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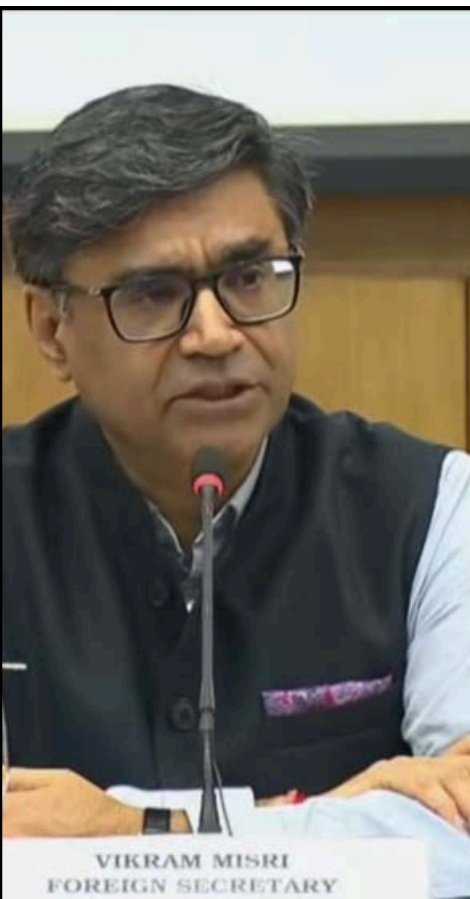
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Mr Modi had said India will not be intimidated by 'nuclear blackmail'. "Any terrorist safe haven operating under this pretext will face precise and decisive strikes," he declared.

The Indian Air Force earlier trashed rumours its strikes had hit Pak's Kirana Hills, where that country's nuclear facility is reportedly based. In a humorous aside, Air Marshal AK Bharti told reporters he hadn't even heard of Kirana Hills and thanked the press for the 'tip'. In a detailed briefing about Operation Sindoor - India's military response to the Pahalgam terror attack - Mr Misri also said the United States had no role to play in the May 12 ceasefire.

SUPREME COURT REJECTS APOLOGY BY MP MINISTER VIJAY SHAH; ORDERS SIT PROBE AGAINST HIM

Diary Times Desk : Rejecting the apology by Madhya Pradesh Tribal Affairs Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah, the Supreme Court on Monday ordered an SIT probe against him over his controversial remarks against Col Sofia Qureshi – the face of India’s press briefings on ‘Operation Sindoor’. “We are constituting an SIT with three IPS officers and one should be of the rank of IGP. All of them should be from outside the state. It’s a litmus test and we want the state to submit the SIT report to us. We would like to have a very close watch,” a Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kotiswar Singh ordered. It directed the Madhya Pradesh Director General of Police to constitute the Special Investigation Team (SIT) by Tuesday. The Bench, however, stayed Shah’s arrest and ordered the minister to join the probe. It also issued notice to the state of Madhya Pradesh on Shah’s petition challenging the high court’s order for registration of an FIR against him. Asking the SIT to submit a report to it, the Bench posted the matter for May 28. “The kind of crass comments you made, completely thoughtless...We don’t need this apology,” Justice Kant said, terming it an attempt to wriggle out of the legal consequences of his statement.



HEAVY DOWNPOUR SINKS BENGALURU; OPPOSITION TEARS INTO GOVT ON CITY INFRA

Diary Times Desk : Unusually heavy overnight rains pounding Bengaluru brought the country’s IT capital to its knees on Monday, with the usual monsoon-time scenes of inundation, people wading through water and evacuation by inflatables playing out on the streets of this cosmopolitan city. A 35-year-old woman died after a rain-soaked wall collapsed on her, while uprooted trees added to the woes of the people and the administration. Opposition BJP mounted an offensive against the ruling Congress, alleging that the crores of rupees spent over the last two years on the city’s infrastructure have yielded no results. It attacked Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru in-charge DK Shivakumar for the state of affairs, even as the latter admitted Bengaluru’s problems were not new but that the government was now working for a long-term fix. With an average rainfall of 10.5 cm last night, Bengaluru found itself deploying dinghies.

STRUGGLING WITH 140 CRORE PEOPLE, INDIA NOT ‘DHARAMSHALA’: SUPREME COURT TO SRI LANKAN NATIONAL



Diary Times Desk : Noting that India was struggling with its own 140 crore population, the Supreme Court on Monday said the country was not a ‘dharamshala’ or a public shelter to accommodate foreign nationals from across the world. “What’s your right to settle here? Go to some other country,” a Bench led by Justice Dipankar Datta told Subaskaran—a Sri Lankan national of Tamil origin—who wanted to stay back in India after completing his seven-year jail term in an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case. “Is India (meant) to host refugees from all over the world? We are struggling with 140 crore people... This is not a ‘dharamshala’ that we can entertain foreign nationals from all over...,” said the Bench which also included Justice K Vinod Chandran. The Bench made these comments while hearing Subaskaran’s petition challenging a Madras High Court order directing him to leave India after his seven-year jail term in an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) case was over. As his counsel said Subaskaran faced threats of arrest and torture in Sri Lanka as he was a former Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) member and that his wife and children were settled in India, the Bench said the fundamental right to settle in India was available only to its citizens and that there was no violation of his rights under Article 21 (protection of life and liberty) of the Constitution.

CEASEFIRE WITH PAKISTAN WAS BILATERAL: FOREIGN SECRETARY MISRI TO PARLIAMENTARY PANEL

Diary Times Desk : Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri told a parliamentary committee on Monday that the conflict between India and Pakistan was always in the conventional domain, and there was no nuclear signalling by the neighbouring country, sources said. The sources said Misri reiterated the government’s stand that the decision to stop military actions was taken at a bilateral level, as some opposition members questioned US President Donald Trump’s repeated assertions about his administration’s role in stopping the conflict. When some opposition members of the Standing Committee on External Affairs, which is headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, prodded him on the US leader’s repeated attempts to take centre stage, India’s top diplomat quipped that Trump did not seek his consent for doing so. No other country, the foreign ministry in its presentation said, has “any locus standi” to comment on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, a clear repudiation of the US’ suggestion for mediation between India and Pakistan.



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 TOURISM: TOURIST FAIR HELD IN ROHTANG, SLOTS BEING BOOKED IN ADVANCE; 1,200 VEHICLES ARRIVED ON MONDAY

Diary Times Desk : Rohtang Pass, situated at an altitude of 13,050 feet above sea level, has become the first choice of tourists. There is a rush among tourists to have fun amidst snow. Permits to go to Rohtang are being bought in advance. On Monday, 1,200 vehicles reached Rohtang Pass. Thousands of tourists had fun amidst snow in Rohtang. Slots are being booked on the online site of the tourism department. Slots for Wednesday are also almost booked. Rohtang will remain closed for tourists on Tuesday. On Monday, thousands of tourists went to Rohtang in 1,200 vehicles after taking online permits from the tourism department website. Tourists had a lot of fun in Rohtang amidst snow. Rohtang Pass has been restored for traffic. On Sunday also, a large number of tourists reached Rohtang to see snow. As per the order of NGT, 1,200 vehicles can go to Rohtang daily. Of these, 400 diesel vehicles and 800 petrol engine vehicles are allowed to go. Slots are being booked rapidly on the tourism department's website. Slots for Wednesday have been booked in advance, while more than 30 percent bookings have been done for Thursday as well. SDM Manali Raman Kumar Sharma said that now tourists are being sent to Rohtang after taking permits.



HIMACHAL: PARAMOTORING TRIAL SUCCESSFUL IN SUJANPUR, FIRST LICENSE ISSUED; RAHUL GHARWAL TOOK OFF FROM CHAUGAN GROUND

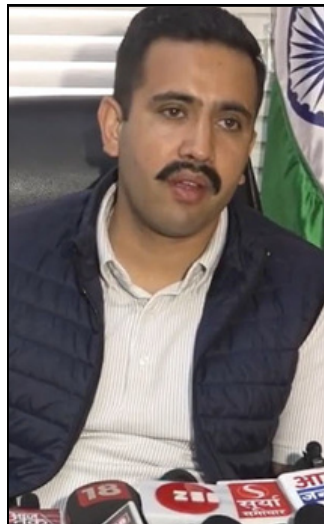
Diary Times Desk : The Tourism Department Hamirpur conducted a trial of paramotoring license on Monday at the historic Chaugan in Sujampur. No paraglider in the state has received a paramotoring license before this. Rahul Gharwal of Naidun has passed the trial and registered his first name in the list of those who have received the license. Paraglider Rahul Gharwal took a successful flight from the Chaugan amidst a 10-member inspection team. After flying in the air for 20 minutes, he made a successful landing in the Chaugan itself. After this, the team provided him the license. Executive SDM Sanjeet Thakur, District Tourism Officer Ravi Dhiman and employees of the Police and Health Department were present in the inspection team. Paraglider Rahul Gharwal had applied for a paramotoring license with the Tourism Department Hamirpur for a long time, but the license was issued only after taking a trial by the department after 300 paragliding flights. Paramotoring is a modern part of paragliding. In paramotoring, a paraglider can easily fly through a motor in any open space.

HIMACHAL : CHIEF MINISTER SUKHU SAID- MAJOR DEPARTMENTS WILL NOT BE SHIFTED, EMPLOYEES WILL LEAVE SHIMLA VOLUNTARILY

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the offices of the departments and other major offices will remain in Shimla. There is no plan to shift the major departments and offices in Shimla. Nor will the government employees be shifted. Other employees will be appointed in their place. New commissions like GST Commission, RERA or other commissions are being formed, they will be shifted from here. He said that the congestion in Shimla has to be reduced. Even if the Chief Minister's car has to go, there is a long queue or there is a traffic jam. Now orders have been given to widen the circular road of Shimla. On Monday, Chief Minister Sukhu said that the previous BJP government built a building worth Rs 1000 crore and left. These buildings are lying vacant. When I was coming back by road, there is an office of the Tourism Department near Bhararighat, trucks are standing there and the place is lying vacant. All such places which are lying vacant, in which crores of rupees have been spent. If there are such places in Dharamshala and Mandi, then they will be shifted there. Due to being a hilly area, the problem of traffic here is very big. If you have to cover a distance of four kilometres in the morning, it takes one hour. Chief Minister Sukhu said that the government is considering shifting those for whom space is available. For example, the forest department's wildlife office.

HIMACHAL NEWS: MINISTER VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SAID- IF A RUBBER STAMP IS MADE THE STATE PRESIDENT THEN IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY

Diary Times Desk : Amidst the discussion of removing the state president of Himachal Pradesh Congress, Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that if the command of the state Congress is handed over to a rubber stamp, it will not be in the interest of the party. Whether to keep the current president on the post or appoint a new president, it is the prerogative of the high command. The central leadership should take a quick decision on who to keep or when to appoint a new president. On Monday, Vikramaditya Singh said in a press conference in Shimla that the strong leadership of Himachal Pradesh should be in the hands of a strong leader who has his influence in at least three districts. The command of Congress should be in the hands of a strong leader. He said that the credit for bringing the Congress party to power goes to all the Congress leaders. The state executive has not been formed in the state for a long time. This matter has been raised before the high command by Congress state president Pratibha Singh. Vikramaditya Singh said that Chief Minister Sukhu has also raised this matter with the high command. The high command should clarify the situation whether the current state president Pratibha Singh is to be retained on the post of president or some other decision is to be taken.



VIKRAMADITYA SINGH SOUGHT COOPERATION FROM PANCHAYATS AND PEOPLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,500 KM OF ROADS

Diary Times Desk : Under the Phase-4 of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), 1,500 km of roads are to be constructed in the state. Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh has sought the cooperation of panchayats and local community for this. Himachal is leading in the country in uploading the detailed project report (DPR) of Phase-4. He said that in the absence of timely availability of land and local cooperation, the target can be achieved by 400 to 500 km. He said that a high-level review meeting was recently held with senior officials, engineers and executive officers of the Urban Development Department, PWD and NABARD. This has also been discussed in it. In a press conference on Monday, on challenges like delay in approval of the Forest Department and non-transfer of land in the name of the department, the minister said that a joint meeting is being planned with the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development departments under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. The process of identification and acquisition of land will be expedited with the participation of local representatives and district administration.

'CONGRESS PARTY'S LANGUAGE REGARDING INDIAN FORCES IS DIFFERENT, SOMETHING IN THE ALL-PARTY MEETING AND SOMETHING ELSE OUTSIDE'

Diary Times Desk : BJP State General Secretary Bihari Lal Sharma said in a press statement that at present, Tiranga Yatras are being organized across the country on the request of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the main objective of these Yatras is to honor and congratulate the valor, courage and valor of the Indian Army. The way the Indian Army has given a befitting reply to the brutal murders of Indian tourists by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists in Pahalgam, Kashmir, by entering Pakistan, shows the bravery and skill of our army. Not only BJP but people from the entire society are participating in these Yatras. Bihari Lal Sharma said that these Tiranga Yatras are being conducted across the country and Himachal Pradesh under the banner of Citizen for National Security and the way the common people are joining these Tiranga Yatras makes it clear.

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TERROR ATTACK AVERTED IN HYDERABAD, 2 ISIS-LINKED SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : A local court in Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram town on Sunday evening remanded two suspected terrorists, allegedly linked to a Saudi Arabia-based outfit, to 14 days of judicial custody, according to people familiar with the matter. The two accused—Siraj-ur-Rehman (29) from Vizianagaram and Syed Sameer (28) from Bhoiguda in the Secunderabad region of Hyderabad—were arrested earlier in the day in a joint operation conducted by the counterintelligence police of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Following specific intelligence input, police raided Siraj's house in Vizianagaram in the early hours and seized explosive materials, including ammonia, sulphur, and aluminium powder, from the premises. "Based on the information provided by him, the Telangana police picked up Sameer from Hyderabad and brought him to Vizianagaram later in the evening after obtaining a prisoner transit (PT) warrant from a Hyderabad court," said police.

"FACE CONSEQUENCES": TOP COURT RAPS MINISTER FOR COLONEL QURESHI REMARK



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court has rejected Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah's apology over his derogatory and communal remarks for a woman military officer and ordered that a new three-member team of IPS officers would now probe the case against him. The court rebuked the minister again for his "crass comments," with Justice Surya Kant asserting he did not offer a sincere apology. "What is that apology? What kind of apology have you tendered? There is some meaning of apology. Sometimes people use docile language only to wriggle out of proceedings, and sometimes they shed crocodile tears. What kind of apology is yours? You want to give the impression that the court had asked you to apologise. What prevented you from making a sincere apology for your crass comments till now?" said Justice Surya Kant. The judge said the minister should have been sensible since it was an "emotive issue" for the armed forces. A Special Investigation Team (SIT), comprising three IPS officers, should be formed by Tuesday morning to investigate the case against the minister, the court said.

"MISTAKE IS HIS NAME": CONGRESS COMPARES ACTION AGAINST PROFESSOR, MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Opposition parties Congress and Samajwadi Party have slammed the ruling BJP over the arrest of an Ashoka University professor for a social media post on Operation Sindoor and questioned why Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah, whose remarks on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi sparked a row, had not been arrested yet. In an apparent swipe at the ruling BJP, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has put out a social media post, ostensibly drawing a parallel between the swift police action against the professor and the sluggish probe against the Madhya Pradesh minister. Hukmarano ki badzubani par bhi azadi, aur kisi ke sach kehne par bhi giraftari," the Kannauj MP said in a post on X. The lines roughly translate to: "Those in power are free even after speaking ill of others and those who spoke the truth have been arrested." Ali Khan Mahmudabad, associate professor of political science at Ashoka University, was arrested yesterday after two FIRs were registered against him for a social media post on Operation Sindoor, India's counterstrike to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack.

"WE DECIDE WHO GOES": TRINAMOOL SAYS WON'T SEND DIPLOMATIC OUTREACH NOMINEES

Diary Times Desk : Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee has said her party will skip the all-party international delegation on Operation Sindoor, since the Centre had not consulted her party before naming three of its leaders as the country's representatives. Ms Banerjee, however, said this is not a boycott and she would reconsider the matter if the government reaches out. "We will definitely send a representative if they inform us. Why wouldn't we? There is no point of controversy here. We are fully with the government," Ms Banerjee told reporters today as she headed for the hill town of Darjeeling to escape the heat. "We have made it clear that we are endorsing all steps taken by the Union government to combat terrorism, safeguarding the country's sovereignty, and protecting the national interest... If any delegation is going, which I think should go, my party can only decide who to assign for the delegation.



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"MY ROAD TO OFFICE": BENGALURU EXECUTIVE'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS WATERLOGGING CRISIS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall over the last 48 hours in Bengaluru has resulted in severe waterlogging in several low-lying areas of the city, halting daily life. A video has surfaced on X showing the Panathur railway underbridge in South Bengaluru severely waterlogged and damaged. The clip was reportedly shared by a senior executive at a multi-billion-dollar company with the caption that read, "My road to office," said a friend in our college WhatsApp group. He works in a leadership role at a multi-billion-dollar company in Bangalore. Exact location: Panathur railway underbridge." The video reveals severe waterlogging under the Panathur railway underbridge, with roads covered in mud and clay, making travel challenging for commuters. The video ignited a flurry of online reactions, with numerous X users voicing their grievances and sharing personal struggles with the deteriorating road conditions in South Bengaluru. One user wrote, "I used to travel on this road for 2 years to office. Crazy bad road especially in monsoon. Narrow and millions of water tankers pass.

TRUMP'S "ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL" TAXES REMITTANCES. BIG IMPACT FOR INDIANS

Diary Times Desk : The US House Budget Committee voted late on Sunday night to advance President Donald Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", which would make sending money back home more expensive for thousands of Indian residents and non-resident Indians (NRIs) living in America. The bill proposes a 5 per cent tax on all international money transfers made by non-US citizens, including non-immigrant visa holders (like H-1B) and green card holders. If passed, the law would withhold 5 per cent of the remitted amount at the point of transfer. No exemption threshold limit has been set, meaning it would even apply to transfers of small denominations. The section on remittances in the 1,116-page legislation, however, specified that the 5 per cent clause will not apply to any remittance transfer by a 'verified US sender', meaning if the sender is a US citizen or national of the United States. The law could come as a massive financial blow to nearly 45 lakh Indians living in the US, including nearly 32 lakh persons of Indian Origin.

NETANYAHU SIGNALS ISRAEL'S READINESS FOR GAZA CEASEFIRE

Diary Times Desk : Israel opened the door to both a short-term ceasefire proposal and even a broader agreement to end the Gaza conflict entirely, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said on Sunday. Israeli negotiators in Qatar are actively exploring multiple diplomatic tracks, including a short-term truce and a long-term settlement. "Under the prime minister's direction, even at this hour, the negotiating team in Doha is working to exhaust every possibility for a deal -- whether according to the Witkoff outline or within the framework of ending the war, which would include the release of all hostages, the exile of Hamas terrorists, and the disarmament of the Gaza Strip," Netanyahu's office said. The "Witkoff outline," reportedly proposed by US special envoy Steve Witkoff, includes a phased roadmap beginning with a temporary ceasefire and the release of Israeli hostages. In return, Israel would consider the release of Palestinian security prisoners, with the longer-term aim of achieving a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire through continued diplomacy.

ISRAELI STRIKES BATTER GAZA HOSPITALS AS BRUTAL SIEGE, BOMBING INTENSIFY

Diary Times Desk : In its latest assault on Gaza's decimated healthcare system, Israel has once again targeted the Indonesian Hospital in northern Gaza, this time with drones, as its forces are also carrying out a ground offensive in the north and south of the bombarded territory. Health officials said late on Sunday that fighting around the Indonesian Hospital in Gaza and an Israeli military "siege" forced it to shut down. It was the main medical facility in the north after Israeli air strikes last year also forced the Kamal Adwan and Beit Hanoon hospitals to stop providing health services. "There is direct targeting on the hospital including the intensive care unit," Indonesian Hospital director Dr Marwan al-Sultan said in a statement, adding that no one could reach the facility, which had about 30 patients and 15 medical staff inside. Israel has repeatedly targeted hospitals during its 19-month war on Gaza. Human rights groups and United Nations-backed experts have accused Israel of systematically destroying Gaza's healthcare system.



PM MODI EXPRESSES CONCERNS OVER BIDEN'S PROSTATE CANCER DIAGNOSIS, WISHES QUICK RECOVERY



Diary Times Desk : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed "deep concerns" over the cancer diagnosis of former US President Joe Biden. The comments came as Biden's office announced that the 82-year-old has an "aggressive form" of prostate cancer. "Deeply concerned to hear about @JoeBiden's health. Extend our best wishes to him for a quick and full recovery. Our thoughts are with Dr. Jill Biden and the family," Narendra Modi said in a post on 'X'. Biden's office released a statement saying, "While this represents a more aggressive form of the disease, the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive, which allows for effective management... The President and his family are reviewing treatment options with his physicians," it added. Many political leaders have expressed their concerns and wish for Joe Biden for a speedy recovery.

TRUMP'S CALL WITH PUTIN UNDERWAY TO 'END BLOODBATH' IN UKRAINE

Diary Times Desk : US President Donald Trump on Monday called Russian President Vladimir Putin, a White House official said on condition of anonymity as reported by AFP. Trump has repeatedly called for an end to the "bloodbath" in Ukraine and is pinning his hopes on a fresh personal appeal to Putin to agree to a 30-day unconditional ceasefire with Kyiv. Earlier today, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said that Trump's goal for the call was to "see this conflict come to an end," adding that the US leader had "grown weary and frustrated with both sides." The White House also said that the Trump was "weary and frustrated" with the slow progress in resolving the conflict. Additionally, the US President is also set to speak to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky and NATO officials during the day as he scrambles to find a solution to the three-year-old war. Meanwhile, Vice President JD Vance also reiterated that Trump was losing patience. "There's a bit of an impasse here, and I think the president's going to say to President Putin, look, are you serious?" Vance told reporters as he left Rome, where he met both Pope Leo XIV and Zelensky.

HYDERABAD-ORIGIN PHOTOGRAPHER WINS 1ST PLACE IN 35AWARDS GLOBAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Diary Times Desk : Raghuvamsh Chavali, a Canadian photographer of Hyderabad origin, has secured top honours across multiple globally recognised photography competitions this year, including first place in the 10th Annual 35AWARDS. Known for his conceptual and urban-inspired imagery, Chavali's series "Wings Over Concrete: Urban Birds' Interlaced Flight Through City Streets" won first place in the photo project category for the '35 Best Series Photos'. The 10th Annual 35AWARDS drew over 473,100 submissions from 112,700 photographers across 174 countries. Chavali thus became one of the very few photographers representing Canada or India to receive this top honour in the competition's history. About the Project, 'Wings Over Concrete', he said the photo series captures the way birds fly through our cities, "something we see every day but rarely pay close attention to". Moreover, in the 'Thematic Contests', Chavali triumphed in the Black and White Mobile Shot competition (March 2025), selected from 12,506 entries by 3,120 photographers across 104 countries, and the "Birds in the City" competition (February 2025), chosen from 9,549 submissions by 2,666 photographers from 94 countries.

IRAN TO KEEP ENRICHING URANIUM WITH OR WITHOUT DEAL, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER

Diary Times Desk : Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Sunday his country would keep enriching uranium "with or without a deal" with world powers, despite ongoing negotiations over its nuclear programme. "If the US is interested in ensuring that Iran will not have nuclear weapons, a deal is within reach, and we are ready for a serious conversation to achieve a solution that will forever ensure that outcome," Araghchi posted on X. "Enrichment in Iran, however, will continue with or without a deal," he said. Iran currently enriches uranium to 60 percent, far above the 3.67-percent limit set in the 2015 deal but below the 90 percent needed for a nuclear warhead. Tehran says its nuclear ambitions are for civilian purposes only, and entirely peaceful. It also insists its right to continue enriching uranium for peaceful purposes is "non-negotiable", but says it would be open to temporary restrictions on how much uranium it enriches and to what level. On Wednesday, Iranian atomic energy agency chief Mohammad Eslami reiterated that Tehran "does not seek nuclear militarisation".

FAMILY ALLEGES PROFESSOR'S ROLE IN FORMER STUDENT'S DEATH IN PHAGWARA

Diary Times Desk : The recent death of Akanksha S Nair, a young professional and former student of a private university in Phagwara, has taken a serious turn after her family alleged that a university professor may have been involved in the circumstances leading up to her death. Akanksha, who had been working with SpiceJet in Delhi, reportedly died on May 17 after falling off a hostel building on the university campus. The incident, initially believed to be a personal tragedy, has now become the focus of a growing controversy following allegations made by her family. Speaking to the media outside the Civil Hospital mortuary in Phagwara, Akanksha's father Surendra Kumar and other relatives claimed that Prof Bilji C Mathews, aged 40, had been in a relationship with Akanksha. According to the family, Mathews had allegedly assured her of marriage but later reneged on the promise after she learned that he was already married and had two children. The family believes that this betrayal caused Akanksha immense emotional distress and directly contributed to her decision to end her life. The family further alleged that the initial statement recorded by the local police at Police Chowki Chaheru, under the Satnampura police station, was fabricated.



YOUTUBER, STUDENT AND SECURITY GUARD: 12 ARRESTED FROM PUNJAB, HARYANA AND UP FOR SPYING FOR PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : At least 12 persons, including a YouTuber, have been nabbed on the charges of spying for Pakistan in the past two weeks from Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh with investigations pointing out that they were allegedly part of a Pakistan-linked espionage network operating in north India, police said. While six of them have been held from Punjab, four were nabbed from neighbouring Haryana. Among those arrested, two women, including the YouTuber from Haryana, were allegedly in touch with Pakistani officer Ehsan-ur-Rahim alias Danish posted at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi. On May 13, India expelled the Pakistani official for allegedly indulging in espionage. In addition to the arrests made from Punjab and Haryana, an alleged agent of Pakistan's intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) was arrested from Uttar Pradesh's Rampur on Sunday by the state's Special Task Force.

HIGH COURT FINDS DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GUILTY OF DERELICTION OF DUTY

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has dismissed a petition filed by a jail official challenging the cut in his pension following a custodial death, holding that "the prisoner having been sent to judicial remand by the court, was as a matter of fact in its constructive custody given to the arms of the State, protection of whose was the primary responsibility of the authorities manning the jail." Justice Aman Chaudhary held that while there were no allegations of direct assault against the petitioner, Ferozepur Central Jail Deputy Superintendent Dilbagh Singh, in the custodial death of undertrial Kewal Singh. But he was nevertheless guilty of dereliction of duty as the in-charge of the jail at the time of the incident. The court was hearing a petition filed against the charge-sheet dated April 13, 2010, the punishment order dated September 27, 2013, and the appellate authority's order of May 4, 2016, by which a 5 per cent cut in the petitioner's pension.

OUR AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM FOILED PAKISTAN'S BID TO TARGET GOLDEN TEMPLE: DEFENCE OFFICIAL

Diary Times Desk : Pakistan targeted the Golden Temple in Amritsar during the recent conflict with India. However, the attempt was foiled by the Indian air defence system. This was claimed by a senior defence official on Monday while demonstrating India's air defence system, including indigenous Akash missiles and L-70 air defence guns, that intercepted the Pakistani drones and missiles. "Following the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor was launched and punitive strikes carried out on terror targets in Pakistan. Of the nine targets hit, seven were exclusively destroyed," said the official. He said the army was fully prepared to foil any misadventure by the Pakistan military. The defence system remained operative 24x7, and intercepted and neutralised all attacks targeted at military installations and religious places, he said. "We anticipated that they would target our military installations besides the civilian targets, including religious places, said the official, adding, "Of these, the Golden Temple was the most prominent. We received credible intelligence that the Golden Temple was their target. We mobilised additional modern air defence assets to provide a holistic air defence umbrella cover to the shrine."

PUNJAB BJP DEMANDS CBI INQUIRY INTO INCREASING ASSETS OF AAP LEADERS, MAJITHA HOCH TRAGEDY

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab BJP has submitted a memorandum to Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, demanding a CBI inquiry into the alleged rise in assets of Punjab AAP leaders and the tragic Majitha Hooch incident. The horrific tragedy in Majitha, Amritsar, which claimed 27 lives, has deeply affected the people of Punjab. The BJP is appalled by the human cost of this tragedy, which they attribute to the AAP's alleged links with the liquor mafia. Leading the delegation, state BJP president Sunil Jakhar, has requested a time-bound inquiry into the AAP's connections with the liquor mafia and their alleged exploitation of Punjab's excise for personal profit. The BJP claims that the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP regime harbours elements of the liquor mafia and profits from their criminal activities. They also highlight a similar incident in Sangrur in March 2024. He further points to the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy, under which top AAP leaders like Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia have faced legal action. He criticised the CM's recent claim that "99 per cent of Punjab's villages are drug-free", calling it insensitive in light of tragedies involving spurious liquor.

HARYANA YOUTUBER'S INSTAGRAM BLOCKED OVER SHARING INFO WITH PAKISTAN

Diary Times Desk : The Instagram account of a YouTuber from Hisar, Jyoti Malhotra, has been blocked following serious allegations of spying for Pakistan. Jyoti is in police custody for five days after the Hisar police booked her under various sections of the BNS and the Official Secrets Act. It is alleged that she had traveled to several sensitive and strategically important locations in Jammu and Kashmir shortly before a terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Her YouTube videos show visits to high-security areas including Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Dal Lake, and Pangong Lake, which lies near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, the police sources said. They added that these visits, made in 2024 and again on January 5, 2025, have alerted the intelligence agencies, and she was on their radar ever since. Hisar police searched her residence and seized several documents. The sources said that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is expected to interrogate her soon regarding possible terror links.

BANK ROBBERY ATTEMPTED AT PNB TARAORI BRANCH IN KARNAL

Diary Times Desk : In a major security breach, unidentified miscreants attempted to rob the Punjab National Bank (PNB) branch in the new grain market area of Taraori by drilling a hole through its rear wall below a window. According to initial reports, the miscreants entered the bank premises by breaking a section of the rear wall. Their attempt was discovered on Monday morning when bank employees noticed signs of forced entry upon opening the branch. Responding swiftly to the alert, local police, along with a team from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), arrived at the scene, collected evidence, and assessed the damage. CCTV footage is also being reviewed. "We received information about an attempted theft at PNB's Taraori branch around 8 am, after which we, along with a forensic expert, visited the crime scene and collected evidence," said SHO Nasib Singh. Preliminary investigation suggests tampering with a passbook machine and the theft of a tablet device. Fortunately, no cash has been reported missing so far. The investigation is ongoing from all possible angles, he added. The bank authorities have yet to release a detailed statement on the extent of the loss. A bank official, Devender, confirmed that a tablet was missing and said a complete audit is in progress.

2 KILLED AS BANYAN TREE FALLS ON TRUCK IN KANGRA

Diary Times Desk : In a tragic incident, two men lost their lives today after a banyan tree collapsed on a truck in which they were sleeping. The incident occurred in Khawa village near Sadon, under the Nagrota Bagwan sub-division of Kangra district. The deceased have been identified as Tek Chand, son of Diwan, a resident of Mahal; and Sanjeev Kumar, son of Ram Kumar, from Masal Bari in Dehra tehsil — both hailing from Kangra district. The truck — which was parked by the roadside, loaded with bricks — was scheduled for delivery later in the day. It was crushed under the weight of the tree, which reportedly had a girth of nearly 50 feet. The early morning storm is believed to have caused the tree to topple, completely engulfing the vehicle in its branches and foliage. The local village pradhan, Manoj, reported the incident to Babloo of Sadon, who is also the state president of the Anti-Terrorist Front. Babloo reached the site around 6 am with emergency support. However, immediate rescue efforts were extremely challenging.

HIMACHAL GOVERNMENT MAY APPOINT EDUCATION BOARD CHAIRMAN SOON: THAKUR

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Government may soon appoint a new chairman for the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBOSE), with the post remaining vacant for over two years. At present, Hemraj Bairwa, District Magistrate, Kangra, stationed in Dharamsala, is serving as the officiating chairman of the board. In a recent development, eight new members were inducted into the board last week, in addition to the existing ex-officio members. As such, the quorum of the board is now complete. Among the new members is the Congress MLA Ashish Butail from Palampur Assembly constituency, who previously served as the chief parliamentary secretary for the Department of School Education. Two other Congress MLAs Neeraj Nayyar from Chamba Assembly constituency and Chandra Shekhar from Nurpur Assembly constituency have also been nominated as members of the education board. Other members of the board include Anil Thakur, Principal of Government College.

WATER RISING IN MANDI'S PANDOY DAM; PEOPLE CAUTIONED NOT TO VENTURE TO BANKS OF BEAS

Diary Times Desk : Authorities of Pandoh dam in Mandi district on Monday cautioned the general public and tourists not to venture to the banks of the Beas as the spill gates could be opened anytime since the water level is rising. Thunderstorms caused damages in parts of Mandi district on Monday and dark clouds overcast the sky in Mandi and Shimla. The safety of the dam is being ascertained, officials said. Flash floods in Udaipur sub-division of Lahaul and Spiti district have blocked the Sansari-Killar-Tindi-Thirot road. The police have urged the public to avoid travelling on this road, as its clearance was obstructed by rains. The local Met office has issued an orange warning for light to moderate rains accompanied by lightning, hail and gusty winds with a speed of 40-50 kilometres per hour at isolated places in Una and Shimla districts on Monday. It has also issued a yellow warning for light to moderate rains accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with a speed of 30-40 kilometres per hour at isolated places in Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Hamirpur, Solan and Sirmour districts. Light rain was predicted in Shimla and adjoining areas.



WILL SEEK DOUBLE TARIFF ON APPLE IMPORT: CM SUKHU

Diary Times Desk : Amidst growing demand for ban on import of apples from Turkey, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said he will demand double tariff on import of apples from Turkey and other countries in his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Talking to media persons here today, Sukhu said he will raise the issue concerning the apple growers of Himachal with the PM during the scheduled meeting of chief ministers with Modi at Delhi on May 24. "I will also write to the PM to take steps to impose double tariffs on apple import as the growers of Himachal, Jammu and Kashmir suffer losses due to import of cheap apples from abroad," said Sukhu. The CM said he will urge the PM to impose double tariff on import of apples from Turkey as it is the domain and authority of the Centre to act against any country with whom a trade agreement has been signed. "The import of apples from Turkey and US results in a steep fall in the prices of apples grown by Himachal orchardists. Himachal is known as the fruit bowl of India and growers work hard to cultivate quality fruit but are hit hard by apple import," he said. The demand for banning apple imports from Turkey — following Turkey siding with Pakistan in the recent Indo-Pakistan conflict — is gaining momentum in the state. Both Congress and BJP leaders have raised this demand.

HIMACHAL CONGRESS CHIEF MUST BE A MASS LEADER, NOT RUBBER STAMP: VIKRAMADITYA

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh on Monday said the state Congress president should be a strong mass leader, not just a rubber stamp. "Naming the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) president is the prerogative of the party high command. The person chosen should be a mass leader of stature. It would be detrimental to the party's interests if the responsibility is given to someone who is merely a rubber stamp," said Vikramaditya Singh. Incidentally, Pratibha Singh, mother of Vikramaditya Singh, has completed her term as HPCC president, with no clarity yet on whether she will be given another term. While reiterating that the decision to retain her or appoint a new president rests with the party high command, the minister emphasised that empowering a strong mass leader would benefit the party in the long run. The names of some first-time MLAs are reportedly being floated for the post of HPCC president. The minister also stressed that the dissolved HPCC should be reconstituted at the earliest, noting that it has been over six months since the AICC dissolved the state unit. Pratibha Singh, mother of Vikramaditya Singh, has completed her term as HPCC president.

GOVERNMENT TO RECRUIT 1,000 PASHU MITRAS IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

Diary Times Desk : The state government today gave approval for the appointment of 1,000 multi-task workers (Pashu Mitras) in the Animal Husbandry Department. The decision was taken by the Cabinet, which met here today under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The Cabinet also approved the Pashu Mitra Policy, 2025, under which these 1,000 appointments will be made. Nod was also given for filling up 100 posts of junior office assistant (Library) in the Education Department to ensure smooth functioning of the school libraries. In another significant decision the Cabinet approved an increase in the monthly honorarium of operation theatre assistants from Rs 17,820 to Rs 25,000 and for radiographers and X-ray technicians from Rs 13,100 to Rs 25,000. This has been done to ensure that quality healthcare is available to people in the state and trained professionals show interest in serving in the state. The Cabinet approved Mukhya Mantri Green Adoption Yojana for plantations on degraded forest lands by private entrepreneurs under corporate social responsibility (CSR) to increase the actual forest areas in the state.



BCCI YET TO DISCUSS INDIA'S ASIA CUP PARTICIPATION

Diary Times Desk : Amid growing speculation over whether India will play in this year's Asia Cup, in the wake of tensions with Pakistan, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia has downplayed reports that India were pulling out, insisting that the issue was yet to be "discussed". India are due to host the six-team event in the T20 format but the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), which runs the Asia Cup, has not yet announced the schedule or the venue. September has unofficially been pencilled in as the window. "The Asia Cup matter or any other ACC event issue has not come up for discussion at any level," Saikia said in a statement on Monday. "... till now, BCCI has not even discussed or taken any such steps regarding ensuing ACC events, leave alone writing anything to the ACC. At this stage, our prime focus is on the ongoing IPL and subsequent England series, both men and women." Saikia said the BCCI had not communicated any decision to the ACC concerning India's participation in the Asia Cup as well as the Women's Emerging Asia Cup in Sri Lanka in June. However, ESPNcricinfo has learned the women's Emerging Asia Cup has been postponed though the reason could not be confirmed. The ACC has not yet made any formal announcement on the postponement. Speculation about India's participation and the fate of this year's event has arisen as tensions between India and Pakistan soared this month after the terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22.



VIRAT KOHLI'S TEST RETIREMENT DECISION A 'BRAINFADE'. TOLD TO "CLOSE HIS EYES AND..."

Diary Times Desk : Former India cricketer Manoj Tiwary has urged Virat Kohli to reconsider his decision to retire from Test cricket. Kohli announced his Test retirement earlier this month, ending days of speculation over his uncertain future. Kohli's announcement came days after it was reported that he had communicated his decision to retire from Tests to the BCCI. A former teammate of Kohli, Tiwary felt the former India captain has plenty of cricket left in him. Speaking on Cricbuzz, Tiwary added he would be happy, just like any other fan of Indian cricket, if Kohli makes a retirement u-turn. "I felt a bit sad. In an era where T20 cricket is racing ahead, Kohli has kept Test cricket alive. He could have easily not given it the required importance. But he kept Test cricket as a priority always. We saw that in his captaincy, too. I'll ask him to close his eyes and take the retirement back as soon as possible. It'll bring back the happiness on the faces of all cricket fans. Even I did that. I took back retirement from first-class cricket after just five days and then played for Bengal, trying to win the Ranji Trophy," said Tiwary. Tiwary also suggested that Kohli had a 'brain fade' moment and hastily made the decision to retire. "Sometimes you face a time when a brain fade can happen and you make a decision. It's possible he had that too."

"SHUBMAN GILL, SAI SUDHARSAN CAN WEATHER ANY STORM": IPL-WINNING COACH'S BIG PRAISE

Diary Times Desk : Former Australian cricketer and veteran coach Tom Moody believes Gujarat Titans opening pair Sai Sudharsan and skipper Shubman Gill have learned the art of shifting through gears with a technique that allows them to weather any storm. Shubman (93*) and Sudharsan (108*) continued their searing form under Delhi's scorching heat on an action-packed Sunday in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). After Delhi blazed its way through the obstacles to set up a daunting 200-run target for Gujarat, the young Titans duo broke DC's backbone with a sublime batting display. The young sensations are the players across the ten franchises to score 600-plus runs in the current season. They figured out a blueprint for victory and executed it flawlessly to steer the Titans to the top of the table and a playoff spot by staging a 10-wicket triumph. I think the way they dovetail together as an opening pair, they seem to really understand each other's game. One seems to fall in behind the other if one's got off to a flier. So they cover each other, and there seems to be a pattern in that throughout the season. And just their traditional strokeplay," Moody said on ESPNcricinfo Time Out. Shubman's and Sudharsan's opening pair look easy on the eye, but their sublime performances are laced.

RAHUL DRAVID LOSES COOL AFTER RR'S 10TH DEFEAT OF IPL 2025 SEASON, SAYS "THERE'S NO POINT..."

Diary Times Desk : In a season filled with high hopes and significant challenges, Rajasthan Royals (RR) head coach Rahul Dravid has openly expressed his disappointment following the team's recent defeat to Punjab Kings. This loss marks RR's tenth in the IPL 2025 season, positioning them ninth on the points table. Dravid highlighted issues across all departments, emphasising that the team's performance has not met expectations. Despite a promising start to the season, including a standout century by young talent Vaibhav Suryavanshi, RR has struggled to maintain consistency, particularly in death bowling and middle-order batting. After RR's 8-wicket loss to Punjab Kings, Dravid acknowledged the team's shortcomings, stating, "There's no point just blaming the batsman. I think with the ball also, to be honest, I didn't think it was a 220 wicket, it was about a 195, 200 wicket, and we gave 20 runs extra."



KKR, RCB ANNOUNCE REPLACEMENTS FOR ROVMAN POWELL AND LUNGI NGIDI

Diary Times Desk : Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bengaluru have picked Shivam Shukla and Blessing Muzarabani as replacements for their injured players, the IPL said on Monday. Defending champions KKR, who are already out of playoffs reckoning, have signed Shukla as a replacement for Rovman Powell for the remainder of the season. The West Indian all-rounder needs a surgical intervention of his tonsils. Shukla - a leg-spinner - plays for Madhya Pradesh in domestic cricket and will join KKR for Rs 30 lakh. RCB, meanwhile, have picked Muzarabani as replacement for Lungisani Ngidi, who will leave the franchise to join the South African team for national duties. The replacement will be effective from May 26. Muzarabani - the Zimbabwe pacer - has so far played 70 T20Is and has picked 78 wickets. Additionally, he has also represented Zimbabwe in 12 Tests and 55 ODIs. He will join RCB for Rs 75 lakh.

SANJIV GOENKA'S REACTION STUNS INTERNET AFTER RISHABH PANT'S LATEST FAILURE FOR LSG

Diary Times Desk : Rishabh Pant poor show with the bat continued in the Indian Premier League, with the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain getting dismissed for a six-ball seven during their crucial IPL 2025 match against SunRisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Monday. Pant was caught and bowled by Eshan Malinga, who deceived the former with a slow yorker. The ball popped up in the air and Malinga made a stretching effort to grab it. Cameras spotted LSG owner Sanjiv Goenka leaving the stand following Pant's dismissal. Pant was roped in by LSG for Rs 27 crore at the mega auction last year. However, he has endured a disappointing season, scoring just 135 runs in 13 matches. Meanwhile, SRH captain Pat Cummins won the toss and opted to bowl against LSG at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow. LSG, barely hanging by a thread, is one of the three remaining teams competing for the last playoff spot. Currently on a three-match losing streak, Lucknow must win their remaining fixtures to move to 16 points and hope favourable results unfold in the rest of the clashes. New Zealand tearaway Will O'Rourke was handed his maiden Lucknow cap, marking his debut in the cash-rich league. Their opponents have failed to replicate last year's success and are already out of the race for the playoffs. Sunrisers, last year's runners-up.