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'INDIA'S WATER WILL NOW BE USED FOR THE COUNTRY': PM MODI'S MESSAGE TO PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi affirmed on Tuesday that India's water will no longer flow outside the country but will be utilised in the nation's interest, remarks which were clearly aimed at Pakistan following his government's decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance after the Pahalgam terror attack.

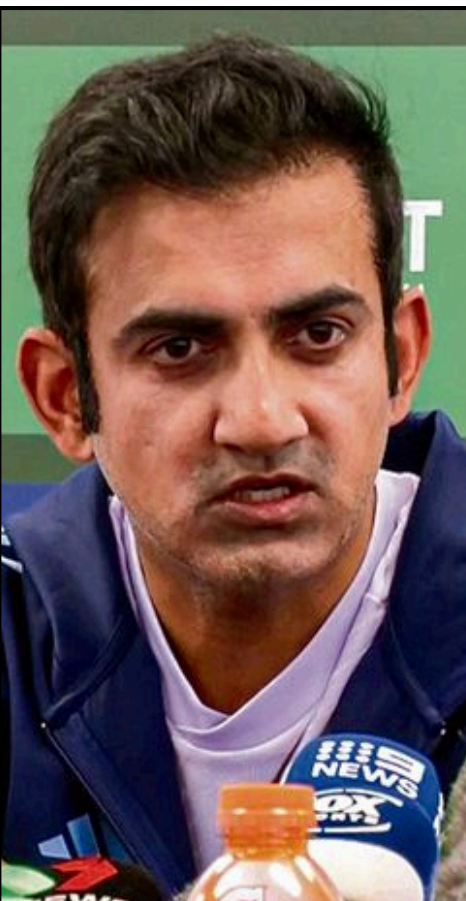
Addressing a gathering, Modi highlighted his government's focus on interlinking of rivers, noting that water used to be a source of conflict among states, before hinting at India's move against Pakistan as he cited the ongoing discussion around water.

"Pahle Bharat ke haq ka pani bhi bahar ja raha tha. Ab Bharat ka pani Bharat ke haq mein bahega. Bharat ke haq mein rukega. Aur Bharat ke hee kaam aayega. (Earlier, the water which rightfully belonged to India was going outside the country. Now India's water will flow and stop in the country's interest, and will be used for India)," he said in Hindi as the audience cheered. Modi, however, made no direct reference to Pakistan or any other comment on the rising tensions between the two countries following the terror strike that killed 26 civilians, mostly tourists. Speaking about the finalisation of the India-UK free trade agreement, Modi said it is a historic day and this pact between two big and open market economies will mark a new chapter in the development of the two countries. "This will boost economic activity in India and will open new ways and opportunities for Indian businesses and MSMEs," he said, adding that it will help the youth. The prime minister said India is not only carrying out reforms, but by actively engaging with the world.



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INDIA SHOULDN'T PLAY PAKISTAN EVEN AT ICC EVENTS TILL TERRORISM ENDS: GAUTAM GAMBHIR



Diary Times Desk : India head coach Gautam Gambhir on Tuesday called for a complete halt to cricketing engagements with Pakistan at any forum, including Asia Cup and ICC events, in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

At an event, Gambhir said the national team should not be playing the arch-rivals till cross-border terrorism ends. India have not played a full series against Pakistan since 2007 due to the tense relations between both countries. They only play each other at multi-team events and even that should be discontinued, said Gambhir. "My personal answer to this is absolutely no. Till all this (cross-border terrorism) doesn't stop there should not be anything between India and Pakistan," said Gambhir when asked about the future of Indo-Pak cricket in the current environment.

In a terror attack on April 22 in south Kashmir's Pahalgam town, 26 persons, mostly tourists, were gunned down. Responding to the gruesome incident, India announced several measures against Pakistan, including suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down of the only land border crossing at Attari and downgrading of diplomatic ties in view of cross-border links to the attack.

"Ultimately this is government's call whether we play them or not. I have said this before also, no cricket match or Bollywood or any other interaction is more important than the life of Indian soldiers and Indian citizens," Gambhir said. "Matches will keep happening, movies will be made, singers will continue to perform but nothing comes close to losing a loved one in your family." Asked specifically about India playing Pakistan in the Asia Cup this year or the T20 World Cup, to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka next year, Gambhir placed the onus on BCCI and the government.

INDIAN AIR FORCE TO HOLD 2-DAY WAR GAMES ALONG
BORDER WITH PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Air Force will carry out a two-day mega military exercise along the border with Pakistan from Wednesday that will involve all the frontline fighter jets including Rafale, Su-30 and Jaguar aircraft, sources in the defence establishment said on Tuesday. The exercise is taking place amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan over the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. India's civil aviation authorities have already issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for the major air exercise that will largely take place along the southern and western section of the Indo-Pakistan border. India's frontline fighter jets, including the Rafale, Su-30 MKI, MiG-29, Mirage-2000, Tejas and AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft, are set to feature in the exercise, sources said. In the course of the exercise, the IAF will simulate enemy targets on ground and in the air with deadly precision, they said. The militaries of both India and Pakistan are on a high alert following rising tensions between the two nations. Soon after the Pahalgam terror attack, India, citing "cross-border linkages" to the strike, promised severe punishment to those involved.



FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WILL
MAKE BRITISH WHISKY, CARS
CHEAPER IN INDIA

Diary Times Desk : India and the UK on Tuesday announced conclusion of the free trade agreement which will make British Scotch whisky and cars cheaper in India, while reducing duties on Indian imports such as garments and leather products here. The announcement regarding the conclusion of talks was made by Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi. The two sides also announced closing of talks for the Double Contribution Convention Agreement. However, talks on the proposed bilateral investment treaty between the two countries are still on. As per the agreement, India will reduce duty on UK whisky and gin from 150 per cent to 75 per cent and further to 40 per cent in the tenth year of the deal. The tariffs on automotive will go down from over 100 per cent at present to 10 per cent, subject to a quota. Further, India will gain from tariff elimination on about 99 per cent of the tariff lines.

SC JUDGES DECLARE ASSETS: CJI KHANNA HAS FDS
WORTH RS 55.75 LAKH, CJI-DESIGNATE GAVAI HAS RS
19.63 LAKH IN BANK



Diary Times Desk : In a major step towards transparency in the judiciary, the Supreme Court has for the first time published statements of assets of 21 of the 33 judges on its website. The publication follows a Full Court decision taken by the top court on April 1, days after the alleged recovery of a huge amount of cash at Justice Yashwant Varma's house in the national capital. CJI Sanjiv Khanna - who is demitting office on May 13 -- has Rs 55.75 lakh in a fixed deposit, a three-bedroom DDA flat in south Delhi, and a four-bedroom apartment measuring 2,446 square feet in the Commonwealth Games Village in East Delhi; 56 per cent share in a four-bedroom flat in Sector 49, Gurugram; share in Dev Raj Khanna HUF. He is also a part owner in a house in Dalhousie, Himachal Pradesh. The CJI has an investment in Public Provident Fund of over Rs 1.06 crore, LIC Money Back Policy yearly premium of Rs 29,625 and shares worth Rs 14,000. He has 250 grams of gold, 2 kg of silver -- mostly inherited/gifted and a 2015 Maruti Swift car.

OPPOSITION RAPS NITISH KUMAR GOVT FOR LATHI-
CHARGING PROTESTING ASPIRANTS

Diary Times Desk : Ahead of elections, the Opposition upped its ante against Nitish Kumar-led government in Bihar on Tuesday after police lathi-charged aspirants in the state, who had staged a sit-in near the official residence of the Chief Minister. The aggrieved students were demanding the release of the Teacher Recruitment Exam (TRE-3) supplementary result and had staged the protest outside the gates of the CM's residence on 1 Anne Marg. Addressing reporters at party headquarters in Delhi, Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar, who is also the in-charge of National Students Union of India (NSUI) condemned the police action on the aspirants. "There must be a complete audit of the working of Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC), as irregularities have become a norm with it. The students want transparency in the recruitment process," the Congress leader said. He also said the unemployment rate in Bihar was higher than the national average. "Despite this, the state government is not filling up about 4 lakh vacancies. As a result, there has been significant migration out of Bihar," he said.



YOUR HOROSCOPE
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Aries
Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

Taurus
Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

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

Cancer
Today you will get relief from all your problems due to sudden financial gain. Employed people may have to get scolded by their boss due to being hasty in the workplace. People doing business may face increased difficulties in business due to arguments with business partners. As the problem of foot pain increases, you must consult a specialist doctor.

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

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

Libra
Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

Scorpio
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Sagittarius
Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

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

Aquarius
Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

Pisces
Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.



HIMACHAL PRADESH: THERE WILL BE A BLACKOUT IN SHIMLA FROM 7:20 TO 7:30 TODAY NIGHT, AIR RAID WARNING SIRENS WILL BE SOUNDED

Diary Times Desk : Mock drill operation practice will be held in Shimla city on 7 May at 4 pm. During this, operation practice will be done in the Deputy Commissioner's office complex and the parking of Sanjauli area. At the same time, blackout will be done in the entire city of Shimla from 7:20 pm to 7:30 pm. The district administration will start preparations for the mock drill from 10:00 am. Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap said that people should strictly follow the instructions of the administration and participate in the operation practice. Evacuation plans will be practiced in the mock drill, in which people will be taken to safe places. During the mock drill, air raid warning sirens may sound. On hearing the siren, immediately move away from open areas and take shelter in a safe building, house, or bunker. Apart from this, enter the nearest building and practice reaching a safe place after the siren sounds. All lights will be turned off during the crash blackout. During this, Additional Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Verma, Additional District Magistrate Protocol Jyoti Rana, Additional District Magistrate Law and Order Pankaj Sharma, Sub Divisional Magistrate (Civil) Rural Manjeet Sharma and other officers were also present.



HIMACHAL: VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN THIS MONTH TO CONNECT 1560 VILLAGES WITH ROAD FACILITIES

Diary Times Desk : Under PMGSY-4, approval to connect 1560 villages of the state with road facility will be received this month. The central government has given in-principle approval for this. Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh gave this information during a press conference on Tuesday. He said that Union Minister of State for Rural Development Kamlesh Paswan has assured him about this. Villages with a population of 150 to 250 will be connected to roads by constructing 1400 kilometers of roads in the state. The central government has raised objections on 247 out of 1560 villages, to remove which the central government team has come to Himachal. The government is making every effort to remove the objections and include all these villages in the project. Under PMGSY-4, 80 percent of the roads will be built in the upper regions of the state and priority will be given to the tribal districts Pangi Bharmour, Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur. Vikramaditya Singh said that for these roads, the people of the state should show a big heart and give their private land to the department in the form of a gift deed.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: RAIN LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN HIMACHAL FOR A WEEK, THUNDERSTORM ALERT IN MANY PARTS

Diary Times Desk : Rain is likely to continue for a week in many parts of Himachal Pradesh. During this time, there is a thunderstorm alert in many areas. Heavy rain started in Shimla at around 3:00 pm on Tuesday. During the last 24 hours, Dhaula Kuan received 40.5 mm rainfall, Paonta Sahib 34.0, Pachhad 30.0, Jatun Barrage 20.3, Sujampur Tehra 17.5, Sangrah 10.0, Nahan 9.4, Narkanda 9.0 and Solan received 6.6 mm rainfall. According to Meteorological Center Shimla, light to moderate rain is expected in many parts of the state from 6 to 9 May. While light to moderate rain is expected at some places from 10 to 12 May. There is a yellow alert of thunderstorm at a speed of 40 to 50 kilometers per hour in some parts from 6 to 11 May.

HIMACHAL: SENIOR IPS OFFICER'S WIFE CHEATED OF RS 10 LAKH, ACCUSED WOMAN REFUSES TO RETURN THE MONEY

Diary Times Desk : A case of fraud of Rs 10 lakh has come to light with the wife of a senior IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh Police. On the basis of the complaint, the police have registered a case under various sections of the IPC and started investigating the matter. The case is being told of the year 2022 when the accused woman took this amount in confidence by taking the officer's wife in Guwahati, Assam and now she is refusing to return it. Chota Shimla police is investigating the matter. In the complaint given to the police, the wife of the senior IPS officer, Anju Ojha, resident of IPS Set No. 10 Type-4 Officers Colony, Kasumpti, said that her husband was posted in Guwahati (Assam) from the year 2020 to 2022. During this time Salma Khatoon lived with her constable husband Imran in CRPF Group Center, Guwahati. During this time, the accused woman took the amount of Rs 10 lakh by taking the complainant into confidence. Salma Khatoon told him at that time that she would return the money soon. After this, the IPS officer returned to Himachal but the accused did not return the money to the complainant. Although the complainant contacted the woman several times to return the money, but now Salma Khatoon is refusing to return the money.

IPL 2025: DELHI DABANGG REACHED DHARAMSHALA TO TAKE ON PUNJAB KINGS, THE MATCH BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON MAY 8



Diary Times Desk : The Delhi Capitals team reached Dharamshala on Tuesday to play the IPL match against Punjab Kings on May 8. Led by captain Akshar Patel, the team landed at Gaggal airport at 3:15 pm by a special plane. The players boarded their cars and left for the Radisson Blu Hotel in Kandli. A crowd of fans gathered at Gaggal airport to see the players. Amidst tight security, no one was allowed to meet the players. In the match played in Dharamshala so far this season, the Punjab team has defeated Lucknow and secured the second position in the points table. While the Delhi team is currently at the fifth position with 13 points.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: A HUGE FIRE BROKE OUT IN A TURPENTINE FACTORY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

Diary Times Desk : A fire suddenly broke out in a closed turpentine factory in Bhiyunkhari of Ramshahr area on Tuesday morning. In this accident, two workers from UP were burnt alive. Property worth about Rs 2.5 crore has been damaged due to the fire. Investigation is on to find out how the fire broke out in the factory. According to the information, a fire broke out in the factory at around 4:15 am on Tuesday morning, which spread rapidly and reached the residential rooms built nearby. More than two dozen workers lived in these rooms. Most of the workers fled as soon as the fire was felt, but Shiv Kumar (24) and Arjan Kumar (50), residents of Gonda (UP), remained asleep and died on the spot after getting caught in the fire. Other workers ran towards the nearby ravine to save their lives. After several hours of hard work by the fire department, the fire was completely controlled by 2 pm. After the fire cooled down, the bodies of the two workers buried under the shed were taken out. Fire officer Jaipal Thakur said that the boiler and other nearby factories were saved safely. The cause of the fire is not clear. Tehsildar Rajendra Thakur said that the administration has given an assistance amount of Rs 25,000 each to the families of the deceased as immediate relief.

SHIMLA: HIMACHAL WON 33 MEDALS IN NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES

Diary Times Desk : The performance of Himachal's players was excellent in the 68th National School Games. In these games, Himachal's student players won 33 medals in the under-17 and under-19 competitions. They brought glory to the state by winning three gold medals, six silver and 24 bronze medals. The 68th National School Games Boxing was held in Delhi. In this, Himachal's boxers in the under-19 category won 2 silver and 4 bronze medals. Boxing matches were held in Delhi. In the under-19 category, Dhruv won silver medal in 91+ kg, Varun Verma won silver in 56 kg, Sahil Kumar in 46 kg, Tushar in 60 kg, among girls, Vibhuti Negi in 57 kg and Sania Rana won bronze medal in 66 kg weight category. Himachal players performed brilliantly in the 68th National School Games. In these games, Himachal student players won 33 medals in the Under-17 and Under-19 competitions. They have brought laurels to the state by winning three gold medals, six silver and 24 bronze medals.

PAKISTANI NATIONAL APPREHENDED AT LOC IN POONCH SECTOR OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Diary Times Desk : A Pakistani national has been apprehended from the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir, ANI reported, quoting an Army official as saying. The Indian Army has intensified its vigil along the Line of Control (LoC) amid heightened tensions with Pakistan. Security forces have been placed on high alert, with increased surveillance and troop deployments across sensitive forward areas. Earlier on Sunday night, a 24-year-old Pakistani national was apprehended by the Border Security Force (BSF) after he illegally crossed into Indian territory in Punjab's Gurdaspur district. BSF troops stationed near Border Out Post (BOP) Sahapur noticed suspicious movement near Falku Nala, around 250 metres inside Indian territory. The intruder, later identified as Husnain from Gujranwala in Pakistan, was found hiding in dense vegetation. Acting swiftly, the BSF, along with its Quick Reaction Team (QRT), cordoned off the area and arrested him.

HIGH COURT'S "ENEMY COUNTRY" REFERENCE TO SLAM PUNJAB-HARYANA WATER DISPUTE

Diary Times Desk : The raging water dispute between Punjab and Haryana has irked the High Court, which pointed out today that while India has decided to take measures against Pakistan, states within the country "should not be doing the same against each other". "We are doing this to our enemy country. Let us not do this within our States," said Chief Justice Sheel Nagu, who was part of the two-judge bench with Justice Sumeet Goel. Punjab has refused to release water to Haryana, passing a resolution in the state assembly that vows not to spare even a single drop of water from its share. The state subsequently has taken over of the Nangal dam, accusing the BJP government of Haryana of trying to cut off its water supply after a decision was taken to release additional water to Haryana. Punjab has now deployed additional police personnel at the dam. The Punjab and Haryana High Court took exception to the dispute today, while hearing a petition by the Bhakra Beas Management Board or BBMB. The BBMB has sought intervention against the alleged takeover of the Nangal dam by Punjab. "The reservoir is going to overflow and the downstream states are going to go dry," said senior advocate Rajesh Garg representing the BBMB.

OVER 50 LOCATIONS IN DELHI TO WITNESS SECURITY DRILLS FROM 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY



Diary Times Desk : Civil defence drills, aimed at preparing them for self-protection in the event of war, will be conducted at over 50 locations in Delhi on Wednesday in accordance with the instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The drills are being held amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. In New Delhi district, the drills will be held in Khan Market, NDMC office building, Palika Kendra, Charak Palika Hospital, Vasant Vihar, D-6, residential colony, Terminal-3 of IGI Airport and Kendriya Vidyalaya School, Delhi Cantt. A total of 550 schools across the national capital will also hold safety drills that include the operationalisation of air-raid warning sirens, training civilians on civil-defence aspects to protect themselves in the event of a "hostile attack" and cleaning bunkers and trenches. Some of the prominent schools where the drills will be held are - DPS RK Puram, Modern School, Vasant Vihar, Tagore International School, DAV Senior Secondary School, Shahdara.

AIR FORCE TO HOLD WAR GAMES ALONG INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Air Force will hold large-scale military drills, or war games, in Rajasthan - along the international border with Pakistan - a NOTAM, or Notice to Airmen, issued this evening said. The drills will begin at 9 pm on Wednesday and end at 3 am Friday, during which time flights departing or landing at airport close to the border will be suspended. The Indian Air Force said it is conducting a "pre-planned routine training exercise." The games have been seen as India flexing its military muscles amid tension with Pakistan over last month's Pahalgam attack. The war games will also take place as states conduct 'civil defence' drills - to ensure effective civilian response in case of hostile military action - across India. Civil defence preps of this kind have not been seen since the 1971 war with Pak and will take place at nearly 300 locations, including Delhi. A 'civil defence' district refers to a geographical area having an armed forces facility or significant economic or public infrastructure.

"PAK THOUGHT THEY HAD ADVANTAGE BUT...": SHASHI THAROOR DECODES UN TALKS

Diary Times Desk : Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, a former diplomat who has served at the United Nations, has pointed out the "sad reality" of Security Council consultations after its members met last night to discuss the India-Pakistan tensions and the Pahalgam terror attack. Only member countries were present at the closed-door meeting, due to which it isn't exactly known what transpired at the talks. Reports, however, suggest the members of the UNSC posed tough questions to Pakistan. Mr Tharoor, speaking out of his knowledge of how the UNSC functions, asserted that the Security Council won't pass any resolution against either India or Pakistan. "I am quite confident that the Council will not pass a resolution criticising Pakistan because China will veto it, (and) they will not pass a resolution criticising us as many countries will object to it and probably veto it. It is going to be more of a call for peace and concern about terror in a general kind of language.

ABSURD, AT PAK'S BEHEST: INDIA ON ISLAMIC NATIONS GROUP'S REMARK AFTER J&K ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : India on Tuesday hit out at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for its recent statement on the rising tensions with Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack, calling it absurd and saying the statement was issued at Islamabad's request. New Delhi's response came after the OIC did not mention the Pahalgam terror attack and urged India and Pakistan to "resolve differences through peaceful means". The statement also parroted Pakistan's propaganda on Kashmir, calling it a "dispute" instead of issue. A statement issued by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal rejected the OIC's interference in matters that were internal to India. "The OIC statement, issued at the behest of Pakistan, is absurd in refusing to recognise the facts of the Pahalgam terrorist attack and its cross-border linkages," the statement said. It stressed that it was "yet another attempt by Pakistan.

"INDIA'S WATER WILL BE USED FOR INDIA'S INTERESTS": PM MODI'S MESSAGE TO PAK

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that the decision to put a freeze on the Indus water treaty that stopped the supply to Pakistan, will not be reversed, saying "India's water will be used for India's interests". Speaking at an ABP Network event this evening, PM Modi said, "These days, there is a lot of discussion in the media about water... Earlier, even the water that was India's right was flowing out of the country. Now, India's water will flow for India's benefit, it will be conserved for India's benefit, and it will be used for India's progress". The plug on Indus water treaty is one of the several diplomatic measures taken against Pakistan following the devastating terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, in which 26 people - 25 tourists and a local - were killed. It is also one calculated as the most impactful, given the neighbouring country's dependence on the Indus water. So far, India had been taking just a fraction of the water it is entitled to under the 1961 treaty, which had survived multiple stand-offs with Islamabad and a war.



NEPAL MP CLAIMS PAK ARMY DELEGATION IN KATHMANDU AMID STANDOFF WITH INDIA POST PAHALGAM ATTACK

Diary Times Desk : An 11-member delegation of the Pakistani Army is in Kathmandu following the Pahalgam terror attack, a Nepali Member of Parliament, Amresh Kumar Singh, claimed on Tuesday. Addressing the meeting of House of Representatives on Tuesday, the independent MP said, "There is tension between India and Pakistan after attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam. War can break out at any time. In such a situation, the Nepal government has invited an 11-member delegation of the Pakistani army...What message does the Government of Nepal trying to send out?" The MP further laid out the details of the flight from which the Pakistani delegation arrived in Kathmandu, "That Pakistani Army delegation came on Qatar Airways flight number 646... under the leadership of Mansur Ansari," said MP Singh. "Can we take anyone's side? The timing is not right. I don't mean that Pakistanis should not come but it is the time when a Nepali citizen also was killed in that terror attack."

DON'T FORGET 1971 SURRENDER: BALOCH LEADER HITS BACK AT PAKISTAN ARMY CHIEF

Diary Times Desk : Days after a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, tensions have flared once again inside Pakistan—this time over Balochistan. Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir, in a gathering of overseas Pakistanis in Islamabad, issued a stern warning to Baloch separatists saying, "Balochistan is the chandelier on Pakistan's forehead; even the next ten generations won't be able to separate it." But the response from Balochistan National Party leader and former Chief Minister, Sardar Akhtar Mengal, has been nothing short of explosive. Mengal fired back: "The Pakistani Army should never forget the shameful defeat of 1971 and the surrender of 90,000 soldiers. Not only their weapons, even their trousers are still hanging there." Referring to Pakistan's defeat and the creation of Bangladesh, Mengal accused the military of historical amnesia. "You say Baloch will remember your punishment for 10 generations. But tell me, how many generations of your Army remember what the Bengalis did to you?"

US INFLUENCER BLAMES INDIAN COOKING FOR BAD SMELL IN APARTMENT, INTERNET CALLS HER OUT

Diary Times Desk : Lifestyle content creator Erika B has sparked a debate online after she took to Threads to seek advice on dealing with a persistent odour in her new apartment in Tampa, Florida. In her post, Erika claimed that the strong smell wafting through her home likely came from a neighbour cooking Indian food. "My new apartment smells. It didn't when I toured it. I am assuming I have a neighbour who likes to cook curry, and it's somehow leeching through the vents," she wrote on the Meta-owned platform, asking followers for suggestions to tackle the issue. While Erika clarified that she enjoys Indian food, she admitted the lingering odour in her home was becoming overwhelming. "I love Indian food, but this is too much. It smelled nice in here for a day after I had a housekeeper here and now it stinks again. We had the doors open for hours yesterday when the movers were here. I have plug-ins, I have an air purifier running. I don't know what else to do— it's seeping into everything. Helpppp," she added.



7 PAKISTANI SOLDIERS KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION IN BALOCHISTAN



Diary Times Desk : Seven Pakistani paramilitary troops were killed and five others wounded on Tuesday in a homemade bomb attack on a convoy in southwestern Balochistan province, officials said. Violence has surged in Balochistan, which borders Afghanistan and Iran, in recent years as militant separatist groups step up their fight against Pakistani authorities they accuse of exploiting the region's natural resources. The Pakistani military said in a statement that "terrorists" from the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) had targeted a vehicle carrying security forces with a homemade bomb near the town of Mach in Kachhi district. It said seven paramilitary troops were killed. A senior local government official told AFP the vehicle that was hit was part of a convoy on its way to a security operation.

UN REPORT SAYS AID CUTS LED TO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT SLOWDOWN

Diary Times Desk : The progress in global development slowed in 2024, raising concerns that the gains in recent years may be slipping, according to a new UN report released on Tuesday. The annual Human Development Index (HDI) report by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said that despite the rebound seen after the COVID-19 pandemic by 2023, the recovery is now losing momentum — with life expectancy and income growth stalling and the number of ongoing conflicts rising. UNDP chief Achim Steiner warned that this "unsettling" slowdown can cause human development to "slip by decades — making our world less secure, more divided, and more vulnerable to economic and ecological shocks." Steiner said that recent cuts to international aid by several countries, led by the United States under President Donald Trump, will only serve to make ramifications more severe. The report heralded the age of artificial intelligence (AI) saying it offers hope for revitalizing development, but cautioned that its benefits must be equitably shared to avoid deepening divides. It noted that access to AI is limited in poorer countries.

INDIAN COUPLE SURVIVE BOAT TRAGEDY, 2 KIDS GO MISSING WHILE ENTERING US ILLEGALLY

Diary Times Desk : Two children from an Indian family trying to enter the US illegally have gone missing as the boat they were travelling in capsized off the coast of San Diego, California on Monday morning. Three people have drowned in the boat tragedy, while the parents of the children had a lucky escape and are receiving treatment in hospital. The Consulate General of India in San Francisco confirmed the incident through a post on X, saying that two Indian children were missing while their parents were being treated at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla. According to the US Coast Guard, four people were rescued while seven people are still missing. The two taken into custody were suspected to be smugglers, Coast Guard spokesperson Hunter Schnabel told Reuters. So far, four people have been rescued, of which two are being treated for their injuries while the other two were taken into custody.

SRI LANKA HOLDS DELAYED LOCAL ELECTIONS IN FIRST TEST FOR DISSANAYAKE'S GOVERNMENT

Diary Times Desk : The polls opened in Sri Lanka on Monday for the delayed local council elections seen as a major electoral test for the ruling National People's Power (NPP) led by President Anura Kumara Disanayake. The voting started at 7 am and will continue till 4 pm. Over 17.1 million voters are eligible to vote to elect 8,287 members of 339 local government bodies at 13,759 polling stations, election officials said. Over 75,000 candidates from 49 political parties and 257 independent groups are in the fray. The elected candidates will be appointed for a 4-year term. This would be the first electoral test for the current government led by President Disanayake since it won the presidential and parliamentary elections in the last quarter of 2024. The last local elections were held in the country in 2018. However, the next local elections were postponed due to political unrest caused by the economic crisis in 2022. The elections were postponed twice in 2023 even after the dates were announced by the election commission. The then government's decision not to hold the local election, citing a lack of finances amid the economic crisis, was challenged in court. The court ordered the early conduct of the poll. Disanayake narrowly won the September presidential election with just 42 per cent of the vote and then led his NPP to a resounding victory.

PROTESTS ERUPT OVER HOUSE ARREST OF FARMER LEADER JAGJIT SINGH DALLEWAL

Diary Times Desk : Tensions escalated in Dallewala village on Tuesday as farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal remained under house arrest for the second consecutive day. Local residents, angered by the restrictions, staged a protest march demanding his release. Villagers expressed outrage over being denied access to meet Dallewal or allowing him to visit the village Gurdwara Sahib, where a peaceful protest is ongoing. Women farmers and members of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Sidhu Pur) and the Sarwan Singh Pandher-led faction marched to Dallewal's house in solidarity but were stopped by police stationed outside. The house arrest follows a call for a protest at the Shambhu border on May 6, jointly issued by the two farmer organisations. In a pre-emptive move, the Punjab authorities placed several farmer leaders, including Dallewal, under house arrest on May 5 to prevent participation in the demonstration. Protesters demanded that Dallewal, an Amritdhari Sikh, be allowed to visit the gurdwara to bow before the Guru Granth Sahib. "It's deeply unjust that he's not even allowed to attend the religious gathering," said a villager. The protesters called for his immediate release so he can join the ongoing village-level dharna.



PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN CALLS BBMB 'USELESS', SAYS WON'T ACCEPT ITS ORDERS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday termed the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) "useless" and told the state Assembly that Punjab would no longer accept its decisions over the distribution of Sutlej and Beas waters. The CM said this after Cabinet minister Barinder Kumar Goyal moved a resolution against the BBMB order allocating additional water from the Bhakra Dam to Haryana. The CM said both rivers belonged to Punjab as these flowed through the state, making these entirely the "rightful property of Punjab". Mann said Haryana and Rajasthan had no direct connection with these rivers. However, the Chief Minister said Punjab's waters had been diverted to other states by the BBMB for years. "Now, the BJP government (at the Centre) has started using this board for its political interests," Mann said. The CM alleged that meetings were being called by the board "at midnight" without consulting Punjab and under pressure from other states.

10-MINUTE BLACKOUT DRILL IN CHANDIGARH TODAY

Diary Times Desk : The Chandigarh administration on Tuesday said it will carry out a blackout drill for 10 minutes on Wednesday evening, appealing to people to keep electricity at their premises switched off during the rehearsal. The decision comes in the wake of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) asking the states to conduct mock drills on Wednesday given the "new and complex threats" that have emerged amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. Speaking to reporters here, Chandigarh Deputy Commissioner Nishan Kumar Yadav said the blackout rehearsal will be conducted from 7.30 pm to 7.40 pm on Wednesday. A siren will be sounded at 7.30 pm and it will continue for 10 minutes, he said. "I appeal to all citizens to switch off lights at their homes for 10 minutes. And if possible, they should remain at their homes so that preparation for a blackout can be conducted," said Yadav. He added that the administration also spoke to the residents' welfare associations and market associations in this regard.

MOCK DRILLS TO BE CONDUCTED AT 20 PLACES IN PUNJAB

Diary Times Desk : Preparations have been made for mock drills at 20 places in Punjab on Wednesday, officials said here. The Union Home Ministry on Monday asked all states to conduct mock drills on Wednesday in view of "new and complex threats" that have emerged amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack. Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said mock drills will be carried out at 20 places in the state on Wednesday, including Ferozepur, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Bathinda, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Patiala, Pathankot, Barnala and Mohali. Preparations are almost complete for conducting the mock drill, he added. Cheema said the directions of the Home Ministry will be followed during the mock drill exercise. The objective of such a drill is to create awareness among the public and take necessary precautions in the event of any attack, said Cheema. Meanwhile, Ferozepur Deputy Commissioner Deepshikha Sharma said as part of the mock drill preparations, six civil defence sirens will be sounded in the city and the Ferozepur Cantonment area from 7 to 7.15 pm on Tuesday.

HC WARNS AGAINST TREATING STATES LIKE ENEMY COUNTRIES IN BBMB DISPUTE

Diary Times Desk : "We are doing this to our enemy country. Let us not do this within our states," the Punjab and Haryana High Court asserted this afternoon before the state of Punjab undertook before the bench that its police would not interfere in the functioning of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). The bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel was hearing a plea filed by BBMB against the deployment of additional police personnel at the Nangal dam and the alleged impediment in the flow of 8,500 cusecs of water to Haryana. Among other things, the bench observed logically and ideally central paramilitary police force were required be deployed at institutes of national importance. At the onset, BBMB counsel and senior advocate Rajesh Garg submitted: "The reservoir is going to overflow and the downstream states are going to go dry." He contended that the sudden increase in the deployment of Punjab Police personnel at the dam—from 15 to 55—indicated an attempt to block the flow of water. Responding to the submissions, senior advocate and former Advocate-General Gurminder Singh insisted that law and order fell within the exclusive domain of the state. "Law and order is the state subject. BBMB cannot say what police should do or police would be deployed. They want illegal resolutions implemented," he argued, urging the court to consider "such a delicate time when border tensions are there."

SIX SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN 2021 'HONOUR KILLING' CASE

Diary Times Desk : A court of Additional Sessions Judge Rajnish Kumar Sharma has sentenced six persons to life imprisonment in connection with the 2021 murder case of a 26-year-old man in Chamarkhera village under the jurisdiction of the Sadar police station. The convicted have been identified as Amit, Manoj Kumar, Lokesh, Kehar Singh, Jayant, and Ravinder — all residents of Chamar Khera village, said Deepak Chaudhary, the public prosecutor in the case. The case dates back to June 26, 2021, when an FIR was registered under Sections 201, 202, 302, 364, and 120B of the IPC. The charges pertained to the abduction and brutal murder of Ricky, a resident of Amupur village. His body was recovered from the Rohna minor canal in the Kharkhoda area of Sonapat district on the same day. His hands and legs were found tied with ropes, and there were visible injury marks on his head, suggesting foul play. Ricky's family suspected honour killing from the outset and accused members of a girl's family in Chamarkhera village of orchestrating the murder. The girl was reportedly related to the accused, Amit and Ravinder.

RAHUL GANDHI MEETS LT NARWAL'S FAMILY, DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR PAHALGAM VICTIMS

Diary Times Desk : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday visited the house of Lt Vinay Narwal in Karnal to console the death. Lt. Narwal was among the 26 people killed in the Pahalgam terror attack. Gandhi remained with the family for around 90 minutes. However, the media was not allowed inside. When Rahul met the family, all Congress leaders remained outside. After the meeting, Rahul did not speak to the media, but took to X to express his condolences and underline the need for national unity and justice for the victims. "I met the bereaved family of Lt. Vinay Narwal ji who was martyred in the Pahalgam attack and shared their grief and consoled them," Gandhi posted on X. He lauded the strength of the martyr's family, saying, "Their courage and bravery even in the midst of immense grief is a message for the country—we have to remain united." He said, "The whole country stands with the families of the martyrs." Gandhi reiterated that the opposition is firmly aligned with the government on the matter of national security. "The opposition fully supports the government."

KEY CHALLENGES, TRIBAL ISSUES TAKEN UP WITH ST COMMISSION MEMBER

Diary Times Desk : A joint delegation representing various public organisations of Lahaul-Spiti met Dr Asha Lakra, Member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, at the Circuit House in Kullu district yesterday. The meeting focused on the pressing concerns of the region, particularly its fragile ecology and the rights of its tribal population. The delegation presented a detailed overview of the major challenges facing the high-altitude tribal district. BS Rana, president of the Save Lahaul-Spiti Society, raised alarm over the potential ecological devastation posed by proposed mega hydro power projects. He emphasised the region's delicate cold desert ecosystem and the shrinking glaciers, warning that the destruction of thousands of deodar trees, which have grown over centuries, could have catastrophic consequences not just for the valley but for North India at large.

TWO BURNT ALIVE IN FACTORY FIRE AT SOLAN VILLAGE

Diary Times Desk : A massive blaze charred two migrant workers at a factory in Kosri village near Bhiunkhari in Ramshehar early this morning. The cause of the fire at Hari Chetna Rosin and Turpentine factory is yet to be ascertained. Even after hours of intense fire-fighting, the blaze was yet to be extinguished fully till the filing of the report. Arjun Kumar (50) and Shiv Dayal (24) were sleeping inside the sheds when the fire erupted following a blast, informed onlookers. The duo sustained grievous burn injuries, leading to their death. Two fire tenders were rushed to the spot from Nalagarh after receiving information around 4 pm this morning. Another fire tender was rushed from Baddi as the fire spread, given the highly inflammable nature of the products manufactured there. The factory is more than 35 km away from Nalagarh. Black plumes of smoke could be seen rising high in the sky as the fire threatened to spread in the nearby area. The factory is located in a secluded area owing to which no habitation was under threat. Santosh Sharma, Commandant, Home Guards.

PART-TIME CLASS IV WORKERS HAVING 7-YEAR SERVICE TO BE MADE DAILY WAGERS

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Government has decided to convert part-time Class IV workers, who have completed seven years of continuous service as on March 31, 2025, into daily wagers in various departments. The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. The Cabinet is likely to meet tomorrow again and can deliberate on issues like the enhancement of the retirement age of employees from 58 years to 59 years along other the recommendations of the Cabinet Sub-committee on Resource Mobilisation. The Cabinet approved the shifting of the office of the wildlife wing of the Forest Department to Dharamsala. This is the second big office after that of the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC), which is being shifted from Shimla to Dharamsala. The Cabinet also approved the shifting of the district jail from Mandi to the newly constructed building at Ner Chowk. The existing district jail premises in Mandi will be converted into an open jail for women inmates. It gave approval to the Himachal Pradesh Online Filing and Processing of Court Cases Rules, 2025, under the Revenue Department. These rules would allow revenue courts to receive and process applications, appeals, revisions, reviews and other petitions online.



VIKRAMADITYA TAKES TO FACEBOOK, BACKS DEPUTY CM'S 'CONSPIRACY' CHARGE

Diary Times Desk : Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Vikramaditya Singh has added fuel to the fire started by Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri's social media post a couple of days ago. Agnihotri had in the Facebook post hinted at some conspiracy against him. In his Facebook page, Vikramaditya, while throwing his weight behind Agnihotri, wrote that "when people start plotting against you, it's a testament to your exceptional abilities". He stated that "you are a disciple of Virbhadra Singh school of thought, never be scared, nor threaten anyone for no reason". To ensure the context of his post is not lost on anyone, Vikramaditya also shared his picture with Agnihotri in the post. Vikramaditya's post comes just two days after Agnihotri's Facebook post and it has sent rumour mills into overdrive, with people speculating about what's happening in the Congress. Are the ministers merely venting their resentment through these social media posts, or there's something more to them. Incidentally, the media coordinators of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and the Deputy Chief Minister have also taken to social media to take potshots at the rival camps. The immediate trigger for these cryptic social media posts could be the behind-the-scenes tussle between major factions to get people close to them appointed.

GOVT 'PROTECTING' PAKISTANI CITIZENS IN STATE: ANURAG

Diary Times Desk : The terrorist attack in Pahalgam was heinous and shocking, said Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur while addressing a gathering at a protest rally at the Gandhi Chowk here today. He added that the Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi would give a befitting reply to the conspirators of the terrorist attack orchestrated by the Pakistan intelligence agency that led to the killing of 26 innocent people. The Central Government had already started diplomatic action against Pakistan. Anurag said that the Himachal Government should identify Pakistani nationals in the state and send them back to their country. He alleged that it was unfortunate that the state government had turned hostile in the matter and was protecting Pakistani nationals, as was being done in other Congress-ruled states. He said that the extradition of Pakistani nationals was the need of the hour and the state government need to be more vigilant and proactive in this regard. He questioned, "why Congress leaders are supporting Pakistan and what is their stand on terrorism." On the Sanjauli mosque case, Anurag said that the court of the Shimla Municipal Commissioner had clearly said that the entire mosque was illegally constructed.

550 DAYS ON, VISUALLY IMPAIRED PROTESTERS REFUSE TO BACK DOWN

Diary Times Desk : A protest stretching beyond 550 days can wear down anyone, but the visually impaired protesters are in no mood to back down. They have been out on the road for more than one-and-a-half year now, demanding filling up of hundreds of vacant posts reserved for them under the Persons with Disability Act in several government departments. "It has been over 550 days since we started the protest. It's tough but we are prepared to sit on the road for as long as it takes for the government to accept our demands," said the visually impaired protesters, who are camping in an open parking lot outside the Secretariat for over a month now. Before shifting here, they had been camping at a rain-shelter in the other part of the city. Empathising with the protesters, Social Justice Minister Dhani Ram Shandil said they should end their protest as the government was seriously considering their demands. "We've had three meetings with them, and we are taking their demands to the Cabinet meeting," the minister said. The protesters, meanwhile, are not willing to end their protest until the government offers them something more concrete than mere assurances, even though it has started taking a toll on them emotionally as well as physically. "My six-year-old son calls me up three to four times every day to ask me when will I get a job and come home?" said Rajesh Thakur, a protester.



HARDIK PANDYA BOWLS FORGETTABLE 11-BALL OVER, GOES JOINT-TOP IN UNWANTED IPL FEAT LIST

Diary Times Desk : Mumbai Indians (MI) captain Hardik Pandya registered an unwanted feat of bowling the joint-highest deliveries in an over during their high-stakes encounter against Gujarat Titans (GT) on Tuesday at the Wankhede Stadium. During Gujarat's pursuit of the 156-run target, Hardik introduced himself into the attack in the eighth over. He bowled two no-balls and three wide deliveries, which extended his six-delivery over to 11 and conceded 18 runs. This is the joint-highest deliveries a bowler has bowled in an over in IPL history. He is now the fifth player to do so and is level with Mohammed Siraj, Tushar Deshpande, Shardul Thakur and Sandeep Sharma. He began his over with three deliveries and then went on a spree of bowling wide, and then followed it up with a no-ball. The story of wide and no-ball continued till Gill slammed a six on the eighth delivery (fourth legal ball) of the over. Hardik went on to bowl a wide once again and concluded his over with a dot ball, concluding his over with a staggering 18 runs. Hardik's woes weren't limited to the ball. With the bat, Hardik failed to pull off a rescue act in the first innings when his side was threadbare at 105-4 after the 12th over.



'EVERYBODY IN INDIA IS FEELING SAFE...': SUNIL GAVASKAR SAYS 'LIGHTS-OFF' MOCK DRILL WON'T IMPACT IPL

Diary Times Desk : After the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam, which killed 26 Indian tourists, the relations between India and Pakistan are escalating on a daily basis. As the tensions continue to rise, no one really knows whether India will play against Pakistan in the ICC or ACC tournaments. The two countries do not play against each other in bilateral cricket but now calls are rising for India to boycott games against the arch-rival in even the ICC events. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directed states and union territories on Monday to conduct drills to strengthen the country's preparedness against modern and complex threats. However, former India captain Sunil Gavaskar reckons that this drill will not impact the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. During this lights-out drill, there will be simulated air-raid warnings, evacuation rehearsals, and blackout protocols. "Till something happens, I don't think it'll impact the IPL. Yes, in the evening, when the match is being played, there will be of course, there will be perhaps the lights-off drill in the city. Then I think that could be a little bit of a concern," Gavaskar told Sports Today. "But as of now, I don't see the drill really affecting the IPL."

STEPPED DOWN AS SKIPPER BECAUSE I NEEDED TO BE HAPPY: KOHLI

Diary Times Desk : T20 batting evolves yet Virat Kohli remains the gold standard — flexible but never frivolous, indefatigable, and the best of all, never second guesses himself. He holds the record for most IPL seasons with 500-plus runs but crucial is the awareness that makes him relevant irrespective of the changes this format has undergone. Be it attacking the ball in the Powerplay or playing the anchor, Kohli remains the mainstay by not letting the situation overwhelm him. "In the last couple of seasons, I have consciously made an effort to evolve my game," Kohli said on the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) podcast 'Bold and Beyond'. "And I've seen the results of it. Again, to the point where I had to let go of people wanting to see me, this is who I am, and just go and hit the ball. You start from wanting to hit the ball and then you go through this whole journey of becoming someone. Expectations, this and that, to a point where you feel like this is actually pulling me back. And you have to push through and again get to the point where you say, just hit the ball. That's the only constant that remains for a cricketer." For the 2024 T20 World Cup, Kohli had prepared by opening the batting for RCB, aggregating 741 runs at an impressive strike rate of 154.70.

VIRAT KOHLI RECALLS 2019 WORLD CUP HEARTBREAK: IT WAS A HORRIBLE HANGOVER

Diary Times Desk : Star India batter Virat Kohli recently recalled India's 2019 ODI World Cup heartbreak and called it a 'horrible hangover'. The 2019 World Cup was Kohli's first and only ODI World Cup as skipper and India entered the tournament as favourites to lift the title. The Men in Blue looked like the team to beat during the tournament as they finished on the top in the league stage, winning seven out of nine matches with game getting washed out. However, India's dream campaign ended in the semi final, following a crushing 18-run loss against New Zealand. Recently, Kohli reminisced about the heart-wrenching loss and mentioned that he was completely dazed the following morning and had no motivation to do anything. "2019 loss was massive, that was the first time actually after the semifinals got over and the next morning we were going to leave Manchester. You know when you wake up and you have no kind of understanding of what you want to do, like you're dazed. It was like the feeling you get when you have a horrible hangover. It was like that. Like I had no idea what I wanted to do, whether I wanted to drink coffee, brush my teeth, like what is the next step? Like I was completely gone. I could not make sense of it," said Kohli in the RCB podcast.



"TO ACCOMMODATE MS DHONI...": SUNIL GAVASKAR SLAMS IPL UNCAPPED PLAYER RETENTION RULES

Diary Times Desk : Ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season, an old rule was brought back, allowing players who haven't played international cricket for five or more years to be retained as uncapped players. The rule helped Chennai Super Kings (CSK) retain their legendary skipper MS Dhoni for just Rs 4 crore. Legendary former India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar has now come out and blasted the rule change, and also stated that the price to retain uncapped players shouldn't be as high as Rs 4 crore. Gavaskar, in particular, criticised the Rs 4 crore amount that franchises must pay to retain uncapped players, and felt that the league's wish to keep Dhoni a viable option for CSK forced the amount to be that high. Gavaskar stated that such a high price could have a negative influence on young, uncapped players. "A whole lot of the players bought for huge amounts simply fade away as their hunger and drive are satiated. To the franchises, it perhaps doesn't matter as they may feel it's good riddance, but Indian cricket takes a bit of a beating at the loss of any player whether he has been successful or not."

"EAT THAT": AB DE VILLIERS TEARS INTO VIRAT KOHLI STRIKE-RATE CRITICS

Diary Times Desk : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) sit on top of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season, thanks to a blistering run that saw them win 8 of the first 11 games. While the entire team deserves the credit for an all-round show that puts them on the brink of playoff qualification, a huge credit goes to Virat Kohli, who has donned different hats this season, depending upon the situation of the game. Despite being the Orange Cap holder at present this season, Kohli hasn't been immune to criticism. Some former cricketers like Sanjay Manjrekar, Virender Sehwag, and Sunil Gavaskar have pointed out the need for Kohli to show more acceleration while scoring runs in the middle. The criticism hasn't only been showered on Kohli this year, but also over the last couple of seasons. However, Kohli's former teammate, AB de Villiers, decided to give it back to critics, highlighting how adaptive the RCB star is in producing the brand of cricket that his team needs. "Virat is always there. He is Mr. Safety for RCB. When he is there, you don't have to fear. Never fear when Virat is near. That is the story. Nothing has ever changed, and what I want to tell all of you media people, I haven't forgotten."