WATER

Diary Times Desk : We have no dispute with Haryana regarding water. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said this while talking to reporters at Gaggal Airport in Kangra on Monday before leaving for Punjab. Bhagwant Mann said that legally the figures are in favor of Punjab. We do not have excess water. We have given all the water we had to give to Haryana for a year. But they have used that water in ten months itself. Now they are asking for additional water for two months. The Chief Minister said that the neighboring state has the same argument that they have been getting more water for the last ten to fifteen years. Bhagwant Mann said that now it is not the same as before. We have developed our canals. We laid pipes and brought water from the canals to the fields. Mann said that when I took oath as Chief Minister on March 16, 2022, Punjab was using 21 to 22 percent of the water for its fields. Now we have gone above 60 percent. Now the state needs water as per its needs. Punjab has started using its own water. Bhagwant Mann had come to Dharamshala on Sunday to attend the match between Punjab Kings and Lucknow Super Giants held at HPCA Stadium.

HPBOSE 10TH 12TH RESULT 2025: EVALUATION OF 10TH, 12TH EXAM WILL BE COMPLETED BY 8, RESULT WILL BE OUT BY THIS DAY

Diary Times Desk : The evaluation of answer sheets of Himachal Pradesh School Education Board's 10th and 12th examination held in March will be completed by May 8. After this, after completing other formalities, the board will declare the results of both by May 15. At the same time, along with the results, the certificates of the candidates will also be uploaded on DigiLocker. The 10th and 12th class examinations of Himachal Pradesh School Education Board started from March 4 across the state except Lahaul-Spiti and Pangri area. These examinations continued till the first week of April. The School Education Board had planned to declare the result of class 12 by April 18.

HIMACHAL: ANURAG THAKUR SAID- CONGRESS IS NOT ABLE TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT IN HIMACHAL, ALSO REACTED ON SANJAULI MOSQUE

Diary Times Desk : Former Union Minister and MP Anurag Thakur has taken a dig at the heated politics over the comments on social media by the leaders of the ruling Congress party in Himachal. Addressing the public at a protest rally organized against terrorism at Gandhi Chowk Hamirpur, he said that the Congress party is not running the government in Himachal. The people of the state have come to know what is going on in the Congress party. During the rally, he raised questions on the intention of the Congress party against terrorism. He said that the love for Pakistan is still visible in the statements of Congress leaders. Anurag Thakur said that the entire country has condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack. After the Pahalgam terrorist attack, an atmosphere has been created against Pakistan all over the world. He said that the Indian government has made it clear that a befitting and fitting reply will be given to this attack. He was talking to journalists at Gaggal Airport in Kangra on Monday morning. On the Sanjauli Masjid dispute in Shimla, Anurag said that they will occupy the land, create a sensation, but will not show the papers. This has become the mentality of the Waqf Board. The way the mosque was built in Sanjauli was illegal. There were no land papers, no ownership rights and the second floor was also built illegally.

IPL 2025: LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS LEFT AFTER THE DEFEAT, PUNJAB PLAYERS RESTED IN THE HOTEL ITSELF, NOW THE MATCH WILL BE ON 8TH

Diary Times Desk : After losing the IPL match to Punjab Kings, the team of Lucknow Super Giants left for Delhi on Monday. Led by captain Rishabh Pant, the team left for Delhi in a special plane at 2.30 pm. From there the team will go directly to Lucknow. On May 9, Lucknow Super Giants and RCB will face off in Lucknow. After the defeat in Dharamshala, Lucknow will have to win the next match to remain in the playoffs. On the other hand, after winning the match, the players of Punjab Kings rested in the hotel. Now they will practice on Tuesday only. The team of Delhi Capitals will reach Dharamshala on Tuesday afternoon for the match to be held on May 8. This match will be important for both the teams. The team of Lucknow Super Giants led by captain Rishabh Pant left for Delhi on Monday. Meanwhile, the players of Punjab Kings rested in the hotel. Now they will practice only on Tuesday.

LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR SAID - THERE IS FACTIONALISM AND TUSSELE AMONG THE MINISTERS IN THE CONGRESS GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the infighting between the Congress Party and the Sukhu government has now become public. The statements against each other have now reached the level of fighting. In a statement issued in Mandi on Monday, Jairam said that whatever happened in Bilaspur in front of the party president and the new statements that Congress leaders are making about the organization and the government every day, it is clear that something is not right between the government and the Congress. There is tremendous factionalism and tussle going on between the ministers in the government. The Deputy Chief Minister himself is talking against the Chief Minister and a minister has stood in his support. Big things are being said from both sides. There is talk of intimidation, threats and conspiracy. Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the people of the state are not able to understand who is threatening whom. The people of the state are suffering due to this factionalism and infighting of the government. Development is getting affected. Ministers are not sitting in their offices. Even conversation between each other has stopped. He said that in just two years of tenure, the Sukhu government has been completely exposed. Congress leaders and Sukhu government ministers are fighting for their own interests. He said that the people in the government are concerned about their own interests rather than the interests of the state and its people.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: FORECAST OF RAIN CONTINUING IN HIMACHAL FOR A WEEK, ALERT OF THUNDERSTORM AND HAILSTORM ALSO

Diary Times Desk : The rain is forecast to continue for a week in Himachal Pradesh. During this time, there is also a yellow-orange alert for thunderstorms and hailstorms in many parts. The rains that happened in the past few days have caused extensive damage in many parts. A 65-year-old man died after being swept away in a drain due to cloudburst in Dondra Nala of Chelli village in Chamba district on Saturday night. 150 sheep and goats also got swept away in the drain.

CJI SANJIV KHANNA BOWS OUT OF WAQF CASE, SKIPS DECISION ON INTERIM STAY OF 2025 LAW

Diary Times Desk : The Chief Justice of India, Sanjiv Khanna, on Monday (May 5, 2025) bowed out of the Waqf law case, with four working days left in his tenure ahead of retirement on May 13, saying he did not want to reserve or pass any interim orders. Chief Justice Khanna said the course of the litigation challenging the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, would be steered by his successor and Chief Justice of India designate, Justice B.R. Gavai. The CJI, accompanied by Justices Sanjay Kumar and K.V. Viswanathan, listed the case on May 15, two days after his retirement. The listing would also align the challenge to the Waqf law as one of the major cases to come up before the new Chief Justice of India. Justice Gavai assumes office as top judge on May 14 for a six-month tenure till November. On April 17, the last crucial day of hearing in the case, the Chief Justice's Bench had avoided passing an interim order to stay the implementation of the 2025 amendments. Instead, it had to rest content with recording the Government's statement that "till the next date of hearing [May 5, 2025], no Waqf, including a Waqf by user, whether declared by way of notification or by way of registration, shall be de-notified, nor will their character or status be changed".

2 ARRESTED FOR ASKING CANDIDATE TO REMOVE 'SACRED THREAD' AT NEET EXAM CENTRE

Diary Times Desk : Two people were arrested in connection with an incident where a candidate was allegedly asked to remove "janivara" (sacred thread worn by Brahmins) before entering the exam hall to appear for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) on May 4, police said on Monday. Based on the complaint of the candidate, an FIR was registered against the two staff deployed at the centre who allegedly asked him to remove the sacred thread, they said. "In connection with the Janivara incident at a private examination centre during yesterday's NEET exam, the candidate has lodged a complaint against two people. We have taken the case. The staff were questioned and legal action has been taken against them. Arrest format is also done," Sharanappa S D, Kalaburagi City Police Commissioner said. The two men mentioned in the FIR are staff who work for an agency and were deputed by National Testing Agency (NTA) for frisking duty, he said. "Both were arrested on Sunday evening.

CENTRE ASKS FOR SECURITY DRILLS IN STATES AMID J&K TENSIONS, FIRST SINCE 1971



Diary Times Desk : The Centre has asked several states to conduct security mock drills on Wednesday, May 7, for "effective civil defence in the event of a hostile attack" amid tensions between India and Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, sources told NDTV. The timing of the Centre's order is crucial. The last such drill was conducted in 1971, the year in which India and Pakistan went to war on two fronts. After the Pahalgam attack, in which 26 civilians were shot down by terrorists with links to Pakistan, there seems to be no sign of a de-escalation along the border. Pakistan, for 11 consecutive nights, has fired on Indian posts along the Line of Control. India has strongly responded to Islamabad's repeated cross-border firing. In Punjab's Ferozepur, lights were switched off in the cantonment area from 9 to 9:30 pm yesterday. The officer asked the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) to cut electricity at the exercise's scheduled time.

NEVER ASKED FOR RED FORT, ONLY HIS RIGHTFUL HOME: MUGHAL EMPEROR'S HEIR ON PLEA

Diary Times Desk : The 'heir' of Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court rejecting her plea seeking possession of the Red Fort, saying her motive was only to know the emperor's rightful residence. Sultana Begum, who claimed to be the widow of the great-grandson of Bahadur Shah Zafar, lives in a tiny two-room hut in Kolkata's Howrah - a stark contrast to the opulent Mughal palaces her ancestors once lived in. Speaking to India Today about the Supreme Court verdict, Sultana said, "The one hope I had in the Supreme Court has also ended. It feels like the ground beneath my feet has slipped away. My last hope now lies with the Modi government." On Monday, a bench of Chief Justice (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna and Justice PV Sanjay Kumar dismissed her plea seeking possession of the Red Fort on account of allegedly being the legal heir of the emperor. "Why only Red Fort? Why not Fatehpur Sikri?

RESERVOIR FLUSHING, 6 NEW PROJECTS: INDIA ACTS AFTER INDUS TREATY SUSPENSION

Diary Times Desk : A week after India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan - in the first round of retaliatory measures for the Pahalgam terror attack - the government has begun increasing reservoir storage capacities at two hydroelectric projects in Kashmir, sources told NDTV. Specifically, 'reservoir flushing' - i.e., removing of sediment - was carried out at the Salal and Baglihar projects by the state-run National Hydroelectric Power Corporation last week. The government is also expected to accelerate construction of six stalled projects in the region - a 1,856 MW project in Sawalkot, the Kirthai I and I facilities that will generate a combined 1,320 MW, and a 1,000 MW facility in Pakal Dul, as well as three others making a total of 2,224 MW. Once these six are completed, Jammu and Kashmir could generate up to 10,000 MW of electricity, and there could be more water for irrigation and domestic consumption in the plains. All of this is significant because if the Indus Waters Treaty.

7-YEAR-OLD DIES OF RABIES DESPITE VACCINE IN KERALA, 3RD CASE IN MONTH

Diary Times Desk : A seven-year-old girl who contracted rabies despite receiving vaccination after the dog bite, died at a state-run hospital on Monday, family sources said. The victim, Niya Faisal, a native of Kunnicoode in the neighbouring Kollam district, had been on ventilator support at the Sree Avittom Thirunal (SAT) Hospital here for a few days after she tested positive for rabies infection. This is the third rabies-infection-related child death in the past month in the state, despite receiving post-bite rabies vaccinations following stray dog attacks. Niya's tragic death happened just days after a six-year-old girl in Malappuram district, Ziya Faris, died of rabies despite having received vaccination. A 13-year-old girl, hailing from Pullad in Pathanamthitta, also succumbed to the infection recently even after receiving prescribed vaccine doses, sources said. While shifting her body from the hospital, Niya's wailing mother said on Monday morning that no other child should suffer such a tragedy.

PM MEETS TOP DEFENCE OFFICIAL AMID BUZZ OVER INDIA'S PAHALGAM COUNTERSTRIKE

Diary Times Desk : Amid speculation over how India will respond to the Pahalgam terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today met Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, sources have said. The meeting lasted for more than half an hour. This meeting comes a day after the Prime Minister met Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh. The Prime Minister has by now met the chiefs of Army, Navy and the Air Force as the Centre fine-tunes how it will crack down against Pakistan, suspected to be involved in the terror attack that left 26 innocents dead. Twelve days have passed since armed terrorists killed 25 tourists and a Kashmiri pony ride operator in cold blood at Baisaran Valley in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. The attack, shocking in its brutality, has sparked nationwide outrage. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has warned that those involved in carrying out and plotting the terror attack will get a punishment they cannot imagine.



US CLIMBER DIES IN NEPAL WHILE TRYING TO SCALE WORLD'S 5TH HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

Diary Times Desk : A US climber died attempting to scale the world's fifth-highest mountain, Makalu, his expedition organiser said Monday, the second death of this climbing season. Alexander Panceo, 39, died at Camp 2 of the 8,485-metre (27,838-feet) Makalu on Sunday evening. "He had descended after an acclimatisation rotation to Camp Three, and was not feeling well," Iswari Paudel of Himalayan Guides Nepal, told AFP. Paudel said that attempts were being made to bring his body down. An accomplished climber, Panceo had survived a brain tumour when he was younger. He had completed the Explorer's Grand Slam, a challenge that involves climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents and then skiing to both the North and South Pole. Panceo was recently fighting chronic myeloid leukaemia and was attempting to climb Makalu to raise funds for the paediatric blood cancer programme of the Lurie Children's Hospital, based in Chicago. "It's going to be a huge challenge for me -- climbing at altitude is plenty hard without a chronic ailment -- but I look forward to rising to the challenge," he said on his website Peaks of Mind.

THE INFAMOUS JAIL WHERE SHARKS GUARDED WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has ordered the reopening and expansion of a notorious prison, which was shut down in 1963. It is currently a tourist site. Once one of the US' toughest prisons, the Alcatraz facility will now house the country's most ruthless and violent offenders. On Truth Social, the US President wrote, "Today I am directing the Bureau of Prisons, together with the Department of Justice, FBI, and Homeland Security, to reopen a substantially enlarged and rebuilt ALCATRAZ." Alcatraz Prison, once a maximum security federal prison, is located off the coast of San Francisco, California. Once a fort, it was turned into a US Army military prison in 1912. It was then used as a facility for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 1934 after the buildings were modernised and security increased. The three-storey cellhouse was believed to be the most secure prison in the US.

ALL 133 CARDINALS GATHER IN ROME TO ELECT POPE FRANCIS' SUCCESSOR

Diary Times Desk : All of the 133 cardinals expected to take part in the secret conclave to elect a new pope have arrived in Rome, the Vatican said on Monday, with the race to succeed Pope Francis seen as wide open. The conclave will start behind the closed, wooden doors of the Sistine Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, with all cardinals aged under 80 entitled to take part to choose a successor to Francis, who died last month. Some cardinals are looking for a new pope who will continue with Francis' push for a more transparent, welcoming Church, while others are seeking retrenchment to more traditional roots that put a premium on doctrine. Conclaves are often spread out over several days, with multiple votes held before a contender wins the necessary three-quarters majority to become pope. The world's Catholic cardinals have been meeting on a near daily basis since the day after Francis' death on April 21 to discuss the state of the 1.4-billion-member Church, with the numbers of participating clerics gradually swelling.

INDIAN STUDENT IN US POSES AS OFFICIAL TO SCAM 78-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, ARRESTED



Diary Times Desk : An Indian student in the US has been arrested for allegedly trying to scam a 78-year-old woman by pretending to be law enforcement. The student, identified as 21-year-old Kishan Kumar Singh, was arrested in North Carolina's Guilford County, officials said on Saturday. The victim was told her bank accounts were compromised and was pressured into withdrawing a large amount of money for "safekeeping", the Guilford County Sheriff's Office said in an official statement. Singh was arrested when he showed up to collect the package as a "federal agent". He's now in the Guilford County Detention Center under a \$1 million bond and facing felony charges, including attempted obtaining property by false pretenses and exploitation of an elder adult. Singh was reportedly living near Cincinnati, Ohio, on a student visa since 2024. In a post on X, the Guilford County Sheriff's Office said that scammers are targeting seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, pretending to be law enforcement and demanding money.

US OFFERS \$1,000 STIPEND TO ENCOURAGE MIGRANTS TO SELF-DEPORT

Diary Times Desk : The Trump administration will offer a \$1,000 stipend and travel assistance to migrants who elect to voluntarily "self deport" from the U.S., the Department of Homeland Security said on Monday. The stipend and potential airfare for migrants who voluntarily depart would cost less than an actual deportation, the agency said. The average cost of arresting, detaining and deporting someone without legal status is currently about \$17,000, according to DHS. President Donald Trump, a Republican, took office in January pledging to deport millions of people but so far has trailed deportations under his Democratic predecessor Joe Biden. Biden's administration faced high levels of illegal immigration and quickly returned many caught crossing the border. The Trump administration has deported 152,000 people since January 20, according to DHS, lower than the 195,000 deported from February-April last year under Biden.



US PRESIDENT TRUMP SAYS HE'S WILLING TO LOWER CHINA TARIFFS FOR THIS REASON

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump has signalled he is open to lowering massive tariffs imposed on China, as he acknowledged that the current levies are so high that the two of the world's largest economies have essentially stopped doing business with each other. As part of his 'America First' policy, Trump has imposed a universal 10 per cent tariff on most goods coming into the United States, but duties on Chinese imports were placed as high as 145 per cent. In retaliation, China hiked tariffs by 125 per cent on American imports. The escalating trade standoff between Beijing and Washington has rattled financial markets and risks driving up costs for manufacturing equipment as well as those of affordable goods like clothing and toys that many Americans rely on. "At some point, I'm going to lower them, because otherwise, you could never do business with them, and they want to do business very much," Trump said in an interview on NBC's 'Meet the Press with Kristen Welker'.

SIGNAL CLONE USED BY DONALD TRUMP SECURITY ADVISER HACKED, SECRET DATA MAY HAVE LEAKED

Diary Times Desk : A Signal-style messaging app used by Donald Trump's former National Security Adviser Mike Waltz has been hacked, raising alarm over sensitive government data that may have leaked. An anonymous hacker gained access to TeleMessage, a third-party messaging platform designed to clone the interface and features of Signal while adding archiving capabilities, according to a report by 404 Media. The tool is reportedly used widely by the US government officials and agencies to comply with records retention requirements. However, the hack has exposed serious security flaws in how these archived messages are handled. Although the hacker has not accessed any of Waltz's messages or those exchanged by cabinet officials, the breach has exposed archived communications from other users of TeleMessage, including what appears to be data tied to government bodies such as Customs and Border Protection, as well as private firms like Coinbase. Screenshots reviewed by 404 Media show usernames, passwords, backend access panels, and snippets of chat content - all obtained through what the hacker described as an easily exploited vulnerability.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY PASSES RESOLUTION AGAINST GIVING EXTRA WATER TO HARYANA, SLAMS DAM SAFETY ACT

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Vidhan Sabha today passed a resolution saying it will not give any additional water to Haryana from the Bhakra dam. At the same time, the official resolution passed unanimously by the House today said that "... the House considers the Dam Safety Act, 2021, to be an attack on the rights of Punjab." At the time the resolution was passed, Congress MLA Tripti Rajinder Singh Bajwa, demanded that the state government itself make a Dam Safety Act of its own, as water is a state subject. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann assured him a state act would soon be drafted. A central legislation, the Dam Safety Act, 2021, was promulgated to ensure the safety of dams and prevent disasters. It establishes a comprehensive framework for surveillance, inspection, operation and maintenance of dams. It ensures that all stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities and that dams are operated and maintained as per laid down standards and protocols, and also provides for protecting downstream communities and the environment from the consequences of dam failure. The Act applies to specified dams, especially those exceeding 15 meters in height and those between 10-15 meters meeting certain design.



HIGH COURT DIRECTS PUNJAB TO FILE AFFIDAVIT IN PIL ON CASH-FOR-SEX SCANDAL

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday directed Punjab to file an affidavit in response to a Public Interest Litigation seeking forensic verification of two audio recordings allegedly involving a senior IPS officer in a cash-for-sex scandal. The Division Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel passed the direction while hearing a petition filed by Supreme Court advocate Nikhil Saraf. The Bench clarified that the issue of locus standi raised by the state would be considered after the affidavit is submitted. Appearing for the petitioner, advocate Amit Sharma submitted that the case reflected a serious collapse of institutional accountability. "This is a matter where institutional silence strikes a blow at the core of our constitutional values," he told the court. Sharma presented a three-pronged submission. First, he stated that the petition placed on record two audio recordings. In one, a male voice, similar to that of a publicly profiled IPS officer, is heard negotiating paid sex, requesting a threesome, and bargaining over the price with a woman arranging for another.

LEADERS DIVIDED OVER MOVE TO HOLD MAYORAL ELECTION BY SHOW OF HANDS

Diary Times Desk : Differences have emerged among political leaders over the proposal to conduct the mayoral elections by a show of hands. The Administration has proposed to amend rules for conducting the mayoral poll by the show of hands in place of the existing secret ballot system. Presently, no party is in a position to elect mayor on its own. A party will require 19 votes to get its member elected to the post of mayor, senior deputy mayor and deputy mayor in the house with a strength of 35 elected councillors. The BJP has 16 councillors, the Congress 6 and 13 councillors belong to the AAP. One vote is of the Member of Parliament. While leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party and Congress are supporting the move, the BJP leaders are against it. MP Manish Tewari said for long he had been raising the issue for making the voting process for the mayoral election transparent.

BBMB TERMS PUNJAB'S TAKEOVER OF NANGAL DAM 'ILLEGAL', SEEKS POLICE REMOVAL

Diary Times Desk : The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court, alleging that the Punjab Government is unlawfully interfering with its operations. The board is seeking the removal of state police forces recently deployed at its Nangal establishments amid a dispute over water sharing between Punjab and Haryana. In its petition, BBMB claimed that Punjab's actions are unconstitutional and illegal, infringing on its statutory authority under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966. On May 1, the Punjab Police personnel took control of the Nangal dam and Lohand Control Room Water Regulation Office, obstructing the release of 8,500 cusecs of water to Haryana as decided in board meetings. BBMB has requested the court to direct Punjab to remove its police force, which was deployed without legal authority to take control of the dam and control room. Punjab argues that Haryana has exceeded its allocated water share and that the drinking water crisis cited by Haryana no longer exists. Punjab also claims it has no surplus water to spare for other states.

'MAJITHIA SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT', SAYS AMRITPAL'S AIDE BAJEKE

Diary Times Desk : MP Amritpal Singh's close aide Bhagwant Singh alias Pradhan Mantri Bajek, a leader of the 'Waris Punjab De' organisation, was recently transferred from Dibrugarh Jail in Assam to Central Jail Bathinda. On Monday, he was brought to the government hospital in Bathinda under heavy security for a medical check-up due to a dental issue reported by jail doctors. During his hospital visit, Bajek spoke to the media and cautioned the youth of Punjab about SAD leader and former minister Bikram Singh Majithia. He alleged that Majithia was misleading the youth regarding MP Amritpal Singh and suggested that Majithia should seek medical treatment himself. Bajek even offered to provide financial assistance, stating that if Majithia lacked funds for treatment, their organisation would give him a cheque. Bajek also urged the youth of Punjab to stay connected to the teachings of the Guru and embrace their Sikh identity. After undergoing various medical check-ups at the government hospital in Bathinda under strict security arrangements, Bajek was sent back to jail. Inspector Harpreet Singh, who was responsible for Bajek's security during the hospital visit, confirmed that the medical check-up was related to dental issues and had been completed. He alleged that Majithia was misleading the youth regarding MP Amritpal Singh.

HARYANA CONGRESS EX-MLA CHHOKAR ARRESTED BY ED IN RS 1,500 CRORE MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Diary Times Desk : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday morning arrested former Congress MLA Dharam Singh Chhokar in connection with a Rs 1500 crore money laundering case. He was taken into custody from a hotel in Delhi. Chhokar, a prominent political figure from Samalkha in Haryana, has served as an MLA twice from the constituency. This arrest follows earlier action by the ED, which had previously arrested his son, Sikander Chhokar, in the same case. The agency suspects large-scale financial irregularities and the use of shell companies to launder money. The case is part of an ongoing investigation into illegal financial activities allegedly involving real estate and other sectors. The ED initiated investigations based on FIRs registered by Gurugram police in 2023. It was alleged that the firms owned by former MLA Dharam Chhokar and his sons - Vikas Chhokar and Sikander Chhokar - had collected around Rs 363 crores from around 1,500 home buyers under the affordable housing scheme, on the promise of providing houses in Sector 68 of Gurugram. However, despite commitments to complete the project by 2021-22, the company failed to deliver the houses.

BJP'S INCOMPETENCE REASON FOR WATER CRISIS IN HARYANA: DEEPENDER

Diary Times Desk : Congress MP Deepender Hooda today criticised the BJP and said the incompetence of the BJP government was responsible for the water crisis in Haryana. Addressing a gathering as part of party's Samvidhan Bachao Abhiyan in Ambala City, he raised the issues of unemployment, drugs, law and order, inflation, illegal immigration and water crisis. He said: "In the all-party meeting on the issue of water sharing, the Congress extended its full support to the Haryana Government. Whatever steps the BJP government takes to protect the water interests of Haryana, we are with them, but its incompetence is responsible for the water crisis looming over the state. For the past many years, there is no officer from Haryana in BBMB. Then who will protect the interests of the state? We demand that a special session of the Assembly be held over this issue." He said "The BJP government is not able to protect the interests of Haryana. The Supreme Court has already given its decision in the SYL case, but the double engine government.

ANURAG THAKUR ATTACKS WAQF BOARD AFTER COURT'S ORDER TO DEMOLISH SANJAULI MOSQUE IN SHIMLA

Diary Times Desk : Former Union minister and BJP leader Anurag Thakur on Monday said taking illegal possession of land without valid documents has become the mindset of the Waqf Board as he attacked it over the issue of Sanjauli mosque in Shimla, which has been ordered to be demolished by a court. Talking to the media persons at the Kangra airport, he said that the Sanjauli mosque in Shimla was constructed illegally, and not only the top storeys but the whole structure was unauthorised. The Waqf Board could not show the papers of land ownership and permission to construct the mosque, and hence, the court ordered its demolition on Saturday, he added. The sitting MP from the Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat said, "The Sanjauli mosque is one of the thousands examples where the Waqf Board has taken illegal possession of land without valid documents. "Kabza jamayange, sansani failayenge par kagaz nahin dikhayenge (will take possession, create sensation but not show papers) - this has become the mindset of the Waqf Board," he added.

HP UNIVERSITY TEACHERS, NON-TEACHING STAFF PROTEST NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES

Diary Times Desk : Irked by the non-payment of salaries, the Himachal Pradesh University Teachers' Welfare Association (HPUTWA) and Non-Teaching Staff Association today jointly held a protest outside the premises of the Vice-Chancellor's office at the university and demanded immediate disbursement of salaries. The teachers also boycotted the classes in protest of non-payment of salaries. During the protest, the university staff raised slogans against the university administration and also criticised the Director of Higher Education as well as the Secretary (Education) over their alleged insensitivity over this matter. Addressing the protest, Dr Nitin Vyas, president, HPUTWA said that the Secretary has not signed the salary file, despite it being on his desk for 10 days. He said that an inquiry should be held to find.

HOTEL KUNAL OR KASHMIR HOUSE, HPTDC LOOKS FOR NEW ADDRESS

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) is looking for buildings in Dharamsala and other parts of Kangra to shift its head office in the district. The decision to shift the head office of the HPTDC from Shimla to Kangra was taken in the recent meeting of the corporation board headed by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Sources said that the HPTDC authorities are considering housing the HPTDC head office in its Hotel Kunal or Hotel Kashmir House located in Dharamsala. Hotel Kunal is located in heart of Dharamsala city. However, building of the hotel would have to be remodelled to house the head office of the HPTDC. The Kashmir House Hotel is on Khara Danda road leading from Kotwali market to McLeodganj. The Kashmir House hotel at one time used to house the office of former CM Virbhadr Singh during his winter sojourn to Dharamsala. Besides, a building brought up with the assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Rajpura area of Kangra district was also under consideration for housing the head office of the HPTDC.



IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVT SCHEMES FOR STS REVIEWED AT KEYLONG

Diary Times Desk : Dr Asha Lakra, a member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), Government of India, chaired a high-level review meeting at Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district yesterday to assess the implementation of various government schemes in this tribal district. During the meeting, Dr Lakra engaged with district officials and emphasised the need to address issues affecting different tribal communities in the region. She issued directives to the district administration to expedite solutions and ensure timely execution of developmental programs. Dr Lakra highlighted the urgent need to expand science education facilities in the region. She recommended initiating a science faculty at Government College, Kukumseri, and proposed filling vacant post of a science lecturer at the Government Senior Secondary School in Udaipur. She assured that she would take up the matter with the state government to ensure swift action. In response to concerns regarding the lack of specialised medical services, Dr Lakra underlined the importance of appointing a gynaecologist at the Keylong district hospital. She stated that having such a specialist in the district headquarters is crucial so that women do not have to travel far for essential healthcare. The commission, she said, will write to the government to expedite the process.

KALA AMB BOTTLING PLANT SEALED OVER MISUSE OF MANUFACTURING LICENCE

Diary Times Desk : In blatant misuse of the manufacturing licence, a huge cache of liquor and labels meant for sale in Uttarakhand were seized from a bottling plant at Kala Amb by the State Taxes and Excise Department (STED) on Saturday night. Acting on a tip-off, a seven member team led by Ujjal Singh Rana, Additional Commissioner, Enforcement, STED, raided Tilok Sons Brewery and Distillery around 2 am. The team was aghast to see manufacturing of liquor underway by 20 unauthorised persons after the plant was officially closed last evening. A huge cache of liquor as well as extra neutral alcohol (ENA), used to manufacture liquor, as well as lakhs of labels of several brands found at the plant hinted towards large scale nefarious activity. According to officials, 230 cases of Royal Blue Whiskey meant for sale in Uttarakhand were found at the plant. Additionally, 2,100 excess cases of country liquor, 1,100 excess cases of Indian Made Foreign Liquor and 4,500 bulk litre excess extra neutral liquor were found at the spot. The quantum of excess ENA can produce unauthorised liquor worth lakhs. As many as 3.95 lakh labels of dry gin and popular brands like Santara meant for sale in Uttarakhand.

BJP STAGES PROTEST IN MANDI DEMANDING IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION OF PAKISTANI NATIONALS

Diary Times Desk : Demanding immediate action against Pakistani nationals residing in Himachal Pradesh, the BJP staged a strong protest here today. The protest was led by BJP state general secretary Bihari Lal Sharma, who also submitted a memorandum to the Governor and Chief Minister through the Deputy Commissioner. Addressing the media, Sharma condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam. He blamed the attack on directives from the Pakistani government and its intelligence agency. Sharma stated that the Central Government has taken significant steps in response, including the revocation of the Indus Waters Treaty and the downgrading of diplomatic ties with Pakistan. Home Minister Amit Shah has directed all states to identify and deport Pakistani nationals living in India. However, Sharma criticised the state government for its inaction in this matter. "If the state government fails to take swift action to identify and deport Pakistani nationals, BJP will launch an aggressive state-wide agitation," Sharma warned.



IPL 2025: SRH CRASH OUT OF IPL 2025 PLAYOFF RACE AFTER
MATCH VS DC CALLED OFF DUE TO RAIN

Diary Times Desk : The IPL 2025 match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals was called off due to rain. Ashutosh Sharma and Tristan Stubbs scored 41 each to take Delhi Capitals to 133/7 in 20 overs after Pat Cummins took three wickets for Sunrisers Hyderabad. The SRH captain dismissed Karun Nair, Abishek Porel and Faf Du Plessis to give SRH the perfect start. Axar Patel was dismissed by Harshal Patel while Jaydev Unadkat took the wicket of KL Rahul. Vipraj Nigam was dismissed run-out. Eshan Malinga dismissed Ashutosh Sharma. Sunrisers Hyderabad opted to bowl against Delhi Capitals in their IPL 2025 match.



HIGH COURT DISMISSES RCB'S PLEA
FOR INJUNCTION ON UBER'S
'HYDERABADDIE' AD

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a plea by Indian Premier League cricket team Royal Challengers Bengaluru seeking an interim injunction on an alleged disparaging YouTube advertisement of Uber Moto featuring Sunrisers Hyderabad's cricketer Travis Head. Justice Saurabh Banerjee said the advertisement does not call for any interference at this stage. "The impugned advertisement is in the context of a game of cricket, the game of sportsmanship which, in the opinion of the court, does not call for any interference of this court at this stage while considering the application." "More so, since, in a case like the present one, interference by this court at this stage would tantamount to ... allowing the plaintiff to run on water with assurances of their not falling. Accordingly, the application is dismissed," the court said. The court pronounced the order on an interim application by RCB and the detailed order is awaited. Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited filed a suit against Uber India Systems Pvt Ltd claiming that Uber Moto's YouTube advertisement titled "Baddies in Bengaluru ft. Travis Head" disparages its trademark. Earlier, describing the video advertisement.

KAGISO RABADA CLEARED TO
PLAY AGAIN AFTER SERVING
DOPING SUSPENSION

Diary Times Desk : South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has served a one-month ban, commuted from three months, for drug use during the SA20 earlier this year. A statement issued by the South African Institute for Drug Free Sports (SAIDS) confirmed Rabada had failed a doping test on January 21, after the match between MI Cape Town and Durban Super Giants, and he was notified of the result on April 1 when he was in India for IPL 2025. On April 3, his IPL franchise Gujarat Titans (GT) said Rabada had returned to South Africa for personal reasons after playing only two matches this season. According to SAIDS, Rabada has since participated in an education and awareness programme to prevent further substance abuse. He can resume playing immediately and could return to action as soon as Tuesday, when GT play Mumbai Indians (MI). Rabada's sanction is in line with the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) punishment for use of a recreational drug - including cannabis, cocaine, methamphetamine or diamorphine. A similar punishment was handed to New Zealand's Doug Bracewell last year after he tested positive for cocaine during the Super Smash.

SENIOR INDIA STAR OFFERS HIMSELF AS ROHIT SHARMA'S TEST CAPTAINCY
REPLACEMENT, TURNED DOWN: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : As the Indian Premier League (IPL) nears its decisive phase, talks over the resumption of international cricket have begun, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) contemplating leadership options for the tour of England in June. While Rohit Sharma has expressed his desire to remain India's Test captain, a report has revealed that no guarantee over his role has been given by the management. In fact, many see the 5-match Test series as an opportunity to begin the transition period in the longest format. Despite a woeful tour of Australia, where rumours of Rohit contemplating retirement were also afloat, the skipper decided against announcing any change. Many feel the Test series against England could be Rohit's last. But, the 38-year-old doesn't seem to have finalised his plans yet. As per a report in the Times of India, the BCCI could give Shubman Gill the vice-captain's role in England, having already made him the deputy in T20Is and ODIs. A senior Indian cricketer, however, has also expressed desire to take up the captaincy role in the short term, but the board, selectors and the coaches are only keen on exploring a long-term solution.



SOURAV GANGULY MEETS
VAIBHAV SURYAVANSHI
AFTER RR'S 1-RUN LOSS, GIVES
BIG ADVICE: "NO NEED..."

Diary Times Desk : Former Indian cricket team skipper Sourav Ganguly met Rajasthan Royals' 14-year-old sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi after the IPL 2025 match against Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday. It was a poor show from Vaibhav who was dismissed for just four runs as his side slumped to an one-run loss. According to a report by Sangbad Pratidin, Ganguly met Sanju Samson and RR head coach Rahul Dravid before catching up with Vaibhav. Ganguly took a look at Vaibhav's bat and also gave a pep talk to the youngster. "I have seen your game. Keep playing the way you play fearless cricket. There is no need to change the game," he said according to the report. Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag feels that he miscalculated the target and failed to finish the match as Kolkata Knight Riders clinched a one-run win in a thrilling encounter at Eden Gardens on Sunday. Parag played a scintillating knock of 95 runs in 45 balls laced with eight sixes and six fours but failed to finish the game for his side as they fell one run short while chasing 22 in the last over.

CSK SIGN URVIL PATEL AS A
REPLACEMENT FOR INJURED
VANSH BEDI

Diary Times Desk : Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have signed Gujarat wicketkeeper-batter Urvil Patel as a like-for-like replacement for Vansh Bedi, who has been ruled out of the rest of IPL 2025 with injury. Urvil, 26, will join CSK for his base price of INR 30 lakh. Bedi, who was picked for INR 55 lakh at the mega auction last November, didn't get a game for CSK in IPL 2025, and has now been sidelined with a ligament tear in his left ankle. Urvil had been invited to the CSK camp for a mid-season trial, along with Ayush Mhatre, after their captain Ruturaj Gaikwad was ruled out of the tournament with an elbow injury. Urvil will now work with Mhatre, CSK's youngest-ever player at 17, in the main squad. This will be Urvil's second stint in the IPL - he had been part of Gujarat Titans (GT) in IPL 2023 - but is uncapped in the league. Urvil turned heads in the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, scoring 315 runs in six innings at an average of 78.75 and strike rate of nearly 230. Though his team, Gujarat, didn't qualify for the knockouts, Urvil came away as the top six-hitter in the competition, with 29 in six games. Rajat Patidar was the next best on the list with 27 sixes in ten matches. Against Tripura in Indore, after his name hadn't even come up for bidding in the IPL 2025 auction.