

'OPERATION SINDOOR'

"GOLI KA JAWAAB GOLA": PM MODI'S STRONG DIRECTIONS TO ARMED FORCES ON PAK'S CROSS-BORDER FIRING

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given clear directions to armed forces to respond to cross-border firing and shelling with full force, saying "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola," sources said on Sunday.

They said the Operation Sindoor is far from over, and India will respond with bombs to every Pakistani bullet fired from across the Line of Control (LoC). They say that the PM has said enough is enough, "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola chalega." (If they fire bullets from there, we will respond with bombs). The turning point was the attacks on the air bases, they said.

"If they fire, we will fire, and if they attack, we will attack," they added. The sources also informed about India's stand on Kashmir, saying that the country doesn't need anyone to mediate and there was only one issue at hand, which was the return of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"We have a very clear position on Kashmir, there is only one matter left – the return of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK). There is nothing else to talk. If they talk about handing over terrorists, we can talk. I don't have any intention of any other topic. We don't want anyone to mediate. We don't need anyone to mediate," the sources were quoted as saying. Following India and Pakistan's agreement for the cessation of hostilities, the Indian Air Force informed that the tasks assigned to it in Operation Sindoor had been completed with "precision" and "professionalism." They further informed that the operations are still ongoing and have not finished.



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Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, also wrote to the Prime Minister. "You may kindly recall myself as Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha and Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha requested your good self vide our letters dated 28 April 2025 to convene a special session of both Houses of Parliament in wake of inhuman terror attack in Pahalgam," he said.

"In view of latest developments Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha has already written to you again conveying the unanimous request of all Opposition parties for a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror, Operation Sindoor and the ceasefire announcements first from Washington DC and later by the Governments of India and Pakistan. As Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha I am writing in support of this request. I trust you will agree," he wrote. Earlier, the government called an all party meeting after the Pahalgam terror attack and also following airstrikes in Pakistan.

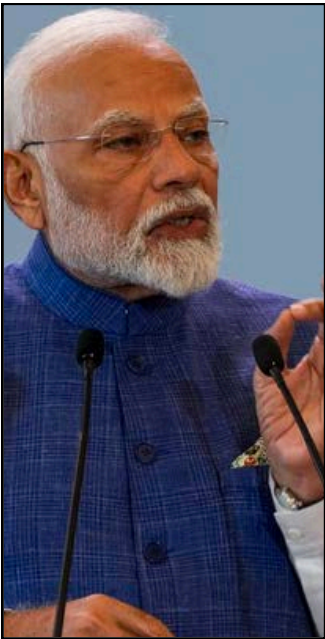


ARMY CHIEF GIVES 'FULL POWERS' TO COMMANDERS TO RESPOND TO PAK VIOLATION OF MAY 10 ARRANGEMENT

Diary Times Desk : Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi has given full authority to the Army commanders for counter-action in the kinetic domain to any violation of the understanding reached between the Indian and Pakistani militaries. India and Pakistan announced reaching an understanding on Saturday to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect. "Consequent to the ceasefire and airspace violations on the night of May 10-11, the Chief of Army Staff reviewed the security situation with the Army Commanders of the Western Borders," the Army said. The Army Chief "has granted full authority to the Army Commanders for counteraction in the kinetic domain to any violation of the understanding reached vide the DGMO talks of May 10", it said.



RESPONSE TO EVERY ACTION BY PAK SHOULD BE MORE FORCEFUL: PM TO ARMED FORCES



Diary Times Desk : With Prime Minister Narendra Modi instructing the armed forces that the country's response to every action by Pakistan should be more forceful, there is a new normal in India's response to cross-border terrorism, government sources said on Sunday. Following Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Modi told the Armed forces that bullets must be responded to by artillery. "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola chalega," he said as per sources. They said Operation Sindoor is not concluded and there is a new normal in India's response to cross-border terrorism. The cost of cross-border terrorism will be raised, and Pakistan can't continue with terrorism while expecting cooperation in areas of its choosing. They also said that India will never accept mediation in the Kashmir issue and the only matter to discuss is Pakistan returning the territory which is under its illegal occupation. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Saturday evening had announced that India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect, after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

OPERATION SINDOOR HAS BROUGHT TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE, SAYS RAJNATH SINGH

Diary Times Desk : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said the terrorist organisations that attacked India's dignity and carried out the Pahalgam terror attack had been brought to justice through Operation Sindoor. He said that adhering to the policy of zero tolerance to terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that this is a new India that will take effective action against terrorism on both sides of the border. The minister was speaking at the launch of a facility to test the BrahMos missile in Lucknow. "We have shown that when India takes action against terrorism, even the territory across the border is not safe for terrorists and their masters," he added. The entire nation is applauding the Indian Army for Operation Sindoor which, he said, is not just a military operation, as it symbolises India's political, social and strategic willpower. "The operation demonstrates India's firm resolve against terrorism and showcases the capability and determination of our military.



'BASIC STRUCTURE DOCTRINE SAVED OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS': JUSTICE MADAN B LOKUR

Diary Times Desk : Had the Supreme Court not come up with the basic structure doctrine, the amendments to the Constitution could have wiped out the fundamental rights, former Supreme Court Judge Madan B Lokur has said. Talking about various judgments delivered by the Supreme Court on 'amendability' of the Constitution during a panel discussion on eminent parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor's book 'Our Living Constitution: A Concise Introduction & Commentary' here last evening, Justice Lokur said that's an indication that the Constitution is a living document and how one interpreted it depended upon the direction in which one wanted to take it. "Supposing, if Kesavananda Bharati (verdict in which SC propounded the doctrine of basic structure) had not been there... the amendments to the Constitution could have wiped out our fundamental rights...Because if you say there is nothing which is unamendable... fine take away the right to freedom of speech..



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.



MARTYR PAWAN KUMAR MERGED INTO THE FIVE ELEMENTS, LAST RITES PERFORMED WITH MILITARY HONORS

Diary Times Desk : Subedar Major Pawan Kumar Jariyal, a soldier from Shahpur subdivision of Kangra district, was martyred in Pakistani firing in Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir. 48-year-old Pawan Kumar Jariyal, a resident of Siholpuri, was posted in 25 Punjab Regiment. He was martyred for the country in Pakistani firing on Saturday morning around 7:30. The mortal remains of martyred Subedar Major Pawan Kumar arrived on Sunday at 2 pm. As soon as the mortal remains arrived, the entire area echoed with slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Pawan Kumar Amar Rahe. During this, people also raised slogans of Pakistan Murdabad. The martyr's mortal remains were cremated by his son. On Sunday, when the martyr's mortal remains reached Shahpur, every eye became moist. As soon as the martyr's mortal remains reached his home, the entire family started crying, the atmosphere became moist with cries from all sides. During this, while slogans were raised against Pakistan, slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Pawan Kumar Amar Rahe were also raised.



TOLL WILL HAVE TO BE PAID AT FOUR PLACES ON KIRATPUR-MANALI FOUR LANE, DOHLUNALA TOLL PLAZA WILL NOT BE REMOVED

Diary Times Desk : This is a big setback for those who travel regularly on the Kiratpur-Manali four lane. The Dohlunala toll plaza established on the four lane in Kullu district will not be removed. It has been established here under special permission as per the provisions of the Act. The distance between Takoli toll plaza and Dohlunala toll plaza is less than 60 kilometers, but due to the hilly area, special permission has been taken for this in view of special conditions. Four toll plazas are established on the Kiratpur-Manali four lane. Out of these, three are running smoothly. Whereas the Dohlunala toll plaza built on the four lane in Kullu district is not operational yet. NHAI is adopting the process to run it smoothly. Earlier, Takoli toll plaza has also been started after the disaster. In such a situation, now the local drivers including tourist vehicles coming from all over the country on the Kiratpur-Manali four lane will have to pay toll fee at four places. Toll plazas are established at Gadamor, Daher, Takoli and Dohlunala on the Kiratpur to Manali four lane. These include one toll plaza in Bilaspur district, two in Mandi district and one in Kullu district.

INDIA-PAK TENSION: HIMACHALI STUDENTS RETURN SAFELY FROM KASHMIR, SPECIAL HRTC BUS WAS SENT

Diary Times Desk : On the morning of 9 May, the Himachal Pradesh government received information that around 40 students of the state studying in the Agriculture University and other institutions in Kashmir were stranded due to the prevailing situation in the region. Himachal Road Transport Corporation was immediately assigned the responsibility of their safe return. Despite active hostilities and security concerns in Jammu and Pathankot areas, a special HRTC bus was dispatched to Jammu in close coordination with the law and order authorities of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. Further coordination was done with Jammu and Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (JKRTC) which arranged for the students' travel from Srinagar to Jammu. The students reached Jammu late on the night of 9 May. In view of the ongoing ceasefire violations and their safety, it was decided to arrange for an overnight stay in Jammu. The Himachal Pradesh government and HRTC worked closely with the Jammu and Kashmir administration to ensure proper food and accommodation facilities for the students during their stay. After overnight rest, the special HRTC bus brought the students back to Kangra Bus Stand, where they reached safely at around 2:00 pm on 10 May. After that the students went back to their respective homes. HRTC heartily thanks the Jammu and Kashmir administration for its support at every step, which ensured the safe and successful return of the students to Himachal Pradesh.

HIMACHAL: ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION INCREASED, SUPPLY TO OTHER STATES FROM MAY 15; DEPARTMENT COMPLETED ONLINE TENDER PROCESS

Diary Times Desk : Due to melting of snow in the mountains, electricity production has started increasing in Himachal Pradesh. Electricity supply to other states will also be started from May 15. The Energy Department has completed the online tender process in this regard. Deliberations are going on to award the tender. Apart from neighboring states Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh have also applied to get electricity supply from the state. Nowadays, electricity production in the state has reached about 500 lakh units per day. The demand for electricity in the state is 300 lakh units. In such a situation, surplus about 200 lakh units of electricity will be given to other states. Some electricity supply will be sold by the states while some supply will be given to other states on banking basis. Banking electricity will be withdrawn in the winter season. Electricity production in the state decreases in winter. According to the Energy Department, electricity production in the state's projects has reached 80 percent. Electricity consumption in the state decreases in summer. In such a situation, surplus electricity is given to other states every year from May 15 to September 30. The Energy Department has received applications from several state governments and energy companies to get the supply.



HIMACHAL WEATHER: RAIN AND SNOWFALL IN HIMACHAL, THIS TIME MONSOON MAY ARRIVE A WEEK EARLIER

Diary Times Desk : The cold wave continues in the hilly areas of Himachal even in the month of May. On Saturday morning, there was snowfall on the high peaks including Sachhe Jot, Rohtang of Chamba and rain in many areas like Shimla-Kangra, Kullu, Lahaul. The light rain is forecast to continue in most areas of Himachal till May 16. This time the monsoon may reach Himachal a week earlier by June 20. If the speed of the southwest monsoon from Kerala remains normal, then the record of the last few years in reaching Himachal will be broken. In the history of the state, the monsoon first arrived on June 9 in the year 2000. The monsoon entered on June 27 in the year 2024 and on June 24 in 2023. The normal date of arrival of monsoon in the state is considered to be June 22. The monsoon arrived the most late on July 5, 2010. According to the Meteorological Center Shimla, according to the current conditions, the southwest monsoon will reach Himachal around June 20. This year there are chances of normal rainfall during the monsoon season. Pre-monsoon showers are expected between June 10 and 15. On the other hand, on Saturday there was snowfall on the hills of Lahaul and rain is falling in both ends of Kullu, Manali, Sissu and Atal Anal. Due to this, the temperature has dropped in Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu district.

SCHOLARSHIP SCAM: CASE ON 6 UNIVERSITIES, SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED, CBI HAD APPLIED IN COURT

Diary Times Desk : In the much talked about scholarship scam, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against six universities of Himachal, Punjab and Haryana. The CBI had applied for a search warrant against these universities in the Sessions Court of Shimla on May 9. The court has issued search warrants to scrutinize the documents of the universities. The court has asked the CBI to submit its report by May 30. According to the case registered in the Shimla branch of the CBI on May 6, Abhilashi University Mandi, Himachal Institute of Engineering and Technology Kangra, Westwood Institute of Hotel Management Zirakpur, Bhai Gurdas Institute of Engineering and Technology Sangrur, Aryan Group of Colleges Rajpura, Punjab and E-Max Group of Institutions located in Ambala, Haryana are accused of usurping scholarships.

PM MODI'S KEY MEET WITH DEFENCE OFFICIALS, DAY AFTER CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi was chairing a high-level meeting at his residence on Sunday with the top defence establishment. The meeting was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, and the tri-services chiefs. The meeting took place amid an uneasy calm on the borders with Pakistan, where no fresh ceasefire violations have been reported. Silence prevailed in the night after Pakistan violated the ceasefire while expressing a commitment to adhere to it on Saturday. The ceasefire was first announced by US President Donald Trump on Saturday, and New Delhi said India and Pakistan have worked out an understanding on the stoppage of firing and military action. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar had categorically said that India has consistently maintained a firm and uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and will continue to do so.

"SHOULDN'T BE BLAMED": ASADUDDIN OWAIISI AFTER FOREIGN SECRETARY TROLLED

Diary Times Desk : AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has slammed trolls targeting Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri following the government's announcement of the ceasefire with Pakistan. Mr Misri has been the face of the government in its briefings on Operation Sindoor. Along with Colonel Sophiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, the seasoned diplomat articulated India's position during the tense security situation. "Mr Vikram Misri is a decent and an honest hard-working diplomat working tirelessly for our Nation. Our civil servants work under the Executive this must be remembered & they shouldn't be blamed for the decisions taken by The Executive /or any Political leadership running Watan E Aziz," Mr Owaisi said in a post on X. Earlier, Congress leader Salman Anees Soz came to Mr Misri's defence. "Vikram Misri, a Kashmiri, has done India proud. No amount of trolling can diminish his service to the country. If you can't say thank you, learn to shut up," he said. In an interview with NDTV, former External Affairs Minister and Congress leader Salman Khurshid said the targeting of Mr Misri was "very, very sad". "We can say without hesitation that these three (Mr Misri, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh) have been a remarkable face of our determination.

"ALL INDIAN PILOTS BACK HOME": AIR FORCE ON OPERATION SINDOOR



Diary Times Desk : The armed forces said today that all its pilots are "back home safe" after the air strikes on Pakistani air bases and other crucial targets. Asked about Pakistan's claim that they have downed two Indian jets at a press conference this evening, the officers refused to comment saying it is still a combat situation. On Friday, Pakistan had claimed one of its Made In China fighters had downed two Indian jets. India has not commented at the time. Asked about the matter today, Air Marshal AK Bharti said, "Would not like to comment as we are still in air combat situation. It will be advantage for adversary. We have achieved our objectives. All our pilots are back home". The objectives they achieved - along with the army and the Navy - has led to the swift capitulation by Pakistan. On the nights of May 9 and 10, in three shot hours, the armed forces had destroyed 11 bases including those at Nur Khan, Rafiqui, Murid, Sukkur, Sialkot, Pasrur, Chunian, Sargodha, Skaru, Bholari and Jacobabad, said Air Marshal Bharti.

RAJNATH SINGH THANKS ARMED FORCES FOR GIVING 'BEFITTING REPLY' TO PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday thanked armed forces for giving a befitting reply to Pakistan through Operation Sindoor after the April 22 terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, and said India has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. "Through Operation Sindoor, India gave a clear message to the entire country of its willingness to respond to terrorist attacks," Singh said while virtually inaugurating the BrahMos Missile complex in Uttar Pradesh. This is not the first time that India has responded to terrorist attacks. The Uri surgical strike, Balakot air strike and now after the Pahalgam attack, India has shown the world how it can respond to terrorist attacks," Singh said. "We have adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism... On behalf of everyone, I thank our arm forces for giving a befitting reply to Pakistan through Operation Sindoor," he said.

'IF PAKISTAN VIOLATES CEASEFIRE TONIGHT...': INDIAN ARMED FORCES' STERN WARNING

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Armed Forces have given a stern warning to Pakistan regarding any ceasefire violations, whether today or in the future. This comes a day after India and Pakistan came to an understanding regarding de-escalation of hostilities along the border, which had started after New Delhi's Operation Sindoor on May 7. Islamabad violated the understanding just hours after the announcement on Saturday. "Something repeated tonight, subsequently or later, in this regard, I must inform all of you that the Chief of Army Staff has earlier today conducted a security review and has granted full authority to our army commanders for counteractions in the kinetic domain in case of any violation by Pakistan," Lt General Rajiv Ghai, DGMO, said in the press conference on Sunday. The director general of naval operations (DGNO), Vice Admiral AN Pramod, added that Pakistan knows what the Indian Forces would do.



INDIA WARNS OF "FIERCE AND PUNITIVE RESPONSE" TO CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS BY PAK

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan has been 'put on notice', India declared Sunday evening, a day after a US-brokered ceasefire brought the two nations' 100-hour drone and missile war to a halt. The government said Pak had been sent a 'hotline' message earlier in the day that said any violation of the ceasefire, whether tonight or at a later date, would be responded to 'fiercely'. The warning came after Pak violated the ceasefire; within hours of it being announced drones were intercepted across Jammu and Kashmir, including Srinagar, and parts of Gujarat too. In a special briefing this evening, Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai, India's Director-General of Military Operations, said he spoke to his counterpart at 3.35 pm on Saturday and said cross-border firing and air intrusions by either side were then stopped by 5 pm. "However... expectedly it took only a couple of hours for Pakistan to violate these arrangements and firing, across the border and the Line of Control, followed by drone intrusions.

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**DONALD TRUMP'S "TOTAL RESET"
REMARK AFTER MARATHON US-CHINA
TARIFF TALKS**

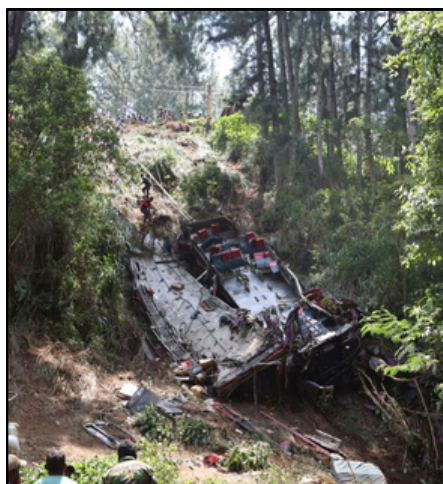
Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump hailed talks with China in Switzerland on Saturday, saying the two sides had negotiated "a total reset ... in a friendly, but constructive, manner." "A very good meeting today with China, in Switzerland. Many things discussed, much agreed to," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform. Trump added: "We want to see, for the good of both China and the US, an opening up of China to American business. GREAT PROGRESS MADE!!!" He did not elaborate on the progress. Earlier, top US and Chinese officials wrapped up the first day of talks in Geneva aimed at defusing a trade war that threatens to hammer the global economy and planned to resume negotiations on Sunday, a source close to the discussions said. Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng met for about eight hours with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer in their first face-to-face meeting since the world's two largest economies heaped tariffs well above 100% on each other's goods.

**SHEHBAZ SHARIF CALLS CEASEFIRE
DEAL WITH INDIA A VICTORY FOR
PAKISTAN**

Diary Times Desk : In a dramatic address laced with hyperbole and nationalist fervour, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday declared the ceasefire understanding with India a "historic victory" for his nation, praising his military's "professional and effective" response to what he described as Indian aggression. He also accused India of using the April 22 Pahlagam attack as an "excuse" to launch an attack on the nation. The speech, heavy on symbolism and national pride, came just hours after India and Pakistan agreed to halt all military action across land, air, and sea following days of intense cross-border tensions. "Our operation was against hatred, aggression and religious fanaticism. This is a victory of our principles and respect. We did that with an enemy that suits an honourable nation. This is a victory not just for the armed forces, but for the whole nation," he said. Sharif's televised remarks portrayed the ceasefire not as a diplomatic understanding initiated by Islamabad, but as the result of Pakistan's supposed military prowess. "We decided to respond to the enemy."

15 KILLED, 30 INJURED AS OVERCROWDED BUS SKIDS OFF CLIFF IN SRI LANKA

Diary Times Desk : An overcrowded bus carrying dozens of Buddhist pilgrims crashed into a precipice in Sri Lanka on Sunday, killing 15 and injuring at least 30, local police said. Among the worst road accidents in the country in decades, the state-owned bus was travelling through the central hilly region of Kotmale when the driver lost control and it veered off a cliffside road before dawn, police said. It was carrying around 70 passengers -- about 20 more than its capacity -- police said, adding that an investigation was underway. "We are trying to establish whether it was a mechanical failure or if the driver fell asleep at the wheel," a local police official told AFP by telephone. "Fifteen people have died and we have sent 30 to hospital," who were mostly Buddhists, added the official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to media. The bus was travelling from the pilgrim town of Kataragama in the island's deep south to the central city of Kurunegala, a distance of about 250 kilometres (155 miles).

**ZELENSKY SAYS UKRAINE IS READY TO MEET
RUSSIA ONLY IF CEASEFIRE AGREED**

Diary Times Desk : Volodymyr Zelenskyy said it was a "positive sign" that Russia was considering ending the war in Ukraine after Russia offered "direct talks" this coming Thursday. His comments came after Russian President Vladimir Putin invited Ukraine to take part in "serious negotiations" in a late-night address. But the Ukrainian president said: "We expect Russia to confirm a ceasefire - complete, lasting and credible - starting tomorrow, 12 May, and Ukraine is ready to meet." Western powers called for a 30-day pause in fighting to begin on Monday after European leaders spearheading the so-called "coalition of the willing" met in Kyiv on Saturday. A key aide to Zelenskyy said there must be a ceasefire before direct talks over ending the war - which began with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 - could take place. "First a ceasefire for 30 days, then everything else," Andriy Yermak said. "Russia must not camouflage its desire to continue the war with verbal contortions."

**POPE LEO'S 'NO MORE WAR' MESSAGE AMID
INDIA-PAKISTAN TENSIONS**

Diary Times Desk : Pope Leo XIV appealed to the world's major powers for "no more war" in his first Sunday message to crowds in St. Peter's Square since his election as pontiff. The new pope, elected on May 8, called for an "authentic and lasting peace" in Ukraine and a ceasefire in Gaza and release of all Israeli hostages. Leo also welcomed the recent ceasefire between India and Pakistan, and said he was praying to God to grant the world the "miracle of peace." "No more war!" the pope said, repeating a frequent call of the late Pope Francis and noting the recent 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which killed some 60 million people. Leo said today's world was living through "the dramatic scenario of a Third World War being fought piecemeal," again repeating a phrase coined by Francis. The new pope said he carries in his heart the "suffering of the beloved people of Ukraine." He appealed for negotiations to reach an "authentic, just and lasting peace." He also said he was "profoundly saddened" by the war in Gaza.

**ALBANIA VOTES IN GENERAL
ELECTIONS AS PM EDI RAMA
SEEKS A FOURTH TERM**

Diary Times Desk : Albanians are casting ballots in the general election, with Prime Minister Edi Rama seeking an unprecedented fourth term after a campaign dominated by promises of European Union membership and corruption allegations. Polling stations opened at 7am local time (05:00 GMT) on Sunday and would close at 7pm (17:00 GMT), with results expected on Monday. Nearly 3.7 million Albanians, including hundreds of thousands living abroad, are eligible to vote. For the first time, members of the diaspora can cast their ballots by mail. Rama, leader of the governing Socialist Party since 2013, has positioned himself as the architect of Albania's EU future. He has pledged that the country will join the bloc by 2030, repeating the promise at his final rally: "We will get our fourth mandate, and we will not lose a single day for Albania 2030 in the EU." Rama's main rival, 80-year-old Sali Berisha, a former president and prime minister, leads the conservative Democratic Party.

**IN ATTACKS ACROSS 39 SITES
IN BALOCHISTAN, BLA
TARGETS PAKISTAN POLICE
AND MILITARY
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Diary Times Desk : The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has taken responsibility for a wave of coordinated attacks carried out at 39 separate sites throughout Balochistan, reported the news agency ANI. In a press statement, the group stated that the operations are still underway and aim to achieve several strategic goals. The BLA's recent activities signal a sharp escalation in its long-running demand for autonomy and control of local resources in Balochistan. The recent attacks have targeted local police stations, military convoys, and infrastructure along major highways, including blockades on key roads, news agency ANI cited Jeeyand Baloch, a spokesperson for the BLA, as saying. The group's spokesperson stated that a detailed statement regarding the attacks will be released to the media shortly. In a troubling sign of escalating repression, the Pakistan Army arrested a 75-year-old prominent Baloch activist, Zaheer Baloch, during Eid ul-Fitr celebrations in Quetta, reported ANI. Sammi Deen Baloch, a prominent Baloch activist, condemned the arrest in a post on the social media platform X. She wrote, "A 75-year-old man, Zaheer Baloch, was arrested on the day of Eid ul-Fitr in Quetta for participating in a peaceful protest held by the families of missing persons."

PUNJAB CM VISITS NANGAL DAM, ACCUSES BBMB OF TRYING TO RELEASE ADDITIONAL WATER TO HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday accused the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) authorities of trying to release additional water to Haryana. While addressing the media and AAP workers at Nangal, he said it was for the third time in a fortnight that he had visited Nangal following the BBMB's efforts to release extra water to Haryana. Mann said the BBMB authorities would be held responsible for the law-and-order situation in case they tried to release extra water to Haryana from the Punjab quota. He said the Punjab government had written to the BBMB to hold the next meeting of the board to decide the water quota to be released to partner states from next cycle starting May 20; however, the BBMB had not convened it. AAP workers on Sunday morning sat on dharna at the Nangal Dam alleging that the BBMB officials had tried to release additional water to Haryana this morning. Following this, Punjab police blocked the vehicular traffic passing through the dam bridge to Nangal town. Education Minister Harjot Bains alleged that the BBMB officers had tried to release additional water illegally to Haryana early this morning following which a large number of people from adjoining villages gathered at the dam.



2 ARRESTED FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES LINKED TO PAK OFFICIAL AT HIGH COMMISSION IN DELHI

Diary Times Desk : Punjab Police on Sunday said they had arrested two persons for their alleged involvement in espionage activities linked to a Pakistani official posted at the High Commission in Delhi. Acting on credible intelligence, one suspect was arrested for leaking sensitive information to a Pakistan-based handler regarding Indian Army movements, said Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav. "Based on disclosures made during interrogation, a second conduit was also identified and taken into custody," said the DGP in a post on X. The initial probe revealed that the accused had been receiving payments through online for providing classified information. They were in frequent contact with the handler and were involved in channeling funds to other local operatives as per his instructions, he said. Two mobile phones have been recovered, and an FIR has been registered, said the DGP. "This operation marks a significant step in dismantling cross-border espionage networks and reinforces our commitment to national security," said Yadav.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY REVIEWS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN PATIALA

Diary Times Desk : Senior IAS officer and administrative secretary Mohammad Tayyab, deputed by the Punjab government to monitor the situation in Patiala amid the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, conducted a high-level review meeting on Sunday. The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Vinay Bublani, Deputy Commissioner Dr Preeti Yadav and SSP Varun Sharma. The focus of the meeting was to assess the district's preparedness for any war-like emergency, including potential airstrikes or drone attacks. Addressing officials, Tayyab assured that the Punjab government is closely monitoring the situation and is fully prepared to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens. He appealed to the public to remain calm and not fall prey to rumours and misinformation circulating on social media or other platforms. He directed the district administration to stay alert.

ALL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES IN PUNJAB TO REOPEN ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : Education minister Harjot Singh Bains on Sunday announced that all educational institutions — schools, colleges, and universities — in Punjab will reopen from Monday. Regular classes and examinations will resume as per the academic schedule. Given the prevailing circumstances, the minister directed all government and private institutions to ensure the safety and well-being of students, particularly those staying on the campus. Bains emphasised that no student should be compelled to leave campus if they are unable or unwilling to do so due to safety, transport or personal concerns. He categorically said that the educational institutes must ensure that food, shelter, care and other essential services are provided without disruption. The minister further informed that a letter has been issued to all universities in this regard, stating that students will who choose to return home will not face academic penalties. Examinations may be rescheduled or alternative arrangements may be provided, as needed. To ensure seamless support, he further directed institutes to designate nodal officers and establish helpdesks.

HC UPHOLDS RULE DENYING APPOINTMENT TO CANDIDATES WITH SERIOUS CHARGES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has upheld the validity of a provision of the Punjab Police (Haryana Amendment) Rules, 2015, which denies appointment to candidates against whom the charges have been framed for offences punishable with imprisonment for three years or more. The Bench dismissed a writ petition challenging the rule, stating that it was in line with the purpose of ensuring candidates with clean records for police service appointments. The petitioner, among other things, had argued that the rule unfairly barred individuals merely because charges had been framed against them, even if those charges were based on presumption. The petitioner contended that such a rule lacked a clear nexus to the purpose of recruitment and should be declared ultra-vires. The Bench of Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma and Justice Meenakshi I Mehta did not find merit in the petition. The court noted that the rule's intention was to exclude candidates involved in serious offences, particularly those involving moral turpitude or offences that could lead to a sentence of three years or more. The Bench clarified that this approach was reasonable, as it aimed at ensuring that only individuals with clean records, especially for roles within the police service, were considered for recruitment. "It is apparent that the State government does not want to give appointment to any person.

2,461 BAGS OF SUBSIDISED UREA SEIZED FROM ILLEGAL GODOWN IN YAMUNANAGAR

Diary Times Desk : The authorities of Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Yamunanagar, have found 2,461 bags of subsidised agriculture-grade urea allegedly kept at an unauthorised godown in a village of Yamunanagar district. The authorities of the department have seized the urea bags and sealed the illegal godown. Aditya Pratap Dabas, Deputy Director of Agriculture (DDA), Yamunanagar, got information that subsidised agriculture-grade urea had been stocked in an unauthorised godown at Tajakpur village of Yamunanagar district. A team headed by Dabas visited the spot on Thursday and found 2,461 bags of subsidised agriculture-grade urea in the godown. "The urea bags have been seized and the godown was sealed," said Dabas. He said that they were making efforts to stop the illegal sale of subsidised agriculture urea in the district. "Our teams are working continuously to stop the illegal sale of subsidised urea," said Dabas. Krishan Kumar, SHO, Sadar police station, Yamunanagar, said that on the complaint of Harish Panday, Subject Matter Specialist of Agriculture Department, a case was registered against the owners of the godown.

CYBERCRIME UNITS WARN PUBLIC AGAINST FAKE DONATION LINKS AMID BORDER TENSIONS

Diary Times Desk : Amid the ongoing Indo-Pakistan tensions, cyber criminals in NCR are having a field day trying to fool people by asking them to make donations for Army and Kashmir and also stealing data from the victims' mobile phones. The cops of Haryana, Rajasthan and UP have issued alerts against phishing links, social media messages seeking donations and APK files disguised as Indo-Pakistan related news updates. The officials have cautioned citizens to abstain from making any donations on such unverified links — even if sent by verified contacts. "Cyber criminals are quite active during this time. They are not just sending phishing links that can lead to data theft but are also stealing money by sending fake donation links. We have issued an alert to all to abstain from clicking such links and auto-downloading everything on social media," said a senior official of Gurugram police. Speaking, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Home, Sumita Misra, said, "Haryana has cyber police stations in each district. All cybercrime units are on alert to avert any cyberattack and deal with such cybercrimes. We are currently making people aware of such threats.

J-K MAN WORKING IN SHIMLA BOOKED FOR USING PAKISTAN FLAG AS WHATSAPP DISPLAY PICTURE

Diary Times Desk : Police in Shimla have booked a man for using the image of a Pakistan flag as his display picture on WhatsApp, officials said on Sunday. Adil Magre, who is a native of Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir, currently lives near Lakkar Bazar in Shimla since 2016 and works with a private gas agency, police said. Magre has been booked for "prompting enmity on grounds of religion, language, caste, race or community and imputations and assertions prejudicial to national integration", they added. A case under Sections 196 and 197(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered against the accused.

HIMACHAL: TSARAP CHU OF LAHAUL-SPITI DECLARED INDIA'S LARGEST WILDLIFE RESERVE, SPREAD OVER 1,700 SQUARE KILOMETERS

Diary Times Desk : Tsarap Chu in Lahaul-Spiti, Himachal has been declared as India's largest wildlife reserve. Snow leopards, Siberian ibex and Tibetan argali also roam in this vast area of 1,700 sq km. The area is playing a vital role in preserving the Trans-Himalayas, protecting the habitat of many endangered species. The reserve will serve as a corridor between Kibber, Chandratul Sanctuary and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary in Ladakh. For wildlife conservation and ecological protection, the Himachal government has officially declared the Tsarap Chu area as a conservation reserve under Section 36A (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. With this declaration, Tsarap Chu has become India's largest conservation reserve so far. The Forest Department has officially notified this decision after consultations with local stakeholders Panchayats of Darcha and Losar. The reserve is home to iconic and endangered species such as snow leopard, bharal (blue sheep), Siberian ibex, Himalayan wolf and Tibetan argali, etc. The Tsarap Chu valley forms an important ecological link for the movement of wildlife to the northern high-altitude protected areas of India. Forest department officials said the notification has been issued in fulfillment of the announcement made by the CM during Wildlife Week 2024.

INDIA SHOULD BAN APPLE IMPORTS FROM TURKEY, BOYCOTT TOURISM: KULDEEP SINGH RATHORE

Diary Times Desk : India should immediately ban import of apples and other goods from Turkey and people should boycott tourism, said All India Congress Committee spokesperson Kuldeep Singh Rathore in a statement here on Sunday. He said, "When Turkey was hit by a devastating earthquake in 2023, India started 'Operation Dost' and provided all possible assistance, including aid, National Disaster Response Force and sent drones to rescue the trapped people. We even modified Kisan drones to carry medicine and food. However, the ungrateful country stabbed India as drones manufactured by Tehran were a part of Pakistan flock used against India. Nation comes first and therefore I demand that India should immediately ban import of apple and other goods from Turkey," he said in a video statement. He added that people should also stop going to Turkey. Meanwhile, Fruit Vegetable Flower Growers Association president Harish Chauhan shared the sentiment and said, "Turkey is supporting Pakistan against India and we urge the Indian government to completely and permanently ban all import and export from Turkey — which is a leading exporter of apples to India."



BAN ON EXPORTS TO PAK WON'T AFFECT HIMACHAL PHARMA INDUSTRY

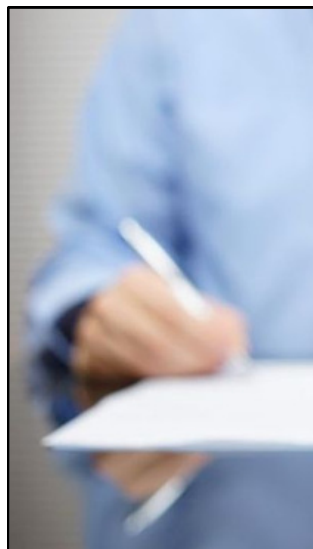
Diary Times Desk : The Centre's decision to ban pharmaceutical exports to Pakistan following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 people dead, will have a negligible impact on the state's pharma industry as little business was transacted with the neighbouring country. Even as the Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh (BBN) Industrial Area is acclaimed as the pharmaceutical hub of Asia for housing more than 350 pharmaceutical units, Pakistan has never remained a choice for pharma exports, opined experts. "Pakistan imports some anti-cancer formulations and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), which is a pharma raw material, from manufacturers in Gujarat, Indore, etc, while manufacturers in Himachal have not evinced interest in dealing with the neighbouring country," said an official of a key API manufacturer. While the Centre's Department of Pharmaceuticals was compiling figures of pharmaceutical exports to Pakistan in the last two years, the state's pharmaceutical industry said the neighbouring country has never been a major exporter of pharma products. "Nil pharma exports to Pakistan from the state was also attributed to the fact that a US dollar was equal to a whopping 281.25 Pakistani rupee making exports costlier," said another pharmaceutical exporter, who has set up a manufacturing facility in Afghanistan.

HPBOSE HP BOARD RESULT 2025 : HIMACHAL BOARD 10TH AND 12TH RESULTS SOON

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBOSE) will soon declare the results of class 10th and 12th board exams for the 2024-25 session. Class 10 exams were conducted from March 4 to March 22, 2025, while class 12 exams ran till March 28, 2025. Although the board has not yet officially shared the result declaration date, it is expected that the results may be released in the first or second week of May. Last year, HPBOSE released the class 12 result on April 29, 2024 and class 10 result on May 7, 2024. In such a situation, students should keep their roll numbers ready so that they can check the result immediately as soon as it is declared. Last year, girls performed brilliantly in all the streams of Science, Arts and Commerce in the 12th examination of Himachal Pradesh Board. Kamakshi Sharma and Chhaya Chauhan topped the Science stream with 98.80% percent by securing 494 marks. Apart from this, Arshita and Shavya topped the Arts and Commerce stream with 98% percent by securing 490 marks. Last time, a total of 85,777 students appeared in the Himachal Board 12th class examination, out of which 63,092 candidates were successful.

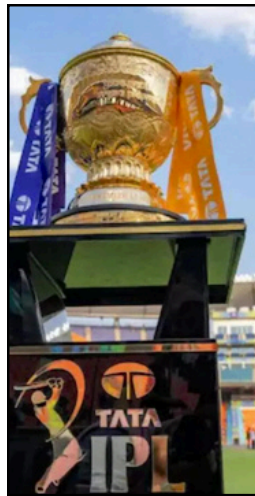
SHIMLA: 24 HAS OFFICERS TRANSFERRED, SDMS OF EIGHT SUBDIVISIONS CHANGED

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh government has issued notification on Sunday, a holiday, regarding transfer and appointment of 24 HAS officers. Transfer and appointment orders of SDMS have been issued at 8 places namely Sujampur, Kullu, Banjar, Kafota, Rampur, Baijnath, Udaipur and Bharmour. Gyan Sagar Negi will be the Registrar of Himachal University, while Naresh Thakur has been given permanent appointment as Power Corporation Director Personnel. Jagan Thakur will be the Managing Director of Himfed. State Transport Authority Secretary Naresh Thakur, who is handling the charge of Director Personnel and Finance in Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, has been given permanent appointment on this post. Additional Secretary Education Nishant Thakur has been transferred to the post of Additional Secretary Revenue. Dr. Jitendra Kumar, who was awaiting appointment, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Himachal Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board. Gyan Sagar Negi, Additional Secretary to the Chief Minister, who is handling the additional charge of Himachal Pradesh Agriculture and Rural Development Bank and Managing Director of Himfed, has been appointed as the Registrar of Himachal Pradesh University. State Information Commission Secretary Dr. Sonia Thakur has been transferred to the post of Additional Director of Rural Development Department. Additional Director Urban Development Jagan Thakur has been transferred to the post of Managing Director Himfed.



IPL 2025 RESTART HINGES ON GOVERNMENT NOD, BCCI TO CONSULT STAKEHOLDERS IN NEXT 48 HOURS

Diary Times Desk : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will consult the central government and all stakeholders before finalising a timeline for the resumption of IPL 2025. According to BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia, the board will spend the next 48 hours gathering inputs before holding a meeting to chart the league's road map. Sixteen matches, including four playoffs, remain in the season. "The BCCI suspended the IPL yesterday for a period of seven days, and, today, we are on the second day with five more days left. The BCCI is closely monitoring the evolving situation and developments, and will take a call on IPL resumption after consulting all stakeholders of IPL and the concerned Government authorities," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia told Cricbuzz, hours after the ceasefire was announced by India and Pakistan. The BCCI wants to consult the Government of India considering the IPL is a national league. "In the next 48 hours, we will begin consultations with the franchises, broadcasters, sponsors and the state associations slated to host the remaining matches before crystallizing a decision on the league's resumption. "Given the importance of IPL at this juncture, it will also be prudent and necessary to take the nod of the Government of India before finalising the time for its restart. BCCI will duly announce the date of IPL restart once the whole process is over in due course of time."



INJURY PUTS JOSH HAZLEWOOD'S RETURN IN DOUBT IF IPL RESUMES

Diary Times Desk : As the BCCI plans to try and resume IPL 2025, questions remain over whether a number of Australia and South Africa players will return for the remainder of the season, with the World Test Championship (WTC) final due to begin on June 11 at Lord's. The IPL was suspended on May 9 for one week following escalation in cross-border tension between India and Pakistan, but the announcement of a ceasefire on May 10 evening raised the possibility of the league resuming soon. "The BCCI is closely monitoring the evolving situation and developments, and will take a call on IPL resumption after consulting all stakeholders and the concerned government authorities," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said. "In the next days, we will begin consultations with the franchises, broadcasters, sponsors and state associations slated to host the remaining matches... Given the importance of IPL at this juncture, it will also be prudent and necessary to take the nod of the government of India before finalising the time for its restart. BCCI will duly announce the date of IPL restart once the whole process is over in due course of time." Thirteen league matches - including the one that was abandoned mid-way in the first innings - remain in the league phase of IPL 2025 before the four playoff fixtures.

VIRAT KOHLI'S FIRM REPLY TO BCCI ON TEST RETIREMENT U-TURN REQUEST, REVEALS REPORT

Diary Times Desk : As the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) tries all it can to convince Virat Kohli on continue playing the Test format, the efforts are reportedly not producing the desired outcome. As per a report, Virat Kohli is keen to quit the longest format of the game and has already communicated the same to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selection committee. While a highly influential figure in the Indian cricketing spectrum has reportedly been asked to intervene in the matter, it has also been reported that Kohli doesn't want to change his stance. As per the Times of India, Kohli was requested to re-evaluate his stance on quitting the Test format, especially after Rohit Sharma announced his retirement from red-ball cricket, but he isn't ready to budge. The BCCI is said to have spoken to Kohli on the matter, highlighting how important his presence in India's highly inexperienced middle order is, but the batter has made up his mind. "Kohli had informed the selectors two weeks ago about his desire to quit Tests. They were trying to persuade him to play in the Test series against England. However, he is still firm on his stance. The final call will come close to the selection meeting next week," the paper quoted a source as saying.

JASPRIT BUMRAH'S HUGE DECISION AS INDIA'S TEST CAPTAINCY RACE HEATS UP AFTER ROHIT SHARMA'S RETIREMENT: REPORT

Diary Times Desk : Jasprit Bumrah has reportedly taken himself out of the running to become India's next Test captain, according to Sky Sports News. Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant have now emerged as the top candidates to replace Rohit Sharma, who announced his retirement from Test cricket recently. Although Bumrah was widely seen as the favourite for the role, he is understood to have informed the selectors that he cannot commit to playing all five matches in long Test series because of workload concerns. With India set to play five Tests against England, the selectors are said to prefer someone who can play the entire series consistently. With Bumrah out of the race, the selectors will likely choose between Gill and Pant for the captaincy. Whichever player isn't selected as captain is expected to be named vice-captain. The official announcement, along with India's squad for the England series, is expected by May 24.



PREITY ZINTA APOLOGISES TO FANS FOR CURT BEHAVIOUR AT DHARAMSHALA STADIUM AFTER IPL MATCH WAS CALLED OFF

Diary Times Desk : Actor and Punjab Kings co-owner Preity Zinta shared a note on the unexpected situation that occurred last Thursday during the IPL match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals. The match was cancelled midway in Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium in Dharamshala after just 10.1 overs. In her tweet, Preity thanked the fans for not panicking, and also apologized for being 'curt' with them at the moment. Taking to her X (formerly Twitter) account, Preity wrote, "Finally back home after a crazy last few days. A heartfelt thank you to Indian Railways & our Railway minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw for helping both IPL teams and all officials & families leave Dharamshala in a safe, swift & comfortable way. A big thank you to @JayShah, Mr Arun Dhumal, BCCI & our CEO Mr Satish Menon & the Operations team of @PunjabKingsIPL for helping co coordinate the evacuation of our stadium in Dharamshala safely & in an orderly manner. Everything was handled so well."

MANDHANA TON, RANA FOUR-FER POWER INDIA'S TRI-SERIES TRIUMPH

Diary Times Desk : India clinched the tri-series in Sri Lanka with a resounding 97-run win in the final over the hosts in Colombo on Sunday (May 11). The win was set up by the batters, led Smriti Mandhana's 116, as India posted a mammoth 342 for 7. Sneh Rana then ended the competition the way she started, bagging 4 for 38 to bundle the Sri Lankans out for 245. India, once again through their opening batters laid a strong foundation with a 70-run opening stand between Pratika Rawal and the centurion Mandhana. Inoka Ranaweera broke the opening stand in the 15th over but it was after this that Mandhana came into her own. The southpaw, who was dropped in the 11th over off Ranaweera, scored 15 boundaries and two sixes in her innings. She was prolific in the middle phase, punishing the slower bowlers. She continued her elegant strokes against Dewmi Vihanga, rotating strike at regular intervals before a hat-trick of boundaries off Athapaththu saw her bring up her 11th ODI century. During this time, she had Harleen Deol for good company in a 120-run second run-stand. Mandhana finally departed as she chipped one to backward point. The Indian middle order of Harleen, Harmanpreet Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues all registered 40s, each of them scoring four boundaries.